

Wit and Wisdom.  
The frog catches should pool their ideas.  
A letter on the grounds—The egg in the office.  
The heart ought to give charity when the hand cannot.  
Even a small barber may be called a snipping fellow.  
Where should we feel for the poor? In your pocket, to be sure.  
It is Venice, the city of canals, that has the largest floating population.  
What is the best and cheapest light especially for painters? Daylight!  
Why should oil producers ever grumble? They live on the fat of the land.  
A great race between a nightmare and a clothes horse took place recently.  
It is the very reason some people are not happy, because they think others are happier.  
Sunday school teacher—What is the fruit of the tree of knowledge? Boston boys—Beans!  
It is a good thing to possess confidence in others, but much safer to depend upon yourself.  
No person need make a great effort in the affection of manners, it is noticeable enough.  
One of the causes that leads us to misfortune is that we live according to the example of others.  
Though a man may be hopelessly blind, he is sure to go to sea when he crosses the ocean.  
A lady refers to the time she spends in front of her looking-glass as "moments of reflection."  
"What a pity it is," says a city clergyman, "that there are so many sweet sinners and sour saints."  
Visitor—You don't seem to mind what our mother says, Johnny, Little Johnny—No, but she does.  
Why may a beggar wear a very short coat? Because it will be long enough before he gets another one.  
A lady had her likeness taken so well, that her husband said he thought he preferred it to the original.  
Nothing will render a man useless faster than to live among people who think that everything he says is right.  
She was so inconsolable for the death of her husband that when she played the piano she touched only the black keys.  
Do make yourselves at home ladies, said Mrs. Smith, to some unwelcome visitors. I am at home myself, and sincerely wish you all were.  
A clergyman who married a couple of deaf mutes in Brooklyn the other day made a bad break when he wished them "unspeakable bliss."  
Playing in the Puddles.  
On the birthday of Napoleon Charles, son of Louis Napoleon and Hortense, and a child whom the Emperor Napoleon meant to make his heir, he and his mother were seated at a window in the palace which opened upon the grand avenue. A heavy shower had fallen, and the avenue was full of pools of water. A group of barefooted children were out there wading in the water and playing with little chip boats. The young Prince, richly dressed, in a splendid hall and surrounded by his attendant and costly birthday presents, turned carelessly away from his toys and watched the children with eager interest.  
"So then, my son?" said his mother, "you are not grateful for your presents."  
"Oh, yes," replied the young Prince, "but I am so used to toys. Look at those little boys, mamma?"  
"Do you wish for money to give them?"  
"Papa gave me enough this morning."  
"Well, what all you? What do you want?"  
"Oh," said the young Prince, hesitatingly, "I know you won't let me, but if I could go out and play in these beautiful puddles, it would amuse me a hundred times more than all my elegant toys. Oh, please let me go!"  
So the royal enjoyments are not always the most costly, and poor children enjoy liberties unknown to some rich ones.

How to stop a Runaway Horse  
When you see a runaway horse coming, do not try to check him by a rush from the opposite direction or the side, for you will be immediately knocked flat by the collision, but instead prepare yourself for a short run with the horse. Measure with your eye the distance, and start for the run while he is in the case of far to medium runways. You may depend upon his keeping a straight line, for a really frightened horse is half blind, and would not veer for a steam engine. He will go straight ahead until he smashes into something. So you get close to the line on which he is rushing, and, as he passes you, grab the reins near the saddle. Gather the reins firmly, and then, leaning backward as you run, give them a powerful yank. You may be able to brace yourself somewhat as you give this yank, half sliding on your feet. The strong jerk on the bits tells the horse that he again has a master, and prepares him for the final struggle. A step or two forward after the first yank, it again. This is the finishing stroke. It never fails when given by a determined man. The horse is on his haunches. Keep a firm pull on the reins till you grasp the horse by the nostrils, and hold him so until he is pacified.

An Indelible Ink that cannot be erased even with the acids, can be obtained from the following recipe: To good gall ink add a strong solution of Prussian blue dissolved in distilled water. This will form a writing fluid which cannot be erased without destruction of the paper. The ink will turn black.  
We meet a great many men whose talk is like a bunch of fire crackers, when they are first touched off—full of pop for a few minutes, and then all is over.

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### Chicken Houses.

