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Stick to your Business.

There is nothing which should be more frequently impressed upon the minds of young men than the importance of steadily pursuing some one business. The frequent changing from one employment to another is one of the most common errors committed, and to it may be traced more than half the failures of men in business, and much of the discontent and disappointments that render life uncomfortable. It is a very common thing for a man to become dissatisfied with is wear like a trooper, at my impudence at dunning him at unseasonable times. Now there was one Joe Harkins, a waghis business, and to desire to change it for some other, and what seems to him will prove a more lucrative employment; but in nine cases out of ten it is a mistake. Look round you, and you will find abundant verification

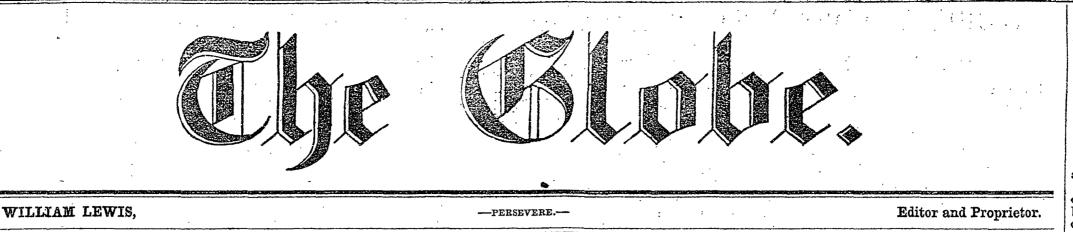
of our assertion. Here is a young man who commenced life as a mechanic, but for some cause imagined that he ought to have been a doctor; and after

a hasty shallow preparation has taken up the saddle bags only to find that work is still work, and that his patients are no more pro-fitable than his work-bench, and the occupation not a bis more agreeable.

Here are two young clerks; one of them is content, when his first term of service is over, to continue a clerk until he has money enough to commence business on his own account; the other can't wait, but starts off without capital and with a limited experience, and brings up after a few years in a court of insolvency, while his former comrade, by patient perseverance, comes out at last with a fortune.

That young lawyer who becomes disheartened because briefs and cases did'at crowd upon him while he was yet redolent of calf-bound volumes, and had small use for red tape, who concluded that he had mistaken his calling, and so plunged into politics, finally settled down into the character of a meddling pettifogger, scrambling for his daily bread.

There is an honest farmer who has toiled a few years, got his farm paid for, but does not grow rich very rapidly, as much for lack of contentment mingled with his industry as anything, though he is not aware of it-he hears the wonderful stories of California, and how fortunes may be had for the trouble of on. picking them up, mortgages his farm to raise money, goes to the land of gold, and after months of hard toil, comes home to begin again at the bottom of the hill for a more weary and less successful climbing up again.



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The way to Collect a Bill. Old Squire Tobin was a slow walker but slower pay. Blessed with abundant means he was considered *ultimately* good for any debt he might contract, but he had contracted a habit of holding on to his money, until forced by extra opportunity to fork over.

"There goes the old Squire," said Brown the merchant; "I've had a bill of five dollars and fifty cents against him for eighteen months, and if I have asked him once for it I have done so twenty times; but he has either not got with him, or he will call tomorrow, or, if not in a good humor, he will

Now there was one Joe Harkins, a waggish sort of a fellow, who heard the complaint of merchant Brown, and resolved upon some

"Come, now, Brown," said Joe, "what will you bet I can't get the money from the old Squire before he gets home?"

"A new hat," said Brown.

"Enough said," said Joe.

While Brown was hunting the bill, Joe disguised himself in a striped blanket and slouched hat. Thus equipped, with the bill in his hand he took after the squire.

"Hello, is your name Squire Tobin ?"

"Yes," answered the squire with a snarl, "what is that to you?" "I have a little bill, sir—collecting for

merchant Brown, sir." "Merchant Brown can go to thunder, sir,"

said the Squire, "I've got no money for him; you must call again."

Joe bowed politely, slipped down the alley just in time to head the Squire at the next corner.

"Oh, sir," said Joe, stopping suddenly, 'is your name Tobin ?"

"Tobin, sir, is my name." "Here is a little bill, sir, from merchant Brown."

