

Truth as the Foundation of Manhood.

You want to know, Tom, what is the first quality of manhood? Well, listen. I am going to tell you in one little word of five letters. And I am going to write that word in very loud letters as though you were deaf. That word is "TRUTH." Now then, remember, truth is the only foundation on which can be erected a manhood that is worthy of being so called. Now mark what I say, truth must be foundation on which the whole character is to be erected, for otherwise, no matter how beautiful the upper stories may be, and no matter how good material they may be built, the edifice, the character, the manhood, will be but a sham which offers no sure refuge and protection to the soul that seeks it, for it will tumble down when the trial comes. Alas, my boy, the world is very full of such shams of manhood in every profession and occupation. There are lawyers in this town who know that they have never had any training to fit them for their work, who yet impose upon the people and take their money for giving advice which they know they are unfitted to give. I heard of one lately who advised his partner "never have anything to do with law books, for they would confuse his mind." There are ignorant physicians who know that they are ignorant, and who can and do impose upon people more ignorant than themselves. There are preachers without number pretending to know what they have learned. Don't you see that their manhood is as at best but a beautiful deceit? Now I want you to be a man, and that you may be that, I want you to know that to be true, thoroughly true. I hope you will soon tell a lie, but that that is only the beginning of truthfulness. I want you all to despise all sham, all pretense, all effort to seem to be otherwise than you are. When we have laid that foundation then we can go on to build up a manhood, glorious and godlike, after the perfect image of Him, the perfect Man, who said that He was born that He might bear witness to the truth.—*Bishop Dudley.*

Good Old English Justice.

A brilliant illustration of the beauties of English justice is afforded by a Manchester paper. A boy had been sent by his master to drive a cow away from a field of corn, and had been entrusted with an old musket and a limited supply of coarse gunpowder to assist him in this business. The boy, however, had blazed away with the gunpowder harmlessly, but thinking (Nimrod fashion) that it would be finer sport, and more effective also, to kill the pre-dominant birds than to frighten them, he had charged his weapon with small shot. At that moment, and just as he was prepared to put his gunpowder design into execution, a strange-looking bird with a long tail flew over his head.

The next moment up went the gun to his shoulder, and down sank his forefinger to the trigger. Then there was a bang, a scream and a flutter; and within a few yards of the unhappy young sportsman lay a mortally wounded pheasant, and while the little fellow was scratching his head in amazement at the exploit, and wondering how such a small charge of powder could kill a gamecock, and after chastising the boy for his unfortunate deed, carried off the dead pheasant and entered complaint against his slayer.

The wretched lad was arrested, and in spite of the fact that he was a widow's only son, and was really ignorant of the nature of his heinous crime, was condemned to a fine of £5, or three months in jail—and sent to jail, not one of the sitting Magistrates being man enough to pay the fine. The Chief Magistrate, who is a great game preserve himself, remarked to the miserable mother: "It is a very light sentence, all things considered. Why, woman, I remember the time when such a thing would have been a hanging matter almost, and you ought to be grateful."

Nice humane gentlemen are these to rule a great nation, and nice laws for them to rule it by.

The Stars.

RIGHTS AFFORDED BY THE STARS DURING THE PRESENT MONTH.

August is the least brilliant month of the year for stellar displays. The dog star, Sirius, with his magnificent retinue of heavenly diamonds, is almost in conjunction with the sun, and there are very few stars of the first magnitude to be seen. The search for the better objects of the constellation is Aurigæ, a fine red star, which may easily be found by following the curve made by the handle of the big dipper, which is now up side down. Continuing in the same curve, low down near the horizon, is Spica, the only first magnitude star in the constellation. About directly overhead, in the early evening, beams the standard first magnitude star Vega, in the Lyre. The planets are very coy this month. Mercury and Uranus are evening stars, but they don't count because they are invisible. Saturn does not rise until after midnight, and Mars is later. Both are now in the "rainy Hyades" with whose principal star, the Ruby Adair, Saturn will be in conjunction at sunrise on the 13th. Jupiter does not rise until three o'clock, and Venus is so late as to be eclipsed by the coming king of day. Later in the month, however, Jupiter will be seen at any time after two o'clock, and Venus, although still late, will be visible as the sun gets lower. The absence of planetary attractions, however, may be more than made up by auroral displays such as made last Sunday evening, and about the 10th, and again on the 24th, the usual meteoric showers may be expected. In the middle of the month the moon will rule the night and will stay longer than usual, so that altogether, lovers and other persons addicted to evening strolls are provided with a very attractive programme for the month.

