

AN INTERESTING INVALID.

Mr. Spoonendyke's Narrow Escape from the... "Why, what's the matter, my dear?" cried Mrs. Spoonendyke, as Mr. Spoonendyke limped into the room and dropped into a chair.

THE FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Don't Keep Too Much Stock. There is such a thing as keeping more than a profitable number of sheep or cows upon a farm. A half-dozen half-starved cows will not yield as much milk as three that have all the food they want.

Accumulation of Manure in Stables.

A large mass of dung, unfrozen or kept near the freezing point, will undergo decomposition, and gives off, besides steam, ammonia and other gases. These tend to soften and injure the hoofs of animals, and especially horses.

Seven Points in Milk-Setting.

Among the many excellent modes for raising cream I would not like to say which is best, if indeed any is best under all circumstances. It will suffice to state a few general principles and let each one decide for himself.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Senator Miller, of California, says his first seat company has paid the government \$3,000,000 out of the \$7,000,000 we paid for Alaska, and before his grant expires will have paid the whole sum we paid Russia, while the seals, honestly protected, are more plentiful than ever.

Twenty-five years ago the people of Brattleboro, Vt. were surprised one day at finding the figure of an angel moulded in snow standing on one of their streets. It was soon discovered that Larkin G. Mead, a Brattleboro boy, had done the work, and funds were readily forthcoming to assist him in pursuing his artistic studies.

The imperial family of Germany is quite able to support itself. If the crown prince were deprived of his inheritance he could easily win bread and butter by his skill as a turner, while his eldest son, Prince Wilhelm, is an excellent amateur artist. On the emperor's cabinet are several samples of his dead grandson Waldemar's proficiency as a bookbinder.

A bushman named Shultorpe has telegraphed from Baekall, Australia, asserting that he has found the explorer Leichardt's grave, and has recovered the diary of the winter of 1845-46, together with other relics. Leichardt was an able young German botanist, who set out to explore the then least known part of Australia some twenty years ago.

How Horses are Spoiled. How quick a horse becomes dilapidated and demoralized after it comes into the possession of some people. It makes no difference how young or how nice they are when they get them, they all look alike in less than two years.

Whisky in Maine. says Neal Dow, "is carried in small bottles in the pockets of the liquor sellers, and dealt out upon the sly; it is put into teapots, placed upon the kitchen shelf; it is built into the walls of houses, in tin cans, with a small rubber pipe, by which to draw it off; it is concealed in small bottles in the necks of their umbrellas, in the folds of their coats, and in the folds of their dresses."

On the cedar bluffs of the Cumberland river, five miles south of Somerset, Ky., the birds have been living a convention. If the accounts are correct all the feathered tribes known to that region and many seldom or never seen in this country have been represented.

Bible Terms. Readers of the Bible will be interested in the following explanation of expressions frequently met with in the Holy Scriptures: A day's journey was 33 1/2 miles. A Sabbath day's journey was about 2-3 English miles.

A Cunning Bear. The captain of a Greenland whaler, being anxious to procure a bear without starting him, made a trial of the stratagem of laying down the nose of a rope in the snow, and placing a piece of meat within it. A bear was soon enticed to the spot by the smell of the meat.

Household Hints. To peel any kind of fruit easily pour boiling water over it, and this loosens the skin.

The Philadelphia Times tells the following story about Joshua Jones, "the Eastern shore glutton": He recently ate fifteen pounds of pork, twelve kinds of Bologna sausage, some from one large hog, one large goose, which the greaser had been fattening for a month, one full-grown chicken, one dozen large biscuits, one peck of sweet potatoes, one large mince pie, and drank six cups of strong coffee.

Stock Raising in the West.

The freedom to pasture cattle on excellent grazing land, together with an accessible market, are the main reasons why the present stock-raising is particularly profitable. The first of these conditions is precarious, and it is evident that in ten years there will not be much good free range left east of the Missouri river.

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The Berlin society for training carrier-pigeons recently published some interesting details concerning the rapid flight of these birds. At the last meeting of the society, the fastest pigeon was measured 295 miles. This is the most rapid flight which has ever been known.

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