"Zounds! sir," replied the Squire, "Didn't I meet you just around the cor-ner?"

"Meet me?" replied Joe, "guess it was B——, another of Brown's collectors." "Then I suppose merchant Brown has two red striped collectors dogging my steps; I won't pay it, sir, to day, begone?" The old Squire, as he said this, brought down his stick hard upon the payement and foddled stick hard upon the pavement and toddled

Joe, nothing daunted, took advantage of another alley, and by a rapid movement in a few minutes placed himself once more in front of the Squire. The old man's bile was making him mutter and growl as he walked Mark the men in every community who are notorious for ability and equally notorious for never getting ahead, and you will usually find them to be these who never stick to one find them to be those who never stick to one business long, but are always forsaking their friend once more in front. Squire Tobin

was as sweet as a nut to the taste; my peach weary watchings and night vigils and trials I have sold for so much money that when I of patience shall be forgotten.

go to the city I can buy twelve of them." The parent shook his head reprovingly, saying, "beware, my boy of avarice. Pru-dence is all very well, but such conduct as yours is unchildlike and unnatural. Heaven guard thee, my child, from the fate of a mi-"I have given my peach to the son of our

neighbor, the sick George, who has had the fever. He would not take it, so I left it on the bed, and I have just come away."

"Now," said the father, "who has done the best with his peach?" "Brother Edmund !" the three exclaimed

aloud, "brother Edmund!" Edmund was still and silent, and his

mother kissed him with tears of joy in her eyes.

A Fast Story.

An Englishman was bragging of the speed on English Railroads to a Yankee traveler seated at his side on one of the cars of a "fast train," in England. The engine bell was rung as the train neared a station. It sug-

gested to the Yankee an opportunity of "ta-king down" his companion "a peg or two." "What's that noise ?" innocently inquired the Yankee.

"We are approaching a town," said the Englishman. "They have to commence ring-ing about ten miles before they get to a sta-tion on the the train area by the to a sta-tion of the train area by the train area the bell could be heard! Wonderful, isn't have I done? I did not tell him I would see the man-I only asked him if I should."

bells yet?"," "Well, yes," replied the Yankee, "we're We run so tarnal fast that the train always keeps ahead of the sound. No use whatever; the sound never reaches the village till after

the train gets by." "Indeed !" exclaimed the Englishman. "Fact !" said the Yankee; " had to give "Fact !" said the Yankee; "had to give On your return he will not see the kitten, up bells. Then we tried steam whistles, but therefore you will have to invent another they would'nt either. I was on a locomotive falsehood to conceal the first." when the whistle was tried. We were going when the whistle was thed. We were going at a tremendous rate—hurricanes were no-whar—and I had to hold my hair on. We saw a two-horse wagon crossing the track, about five miles ahead, and the engineer let did not think her little one was doing all he about five finites anead, and the engineer let did not think her little one was doing all he the whistle on screeching like a trooper. It could to keep awake to see the coveted kitten on her return, wondering what made 'mother next thing I knew, I was picking myself out of a pond by the road side, and the fragments of the locomotive, dead horses, and broken wagon, and dead engineer, lying beside me. Just then the whistle come along mixed un but the heard her and said ... Just then the whistle come along mixed up with some frightful oath that I heard the en- "Mother, is that you? Have you brought

Deceiving Children. I was spending a few days with an inti-mate friend, and never did I see a more systematic housewife, and, what then seemed to

me, one who had so quiet and complete conser. And you, Edmund?" asked the father trol of her child. But the secret of the latreturning to his son, who frankly and openly replied: small social gathering of friends, therefore she was very desirous of attending; but her child demanded her presence with him. After undressing him, and hearing him say his prayers, she said :

Willie, did you see that pretty little kit-

until the right one is found beyond a doubt, after which you can go on and love and court and be married and happy, without the least

He said no more, but quietly lay down

"Well, yes," replied the Yankee, "we're would. He is not old enough to detect the got bells but can't use them on our railroads. difference now, but he soon will be. Then I fear you will perceive your error too late .---You have yourself grafted a thorn in your young rose, which will eventually pierce you most bitterly. You cannot break off the thorn, or club the point, to make it less piercing .--

We had now gained our friend's door,

gineer use when he first saw the horses. Poor the kitten? I kept awake to see it, and was

CURING BEEF AND PORK .- The following mode of curing beef and pork, we have

perhaps given before, but it will bear re-publication : To 1 gallon of water,

The Housekeeper.