Sheep often go a long time without drinking, especially if in a pretty good pasture, and the dew is so heavy that they can fill up with wet grass in the morning; but when they do want to drink, water is as necessary to their health and comfort as that of any other animals. Therefore, keep a supply of pure water in the sheep pastures as in any other, and if the sheep do not drink from it give them a little salt once a week. They should have salt as often as once a week under any circumstances.

Budding Fruit Trees.

It is not half so easy to describe in a manner easily understood the operation of budding trees, as it is for one who has had the training to go to work and do it. The work is simple, but that helps little in the way of telling how it is done. As the budding season is now at hand—June and July are the favorite months—the following directions may serve to make the matter plain: The bud is removed by inserting a sharp knife about an inch above the bud and cutting down to about the same distance below it, making the cut deep enough under the bud to take with it a little of the wood. Now make a slit or incision in the stock where the bud is to be inserted. The slit should be about three-fourths the length of the bud piece, having a cross slit near the top. Raise up carefully the bark each side of the down slit, a little more at the middle than at the ends; slip in the bud, and wrap about the place basswood bark or other bandage, beginning to wrap at the bottom and tying above the bud, leaving the bud protruding. In principle, budding is precisely the same as grafting, the branch growing from it bearing the same fruit as the tree from which it was taken. With a great many, now-a-days, budding is considered preferable to grafting, because it is more easily accomplished, because no injury in case of failure to the stock, and because it is more ample time in case of failure to repeat the trial the same season. A fortnight or so will tell whether the bud has "caught on" or not. We have said June and July are the favorite months for budding. This should be some time in the middle of the month, depending on the variety of tree to be worked with, and much, of course, on latitude. In the most northerly States budding is profitably done as late as the middle of September. Trees finishing their growth early in the season should be budded earlier than those which grow late.

Budding and grafting are taught at the agricultural schools, and any teacher of a public school may easily instruct pupils in this interesting art in a very short time. Time employed in this sort of work is better for the children than playing marbles or spinning tops.—*Boston Transcript.*

Modern Dairy Farming.

Modern dairy farming, says the Hon. Hiram Smith, of Wisconsin, starts out with keeping one cow on four acres, and this should be the password to every dairy lodge—"one cow to four acres"; this should be rapidly reduced until the undoubted possibility is reached of keeping one cow to every acre. One of the principles of modern dairy farming is to have our cows give the most milk when dairy goods are at the highest price, which is invariably in winter. It has been repeatedly demonstrated that a good herd of cows coming into milk in September, October and November, will, in the average, give from 4500 to 6000 pounds of milk annually. This milk is worth to sell at a factory or manufacture into butter or cheese, \$1.30 per 100 pounds, or \$58.50 as the average for each cow. In other words dairy farming with one cow to eight acres on 100 acres produces \$1160; modern dairy farming with one cow to four acres produces \$2600, an increase of \$1500; by an outlay for feed and help, a net profit of \$640, a sum sufficient to raise the price of land from \$50 to \$100 per acre. A fund of money for the farmer's family, in large crops of corn, not less than two acres of fodder and four acres of field corn for every ten cows, or a total of twenty-four acres for forty cows. All the manure of the farm should be evenly placed on these twenty-four acres during the winter or early in the spring, and the land plowed previous to the 10th of May, and thoroughly harrowed, the corn planted immediately thereafter with a horse drill, the rows three and one-half feet apart, and the kernels from seven to nine inches apart, and cultivated well before the corn comes up with a fine-tooth harrow. Frequently thereafter, cultivate until the 10th of July, at which time if the work has been honestly done, it will be free from weeds with never a hoe in the field, and it is almost certain to produce fifty bushels per acre of shelled corn and thirty tons of fodder. It takes less labor to raise twenty-four acres of corn, as described above, than to raise half that amount planted in hills and the cultivation deferred until you can see the rows.—*N. H. Mirror.*

Owl Sentiment.

