

**A HORSE AT THE SHOW.**

**Story of a Ribbon Winning From an Equine Viewpoint.**

One of the popular features of the annual horse show in New York is the squad of park police horses that is always entered. The winning of a blue ribbon by one of these police horses is told in "Horses Nine," by Sewell Ford, from the viewpoint of the horse. The author says:

So it happened that one morning Skipper heard the sergeant tell Reddy that he had been detailed for the horse show squad. Reddy had saluted and said nothing at the time, but when they were once out on post he told Skipper all about it.

"Sure an' it's app'arin' before a s' the swells in town ye'll be, me b'y. Phat do ye think of that, eh? An' mebbe ye'll be gettin' a blue ribbon, Skipper, me lad, an' mebbe Mr. Patrick Martin will have a roundsman's berth an' chevrons on his sleeves afore the year's out."

The horse show was all that Reddy had promised, and more. The light almost dazzled Skipper. The sounds and the smells confused him, but he felt Reddy on his back, heard him chirrup softly and soon felt at ease on the tank.

Then there was a great crash of noise, and Skipper, with some fifty of his friends on the force, began to move around the circle. First it was fours abreast, then by twos, and then a rush to troop front, when, in a long line, they swept around as if they had been harnessed to a beam by traces of equal length.

After some more evolutions a half dozen were picked out and put through their paces. Skipper was one of these. Then three of the six were sent to join the rest of the squad. Only Skipper and two others remained in the center of the ring. Men in queer clothes, wearing tall, black hats, showing much white shirt front and carrying long whips, came and looked them over carefully.

Skipper showed these men how he could waltz in time to the music, and the people who banked the circle as far up as Skipper could see shouted and clapped their hands until it seemed as if a thunderstorm had broken loose. At last one of the men in tall hats tied a blue ribbon on Skipper's bridle.

When Reddy got him into the stable, he fed him four big red apples, one after the other. Next day Skipper knew that he was a famous horse. Reddy showed him their pictures in the paper.

**A Reward and a Fine.**

A few years ago, owing to the serious depredations of rat catchers on the banks of the Thames, the authorities were compelled to issue notice boards offering a reward of £5 for information, payable on conviction of the offender. Not many days after the notice appeared an Irishman was caught and being brought before the magistrate was ordered to pay a fine and costs amounting altogether to £2. Not having the needful, Pat went into retirement at the expense of the country. The next morning, however, another son of Erin appeared at the prison and, paying the fine, liberated his friend. The governor, having been in the court on the previous day, recognized the "liberator" as the principal witness against the accused. This puzzled him, and he asked for an explanation.

"Well," said Pat, "it's loike this, sorr: Tim and myself were hard up, and, seeing the notice, Tim agreed to be caught. I gave information against him, and this morning I drew the money, and, now ye're paid, we've £3 left to start the world with."—London Answers.

**Encouragement of a Great Singer.**

Grassini, the great Italian singer, was very much interested in the young girls among her relatives and always ready to encourage any talent she could find in any of them. One day a novice was brought to her with the unpromising words, "She is a spoiled contralto and will never do anything on the stage." But the singer listened while the young girl began her frightened trills, when suddenly Grassini caught her in her arms with delight. "Why, you are not a contralto," she said, "but the finest soprano in the world. Your voice is far stronger than mine. Study well. You want none of my help. There is a rich bank in your throat." The little singer was none other than Giulia Grisi.

**Linguistic Instinct.**

The strength of the linguistic instinct in children is shown by the remarkable shifts they will make to find forms of expression for their perception or feelings. An examination of these shifts will show that the energy of the child manifests itself along precisely the same lines as have been taken by the same language of the races of mankind toward their ultimate forms. Thus, lacking the word "wide," a little one said, "Open the door loud," extending the meaning of the word "loud" precisely as we do when we apply it colloquially to colors.

**In a Quandary.**

"Mary gets so excited when she reads history."  
"Does she?"  
"I should say she did. She's been reading English history, but she had to stop when she got to the Wars of the Roses."  
"Why did she stop?"  
"She couldn't tell which rose she preferred to have win."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Why He Moved Away.**

Kind Lady—So you were in one place three years? Why did you leave?  
"Trump—I wuz pardoned, ma'am."—Chicago Journal.