Take 1½ lbs. salt, ½ lb. brown sugar,

cz. saltpetre.

1 oz. potash. In this ratio the pickle to be increased to

any quantity desired. Let these be boiled together until all the dirt from the salt and sugar (which will not be a little,) rises to the top and is skimmed off. Then throw the pickle into a large tub to cool, and when cold, pour it over your beef or pork, to remain the usual time, say from four to six weeks, according to the size of the pieces, and the kind of ment. The meat must be well covered with the pickle and it should not be put down for at least two days after killing, during which time it should be slightly sprinkled with powdered saltpetre. -Germantown Telegraph.

NO. 21.

HOW TO MAKE LARD CANDLES .- Messrs: Editors :- Having been the recipient of many favors through the columns of your invaluable publications, I propose as far as in me lies, to cancel the obligations already incurred, and as the first installment, I shall offer a recipe for making hard, durable and clear burning candles of lard. The manu-

facture of lard candles is carried on to a considerable extent in some of the Western States, particularly Wisconsin, and being monopolized by the few has proved very lucrative. The following is the recipe in to-to: To every 8 lbs. of lard, add one ounce

nitric acid; and the manner of making is as follows: Having carefully weighed your lard, place it over a slow fire, or at least merely melt it; then add the acid, and mould the same as tallow, and you have a clear, beautiful candle.

In order to make them resemble bona fide tallow candles, you have only to add a small proportion of pure bees-wax. J. A Robison. Belcher, N. Y. in Co. Gent.

ALUM TO HARDEN CANDLES .- Asa M. Holt says-In the autumn of 1856 I killed a fat good, easy souls, according to the general un-derstanding, and are over ready to make prom-ises. But performances with them is quite a different affair. They are uncertain, vas-cillating, and altogether unreliable. A sad terwards she made some of the same kind of tallow into candles by dipping. But before she dipped the candles, she dissolved alum in water and mixed it with the tallow of which she made the candles. The mould candles and the dipped candles were kept to-gether, and in the hot weather in the last summer, while the dipped candles with which alum was used, were sufficiently hard and firm, and burned well, the mould candles which were made without alum, were so soft tem is otherwise. Either insincerity characthat they could not bear their own weight. torizes the promise in the first place, or hesibut fell down in the candlesticks, and could tation and change take place soon after, and thus the word is forfeited, the character soil-ed and all future confidence is destroyed.— And this applies as well to the little as to the not be used till the weather became cooler.

HARD SOAP FOR FAMILY USE .- Take two lbs. of clear grease to one pound of rosin; make this into soft soap, and while it is boiling, to every ten gallons of soap add one gal-lon of salt. Boil one hour after adding the salt. When it is done boiling, the soap will be at the top and the lye at the bottom.— Skim off the soap ; keep it and gently stir it in a leaky vessel, so that the lye will all run out the same as buttermilk does out of butveyed in such triffing, as well as the waste of ter; then work the soap as butter is worked until it is as thick as hasty pudding; then set it away to cool. Turpentine or tar will prompt and punctual in little things, are sel- answer instead of rosin, but are not so good. dom remiss in great. If they are attentive Any refuse salt is good enough, or old

"Yes, I did," he replied; "I wish I had her; wasn't she pretty?" "Yes, *very*; now don't you want me to buy this kitty for you? Perhaps the man "ill sell." of good leather, or some other tough substance, bit of trouble. will sell." "Oh, yes, mother do buy her." "Well, then, be a good boy while I am gone," thus saying, she closed the door, but he immediately called her back. We consider this advice so sensible, that although it is somewhat open to the charge of bluntness, we have no hesitation in press-ing it upon the attention of our lady readers.

you; won't you stay?" "No, Willie! the man won't sell it if I

don't go to night; so be a good boy." "Is this the way you govern your child?" said I, after we had gained the street; if you

"But you gave him to understand that you

so sleepy. "No, my dear; the man would not sell her."