One of the difficulties in chicken raising is that but few houses have been built which answer for both winter and summer, says a correspondent of the *American Rural Home*. For a flock of twenty fowls I prefer a house 12 feet, 7 feet high at the rear and 9 feet at the front, the roof to be of tarred paper, and the floor of close boards. Board floors are preferred as they can be swept off with a broom if kept well dusted with dry earth and as they are always dry, there will be less liability to dampness. The floor should be raised about three feet from the ground, the front side open to the yard. The object in raising it up three feet is to guard against harboring rats. It also affords an open shelter in winter, as the three closed sides protect the towels against the winds and afford shade in the summer. In other words it is a covered run for the fowls and really gives double space, as the birds can lay and roost above, steps being provided for them to go up or down to the space above the floor. A small window on the south side will give necessary light, as too much glass causes loss of heat by radiation at night.

The roof should be about six inches above a two-foot wide board, at the rear of the house and the nests underneath, which saves space. Of course two or three steps will be necessary in order to enter the door to the upper part, which should be on the west end of the house near the front. The floor under the board floor should be of earth, raised about the surrounding ground. One inch wire mesh, be underneath the floor to keep the rats out, it may be of boards. The interior may be lined with any kind of cheap building paper. There should be two ventilators at the two highest corners of the house to be kept open during the day only. Such a house is excellent for winter. In summer the windows may be taken out and a screen wire netting put in place and the opening in the floor where the fowls enter may then be covered with a screen also. This plan will if the ventilators are kept open give plenty of fresh air in summer.

### Snow Forts in War.

A great many young play-warriors have built formidable snow forts but they never have imagined, probably, that there could be such a thing as the use of snow forts for actual soldiers, and for purposes of defence against bullets. Gately, however, the Norwegian officers have been conducting some interesting experiments in snow fortifications.

A colonel in the royal service recently constructed entrenchments of packed snow about three yards in thickness. They were placed a firing detachment a distance of thirty-three yards from the entrenchments and caused 300 rifle shots to be fired into the fort. After the firing the snow walls were examined and it was found that not a single rifle ball had penetrated more than a yard and a quarter into the snow. The bullets were found flattened out as if they had been fired into some hard substance.

Such breastworks would undoubtedly prove very useful against infantry, in a winter campaign, in a snowy country. But a military force entrenched behind them would have occasion to fear a thaw or a heavy rain quite as much as the bullets of the enemy.

### Depth of Set Posts.

Correspondents in different parts of the country differ widely as to the depth of hole needed for fence posts. Some say that two feet is ample depth, while others insist on three feet. Both are probably right. The depth must vary with the probable freezing of the soil. The bottom of the post ought to be at least six inches below the probable depth of freezing. That amount of soil will remain packed about the foot of the post and hold it down. Something also depends on the material of which the fence is made. Boards offer too much resistance to winds, and at the top of the fence act on the post as a lever, twisting it out of the ground. Fence rails attached to posts have an additional objection that their weight causes it to lean. Careful farmers now make post-and-rail fences with one or two strands of barbed wire at the top. After a little experience with this fence by leading stock up to it they generally learn to give it a wide berth. Such a fence will not blow down nor easily sag if the posts are sunk below frost depth.

### "Drilled" Wheat.

When the farmer sows his wheat in the old-fashioned way by staking over the fields with a bag hung around his neck and flung his seed to the four winds; when the implements of the farmer were crude and his mechanical resources limited, the sowing and frost were the dread of the tillers of the West and Northwest. Great progress has been made in the art of agriculture since that period. But in the march of improvement the weather problem had to be mastered. An ingenious Yankee did it. He invented the "drill," with which every farmer in the West now sows his wheat. It saves time and labor and, in the event of a severe freeze, it saves the plant itself. Every grain of wheat raised in the great wheat growing section is drilled wheat, and the universal testimony of the farmer is that drilled wheat, in its early growth, can't be "frozen out," because the root of the plant is too deep in the ground, whereas the hand-sown wheat of former days took root very near the surface, and necessarily suffered in severe weather.

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### A Maelstrom in a Lake.

