

NOW!

If you have kind words to say, Say them now. To-morrow may not come your way.

MEMOIRS OF A WHITE INDIAN.

One evening, soon after our visit to the Mandans, Ap-si's mother sliced some meat, and then quickly brushed the palm of her left hand with the palm of her right one.

The big camp had been so long there in the bottom that the game had been pretty well killed off or frightened away from the vicinity.

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kind; a moment later another long-drawn, wailing cry from the southeast.

"He is calling his brothers. I think he means to feast upon the old bull," said Ap-si.

The wolf turned and looked back whence the cry had come. In a few minutes one of those that had answered him appeared, leisurely trotting, and the two met.

By this time they were all mixed up, and we could not distinguish the one that had given the cry, but he that was probably the one suddenly led off over the rim of the plain and down the slope of the valley, and the rest followed.

Walking leisurely, they made a complete circle round the old bull at a distance of fifty or sixty yards, but he paid not the slightest attention to them.

Then they made their rush. Two of them made a feint of attacking in front, leaping this way and that way past the bull's head with amazing rapidity.

World-Maker created the buffalo for food for men and wolves. Should you save this old and venerable bull from them, they would only travel on and pull down the next one—and it, perhaps, a young cow that we may need some day.

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stopped close up to his animal, just back of the shoulder, and guiding it with his bridle of rawhide thong, gently prodded it on in such a manner that it was always moving obliquely in front of him.

Then Ap-si gave the signal, we sprang into the saddle, and at once the horses threw off their listlessness.

As the trading-post wagon was to come out for the meat I killed, I determined to take the little fellow alive and make a pet of him; he could be taken in by the teamster.

In a few minutes Ap-si came riding back, and said that he had killed every one of the band. I picked my calf, collected some dead sage brush for a fire.

As we approached the den, both the father and mother of the little ones were standing farther along on the ridge, and there they watched us with anxious eyes.

Luckily for us, there were no rocks in the soil. With our skinning-knives for picks, and a shoulder-blade from a nearby bull for a shovel, we began to enlarge the hole.

The hole went down at an angle of forty-five degrees for about five feet, and then turned sharply to the right much less precipitously.

He did not attempt to bite, nor did he show great fear of me as I passed him up to Ap-si, who promptly thrust him into a sack that happened to be tied on my saddle.

The buffalo calf did not do well on the canned milk, and was like to die, when we found a different supply for it, a mother, in fact, in an old gentle mare that had lost her colt.

one of the few they had to start the great herd they recently sold to the Canadian government.—By J. W. Schultz, in Youth's Companion.

A Cherry Stone Holds 144 Silver Spoons.

Down on the Island of Nantucket, off the Massachusetts coast, there's a treasure that is unique.

It's a cherry stone—rather a small one at that—which contains 144—twelve dozen—solid silver spoons!

The cherry stone is mounted on a little ivory base, which un-rews, permitting the spoons to be shaken out upon the little black velvet pad upon which it is exhibited.

A Wedding Gift.

If you pay ten dollars for a wedding gift you cannot get anything so valuable or useful as the gift you may obtain free.

Real Estate Transfers.

Francis W. Goss et ux to Charles F. Oster, 48 acres of land in Half Moon Twp.; \$500.

"Blood Tells."

That old saying may have many applications. When the face is blotched with pimples, the body vexed with eruptions or eaten by sores, the blood is telling of its impure condition.

George Washington's Shad.

George Washington through his great personality stamped an ideal for this nation, and the best part of the nation has tried to live up to Washington's ideals ever since.

Every mother owes her child a good constitution. It is better to be born healthy than rich. With health all things are possible, fame, riches, success.

—How is your son, the young doctor, making out?—since he learned to adapt himself to circumstances. He started out as lung specialist, but he's a green apple specialist now.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

DAILY THOUGHT.

Here's to the tree and the cherries it bore; Here's to the hatchet that smote it full score; Here's to the lad that was honest and true; Here's to his colors, the red, white and blue; Here's to his sword with the laurel entwined; Here's to the hero in all hearts enshrined!

For a Washington Birthday Party.—The invitations were typewritten on Washington post-cards, and mailed, in envelopes, to twelve ladies. They read: I bid you leave your work undone, March to the aid of Lexington.

