

THE STAGE-DRIVER'S STORY.

How General Scott's Life was Saved and How His Driver Twice Escaped Death

The traveler of the present day, as he is hurried along by the lightning express, in a buffet car and palace sleepers, seldom reverts in thought to the time when the stage coach and packet were the only means of communication between distant points.

Notwithstanding all his strength and his robust constitution the strain of continuous work and exposure proved too much for Mr. Haskell's constitution. The constant jolting of the coach and the necessarily cramped position in which he was obliged to sit, contributed to this end, and at times he was obliged to abandon driving altogether.

Speaking of this period he said: "I found it almost impossible to sleep at night; my appetite left me entirely and I had a tired feeling which I never knew before and could not account for."

"What did you do then?" "What I should have done long before: listen to my wife. Under her advice I began a new treatment."

"Now," said the justice to the witness, "you will please tell just how it happened."

"Yes, sir, I'll try. The prisoner and the man were eating dinner at the same table, and they got to quarreling, when the prisoner got up with a dab of mashed Irish potatoes, and hit that other man on the head with it."

AGRICULTURE.

COMPOUNDING DUST BATHS.—I have been trying several kinds of material for a sand bath inside the poultry house. From close observation I find that they dislike to wallow in sand and wood ashes when unmixed—my fowls have dug into the ground floor and made a wallowing bath, and left both wood and coal ashes entirely untouched.

In preparing nests place a few inches of earth in the bottom or invert a sod. "If the hens are troubled with lice," says a poultry monthly, "put a spoonful of sulphur on the bottom of each nest before you put eggs under them."

A WASH FOR FRUIT TREES.—Some of the agricultural papers are advertising caustic potash, or strong lye made from wood ashes, as a wash for fruit trees. This will remove all the moss and rough bark, but trees on which it has been used look red and sort of burned, and soon have rougher bark than ever.

ALL French draught horses are Norman horses, from whatever province in France they may come. There are different tribes of families in the different provinces, all tracing in their origin to the ancient Norman war horse.

ONE of the very finest effects of phosphate on wheat was the result of drilling it in between the rows of wheat with the previous fall. No phosphate was applied when the grain was sown.

IN growing cabbage one of the conditions is the thorough pulverization of the soil, and it should be deep. Set out the plants in freshly-plowed land and allow plenty of manure.

SHREWBIRDS will live on lettuce, castor-oil plant leaves and other plants, but they can only make silk from the leaves of the mulberry or ceage orange. The best mulberry is the Japan (white), though there are five kinds of white, two of black and several of different shades.

HUMOROUS.

The tramp ascended the front steps, and after taking the precaution to read the doorknob, rang the bell with a free-and-easy confidence born of previous successes. The door was opened by a woman, as the tramp had anticipated. "Is Mr. Brown in?" he asked.

PLAYING with the baby: In the steam car, the other day, was a bright little four-year-old lady. An elderly gentleman, a few seats back, every time the little one turned around, would shake his finger, or duck his head, or "clack," or do some one of the score of things that are supposed to be especially pleasing to babies.

A ROLLOUT BLOCKADE. The blockade of the intestinal canal caused by constipation should be broken as speedily as possible, as it runs the general health and bodily comfort. But while relief is most desirable, it should not be attempted by the use of violent purgatives like calomel, p. diphylin pills, and salts and soda.

OUR teacher is a donkey. The pupils expected there would be a combined cyclone and earthquake, but the philosophic pedagogues contented himself with adding the word "drivier" to the legend, and opened the school with prayer as usual.

POPULARITY of lawn tennis: "Do you play lawn tennis this season, Miss—?" inquired he, last evening? "No, I never learned the game. Is it interesting?" "Yes, very. You see, there are four courts on each side—'That is eight courts, isn't it? Why, if I had known there was so much courting in the game I should have been an expert by this time.'" "Oh, I assure you, but you are an expert." There is no use in pursuing this scheme further.

WHEN I look at the quackery and speciousity of the times, I determine to cast all tolerance to the winds," said Carlyle in conversation just reported. "My dear fellow," said Sterling, slyly, "I had no idea you had any to cast."

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DOMESTIC.

AMBER PUDDING.—One dozen large tart apples, one cupful of sugar, the juice and rind of two lemons, six eggs, four table-spoonfuls of butter, enough puff or chopped paste to line a three pint pudding dish. Pare and quarter the apples. Pare the thin rind from the lemon, being careful not to cut into the white part. Put the butter, apple and lemon-rind and juice in a stew-pan with half a cupful of water; cover tightly and simmer three-quarters of an hour, rub through a sieve, add the sugar and set away to cool.

To DYE KID GLOVES BLACK.—Stuff the fingers with small seeds or bran, and the hand with rags. Put one-half ounce tincture muriate of iron into a teacup of warm water, and with a rag brush the solution over the glove, being careful to touch every spot. With a clean rag brush the dye all over the glove that has been wet with the iron solution, and hang it up to dry. After drying, repeat the operation, and if necessary give it a third coat.

KALSOMINE.—Eight pounds of whitening and one quarter of a pound of white glue make the right proportions. Soak the glue over night in cold water, and in the morning heat till it is perfectly dissolved. Mix the whitening with hot water, stir the two thoroughly together, and have the wash the consistency of thick cream. Apply warm with a kalsomine brush, brushing it well in and finishing it as you go on. If warm skin milk is used instead of water, the wash is applied all holes and crevices should be stopped with plaster of Paris mixed with water. Colors to tint the walls may be procured at any paint store. If zinc white is used instead of whitening, it will last for years.

POTATO SOUP.—A quart of milk, six large potatoes, one stalk of celery, an onion and a tablespoonful of butter. Put milk to boil thirty minutes. Turn off the water and mash fine and light. Add the boiling milk and the butter, and pepper and salt to taste. Rub through a strainer, and serve immediately. A cupful of whipped cream, added when in the cream tureen is a great improvement. This soup must not be allowed to stand, even if kept hot. Served as soon as ready, it is excellent.

FRENCH BEANS A LA POULETTE.—Choose some young and tender French beans and remove all fibres by breaking off the ends; wash, and boil in boiling water; when done toss them in melted butter seasoned with chopped thyme and parsley; stir in a little flour, a inch of salt and same stock, reduce to a sauce, thicken with yolks of egg, flavor with a few drops of lemon, and serve.

RICHARD CREAM PIE.—One pint stewed rhubarb, four ounces sugar, one pint cream, two ounces powdered cracker, three eggs. Rub the stewed rhubarb through a sieve, beat the other ingredients well together, and just as the pie is ready for the oven, stir in the rhubarb; pour the whole into a plate lined with pastry. Cover with strips and bake.

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