He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything.—Plato.

Can the dentist always be depended upon to fill a long-felt want.

**THE GRANGE**

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**A GRANGE LIBRARY.**

**An Important Consideration in the Best Grange Work.**

It is well for us to remember in our outline of grange work for the year before us that some provision should be made for a library, or, if one is already owned, then additions should be made to it systematically. There is nothing which enters more deeply into the warp and woof of one's character than the books we read. The practice of keeping before the minds of our young men and young women beautiful and uplifting images, bright, cheerful and helpful thoughts from good books is of inestimable value. The difference between the future of the boy who has formed the habit of good reading and the one who has not is as great as between the educated and the uneducated. Next to the actual society of a noble, high minded author is the benefit to be gained by reading his books. The mind is brought into harmony with the hopes and ideals of the writer, so that it is impossible afterward to be satisfied with low or ignoble things. The horizon of the reader broadens, his point of view changes, his ideals are higher and nobler, and his outlook on life is more elevated. Let the grange library become a permanent fixture.—G. A. Fuller.

**"ALWAYS A GRANGER."**

**The True Purposes of the Grange Should Be Made Known.**

A few days ago, in conversation with the master of a grange we had just organized, says a writer in Farm and Fireside, he said, "Why, I've always been a granger, but didn't know it." That one pointed remark aptly answers the question so often asked by grange workers—why men and women whose sympathies are in line with ours do not unite with us. This man was progressive, anxious to secure for his family and friends the very best advantages possible, but felt powerless alone. In the grange he found others desired the same things he did and discovered the chain of sympathy that binds men together the world over.

"But I have explained the objects of the grange many times," the worker protests. True. So have I, and I often find myself indulging in stock phrases and stereotyped expressions that convey but little to my hearers. First find the ambition of the one you seek to convince, and if the grange will aid him show him so in terms he will appreciate. The hearts of the best people on our farms are with us did they but know the true meaning of the grange, and we owe it to them and to ourselves to secure their allegiance. There are thousands of excellent men and women who have "always been grangers" who are out of the order because they have no accurate knowledge of what its true purposes are.

**Postal Savings Banks.**

Public sentiment is developing in favor of postal savings banks and as the advantages of the system become better understood there will be still further tendency toward their establishment. When we make it possible for the country boy or girl to go to the nearest postoffice and deposit however small a sum of money and receive a bankbook guaranteed by the United States government, we have not only instilled habits of economy that will result in similar action by all the boys and girls associating together, but we have planted in the breasts of the rising generation seeds of patriotism and loyalty to country that will thrive and bear fruit in the future. There are many reasons why the grange advocates the establishment of postal savings banks, but one of the chief of these is the habit of thrift and economy promoted and the love of country developed that could be done so effectively in no other way.—N. J. Bachelder, National Lecturer.

**Strengthen Weak Points.**

"A chain is no stronger than its weakest link." It is where we are weak that our enemies always attack us. Individually we must fortify our characters against the attack of everything unworthy of our best selves. As an order we must fortify such places in our organization as offer any inducement to an attack by an enemy. Where do those who wish to use our Order for selfish ends usually try to approach us? Let us study the question and be on our guard.

**Grange Needs and Gives Help.**

The grange is in need of the help which the best and strongest men in every community can give it; but, on the other hand, the best and strongest men in every community are in far greater need of the grange. Much as the grange needs good men in it, the need of the farmer for the grange and the help it can give him through its organization is immeasurably greater.

New York state leads in grange membership with 70,000.

**Always the Mode.**

"You don't care much for display?"  
"Not much," replied the very wealthy man.

"Yet there is some satisfaction in not being wholly out of style."  
"That is the point exactly. The things that money buys go out of fashion in a few months, but the money itself becomes more stylish every century."—Washington Star.

**Cruel Perversion.**

She—Do you recall the day we were married?  
He—I wish to gracious I could—  
Zonure Stetson.

