

WIT AND HUMOR.

"Ringbolt," the pleasant correspondent of a recent Courier, gives a graphic account of a Boston town meeting in Dorchester, here the question of remuneration of the school committee was discussed. "Uncle Sam," one of the patriarchs of the town, a representative man of the "old school," made characteristic speech, which is thus reported by "Ringbolt":

"Mr. Moderator," said he, "Mister Chairman! I haint got much to say, but what I say I shall say to the pint. 'What's this fuss about education! What does this here committee want to be paid for? Been examining scholars, have they? Vay didn't the scholars examine them?—'veyd have done it for half price. Mr. Freeman, you haint to run the great school, but the scholars, all over town, check all over town, and steam pipes, and all 'tains inside, and piazzas, sixteen-corner-able, and windmill chimblees outside—a aster for every room, and a schoolroom for every class. 'The committee man in his report says, 'one of 'em is a flag ship, and eight of the mesteres are pulling on one ar.' That's a pretty business for school-masters, and for to pay for!

"When I was a boy, there were two school-locks in town, and each of them had a school ten feet high. They didn't pay 100 a year for clean 'em and making 'em. Boys took turns at that, and it did in good. Boys are dressed up to much for hat now. Our deatrick school was over to 'Moston' as he'll. Dr. Harris, he was school committee, and when we did our own right he gin us a stick o' candy and over charged nothin' for that nor for the services. The gentleman says, 'if out South here had such school-masters as you, they couldn't be any war.' Well, I guess there couldn't. They'd soon use up their cash to come.

"Now what's the good of so much education? The gentleman says, and he tells pretty big, that money for education of the poor is 'wringing out of wealth by democratic notions.' 'What don't look to me quite honest. Now, I believe that every boy should be educated. That is, he should be taught to read, write and cipher, and learn economy, and to be a good citizen, and if he can't do it, he'll get the rest himself—Daniel Webster did! If a boy can't do it, he can't get it. So, what's the use of mesteres' wads that's too big for the larrel? If a mester wants to do it, let 'em do it themselves. On the boy a fair English education, and then if he wants algebra and geometry, and Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Chocwaty, and what ar, let his father pay for it. You and I ain't ought to. We ought to feed and clothe the poor; but we ain't obliged to let 'em roast turkey and champagne every day, and send 'em to Hantington to get educated for their cents, be we?

"Another thing, those boys, that kind of 'back up, and ain't satisfied with home and main' and mechanic's business. They are apt to get sassy and think they no mester's fathers and mothers.' They most all want to get to college or into business.

"Now, Lord knows, there is more mesteres, lawyers, and doctors than there is any ar for; and as for business men, I guess bout nine out of ten business men haint up to a grab game any way, and there is no grabbin' at it there ain't much piece.

"What I've said about boys I mean to say about the girls. Their ma's wear calicoes, eye wear silks. Their ma's sweep out a house and make the puddin' and make ovens gowns—they stay to home and 'ad and eat the puddin' and live dressin'.

"Now somebody has to pay these extra bills for the boys and girls, as the town edicates 'em and puts 'em up to it. I move to town make no appropriation to support m, arter they don't know what to do with m."

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AGRICULTURAL.

Summer Pruning of Grape Vines. At a meeting of the Grape and Wine Growers' Association of Northern Ohio, on the 24th ult., Charles Carpenter, of Kelley's Island, gave the following as his method of Summer Pruning:

"The many directions given for summer pruning grape vines are enough to bewilder the novice, if not those of some experience, and I hope, in attempting to elucidate, I shall not further mystify the subject. As a general rule, prune as little in summer as you can, and not let the vines get so thick as to cause any of the leaves in the thickest places to turn yellow, or deprive the fruit of plenty of light and air. The winter pruning should be more severe than is usually done. The vineyard culture, where forty or fifty-five superficial feet of land are allowed to a vine, from thirty to forty eyes to a vine for bearing are plenty for most varieties. Never leave over one vine or two per surface foot of land where the soil is favorable; and where it is unfavorable, the vines should be planted farther apart, and a less number of eyes for a given surface left.

"Now if the winter pruning has been properly done, but little will be necessary in summer, and should commence early by removing water sprouts, superfluous buds, and whenever from short jointed canes, or too close training of them, there will evidently be too dense a mass when grown, thin out a part.

"As soon as the fruit is set, select the shoots for the next year's bearing, which should be grown on spurs, on the lower part of the stock, and trim up the surface foot of land where the soil is favorable; and where it is unfavorable, the vines should be planted farther apart, and a less number of eyes for a given surface left.

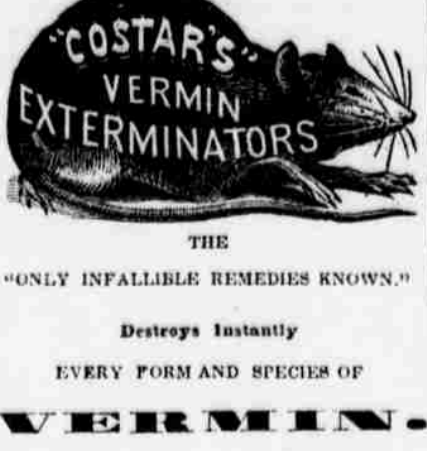
"In all summer pruning and tying up, care should be taken that fruit grown in the shade, should not be exposed to the direct rays of the sun. If the shade under which it has been growing is removed, it will surely be injured if not spoiled.

"The best grapes are always grown in the shade of the foliage. They require light and circulation of air. Those grown under the direct rays of the sun are smaller, harder pulped, and inferior to those grown where they have considerable protection.

Temperance Beverage. I have seen a number of receipts in your paper lately for making 'Beer Beer,' but none exactly met my wishes; and not having been the recipient of a very good one, I forward it to you with a bottle of the same, to see if you do not agree with me in pronouncing it excellent.

RECIPE. 1 gallon of water, 1 quart of good molasses, 4 ounce white cloves, 1 ounce white ginger root, 4 ounce whole allspice, 1 ounce cassia.

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