Good cheer is a promoter of fine con versation. What volumes of table talk are published containing all sorts of What volumes of table talk wise sayings, witty utterances, poetical fancies, philosophic reflections, sharp fancies, philosophic reflections, snarp hits at things. Indeed it is not in nature to sit down at a bountiful table and indulge in sarcasm, moroseness, and glum looks. The sight of a nicely-browned roast the savory smell of a flabrowned roast, the savory smell of a flavorous turkey, the click of the carving knife on the bottom of the platter, as it cuts smooth slices of juicy meat, stimulates one's brain to a pleasant activity, and when the first sbarp demands of appetite are met, the strings of the tongue are loosened, the fountains of mirth and

wit and knowledge are unscaled. It is meet (no pun intended) that the reunions of the family circle at the board should be occasions of unalloyed festivity, and that the mind should feast as well as the body. We do not linger at the breakfast table to spin long yarns, for the work of the day is before us. But at dinner, while we feed, we rest. and better than pickle or condiment, or crisp pastry, is the harmless witticism, ludicrous anecdote, the instructive narration. At supper, too, when the day's work is done, how agreeable an unhurried interchange of thought and feeling between members of the family. A half-hour longer at meals would render groundless the assertion that ours is a nation of dyspeptics. We should eat more, be fatter, less restless, and doubtless accomplish enough to leave a good record behind. "I can eat my breakfast in just eight minutes and threesaid a fast-talking, rapidwalking Boston clerk, "and in five more I can be at my place of business." Is there not something to enjoy in life as well as something to do? not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn," yet how many of us act as though treading out the corn were all of life. and eating it no part of the programme.

Among the pleasantest recollections of

our childhood are the reunions at the

table. Goldsmith's Animated Nature

had its stated place beside the water pitcher, and a chapter was read every noon until the book was finished? Then followed Sturms's Reflections, some of which went over our heads, but a good deal into them. We were taught the anatomy and the physiology of the body in familiar conversations; later, some member of the circle, whose repast was first finished, read for the instruction or amusement of the rest, or related an anecdote, or told a story. Kindly criticisms were not wanting, stingless repartee gave gest to conversation, senseless gabble was repressed, and that all this was a part of our education was frequently impressed upon our minds. We know a family where the children have been taught the rudiments of Astronomy, of Chemistry, of Geology, in familiar conversations at the dining table. The parents finding the talk degenerating into mere triviaity, as it will with children, took the helm, and turned the social prow toward the Spice Islands of knowledge. Laden with de-lightful fragrance are the breezes that flutter the corners of that tablecloth. Often at the close of the meal Webster's Unabridged, Lippincott's Gazetteer, some volume of the American Cyclopedia, a book of poetry, or a text-book in science, lying beside the remnants of less than the feast of the body. Thus the information the parents possess is kept fresh and current, while the chilreceiving and communicating instruction or pleasure, what a sum total of both there would be to show for the time invested. An acre or two more might by that half hour's industry swell the area of the farm, or a few more dollars be salted down for moth and rust to corrupt; but what are these sordid gains when compared with the breasures of knowdge laid up in retentive memories as a possession ?-N.*Y.

The Wife of Washington's Overseer.

Tribune.

This we find in the Richmond Dispatch . On Marshall street, in a humble residence, lives a lady now nearly one hunthe flush of his manhood.

Mr. Young was raised a blacksmith, but left his trade to take charge of the farm on Mount Vernon. In the latter capacity he developed considerable taste for and knowledge of mathematics, and after the death of General Washington he procured the situation of deputy under Mr. John Williamson, the surveyor of Henrico county and the city of Richmond. About the year 1805, the city was authorized by act of the Legislature to employ a surveyor for itself, and Mr. Young was chosen to fill the position. He held the office until his death, and was succeeded by the late Micajah Bates, who also was removed by death. Mr. Young has long since been gathered to his fathers, and there are probably but few who remember him; but evidences of his skill in engineering and accuracy in measurement are still visible on every

" Who's Ahead ?"

A gentleman asks the girls the fol-lowing pointed questions: "Could you love a man who wore false hair on his head, when he had enough of his own? Who painted his face and improved his form as you improve (?) yours? Who pinched his feet with small shoes, his hands with small gloves, his waist with corsets; and then, as if he had not al-ready deformed himself enough, tied a huge bustle to his back, and thrust tiny mountains of wire into his bosom?"

In reply to which a lady responds: "Could you love a girl who defiled her mouth with tobacco, and loaded the air with fumes of cigars? Who staggered home several times a week the worse for liquor? Who indulged in fast horses, bet high at races, and swaggered around

Cott says if she had all the money ever

AGRICULTURAL.