away, cracked it, and eaten the kernal; it solation in the hour of sorrow, when all the to be foolish fifty times every hour, then don't fall in love with him for the world! He only admires you, let him say what he will to the contrary. On the other hand, if he be merry with ev-

erybody else, but quiet with you; if he be anxious to sce if your tea is sufficiently sweet-ened, your dear person well wrapped up when you go out into the cold; if he talks very low and never looks you steadily in the eye; if his cheeks are red and his nose only blushes, it is enough. If he romps with your sister, sighs like a pair of old bellows, looks solemn when you are addressed by another gentleman, and in fact is the most still, awkward, stupid, yet anxious of all your male friends, you may go ahead and make the poor fellow too happy for his skin to hold him! Young ladies! keep your hearts in a case

"Don't go till morning, then I can go with

occupation just when it begins to be profitable.

Young man, stick to your business. It may be that you have mistaken your calling -if so, find it out as quickly as possible and change it; but don't let auy uneasy desires to get along fast, or a dishonest calling, lead you to abandon it. Have some honest occupation, and there stick to it; if you are sticking type, stick away at them ; if you are selling oysters, keep on selling them; if you are at the law, hold fast to that profession—pursue the business you have chosen, persistently, industriously, and hopefully; if there is anything in you it will appear and turn to account in that as well, or better, than in any other calling—only if you are a loafer, for-sake that line of life as speedily as possible, for the longer you stick to it the worse it will stick to you.—Hunt's Merchants' Magazine.

Fruits of Civility.

Civility costs nothing, and considering it pays its way handsomely in all companies, to say nothing of occasional chance advantages, it is a marvel that it is not more commonthat it is not a universal virtue. Within a few years, a couple of gentlemen, one of them was a foreigner, visited the various locomotive workshops of Philadelphia. They called at the most prominent one first, stated their wishes to look through the establishment, and made some inquiries of a more specific character. They were shown through the establishment in a very indifferent manner, and no special pains were taken to give them any information beyond what their inquiries drew forth. The same results followed their visits to the several larger establishments. By some means they were induced to call on one of a third or fourth-rate character. The owner was a workman of limited means; but on the application of the strangers, his natural urbanity of manner prompted him not only to show all that he had, but to enter into a detailed explanation of the working of his establishment, and of the very superior manner in which he could conduct his factory, if additional facilities of capital were afforded him. The gentlemen left him, not only favorably impressed towards him, but with the feeling that he thor-

oughly understood his business. Within a year he was surprised with an invitation to St. Petersburg. The result was his locomotive establishment was moved there bodily. It was the agent of the Czar who had called on him in company with an American citizen. He has recently returned, having accumulated a large fortune, and still receives from his Russian workshops about a hundred thousand dollars a year. He invests his money in real estate, and has already laid the foundation for the largest fortune of any private individual in Philadelphia, and all the result of civility to a couple of strangers.—Hall's Journal of Health.

A Good EXAMPLE.—Andrew Johnson, just elected to the U.S. Senate from Tennessee, had a very obscure origin and no educational advantages. After he married, his wife taught him his letters, and while he prosecuted his calling as a journeyman tailor, to support his family, he acquired the simplest rudiments of education. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives several years ago, and was recently Governor of Tennessee.

Industry brings its reward.

stopped-and raising his cane exclaimed: "You infernal insolent puppy, what do you

 $\max?$ Joe, affecting great astonishment, checked up within a safe distance, and replied : "Mean, sir? You surprise me, sir; I don't

know you, sir." "Ain't you merchant Brown's collector that dunned me five minutes ago?"

"Me, sir?" replied Joe, "I am one of merchant Brown's collectors, to be sure; but I don't know you, sir."

"My name is Tobin, sir," rejoined the irritated Squire, "and you look like the fellow that stopped me twice before." "Impossible! sir," replied Joe, "it must

have been some other of merchant Brown's collectors. You see, sir, there are forty of us, all wrapped in red striped blankets-and, by the by, Mr. Tobin, I think I have a small bill against you."

"Forty red striped collectors, and each one after me," ejaculated the Squire. Darn me, I must put a stop to this; they will all overtake me before I reach home." Saying Saying which, he took out his wallet and quietly settled merchant Brown's bill of \$5 50.

