Farm, Garden & Household.

From the Evening Star.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HAIR.

So much has been said about the management of the hair in such an indefinite manner, that we propose, if possible, to enlighten our readers on its correct management. There can be no doubt if the hints contained in this article be acted upon, that many persons who are now losing their hair will stop its falling out and renew its growth.

The first thing to be looked to is keeping the scalp clean. Of course the application of oils, pomades, etc., clogs up the circulation, and causes disease in the follicles from which the hair grows. The head should therefore be thoroughly washed, at least once a month; to assist in this operation, a shampooning mixture is necessary; this may be made by taking a ½ ounce of powder borax and two drachms of strong spirits of hartshorne, placing in a bottle, holding a full quart, and filling with water. The mode of application is simple and effective. Saturate the hair thoroughly with the liquid, using the hands until a firm lather is raised; then rinse thoroughly with cold water; the scalp will be found beautifully white and clean.

The falling out of the hair depends frequently on an atonic condition of the scalp which may be remedied by using a wash composed of a strong infusion of sage. This is readily made just as you would make a strong cup of tea, adding to each quart of the mixture an ounce of alcohol, to prevent fermentation. If the sage can not be readily obtained a strong decoction of the common garden box leaves is equally effective. This is peculiarly adapted to those persons who are losing their hair consequent upon attacks of fever or from general debility;

The scalp should be thoroughly wet with it every morning. The various tonics that are sold consists mostly of some oil diffused in alcohol colored and scented. They are heating in their nature, and often do harm. The best oleaginous application is a mixture of castor oil and glycerine, equal parts of any essential oil being added to perfume it. It will be found in a year or so from now that the chignon generally worn will cause baldness, by the constant heat and constant irritation engendered. In the removal of dandruff the "shampooning" mentioned in this paper will be found a specific, removing it and preventing its return.

In the decline of life, when the hair generally falls, I can recommend the following as a long-tried recipe, and a most effective one: Castor oil, half an ounce; tincture of cantharides; tincture of ginger, one drachm of each; sulphate of quinine, one scruple; bay rum, seven and a-half ounces; oil of orange, one drachm. It should be thoroughly applied to the roots of the hair with a soft hair brush. About twice a week will be found sufficient. Severe friction with a hair brush, on the scalp, retards rather than advances the growth of the young hair. M. R.

HOW GOOD FARMERS SAVE MONEY.

They take good papers and read them.

They keep an account of farm operations.

They do not let their implements lie scattered all over the farm, exposed to the snow, rain and heat.

They repair their tools and buildings at the proper time, and do not suffer a subsequent three-fold expenditure of time and money. They use their money judiciously, and they do not attend auction sales to purchase all kinds of trumpery because it is cheap.

They see that their fences are well repaired, and their cattle are not found grazing, in the meadows, grain fields, or orchards.

They do not refuse to make correct experiments in a small way, of many new things.

They plant their fruit trees well, care for them and of course get good crops.

They practice economy by giving good shelter during the winter to their stock, also good food taking all that is unsound, half rotten, or mouldly out.

They do not keep tribes of cats or snarling dogs around their premises, who eat more in a month than they are worth in their whole life time.

Lastly, they read the advertisements, know what is going on, and frequently save money by it.

Successful farming is made by attention to little things. The farmer who does his best, earns his money with best appreciations, and uses it with the best results. Such men are the salt of the earth.

WINTERING GERANIUMS IN MOSS.—Last winter, we kept a number of large geraniums in dry moss, and propose to do the same thing this season, as it is a very cheap method of preserving plants not wanted to decorate the house with winter. The plants were taken up soon after the first light frost, the soil shaken from the roots, and then all the leaves and young succulent branches removed. Some moss that had been previously taken from the swamp and thoroughly dried was spread over the bottom of a box; upon this we placed a layer of plants, then more moss, and so on alternately until the box was full. The box was then set away upon a shelf in a dry, warm cellar, where it remained undisturbed until spring. The plants came out in good condition, and have grown well this summer in the open ground, and are now in full bloom. There is danger of the plants rotting if the cellar is damp. A warm room will probably answer as a cellar.

FARMING.—It is with farming as it is with every other business; it must be attended to or it will not pay. This is more so now than formerly. For now machinery does the work of hand labor; and science is adding success which the common farmer can not reach—hence he is found in the rear of profit and general success. There must be intelligence. "Skinning" land to be among the things that were. This, however, is less the case on the prairies than in the east. An old fashioned farmer stands but poor chance there. He is constantly selling out to "better his condition," which is not done by buying another farm. He is generally glad to get rid of his, and not get him another "incumbrance." We must, then, as the country improves, improve with it, and that by informing ourselves, both by reading and conversation with those who know.

HOW TO HAVE EARLY GRASS NEXT SPRING.—In order to have early grass, either for grazing purposes or mowing, the land must be made rich by the application of manure. In our latitude, during the month of September, if not already seeded, the soil should be thoroughly pulverized, manured, smoothed off, and seeded. If the grass and clover seed were sowed last spring, all the better, as equal parts of grass and clover will make more desirable feed than either grass or clover alone. Allow the young plants to grow until cold weather, without permitting light animals to graze in the field. Then before snow falls, apply a liberal dressing of barn yard scrapings, or finely rotted compost, spread evenly over the surface. Rich land, if seeded in the spring of the year with early red clover and orchard grass, will produce a crop sufficiently large to be mowed by the first of June; provided the growth of the young plants has not been seriously retarded by the hoofs and feet of domestic animals. Where muck constitutes a large proportion of the soil, dressing of argillaceous clay, after the grass has ceased to grow, will subserve the purpose of manure to a great extent.—*Exchange.*

Humorous.

WHAT is the difference between a dandy on a spree and a little dog's tail? The one is a puppy on a bender, and the other is a bender on a puppy.