A NEW MODE OF GRAFTING .respondent of the Gardener's Monthly stated in experiment that proved successful in grafting a pear tree of pretty large size, and which may prove useful in grafting large trees, without so much

broad, with which I make a stab obliquely into the side of a large limb or body of the tree, the knife making a sharp angle with the tree, passing into the wood and between the wood and bark as near as I can, so that when the knife is pushed in as far as I design, it is hid by the bark about an inch and a quarter, and the bark very little broken or cracked except in a very large tree. The graft is so sharpened that it slips in where the knife came out, and just fits with the slope mostly on the side next the tree. The cut being oblique, the perpendicular fibre of bark binds the graft tight. The inner bark of the tree and the graft has abundant opportun-ity to unite all along the sloping side of the graft and next the wood of the tree; and as the whole end of the graft is en-tirely covered, there is no place for evaporation. The grafts were only in tolerable order. The time was April 1. A little wax was used to make sure the tightness of the union. They were put in in one-fifth the time you could put on a bud or graft. They can be put in almost as fast as the end of the graft can be sloped off. If only one in ten should grow, still a large tree could be worked over in this way much faster than the common way. Whother this than the common way. Whether this process can be successful later in the season, I do not yet know, but will try

it as accurately as it should be, but it is pretty hard to do so in every particular without an engraving. It differs from the French spurs-budding in this very important particular—the insertion is slightly oblique, so that a portion of strong thick bark made more tense by the gratt being wedged under it, presses on the graft, keeping it solid and nearly closing up the wound. And then another advantage is, that as the body of the limb or tree emerges during the summer, there is no perpendicular cut to gap open; there is, it is true, an incision, but it is very small, and not within half an inch of where the graft and tree begin to unite."

HOW TO FEED CHICKENS AND WHAT

TO GIVE THEM.—Corn, wheat screenings.

and occasionally coarse meal, scalded and mixed with hot water, make up their food. I never give them corn meal mixed with cold water—don't believe in it-in fact I think that is one source of their sickness and disease. All their food is better for them cooked-but cooking of corn and wheat implies trouble. So it does—but it pays to do it—and does anything pay without trouble? However, let me say—whether you feed on raw corn or not-never feed on raw cornmeal. Now, when I feed, my plan is to walk all over the yardabout half an acre-and scatter the food right and left (two grains never fall in the same spot) and immediately you see the whole army scatter themselves as skirmishers, and the yard presents, for in science, lying beside the remnants of the meal attests the feast of reason no less than the feast of the body. Thus give them as much as they can eat; they always leave off hungry. By my system of scattering the food—old and dren tread with unconscious feet the arcana of the universe. Half an hour young, weak and strong, small and at dinner and supper would hardly be missed by the head of a family in the large—all get their chance and share, and automatic couplers, inwested by the head of a family in the review of a year's labor, and if spent in employed that the very process of feed ing stirs them about, and keeps them from being too lazy to move about. Clean water (you see I emphasize the clean part) they must have free to all. Drinking foul standing water kills more chickens than nine-tenths of us raise. Occasionally in summer I drop a lump of lime into the water and let them try the lime water, and also make them cayenne pills whenever I notice them drooping or their discharges showing symptoms of diarrhea. Gapes come from drinking foul water, living in dirty quarters, and want of good food, proprly given. The best cure for this and all other diseases chicken flesh is heir to, is prevention -in this case, an ounce of dence, lives a lady now nearly one hundred years old, the representative of a past age and of the "better days of the Republic." We allude to the widow of the late Richard Young, for many years the surveyor of this city. Mrs. Young was led from the marriage altar to the home of her young husband, who was then the overseer of General Washington on his Mount Vernon estate, and he in the flush of his manhood.

The revention being worth a good many pounds of cure. Give them good wholesome food, healthy, clean quarters, pay some decent regard to their comfort, and my word for it, they will make you return you—you will be but little troubled with cholera or gapes, or any other pest, except the miserable chicken thief, and the best cure for him is a spring the flush of his manhood. prevention being worth a good many gun, properly arranged to dose him when he makes his marauding attempt. -Rural Register.

> many people do not understand managing a new milks cow, I will give some of our experience, which has been very successful for many years. successful for many years. A few weeks before coming in, besides the usual fod-der, a feed of sound roots, such as carrots, turnips, beets or potatoes, ought to be fed each morning, before turning out for the day. All unsound parts of such roots ought to be cut off and placed beyond their reach, or they may do much

They should have pure water to drink and access to salt daily; and when expected to calve should be placed loose by themselves, in comfortable quarters, where no animals can get to them or they can get to others. They need freedom to change their position at will, as this is often necessary during the pro-cess. They should not be disturbed or any forcing measures used; but if the labor is protracted a handful of salt may be offered her. If she eats it, it will relax the system. If the presentation is wrong, and she has her liberty and sufficient time is allowed her, nature will teach her to change her position so as to make all right, and she will do much

better than if force was used. After the process she should be allowed her own time to get up and lick the calf, but when she does so, a warm mess of wheat bran and water, with a little salt added, may be given her .-Rural New Yorker.

