

Farm and Household.

There's Danger in the Town.

BY JOHN M. YATES.

There's John, hitch Dobbie to the post, come near me and sit down;
Your mother wants to talk to you before you drive to town;
My balls are grey, I shall soon beat rest within the grave;
I've watched o'er you from infancy till now you've grown a man;
And I have always loved you as a mother only can;
At morning and at evening I have prayed the God of love,
To bless and guide my darling boy to the brighter home above.
Another's eye is searching, John, old age can't dim its sight;
When watching o'er an only child to see if he does right;
And why have I done so? What has aroused my fears
And made my pillow hard at night, and restless in its turns?
I've seen a light within your eye, upon your cheek a glow
That tells me you were on the road that leads to home and love;
Oh! John, don't turn away your head, and on my knees
Say more upon the dear old farm; there's danger in the town.
Remember what the poet says—long years have proved it true—
"That Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do";
If you live in a town, with those who love the town,
You'll dig yourself a drunkard's grave, and wreck your youthless soul.

Your father, John, is growing old; his days are nearly through;
Oh! have I loved very hard to save the farm for you;
But it will go to ruin soon, and poverty will crown
If you keep hatching Dobbie up to drive into the town.
Your prospects for the future are very bright, my son—
Not many have your start, in life when they are twenty-one;
You star, that shines so brightly now, in darkness will decline;
If you forget your mother's words, and tarry at the wine,
Turn back, my boy, to your youth; stay by the dear old farm;
The Lord of Hosts will save you, with His powerful right arm.
Nothing will mother pilot you o'er life's tempestuous wave,
Then light her pathway with your love down to the peaceful grave.

Washing Wagons

Washing wagons is too often looked upon as an operation solely for the purpose of removing a coat of mud; this is one of the objects, and an important one, but the wagon should be washed even when there is no mud on it. During the Summer the varnish loses its lustre and assumes a dull, dirty appearance unless it is frequently washed. When a wagon is badly covered with dirt it is best to soak the dirt loose by wetting it with a large sponge, but not rubbing it.

In cities, where water can be forced through a pipe, the sponge need not be used until the bulk of the dirt has run off, then use the sponge, commencing at the upper portion of the body, and do not wash over too much surface at a time, as the water should never be allowed to dry on the body; after washing with a sponge, take clean water and a chamois skin, and wash, and dry immediately with the chamois.

After the body is washed, wash the carriage part and then the wheels; in washing the wheels be careful to clean out the dirt from between the spokes and wipe perfectly dry. Immediately after using a carriage in hot weather the leather and trimmings should be dusted off, and the paint well washed and wiped as directed, using soft water if possible, but never using salt water as has been recommended by some.

Careful washings will tend to harden the varnish, remove the particles of dust that would otherwise bed themselves in the paint, and keep the carriage fresh and clean. The leather top should also be wiped off, and if an oiled cloth be rubbed over immediately after the carriage has been dried with the chamois, it will do much toward preserving the lustre of the leather and prevent it getting hard and shrinking. After washing, always rub the plated work with a woolen cloth that has a little rotten-stone on it. Many a dollar in expense and much annoyance from having a soiled carriage may be saved by thus caring for it.—Carriage Journal.

Hints for the Housewives.

There is nothing better for cleaning painted woodwork than a piece of common India rubber. Rub the wood as if you were erasing pencil marks, and then pass a dry brush over it. No water is necessary.

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A writer in one of our exchanges advises ladies who have furs to clean and rub them with it—using no water, nothing but dry meal, and they will look as good as new.

To mend china, take a very thick solution of gum arabic in water and stir in its plaster paper until the mixture becomes of the proper consistency. Apply it with a brush to the fractured edges of the china and stick them together. In three days the article will be thoroughly cemented. The whiteness of the cement renders it doubly valuable.

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