We have always maintained that there was a good deal of sentiment about a cow; that like a fellow girl, if you want any favors from her you must be in some way, and the nearer it is done the better. If you have a cow, or perhaps better yet, apply your persuasive powers to her imagination. We never believed in carrying this rule so far as to put green spears on the cow and feed her dry fodder, but if she can be induced to put absolute confidence in the person who handles her, she is sure to return the favor at the milk-pail. An exchange helps us out in this idea by stating that a cow will give more milk and make more butter on a light sunshiny day than during one of a dull, dark character. The animal eats more heartily, digests better, while the vital forces are active during the pleasant day. These facts are not in themselves very important, yet they suggest the query whether close stabling of cows in winter or summer is better than giving them the run of a yard or pasture. We are very much in favor of the pasture rather than the yard, for the reason that in a yard all are idle and this leads to constant mischief, the old ones running or hooking the young ones while, if possible, a cow's jaws should be kept busy all the time. The more she eats of food containing the nutriment of green grass, the more milk she will give.—*American Dairyman.*

A NEGLECTED DUTY.—Farmers' wives, read this. During the first six months of 1882 there were nearly seven million dozen eggs, hen eggs, not ostrich or other fancy eggs, but hen eggs imported into the United States. Now, as a matter of fact, the wives of our farmers, mechanics, and country ministers ought to go into the egg business so thoroughly and successfully that they can have all their own families have enough to supply all the bankers in the land, and export the surplus product to the "down-trodden" natives of Europe. The idea of a people with all our open country going to France or Belgium for eggs to go with our morning toast and coffee. We shall buy a coop of hens and start the reform at once. Tariff or no tariff, America must raise her own eggs.

The most afflicted part of the house is the window. It is always full of panes, and who has not seen more than one window blind?

Scientific Agriculture.

Is there any such thing as scientific agriculture? If there is we have failed to discover it. We have known scientific men to leave their regular calling and taking up that of farming have undertaken to teach the life long. As the budding season is now at hand—June and July are the favorite months—the following directions may serve to make the matter plain: The bud is removed by inserting a sharp knife about an inch above the bud and cutting down to about the same distance below it, making the cut deep enough under the bud to take with it a little of the wood. Now make a slit or incision in the stock where the bud is to be inserted. The slit should be about three-fourths the length of the bud piece, having a cross slit near the top. Raise up carefully the bark each side of the down slit, a little more at the middle than at the ends; slip in the bud, and wrap about the place basswood bark or other bandage, beginning to wrap at the bottom and tying above the bud, leaving the bud protruding. In principle, budding is precisely the same as grafting, the branch growing from it bearing the same fruit as the tree from which it was taken. With a great many, now-a-days, budding is considered preferable to grafting, because it is more easily accomplished, because no injury in case of failure to the stock, and because it is more ample time in case of failure to repeat the trial the same season. A fortnight or so will tell whether the bud has "caught on" or not. We have said June and July are the favorite months for budding. This should be some time in the middle of the month, depending on the variety of tree to be worked with, and much, of course, on latitude. In the most northerly States budding is profitably done as late as the middle of September. Trees finishing their growth early in the season should be budded earlier than those which grow late.

We have never yet known one person who ventured upon living on the proceeds of his labors, by rushing into farming in middle life from other occupations, and set out on a new system of farming, and succeeded in making his neighborhood, who succeeded in making both ends meet. Five years are usually the limit of his experiments and his taste for country life, when, having spent what spare capital he began with, he recommenced, with much poorer prospects and a redoubled bank account, his old business, which he well understood, for another which he knew nothing about.—*Germania Telegraph.*

The State Fair.