KICKING COWS .- A correspondent of the streets with unquestionable companions? Which picture wears the most alluring colors?"

We also see it reported that Mrs. Van

the Country Gentleman says: "A few years ago I had some experience with kicking cows, and by far the best remedy out of quite a number that I tried, the Country Gentleman says: "A few was the strap or sureingle drawn tightpaid for liquor, she could buy every foot of land in the world. Very likely. And if she had the money paid by women for back hair, she could buy every drop of liquor in the world. to lay it on her back. But be cautious, A Bloomington, Ill., horticulturist has sold 1,000,000 grape vines this spring.

Kick she cannot with the strap The first cow I tried it on was one fore-leg was tied up, and she would left on the stable floor, and it was decided to dry her up and beef her as soon is possible, though an extra cow.

Our Railroads and Their Reckless Management.

From the Pittsburgh Iron World and Manufacture The reckless management of railroads in this country has long formed a theme upon which it delights European visitors to "spread themselves," when they write letters to the papers. Nor is there usually much exaggeration in the letters on this subject contributed to the London Times and other such journals by the British traveller, who fears not to tempt fate by trusting himself to the uncertain mercies of our railread corpo-rations. Figures, which "cannot lie," show strange and humiliating facts regarding the comparative rates of accident by rail in this country and in Europe. Of course terrible calamities have occurred both in England and on the continent of Europe, by accidents to railroad trains, but one may read over all the European papers week after week, nay, month after month, without once encountering such detailed horrors as are brought home to the American public by the American papers, in their almost daily reports of awful catastro-phies upon the lines of railroad throughout the length and breadth of the land. So callous have men become, from long custom, to these terrible announcements, that they will merely skim the column containing the details, and, having ascertained from the list of sufferers that no friend of theirs has been killed or injured, will quietly fold away the paper and dismiss the awful event from their

minds. Nevertheless, there is a spirit abroad just now that sets thinking men to ask themselves whether this sort of thing is to last forever, and whether the feafful holocausts of human life recorded day after day are indeed to become an American institution, and a fixed order of things, from which there can be no An absurd idea, this, in a appeal. country which, above all others, is signalized by the remarkable inventive powers of its inhabitants, whose inventiveness, indeed, may be said to have no limits, and to have been carried into all departments of mechanism and skilled labor. And yet, this, perhaps, only aggravates the slur but too justly cast upon us Americans for having suffered steam power to reach the point to which it has now arrived, without having devised commensurate means whereby the risks arising to human life and limb from that power can be mitigated if not al-

together removed.

A move in that direction has at last been made, and, if the travelling public know what is for their own interest, they will see to it that this move shall have fair play, and that no consideration of expense shall be admitted as an excuse from any greedy corporation who may decline to avail themselves of the idea originated in it. To all intents and purposes, the conditions of railway travel professionally known as "tele-scoping" and "oscil ation" are in a fair way of becoming obsolete by the introduction of trussed platforms, comprescoupling hitherto used upon our railpast has been connected with railroads, introduced some time since a new and original method of coupling cars, which completely obviates all the causes that gave rise to the telescoping and oscillation of trains. On some roads trussed platforms, compression buffers, and automatic couplers have been in use for eight years, and the result justifies the statement that the companies using them have profited immensely by these inventions, while the loss of life and limb upon the railroads on which they were used has been reduced to a cipher By the use of the new platforms and buffers telescoping is simply rendered impossible, while the new mode of coupling the cars connects them in such a way that the trains move smoothly on, without any of that disagreeable and langerous lateral motion known as os-

Here, then, by inventions that appear to be very simple indeed, when we know all about them, the fears and anxieties hitherto inseparable from railroad travel A day's delay, and another holocaust, which would have certainly been prevented by these simple precautions, may occur. The managers of the Pennsylvania Railroad have talked of adopting the invention. Let them see to it that this is at once done, else the recoil of an outraged public may be too much for them.

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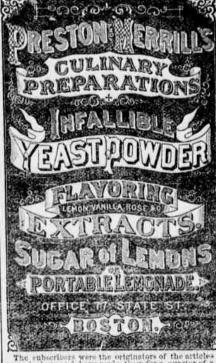
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