

Miscellaneous.

HELPING PAPA AND MAMMA.

Planting the corn and potatoes. Helping to water the chickens. Feeding the hens and the chickens. Feeding the pigs and the piglets. Feeding the cows in the pasture. Feeding the horses in the stall. We little children are busy. Sure there's work for us all. Helping papa.

Whether a woman is to be considered a widow because her husband is in the State prison for life?

A Fulton county man capturing a rattlesnake, set about teaching it some tricks. He was on the high road to success when they had to bury him.

It looks bad to see a dog preceding his master down the street and calmly turn in to the first saloon he approaches. It shows there is something wrong, something lacking, a deplorable tendency on the part of the dog.

An exchange well says: "The man who stops his paper to economize, is like the man who goes barefooted to save his shoes, and his intelligence at the end of the year will fare as badly as his unclouted feet."

It is suggested that slates be hung in the vestibules of our churches to enable the young ladies to register their names on entering for evening services. If this plan is adopted, the young men won't have to wait outside until church is out to see if their charmers are present.—Warren Mail.

KIND HEARTED.—A man of Lombert street came, going home at a late hour in the night, saw that the occupants of a house, standing flush with the street had left a window up, and he decided to warn them and prevent a burglary. Putting his head into the window he called out: "Hello! good people!"

That was all he said. The whole pall of water struck him in the face, and as he staggered back, a woman shrieked out: "Didn't I tell you what you'd get if you wasn't good by nine o'clock?"

GOOD FOR LEAN WOMEN.—If any one wishes to grow fleshy, a pint of milk taken before retiring at night will cover the scrawny bones. Although now-a-days we see a great many fleshy females, yet there are many lean and lank ones who sigh for the fashionable measure of plumpness, and who would be really improved in health and appearance could their figure be rounded with good solid flesh. Nothing is more coveted by thin women than a full figure, and nothing will so rouse the ire and provoke the scandal of one of the "slipper-builds" as the consciousness of plumpness in a rival. In cases of fever and summer complaint milk is now given with excellent results. The idea that milk is "feverish" has exploded, and it is now the physician's great reliance in bringing through typhoid patients, or those in too low a state to be nourished by solid food. It is a great mistake to scrimp the milk piches. Take more milk and buy less meat. Look to your milkmen; have large-sized, well-filled milk piches on the table each meal, and you will also have sound flesh and light doctor's bills.

A Philosophical Colored Man. An elderly colored man, with a very philosophical and retrospective cast of countenance, was equipping on his bundle on the hurricane deck of one of the western river steamers, toasting his shins against the chimney, and apparently plunged in a state of profound meditation. His dress and appearance indicated familiarity with camp life, and it being soon after the siege and capture of Fort Donaldson, I was inclined to disturb his reveries, and on interrogation found that he had been with the Union forces at the place, when I questioned further. His philosophy was so peculiar, that I will give his views in his words, as near as memory will serve me:

"Were you in the fight?" "I had a little taste of it, sa."

"Stood your ground, did you?" "No, sa, I run."

"Run at the first fire, did you?" "Yes, sa, an' would have run sooner, had I know'd it was comin'."

"Why, that wasn't very creditable to your courage?" "Dat isn't my line, sa; cookin's my profession."

"Well, but you have regard for your reputation?" "Reputation's a nuffin' to me by de side of life."

"Do you consider your life worth more than other people's?" "It's worth more to me sa."

"Then you must value it very highly?" "Yes, sa, I does; more dan all dis world, more dan a million dollars, sa, for what would be the worth to a man wed de bred out of him. Self-preservation is de first law wid me."

"But why should you act on a different rule from other men?" "Cause, sa, diff'rent men sets diff'rent value upon demselves; my life is not in der market."

"But if you lost it you would have the satisfaction of knowing that you died for your country?" "What satisfaction would that be to me when de patriot and felon is gone?"

"Then Patriotism and honor are nothing to you?" "Nuffin' whatever sa."

"If our soldiers were all like you, traitors might have broken up the government without resistance?" "Yes, sa; I der'd would have de scales 'gainst no government dat eber existed, for no government could replace de loss to me."

"Spect dough dat de government safe da all like me?" "I value de friendship of him who stands by you in de storm; swarms of insects will surround you in de sunshine."

Why and When Lamps Explode.

All explosions of coal oil lamps are caused by the vapor of gas that collects in the space above the oil. When full of oil, a lamp contains no gas, but immediately on lighting the lamp, consumption of oil begins, soon leaving a space for gas, which commences to form as the lamp warms up, and after burning a short time sufficient gas will accumulate to form an explosion. The gas in a lamp will explode only when ignited. In this respect it is like gunpowder. Cheap or inferior oil is always the most dangerous. The flame is communicated to the gas in the following manner: The wick tube in all lamps is made larger than the wick which is to pass through it. It would not do to have the wick tightly in the burner; on the contrary, it is essential that it move up and down with perfect ease. In this way it is unavoidable that space in the tube is left along the sides of the wick sufficient for the flame from the burner to pass down into the lamp and explode the gas.

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5. Blowing down the chimney to extinguish the light is a frequent cause of explosion.

6. Lamp explosions have been caused by using a chimney broken off at the top, or one that has a piece broken out, whereby the draft is rendered variable and the flame unsteady.

7. Sometimes a thoughtless person puts a small-sized wick in a large burner, thus leaving considerable space in the tube along the edges of the wick.

8. An old burner, with its draft clogged up, which rightfully should be thrown away, sometimes continued in use, and the final result is an explosion.

Horses and Mules. There is no good reason why mules should not be more generally