An Incident of Camp Life.

James Milton Sherrod said he had a peculiar experience once while he was in camp on the Pondre, in Colorado.

"We went over from Larmy," said he "in July, eight years ago—four of us. There was me and Charcoal Brown and old Joe and young Joe Connoy. We had just got comfortable down on the lower Fork, out of the reach of everybody and sixty miles from a doctor, when Charcoal Brown got sick. Well, we had a little time of it. You can imagine yourself something about it. Long in the night Brown began to groan and w[illegible] about bellies, and I made a diagnosis of [illegible]. He didn't have much sand anyhow. He was trying to get a pension from the government on the grounds of desertion and failure to provide, or some such a blame thing or other, so I didn't feel much sympathy for him. But when I lit the gas and examined him I found that he had a larger fever on hand, and there he was without a doggon thing in the house but a jug of emigrant whiskey and a paper of condition powders for a mule. I was a good deal rattled at first to know what the dickens to do fur him. The whiskey wouldn't do him any good, and, besides, if he was goin' to gave a long spell of sickness we needed it for the watchers.

"Well, it was rough. I'd think of a thousand things that was good for fevers and then I'd remember that we hadn't got em. Finally old Joe said to e 'James, why don't ye soak his feet?' says he. 'Soak nuthin!' says I; 'what would ye soak 'em in?' We had a long-handled frying-pan, and we could heat water in it, of course, but it was too shallow to do any good, anyhow; so we abandoned that synopsis right off. First I thought I'd try the condition powders in him, but I hated to go into a case and prescribe so reckless. Finally I thought about a case of rheumatism that I had up in Bitter Creek years ago and how the boys filled their socks full of hot ashes and put 'em all over me and I got over it. So we began to skirmish around the tent for socks, and I hope I may be testotally skun if there was a blame sock in the whole syndicate. Ez fur me, I never wore 'em, but I did think young Joe would be fixed. He wasn't though. Said he didn't want to be considered proud and high strung, so he left his socks at home.

"Then we begun to look around and finally decided that Brown would die pretty soon if he didn't break up the fever, so we concluded to take all the ashes under the camp fire, fill up his clogs, which was loose, tie his sleeves at the wrists, and his pants at the ankles, give him a dash of condition powders and a little whiskey to take the taste out of his mouth and then see what nature would do.

So we stood Brown up agin a tree and poured hot ashes down his back till he begun to fit his clogs pretty quick, and then we laid him down to the tent and covered him up with everything we had in our humble cot. Everything worked well till he begun to perspirate, and then there was music and don't you forget it. This kind of soaked the ashes, don't you see, and made a lye that would take the polling off a telegraph pole.

"Charcoal Brown just simply riz up and uttered a shrill whoop that jarred the scenery of Colorado, and made my blood run cold. The green flesh riz on old Joe Hogan fifty in fourth bang your hat on Kingsmeadow. It was awful.

"Brown stood up on his feet, and threw things, and cussed us till we felt ashamed of ourselves. I've seen sickness and a good deal in my time, but—I give it to you straight—I never seen an invalid s and us in the loneliness of the night, far from home and friends, with the concentrated lye oozing out of the cracks of his boots, and reproach people the way Charcoal Brown did us.

"He got over it of course, before Christmas, but he was a different man after that."

Take a Country Paper.

Every citizen should subscribe and pay for a newspaper printed in his own county. It is right and advisable to take a city paper, or several of them, if it can be afforded, but to take a city weekly to the exclusion of the home paper, is the embodiment of foolishness. Of course, a country paper with one or two thousand subscribers cannot be issued for the same price as a city paper with 100,000 subscribers can. The reasons are too obvious to mention.

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Tempted Too Far.

"I had to do it—yes, had to do it," he exclaimed in a Tennessee court room to the jury. "It was a matter of self defense."

"Did the plaintiff here, whom you shot twice, draw any weapon?" asked the lawyer.

"I don't say as he did."

"Was he about to?"

"I don't say he was, 'Deed, I guess he didn't have no weepins with him."

"But you plead self-defense, 's

"Sartin I do. I went up there in —— township last fall. We lived on sassafras tea and lean bacon all winter. This spring got in a few hills of corn and tater, and I kinder got track of several bee trees, and kept my eyes peeled for coon tracks. Things began to look as if we had seen the wust. The ole woman was rekonin' on a new kaliker, and I was plannin' to git my ole rifle fixed, when—when——"

Here the prisoner seemed overcome by his emotions, and it was two or three minutes before he could continue:

"Well, I might a-knowed that some calamity would come along sooner or later and kick the skillet up the chimbly. I was allus a poor critter—poor, but strivin' to be white all the way through."