THE NEW BUILDING FOR THE EXHIBITIONS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Progress is being made in the preparation of the new grounds of the State Agricultural Society at Broad and Huntingdon streets, Philadelphia, for the annual exhibition, which will be held during the latter part of September. The tract of land comprises about thirty acres, and is bounded by the main building, and there will be other extensions from the centre when needed. Floral hall will cover 150 by 60 feet, and the building for the exhibition of fruits, vegetables and other products will be 200 by 75 feet. The department of public comfort will be 150 feet long by 75 feet wide, and will be stables for 250 cattle and 150 horses, pens for sheep and swine, and a poultry house 200 feet by 50. The total cost of the building will be about \$50,000 and at the exhibition premiums to the amount of \$10,000 will be offered. If successful, the new grounds for the purpose the society will enlarge the main building to the proper proportions for a music hall. It is the intention of the state society to hold annual exhibitions at Christmas time, similar to the Smithfield display in London, where fat cattle and poultry will be exhibited.

For the year ending June 30, there were 593,114 emigrants landed in this country, being fewer than during 1881, but due with all their emigration, it is not a record. The emigration from Scotland showed a slight increase, while from Italy there was scarcely any variation. Ireland is sending less people than at any other time and now barely contributes 10 per cent. of our foreign population. The decrease in our foreign population shows either a better condition of affairs abroad, or a worse one here in the United States. Just now the mining regions of Pennsylvania hold out no flattering promises of fortune easily made, as our working people are able to fill all the places needing muscle or brains. The Poles and Hungarians who come here to work as at the very lowest round in the ladder and work for the smallest pay possible. The Irish, Welsh, Scotch and Germans do all the contract work of driving chutes and headings, gangways and tunnels and besides fill all the chambers in every colliery. A foreigner coming here must do loading or pick stave.

Sturges.—The safest and shortest way to ruin a character is by creating a suspicion. "Suspensions" in Bacon's words, "are like larks among birds, they are better by twilight." If your neighbor in business or social life is the object of your dislike, let it be carefully whispered that his affairs are not quite as safely managed as they might be, or his habits a little questionable. If a woman hate her fair rival, a well aimed word will ensure as the touch of an infested hand, blacken her beauty and leave her helpless. Who does not know the power of such insinuation? Who does not meet every day the victims of these unseen wrongs? But it is not necessary for this style of slander to use articulate words at all; nay, the most articulate language is best for its ends. A whisper dropped carelessly in some corner among the combustible—a laugh, a shrug of the shoulder, a sneer—a look, may serve the purpose. There is not a sadder feature of human nature, than the readiness with which men accept insinuations, and the rarity with which they have the manhood to repel them. Rumor with most minds is presumptive evidence, and they will say with a knowing air, "There must be some fire in so much smoke."

Mud-Stones and Hydrophobia.

A mud-stone or calculus, is found in the stomach of a deer or cow. It is claimed by those who have faith in the mud-stone that it adheres to the wound until it becomes charged with poison, when it drops off. It is then soaked in milk, and the application is renewed. As a very small percentage of those who are bitten with mad dogs, however, it is very easy to deceive people with a mud-stone. It is said that of the animals bitten two dogs out of three will have it, the majority of horses have it, cattle have a better chance, and sheep a still better. It is estimated that one person in twenty takes the disease—some estimates are greater, some less. There is a record of a dog that was bitten by thirty mad dogs and outlived them all.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

Poach leaves are poisonous and often prove fatal when eaten by animals. The leaves are said to contain prussic acid, and a number of instances are recorded of sheep being killed by eating them. Instances have occurred in which cattle and swine have been poisoned by eating the leaves of the wild cherry. It has been said that the leaves of the cultivated cherry are free from poison until they have wilted; but cases have been known in which the green leaves have proved poisonous and fatal to animals.

ROSES FROM CUTTINGS.—European horticulturists sometimes adopt this mode of planting rose cuttings as to root with more certainty. They bend the shoot and insert both ends into the ground, leaving a single bud uncovered at the middle and on the surface of the ground. The cuttings are about two inches long, and are bent over a stick laid flat in the ground, holes being dug on each side of the stick for the reception of the ends of the shoot, but the other end being buried, prevents evaporation and drying up. A correspondent of the London Garden says that he has tried this along with the old mode, and that, while the weaker cuttings of the latter have shown symptoms of drying and failure, all the former have grown vigorously.

A philosopher remarks that no man can afford to make a fool of himself. But he forgets that some men are utterly reckless of expense.

A-GREAT-PROBLEM.

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July 13th-47

Songs Never Sung.

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