Joe thanked the Squire and moved off; but as the Squire had another square to travel before reaching home, Joe could not resist the temptation to head him off just once more. He accordingly made another circuit, and came in collision with the angry old man ere he was noticed.

"Zounds ! zounds ! stranger," vociferated e Squire. "What _____." Here he the Squire. "What --caught sight of the red striped blanket, as Joe disengaging himself from the old man. took to his heels. Squire Tobin's cudgel was fiercely hurled after Joe, accompanied with a hearty curse upon merchant Brown and his forty collectors in red striped blank-

It is unnecessary to say, that Joe Harkins was seen next day topped off with a bran new hat.

A Little German Story.

A countryman one day returning from the city took home with him five of the finest peaches one could possibly desire to see, and as his children had never beheld the fruit before, they rejoiced over them exceedingly, calling them the fine apples with the rosy cheeks, soft, plum-like skins. The father divided them among his four children, and retained one for their mother. In the evening ere the children had retired to their chamber, the father questioned them by asking:---

"How do you like the soft rosy apples?" "Very much indeed, dear father," said the oldest boy; it is a beautiful fruit, so acid, and yet so nice and soft to the taste; I have carefully preserved a stone, that I may cultivate a tree.

"Bright and bravely done," said the father; "that speaks for regarding the future with care, and it is becoming in a young husbandman.

"I have eaten mine and thrown the stone away," said the youngest, "besides which mother gave me half of her's. O! it tasted so sweet and melting in my mouth."

"Indeed!" answered his father," thou hast not acted prudently. However, it was very natural and childlike, and displays wisdom enough for your years."

fellow, he was dead before his voice got to him !"

"After that we tried lights," supposing these would travel faster than sound. We got some so strong that the chickens waked up all along the road supposing it was morning. But the locomotive kept ahead of it still, and was in the darkness, with the light close behind it. The inhabitants petitioned against it; they could not sleep with so much

light in the night time. "Finally we had to station electric telegraphs along the road, with signal men to telegraph when a train was in sight, and I have heard that some of the fast trains beat they would come; at last he fell asleep with the lightning fifteen minutes every forty miles.

But I can't say as that is true-the rest I know to be so !"

The Fading One.

Did you ever see some member of a family fading away-gradually, yet surely, beyond all human help, wasting under the power of disease? Around the house, perhaps-going out for the short walk or the gentle ride; able, it may be, to see friends, and pleasures

of life; but growing weaker day by day— suffering, enduring, but slowly *fading*. Did you ever see a friend thus as piece by piece the clayey tabernacle was being taken down and the spirit pluming itself for its right, as soon as its prison chains fall off?

Such an one I saw recently-and who has now gone to her eternal home. It was very touching to watch the solicitude of all the family for their drooping flower. The arrangements for the visit had been made with reference to her wishes; the temperature of the room must be regulated for her comfort; the easiest chair had been for her use. The mother's eye watched her as she passed around the room, with a mother's anxiety; the sisters anticipated every wish of her heart; the little brothers hushed their noisy glee and stepped more gently in her presence. I watched her weakness as she turned upon her loved ones for support, apparently unconscious of all their attentions-receiving them as freely as they were given-and thought what a beautiful provision of a merciful Providence is the family ! It is indeed a relic of Eden left to us yet un broken, primitive heaven-born blessedness. If the world were one great Commune of Socialism, as some would seem to desire in these days of wickedness, we might do well enough in youth, and health, and vigor, but what would become of the fading ones in this seltish world?

We may well be grateful for family comforts. We may well prize them if we have them unmarred by sickness or death, for but a few families escape a great while. And when they come what consideration should induce us to spare any attention which can be given to smooth the pathway to the tomb? No lapse of time can ever take away the bitterness of the recollection of unkindness at such a time, after the grave has closed over handsome and fashionable young gentlemen the lost one.

Speak gently to your *fading ones*. Bear patiently with all the humors and caprices of a mind weakened by disease. Consider no self-denial too great to be borne. But espe-cially point often to the necessity of being at any time prepared for death. If possible, disrobe death of its terrors by making it fa-he squeezes your hand; if he cats heartily in miliar and holding free intercourse upon the | your presence; if he fails to talk very kindly

"Why won't he, mother?" he asked with quivering lips.