"Proceed," said the lawyer, after the prisoner had wept some more.

"I sot out thar on a log, kinder bopin' that the corn and taters wouldn't grow fast 'nuff to keep me from goin' fishin', and the ole woman was smokin' jimweed in her pipe and wonderin' if the children had treed 'nother coon, when—when this ere fellow as got shot swooped down like one o' them sighclones. All was changed in one minit. All was——"

They let him have a few minutes to crowd down his feelings, and he went on:

"He didn't make no bones about 'tall. He axes if my name was Dan'l Scott, and I say it was. He axes if I owned the farm, and I gin it to him straight. Then he pulls out a paper and says:

"'Dan'l, I'm cum fur.'

"'Fur what?'

"'The taxes.'

"'What taxes?'

"'State and county, Dan'l. We can't run this ere best kentry on earth and her Liberty and Union and a Fourth of July every year without money. Them as owns lands mus' pay taxes.'"

"'Never,' says I. 'The tyrant don't live as kin put his foot on the neck of Dan'l Scott!'

"'But you must pay,' says he, 'or I'll have to sell you out.'

"Wall, gents that was threats. That was drivin' me to the wall. The ole woman begun cryin', the children come up and sniveled, and corn and taters and bee trees and coon tracks and bright prospects all went to the dogs. I couldn't—no, I couldn't."

"Couldn't what, Mr. Scott?"

"Call me Dan'l unless you want to hurt my feelins. I mean I couldn't put up with no such threats of assassinashun. The ole woman sneaked me the double bar'l'd shot gun over the brush fence, and I popped away, and popped to kill. Yes, gents, I,m telling you the solemn truth, and I want to ax if there's a free born American citizer and Tennessee patriot among you who wouldn't have did the very same?"

At last accounts the jury was still out.

SHOULD ORCHARDS BE CULTIVATED?—This is evidently one of those questions that admit of a variable answer. In other words, a practice which may be the best for one orchard may not be so for another, because the conditions are far from being uniform. To keep the ground in an orchard under cultivation, and producing crops which are removed annually, will soon exhaust the fertility of the richest soil, unless some sort of fertilizer is returned to make good the amount taken away. The frequent stirring of the soil, breaking up, disintegrating and pulverizing, are beneficial operations, for by keeping the surface open and loose, we aid the admission of air and moisture, both of which contain certain elements which are absorbed by the roots and go far towards making up the bulk of all cultivated plants. But as a rule orchardists do not think that they can afford to plow, harrow and keep down the noxious weeds in the orchard for no other purpose than benefit the trees and improve the quality of the fruit; consequently, when they plow it must be for the purpose of sowing or planting, and the orchard is kept constantly engaged with some annual farm crop, or seeded down to clover or grass. To sow grain of any kind in an orchard, except on very moist soils, or in a humid climate, seldom fails to check the growth of the trees, because the growing grain will take the moisture from the trees at the very time when they need it most.—*Am. Ag.*

THE MARRIAGE LAW.—The operation of the marriage license act is leading to various trouble. In Philadelphia the other day a colored citizen was refused a marriage license because he could not tell his age. In Tioga a luckless swain, having traveled thirty miles to get the consent of the Commonwealth was refused a license because he did not bring his girl along, and in his excusable anger he swore he would go to New York and get married. In Bradford county a groom sent his father for the coveted document, and did not get it, the clerk refusing to deal with proxies. The Philadelphia *Record* remarks: "In all these cases the officiating clerks, in their anxiety to comply with the statute, probably overshot the mark. There is no reason why a third party who can make the necessary oath, should not get a certificate, there being no other legal hindrance. The colored man who did not know his age should not have been debarred of matrimony in the vicinage if he looked to be old enough, and could swear to his probable age. The license act was not intended to hinder proper marriages. It aims solely to make improper marriages more difficult to bring about."

A CRANK is usually a man whose head is turned.

BURGLARS' deeds are dark because they always "light out."

Milking Three Times a Day.