The house was decorated with the usual flags and cocked hats. Luncheon was served at one o'clock.

I have the good fortune to possess the old musket that an ancestor carried when he marched from his home in Connecticut to the relief of Boston, at the Lexington alarm, in April, 1775.

As every guest has had her fill, We will march on to Bunker Hill.

In the back parlor a table held six "hills," made by placing a napkin over some kitchen utensil. Each hill had a number, and each guest was given paper and pencil, and told to write her name and a list of the articles as numbered.

We'll now go on to Lexington, Where several "redcoats" must be hung. A sheet pinned to one wall had a huge tree, with a noose suspended from one limb, drawn with green and brown school crayon.

Just inside the door my son, aged ten, handed each lady a "gun," which he had made himself by tacking a board, measuring about four by six inches, on one end of a stick an inch square and a foot in length.

As the guests started upstairs for wraps, they found a card in the hall saying: Only the Boston Tea-Party more, It awaits you on the second floor.

There my daughter served tea and wafers, and the party was over.

Possess yourself of a forcing tube such as is used for icing, various harmless colorings and plenty of confectioners' sugar, and you can evolve all sorts of patriotic designs at little cost.

Make a simple cup cake batter, bake in shallow tins about two inches deep, and when cold cut the cake in oblong pieces. Ice some of these with red icing, others in white, and with blue and red.

For a child's party make a number of small cakes, cut in blocks as described above. Ice in red, white and blue, in even divisions. Heap these on a round platter, covered with red, white and blue frills, or surround with a wreath of artificial cherry leaves and fruit.

For another coloring ice the cakes in the Colonial buff and blue, have the soldiers in Colonial uniform, while several of the flags used in the early days of the Revolutionary War can be stuck in a standard in the center.

An effective border for a round big cake iced in white can be small flags crossed on sides and top. If one fears to eat a cake so decorated, the icing can be put on a round box that slips over the real cake.

Have shield-shaped cutter made by a tinner. Mix simple sugar biscuit dough, roll rather thin and cut into different sized shields. From a dictionary study the coloring of various State and national shields and copy them closely in colored cings.

—Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

FARM NOTES.

—Be careful about feeding horses inclined to heaves, too much hay, or hay that is dusty.

—A Missouri Station bulletin points out the superior dairy cow as one with a large capacity for using food above the maintenance requirement and one that uses this available food for milk production.

—Eleven years' test of the value of ground phosphatic rock used with manure for land for wheat, at the Ohio Experiment Station, have given an average increase in the wheat yield of 4.5 bushels per acre per year.

—The stomach of the young calf is very delicate, and changes in feeding must be made slowly. The calf will begin to eat grain and hay when it is about four weeks of age.

—Alfalfa is as easily grown as any hay crop when we once learn to handle it just right. There is no doubt less work connected with it as a hay crop after it gets once well established, because it lives so long in the soil.

—There was a time when it was far more profitable to use crossbreds for practical purposes than it was to use breeds in their purity.

—What is a mongrel? A mongrel is a mixed breed, a conglomeration of different kinds. Use a dunghill male on pre-bred females and in one season you will have a large flock of all sizes, all colors and all conditions.

—We have known cases where mongrel poultry have been graded up to better stock. For instance, a flock of common here a large same color, were selected and a pure male of a distinct breed of the same color was introduced.

—We are living in an era of improvement, and the agricultural world has not been slow to "catch on." When we look back a score or more of years, and compare the condition of the farmer at that time with his standing at the present day, we can readily note that he has been wide awake and is keeping abreast of the times.

—But in no branch has he shown more progress than he has in the poultry line. The writer remembers, when he was a boy, the manner of attention paid "chickens," and how the theory seemed prevalent that it was next to impossible to have hens lay in winter, or during cold weather generally.

—Today we find farms on which are erected large and substantial poultry houses, on which a regular system of feeding and care are employed, on which the incubator and the brooder are playing important parts, and on which nothing but strictly pure breeds are kept. What is the result? The farmer has made the poultry branch one of the most important adjuncts of the farm, and he has secured a winter income which previously was practically unknown.