"I don't know; I supose he wants her to catch rats and mice."

"Did he say so, mother?"

"Ile did not say just that, but I thought

conscience and of principle, and his words and deeds are thus influenced and controlled he meant so." by considerations of the highest and purest "I did want it so bad; mother." The little descriptions. He may be depended upon as lips quivered, and the tears started to his well in the hour of misfortune as the day of eyes. He rubbed them with his little hands. prosperity. His advice will be received with respect and confidence, his professions will winking very fast to keep them back, but the pearly drops glistening on his rosy checks. The mother's glistened also. As she knelt to kiss them away, he murmured softly in his broken slumber, 'I did want it so bad.' She

turned her dewy eyes towards me, saying— "You have led me to see my error. Never will I again, let what will be the consethe motley and happy throng he falls in with a fair pilgrim in black silk, whose charming person, snow-white neck, and bewitching, coquettish airs, awaken in his soul the most quence, deceive my child to please myself." Mothers are you practising the same derapturous love. She casts upon him looks ception? If you are, pause and think of the consequences ere it is too late. Does it not of languishing tenderness; he revels in the lessen your confidence in a person when you find out they have been deceiving you? Will He musters up his courage and ventures to it not also that of your children in you, when addres her. they become old enough to detect it? Besides, it would be very strange if they themselves did not imitate you in things of more impor-

tance tor ?" lisped the young lady in black. It is the pride and joy of a mother's heart to gain and retain the entire confidence of my beautiful damsel." her child, and it is in her power to do so if she but exercise that power by precept and example .- New York Independent. who has appeared to me to-day, for the

How to Tell.

Here is a 'bit of advice' to young ladies, setting forth how they may know whether a young gallant is really 'courting' them, or only paying them 'polite attentions.' The confounding the one with the other has been the source of very much trouble, both before and since the era of Mr. Pickwick and Mrs. Bardell:---

A young man admires a pretty girl, and must manifest it. He can't help doing so for the life of him. The young lady has a tender heart, reaching out like vine tendrils for something to cling to. She sees the admiration; is flattered; begins soon to love; expects some tender avowal; and perhaps gets so far as to decide that she will choose a "white satin under that gauze,' &c., at the very moment that the gallant she half loves is popping the question to another damsel ten miles off!

Now the difficulty lies in not precisely un-derstanding the difference between 'polite attentions' and the tender manifestations of more easily kept in high flesh. Then, by stabling animals, we can save all the malove. Admiring a beautiful-girl, and wishing to make a wife of her, are not always the nure, which is quite too large an item for same thing; and therefore it is necessary that the damsel should be on the alert to discover to which class the aitentions paid her by belong.

First, then, if a young man greets you in a loud, free and hearty tone; if he knows preciscly where to put his hands; stares you "I have picked up the stone," said the sec- great themes of the soul's immortality and to your mother; if in short, he sneezes when ond one, "which my little brother threw its eternal home. Such efforts will bring con- you are singing, criticises your curls, or fails

to the ordinary courtesies of life and society. they will, in the majority of cases, be found

always be characterized by sincerity and

A Novel Meeting.

Dr. Splint attends a masquerade ball. In

hope of having made a blissful conquest.-

"Who art thou, lovely mask?" asks the

callant doctor, almost melted in the glow of

" Is it possible you do not know me, doc-

"No, upon my honor, I do not know thee,

"Ah !" thou art surely the gracious fairy

fourth time, to open to me the gates of

"I am the well-known lady to whom you

have now these ten weeks been indebted in

the sum of three dollars and six levics for

washing and ironing! The doctor stood like a large petrified cat-fish! The last we saw of him he was prac-

tising on a brandy smash at Camden, and

trying to discover what made the big "Rus-

SHELTER FOR STOCK .--- Many farmers still

neglect their animals in winter, feeding them

Warm stables are a substitute for fodder, and an animal sheltered in them, is much

Many who have large farms, and do not

wish to build a barn long enough to hold all

the hay and grain, build several small barns

in different meadows. These save the carting,

In no case should hay be foddered out to

cattle without some kind of shelter. A hovel

opening to the south can be made very cheap-

ly, and with light walls and thatched roof, it

will keep cattle quite comfortable. They will save the cost of building in a single win-

Dr Lying parents will have lying children.

ter. Now is the time to put them up.