A YOUNG lady studying French, and finding that "belle" meant "fine," told somebody in a letter that we had a great deal of belle-weather lately.

A MAN by the name of Death lost $50,000 by the burning of his distillery at Warsaw, Illinois, the other day. It was the first time that death ever lost anything by the whisky business.

A GENTLEMAN being asked whether he was seriously injured when a steam boiler exploded, replied that he was so used to being blown up by his wife, that mere steam had no effect on him.

BEFORE love comes in at the door, it would be well to take a peep through the key hole. He might see something that would prevent him from entering.

EXEMPT.—A man who had been drafted in a town in New York, hung himself because he didn't want to go soldering. The Coroner was sent for, and returned the wise verdict of "exempt."

LOW-NECKED shirts are pronounced the latest 'style' for nice young men. Just imagine a sweet youth with his hair parted in the middle, a brass headed cane, and a low-necked shirt.

THE other day a lady in Carrol county, Georgia, gave birth to twins. On the same day and in the same house, two of her daughters brought forth twins—all boys. They must have had a BOYS-terous time in that mansion.

A COUNTRYMAN applied to a lawyer for legal advice. After detailing the circumstances of the case, he was asked if he had stated the facts as they had occurred. "Oh, aye, sir," rejoined he, "I thought it better to tell you the plain truth; you can put the lies to it yourself."

"GET out of the way, boy! get out of the way!" said a gentleman on horseback to a boy in the road. "My horse don't like donkeys."

"Doan't he?" said the boy. "Then why doan't he kick you off."

GENTLEMEN of the jury, said an Irish barrister, "it will be for you to say whether this defendant shall be allowed to come into court with unblushing footsteps, with the cloak of hypocrisy in his mouth, and to withdraw three bullocks out of my client's pocket with impunity."

Do you say your prayers regularly every night and morning?" asked a sympathetic lady of a little shoeblack, to whom she had just given a trifle. I alluz sez um at night mum, but any smart boy can take care of himself in the day time, was the little rogue's reply.

THE boys of Chatanooga must be dreadfully sharp. Here is a case in point, quoted by the admiring journals of Tennessee. "A young fellow was asked by the Squire whether he understood the nature of an oath?" "Just step out into the street and give me a chance to cuss you." was the reply.

AN exchange says, that some weeks since, a woman, in one of the counties in the southwest of this State, hung herself because her husband went to California. The next week, more than a dozen husbands in the same neighborhood started for California, but their wives couldn't see it. They wouldn't hang—worth a cent.

A LADY, whose deceased husband had not enjoyed a continuous flow of felicity during life, was asked at a seance one night if she would like a communication from his spirit. "I believe not," she said, "If he's got no more spirit in the other world than he had in this, it's not worth bothering about."

MR. G. was a most inveterate punster. Lying very ill of the cholera, his nurse proposed to prepare a young, tender chicken. Hadn't you better have an old hen? said G., in a low whisper—he was too ill to speak louder—for she would be more apt to "lay" on my stomach. G. fell back exhausted, and the nurse fainted.

AFFECTED young lady, seated in a rocking-chair, reading the Bible, exclaimed:

"Mother, here is a grammatical error in the Bible."

Mother, lowering her spectacles, and approaching the reader in a very scrutinizing attitude, says: "Kill it! kill it! it is the very thing that has been eating the leaves and book marks."

AT a railway station an old lady said to a very pompous looking gentleman, who was talking about steam communication, "Pray, sir, what is steam?" "Steam, ma'am, is—ah!—steam is steam." "I knew that chap couldn't tell you," said a rough looking fellow, standing by; "but steam is a bucket of water in a tremendous perspiration."

A GENTLEMAN was seated with other persons in a room where a country girl sat bolt upright, and utterly silent. Silence, indeed, fell upon the entire party, and the gentleman first alluded to said in what he supposed to be an almost inaudible tone of voice: "Awful paws." "I guess, Mister," exclaimed the indignant country lass, jumping up, "you'd have awful paws, too, if you had to do the scrubbing that I does."

A YOUNG man with a fearful physiognomy made his appearance before a Detroit artist, the other day, to have his picture taken "for Sary." Two or three efforts were made, the result each time being so ugly a picture that the unhappy young man finally became discouraged. Then a bright idea struck him. He sat with his back to the camera, and had his back and the rear portion of his head taken. This he called a joke on his nose, as well as a fulfilment of his promise to the girl of his heart.

YOUNG man, do you believe in a future state? "In course I does; and, what's more, I intend to enter in it as soon as Betsey gets her wedding things ready." "You mistake me; do you believe in a future state of rewards and punishments?" "Most assuredly; if I should cut mugs with a red headed woman, I should expect my hat indented by the first broomstick she could lay her hands on." "Go to, young man, you are incorrigible. Go to." "Go two. If it wasn't the law agin bigamy, darned if I wouldn't go a dozen. But who supposed, deacon, that a man of your years would give such advice to a person just starting in life?" This took the deacon down.

THE following esssy, on "The Ox," is published just as it came, smoking hot, from the brain of the intellectual giant who "writ" it. Master Spiker dates from Terre Hante, Ind.: "Oxen is a very slow animal, they are good to break ground up. I would rather have horses if they didn't have kollick which they say is wind kollected in a bunch, which makes it dangerser for to keep horses than an ox. If there was no horses the people would have to wheal thare wood on a whealbarrow. It would take them two or three days to wheal a cord a mile. Cows is useful to. I have heard some say that if they had to be tother or an ox, they would be a cow. But i think when it cum to have their tits pulled of a cold morning they would wish they wasn't, for oxen don't generally raise calves. If i had to be enny i would rather be a heffur. But if i coodent be a heffur and had to be both i wood be an ox."

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