**A JAPANESE GARDEN.**

**Follow This Recipe and You Will Have One Complete.**

The classical garden, like a sonnet, is governed by special laws of harmony and rhythm. It must have its five hills, its ten trees and its fourteen stones. You can get along without the hills, and you can get along without the trees, but you cannot get along without stones. Indeed the perfect type of the flat garden is nothing but an archipelago of rocks in a sea of white pebbles. The stones must be the foundation; the rest are mere accessories. Speaking stones are what is wanted—stones that suggest moods and passions—for the Japanese recognize that there are sermons in rocks. Each stone has its name and relative place in the composition. There is the guardian stone in the center and opposite it the belleview stone. Across the cascade is the moonshade stone and so on.

The hills unmask each other by rule. The principal hill has its two foothills, its spur hills, its distant peak, seen through a valley, and the low hill that must stand on the opposite side of the lake.

As there are a principal stone and a principal hill, so must there be a "principal tree," the shojin boku, around which the Tree of Purity, the Tree of Evil, the Tree of the Setting Sun, the Tree of Science and the Tree of Solitude bow their lesser heads.

These are the essentials. Now, add one pond, one island, two stone lanterns, three bridges and mix thoroughly, garnish with lotus and serve with goldfish and mandarin duck. There is a recipe for a Japanese garden.—William Verbeck in Country Life.

**PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.**

The Maine State Grange Reports 24,000 Members of the Order.

At the recent annual session of the Maine state grange the worthy master, Hon. Obadiah Gardner, said that 1902 had been the most prosperous year for the order in that state of any in its history. About thirty-five new granges were organized, with a total of 5,312 new members, the total state membership being 24,100, second only to New York. Nearly 200 subordinate granges own their own halls. Twenty-eight granges have a membership exceeding 200 each, the largest one being 507. Resolutions were adopted reaffirming faith in the principles of prohibition, pledging to work for reconstruction of divorce laws and for extension of rural free delivery, recommending that the next legislature shall grant the right of municipal suffrage to all taxpaying women of the state.

**Winston Churchill, Granger.**

The Worcester (Mass.) Telegram remarks that Winston Churchill of Cornish, N. H., and elsewhere, is to be a colonel on the staff of Governor N. J. Bachelder of New Hampshire, the grange governor. Winston will be joining the grange next and lecturing on the respective merits of the turnip and the wild boar in a fenced game preserve. He has shot the bear for a Christmas dinner, and he may have raised a turnip to eat with the lean but insidious hog of the forest, but he has not proclaimed his success in the turnip patch. He will have to prove that before he can join the grange unless his membership in the New Hampshire house of representatives and on the gold braid staff of the governor gives him a special license. Literary fame is a wonderful fertilizer in the politics of the farther north than Massachusetts.

**How the Farmer is Benefited.**

The grange is a benefit to the farmer because it gives him a respect for his calling and an encouragement to make something of himself; because it helps to train his mind and thoughts to usefulness; instills a patriotism and engenders a spirit of fraternity which is the greatest sweetener of human toil. It furnishes a medium through which his desire for the good of himself and others can materialize; it directs his efforts to greater usefulness. The grange benefits the farmer just in proportion as he strives through the grange to benefit his associates. When the individual member ceases to ask of the grange, "What is there in it for me?" but asks rather, "What can I put into it?" then shall the greatest usefulness of the grange be realized.—W. N. Giles, Secretary New York State Grange.

**What James G. Blaine Said.**

James G. Blaine once said: "The farmers of the republic will control its destiny. Against the storms of popular fury, against frenzied madness that seeks collision with established order, against the spirit of anarchy that would sweep away the landmarks and safeguards of Christian society and republican government, the farmers of the United States will stand as a shield and bulwark, themselves the willing subjects of law." To strengthen this bulwark is the work of the grange. If the quoted remarks are true, then the work of the grange appeals to the patriotism of all.

Colonel Hezekiah Bowen died recently at Medina, N. Y. He was general superintendent of the New York state fair for a quarter century. He served in the civil war and was brevet lieutenant colonel.

Twenty-six states of the Union were represented at the late meeting of the national grange at Lansing, Mich.

Woman is eligible to any office in the grange, and there are three offices which women must fill.

The resources of the national grange amount to \$64,928.56, quite a respectable sum.

Last year 256 new granges were organized. Michigan led with ninety.

Smith, the Photographer.  
W. W. Smith, the photographer, will be in Centre Hall on Friday of this week, until 2:30 p. m.

**Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.**

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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