"You mistake, doctor; I am no fairy."

'Bethink yourself, doctor."

"Ah! who art thou then?"

not come out in good condition.

farmers in this age to throw away.

both of hay and of manures.

sian balloon" go up.

Reliability.

There are many individuals in society who

can never be depended upon. They are

system, and one that is apt to get them into

many difficulties. Too much importance can-

not be attached to reliability. It is a price-

less quality. It may be counted upon at all

times and seasons and under all circumstan-

ces. A pledge is given, a promise is made, and the utmost confidence may be felt in their

fulfilment. With too many however, aye, with the great multitude of mankind, the sys-

It is too much the habit with the thought-

less, to regard the non-fulfilment of small en-

gagements as of no importance whatever.— They will agree to meet this friend or that at

a certain time or place, and then will treat the whole matter with indifference or contempt,

utterly regardless of the indirect insult con-

moments and hours, which to another may

be precious. Indeed, individuals who are

great things of life.

veracity.

love.

bliss."

Another: Omit the rosin, and make as truthful, manly, high-minded and honorable. There is, indeed, great virtue in reliability.---above. When the scap is skimmed off, and the lye all drained out, add boiling water to the soap, three parts water to four of soap; It adorns, dignifies, and elevates the characstir well together, and continue to stir it ter. A reliable man is always a good citizen, gently as long as it is thin enough to settle and agreeable companion, a prudent counsel-lor and trust-worthy friend. He is a man of

DICKIE.

level.

VINEGAR .- The juice of one bushel of sugar beets will make from five to six gallons of vinegar equal to the best wine. Wash and grate the beets, express the juice, put the iquor into a barrel, cover the bung with gauze, and set in the sun, in fifteen or twenty days it will be fit for use. By this method the very best of vinegar may be obtained without any great trouble, and I hope all who like good vinegar will try it .- Ohio Valley Farmer.

To CLEANSE FEATHER BEDS .- Rub them over with a stiff brush, dipped in hot soapsuds. When clean, lay them on a shed or any other clean place, where the rain will fall on them. When thoroughly soaked, let them dry in a hot sun for six or seven successive days, shaking them up well and turn-ing them over each day. They should be covered over with a thick cloth during the night; if exposed to the night air they will become damp and mildew.

To CLEANSE MATRASSES .- Hair mattrasses that have become hard and dirty, can be made nearly as good as new by ripping them, washing the ticking, and picking the hair free from the bunches, and keeping it in a dry, niry place several days. Whenever the ticking gets dry, fill it lightly with hair, and tack it together.

A HINT FOR FARMERS .--- It looks as though there might be something in this:

A farmer of Courtland county, New York, named Atila Burlingame-says that wheat can be prevented from spoiling in bins, in damp weather, if one dry brick is put in it for every five bushels of grain; and evenly distributed throughout the bin. We believe this. The brick everybody knows or ought to know, is a great absorber of moisture.

HORSE TALK.—The New York Spirit of the Times gives the following characteristics of a good horse:

from the stock-yard in the open air. This 1. His eyes, even when seen in the stable, practice is not only barbarous, but is very are perfectly clear and transparent, and the expensive. It takes a third more of hay to pupils or apples of the eyes are alike in carry a cow through the winter by this color and size. method, and with the best of hay, she will

2. On being nipped in the gullet, he will utter a sound like that from a bellows; if, on the contrary, he should give vent to a dry, husky, short cough, beware of him-his wind is unsound.

3. His legs are smooth and 'clean'; if you find bunches or puffs, or a difference in size. though he may not be lame, disease lurks there

4. If broad and full between the eyes, he is susceptible of being trained to almost anything.

5. If some white or parti-colored, he is docile and gentle.

To trust religiously, to hope humbly, to desire nobly, to think rationally, to will resolutely, and to work earnestly,-may this be mine !- Mrs. Jameson.

E He who is always his own counsellor will often have a fool for his elient.