An inland lake with a maelstrom is a curiosity not generally supposed to exist; yet there is such a phenomenon in Florida. Lake Jackson is a lake six miles north of Tallahassee, it is eighteen miles long in high water and twelve during low water, and here is the point and reason of the maelstrom. The legends of dates differ in time somewhat, but the first great maelstrom is placed in August, 1840. At that time some negroes were fishing not far from the north end. Suddenly a loud noise was heard, and their little boat began to move around in a large circle the center of which deflected in the form of a cone. Soon their craft began to revolve so rapidly that the party got frightened and started for the shore. The negroes had a difficult voyage, as the maelstrom rapidly increased in size and power. They succeeded in time and turned to look at the disturbance. Soon the roar became terrific and attracted not only all the slaves on the great Jackson estates surrounding the lake, but the aristocratic white owners as well. It was several days before the waters calmed down, and then it was discovered that the lake had lowered from eighteen miles in length to twelve. Meantime the residents along the Ochlocknee river, five miles away, were terrified by an enormous tidal wave, as they at first supposed it to be, but which proved to be, the departing waters of Jackson lake. The river during the maelstrom was swollen to more than twice its usual size. After the lake calmed down the inhabitants examined the scene of the maelstrom. A great hole was found to have been excavated in the bottom of the lake in the form of a cone. It had been clogged with logs, fish, alligators and debris of all descriptions, which proved fortunate, as it saved the lake from destruction. During the next seven years the lake gradually filled to its former level; then for seven years it lowered gradually to the level established by the maelstrom. This remarkable alternation has continued regularly since. I visited the lake last Christmas and spent several weeks hunting and fishing in the vicinity. The lake at that time was at its lowest. I was told by the negroes that the maelstrom had arrived for it to begin the first of its seven years' rise. Finally it did begin to ebb up, and before I felt it had risen two feet, which, over a surface of thirty square miles, must amount to an enormous quantity of water.

### Cream for Churning.

There happens just now to troublesome uncertainty as to the keeping and churning of cream, due to eager desire to make clear what is at present inexplicable, and to the seeming strife among certain dairy writers to be sensational. Hence the term "ripening" of cream and consequent confusion. Cream is "ripe" when ready for churning and making the best quality of butter. This condition is a moderate degree of acidity or sourness, and the practical butter-maker may be sure there is nothing more than this needed with cream free from all uncleanness to make the best and most butter. Some time ago these "experts"—at present loudest on "ripening"—were equally vociferous in praise of churning sweet cream. But now it is alleged that sweet cream will not yield so much butter by 20 or 25 per cent, as ripened or sour cream.

The latter statement is as wide of the mark as it was to say the sweet cream makes best-flavored butter. Some persons prefer their butter to be insipid—free from that aroma which is its most desirable quality to ordinary consumers. Ripened cream, which makes finely flavored butter, has just entered the first stage of decomposition known as acidity. If this decomposition goes too far the flavor becomes gradually stronger until it ends in rancidity. At this season there is danger of the cream, by too long keeping, becoming too sour or overripe, and consequently making inferior butter. This is to be avoided with every care, but especially by keeping the milk at a temperature below 60 degrees and the cream still cooler when a churning is only made once a week.

### The Art of Boiling.

Boiling is a very general mode of cooking meats, and in this way may be made very palatable if properly done. Inattention to the temperature of the water and too early application of salt cause great waste in boiling, and injure the flavor of the meat. To have a joint nutritious and agreeable to the appetite, it should be placed in a shallow dish, with a perforated sheet of wood laid on the top, to enable the bees to get at it without being in or getting their wings among them. There are many styles of bee-feeding water, but when it cannot be obtained pure sugar may be used as a substitute. Take No. A or the best of the fed sugar obtainable, and to every three pounds add one quart of water. When the sugar is dissolved, boil and strain to remove all impurities. This syrup may be poured in on the empty comb and the bees will insert it at night, or the syrup may be placed in a shallow dish, with a perforated sheet of wood laid on the top, to enable the bees to get at it without being in or getting their wings among them. There are many styles of bee-feeding water, but when it cannot be obtained pure sugar may be used as a substitute. Take No. A or the best of the fed sugar obtainable, and to every three pounds add one quart of water. When the sugar is dissolved, boil and strain to remove all impurities. This syrup may be poured in on the empty comb and the bees will insert it at night, or the syrup may be placed in a shallow dish, with a perforated sheet of wood laid on the top, to enable the bees to get at it without being in or getting their wings among them.

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The selection of the best will give you the most profitable results.

Keep every young animal on farm continually gaining.

There is no profit to be derived from idle or half starved animals of any breed.

The grains of pop corn that are char instead of popping are excellent feed for hens.

Abundant pedigree will never come up for lack of abundant food and good care.

Do not let the milk, cream or butter freeze