Messrs. Mullers and Jones, of Germany, have been making quite extensive experiments in milking cows more than the usual number of times a day. By milking three times a day a slight percentage of fat is secured that would be lost under the other practice. In one experiment reported the butter was thirty cents a pound, the butter from two milkings was worth fourteen dollars and from the three milkings eighteen dollars, according to the percentage of fat found to be secured by the extra milking. The question arises in this instance, does the extra money value secured pay for the labor expended in securing it? This will, of course, depend very much upon how the cows are kept. If the cows are in pasture the trouble of driving them up and milking them, and driving them back again, is not altogether measured by the labor expended, but the loss of the cows from pasture also. The interruption of men and women from their regular daily labor are serious matters on a farm where long distances separate the hands from the cattle. Then, again, on the dairy farms in this country the great bugbear is the want of good milkers. Few men can succeed in dairying who have to depend on hired help outside of their immediate families or connections. Men hate to milk, and women cannot do it where a large number of cows are to be handled in a reasonably short space of time. In the old country, where hands are numerous and to be had for the asking, the burden of three milkings a day may be imposed without creating a riot, but in this country it would not work. The chances also are that such frequent milkings would tend to dry up the udder. This applies, of course, to cows in the usual condition. When a cow is fresh and produces a yield that threatens the safety of the udder and that is evidently painful to the cow, it is well then to relieve the udder by one or two extra milkings a day, and even then it is scarcely worth while to draw the udder to its last strippings, but it is better to take out just enough to relieve the pain.

Under ordinary conditions of American farm life, we are quite sure that the extra percentage of fat saved by one additional milking, in view of the inconvenience attached to its performance, would not pay the dairyman to practice it. In view of its effect on the cow, we would be slow to recommend the practice, even if it did pay.—*American Dairyman.*

TAKE CARE OF YOUR ANIMALS.—Live stock are to be our especial watch and care for the coming four months at least. We need to winter them as economically as possible, ye have them gaining all the time. No animal is profitable at a stand-still. Stock wintered on the warmest side of a corn stack, and coming out "spring poor," are in no condition to make good returns during the summer. At this season look especially to the comfortableness of their quarters, that they may be easily cleaned, warm, and well aired when needed. Alterations that will facilitate foddering, littering and clearing out, should be planned and carried out at once. Tight board walls, or any others are a much cheaper source of warmth than much feeding, so far as neat cattle, horses in use, pigs and poultry are concerned. Horses and sheep with good shelter, out of the rain and well roofed, will bear any degree of cold they are likely to be subject to, if they have enough to eat, and the question of economy depends on the price of hay and corn, and the price of hemlock boards. Food consumed merely to maintain animal heat, deducting the value of resulting manure, is a dead loss. Beeves, sheep and pigs gain very rapidly if well fed this month. The bracing air sharpens appetites, and the variety of rich feed is greater now than at any other time of the year. They should be crowded but not over-fed.—*Am. Ag.*

JUST LET HER GET AT HIM.—Last week a letter was received at the pension office, Washington, from a Connecticut woman, inclosing an appeal for a widow's pension, and, in the regular order of business, it went to the files. A recording clerk glanced over the list, noticed that a man of the same name given by the widow was drawing a pension, which had been granted him in 1873, and was being paid through the California agency. It required only a few moments' search to discover that the record in the two cases was identical. The widow offered no proof of death, but her affidavit stated that she had not seen her husband or heard of him since the war and supposed that he had been killed in battle. A letter was written to her stating that her husband was already drawing a pension for wounds received in the war, and by return mail came inquiry for his whereabouts. She said that she had been mourning his death for 20 years, but was very glad to hear that he was still living, and if the pension people would only assist her in locating him she would make it very lively for her truant spouse.

MEN make a living in New York by picking up cigar stumps thrown away in the streets by smokers. The tobacco is used for the manufacture of cheap fine cut, and is even used as "filling" for cheap cigars. At the Fifth Avenue Hotel, says the *Tribune*, the porter ejected a well-dressed stranger who wandered about the corridor and was seen to drop his handkerchief several times alongside the cigar stumps, which had disappeared when the handkerchief was picked up. Cigars gathered in the hotels are usually of the best quality of Havana tobacco, and this man is said to have a bank account of several thousand dollars, wholly the result of his attention to the cigar stump trade.

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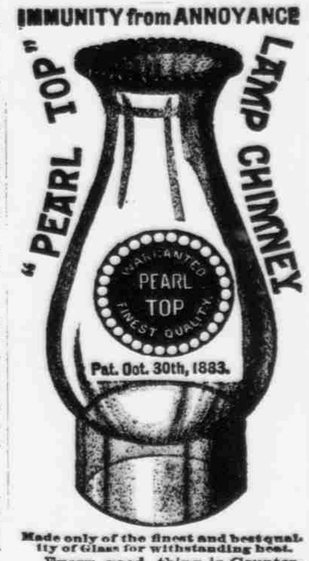

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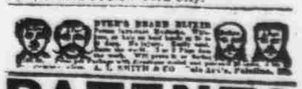

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