The happiest men who live by to Are those who cultivate the soil.

Care of Harness. There are few people who know how to take proper care of harness and who understand the extent of the damage that arises from carelessness in its use. Hardamaged. The Harness Journal advises what you are about." every harness manufacturer to give a He passed on and the boys stopped printed copy of rules for the preservation playing. What was to be done? He of the article to each purchaser. It also would be sure to tell their parents. It was gives the following valuable suggestion, too late to go to school and too early to go which, if followed, will keep harness look- home. Their consultations came to no ing nice for many years. The first points | comfortable conclusions; the probabilities to be observed is to keep the leather soft of punishment were talked of. Some and pliable; this can be done only by thought they might escape, but the proskeeping it well charged with oil and grease, peets of most of them were not promising. water is a destroyer of these, but mud and At length John Roberts rose up and said, the saline moisture from the animal are "I'm going home." even more destructive. Mud in drying absorbs the grease and opens the pores of it over?" said one. the leather, making it a ready prey to No, I'm going home to be forgiven;" water, while the salty character of the and away he went. perspiration from the animal injures the John never played truant before. He To do this effectually the straps should all known wishes. He resolved to go home with a little water and brown soap, then ask their forgiveness. coated with a mixture of neatsfoot oil and On reaching home he met his sister, tallow and be allowed to remain undisturb- several years younger than himself, to thoroughly rubbed with a woolen rag; the loving sister she was, she agreed to go rubbing is important, as it, in addition to with her brother and ask mother to forremoving the surplus oil and grease tends | give. to close the pores and gives a finish to the As they came into the house they met be taken to allow all straps to hang their purchases for the house, but when the full length; bridles, pads, gig saddles and mother saw the anxious look on the chilshape of each. Light is essential in the John had told the story of his playing trucare of leather, and when the harness ant, and then asking to be forgiven. As closet is dark the door should be left open in the case of the Prodigal Son, the parent at least half the time during each day. was as willing to fergive if not more so, possible they should be well lighted. To right; it was a good thing to go home for clean plated mountings use a chamois with a little tripoli or rotten stone, but they should be scoured as little as possible Rubber covered good are cleaned in the same way. Leather cover needs to be well brushed and rubbed with a woolen rag. If a harness is thoroughly cleaned twice a year, and when unduly exposed treated as we have recommended, the leather will retain its softness and strength for many

Wood Ashes and Salt for Cattle.

Realizing the necessity of an occasional relish of salt and wood ashes for all kinds can be offered is in a solid mass which be formed, take salt and pure wood ashes snow from reaching it and converting it into an alkaline pickle. These troughs out on long runs during the day, home at night. When cattle chew feathers, wood

The Holy Child is born in Bethlehem. and old bones, remember that it indicates We hear the voice of peace. Angels are a lack of phospate of lime in their food, which is required to support bone material. A teaspoonful of bone meal given daily with their grain will correct the induces it. If the disposition to eat bones song of Glory to the Highest. The wise is indulged in when cows are on grass, the deficiency evidently exists in the soil, and the pasture will be greatly benefitted by a ton dressing of hone dust. Two or three them with our worship and our carol of top dressing of bone dust. Two or three the angel's song: hundred pounds to the acre, sown broadcast, will repay attending expenses in a better yield and quality of milk and butter.

Profits of Farming.

The Indianapolis Journal says: "It is now estimated that the wheat crop of on the death of Rev. C. C. Parsons, pub Indiana for this year will be from 40,000, lished by E. P. Dutton & Co, says: 000 to 50,000,000 bushels, and it will bring into the State and add to its invest- among the jewels of Paradise. They live ed wealth from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,- on; for death is not the passing of the 000. No such sum has ever been added spirit into a long sleep in the unknowu to the wealth of a State with as little risk abode; it is blissful passage into the land or as great profit upon the capital and of light and rest, where is the fellowship labor invested. It is not an unusual or of the angels and the saints of God. We exceptional thing for the product to be have fellowship with them; they are ours equal to one half the value of the soil that still, and we give God thanks for the produced it. Thousands of acres of land "good examples;" and even amidst the in the State have, in two years, produced joys of Paradise our beloved ones cling to wheat equal in value to the land product us in love, and their hearts are beating ing it. The product of corn has been very high with that love for us wherewith they little behind that of wheat in point of beat on earth. The ties of earth live on profit. This, of course, is not a common in the eternal world, for these are the or even an average result, taking one year creation of God. They are one with us with another. The past three years have in the fellowship of his sufferings; one been favored years with the farmers, and with us in the communion of saints: the farmer who has done well during that period may reasonably conclude that there is something wrong in his case demanding investigation. We make no reference here to indebtedness and embarassment animate his flock to face with courage the from that cause, under which thousands pestilence that desolated Carthage and of farmers are laboring in common with North Africa, and join with angels and all other classes. Such indebtedness, in all the powers of heaven, the cherubim nine cases out of ten, is the result of some and seraphim, the glorious company of the other causes than following their agricultural pursuits."

POTATO BISCUIT.—Boil half a dozen gives blessed hope of everlasting life. fine, large potatoes; mash them through a colander; when cool add a cup of sweet milk and flour enough to roll out, with a teaspoonful of yeast powder sifted with enjoys, but in reality he sails on no sumabsolutely necessary. Cut into small heavy hand on the tiller.—Thorean. the flour. Do not knead more than is biscuits and bake in a quick oven. These are a nice breakfast dish and more wholesome than other biscuits.

IF we imitate nature and, like the polar bear, wear white, we shall be warmer in Winter and cooler in Summer.

A HORSE's strength is equal to that of

Going Home to be Forgiven.

Some boys were playing at ball in a reired place one afternoon when they should ave been at school. They absented hemselves without leave, intending to go some at the usual hour. Thus they thought their absence would not be noticed by their parents and friends.

While thus engaged Mr. Amos came ness that has been exposed to a storm for along. "What are you doing here?" said hours if not rightly cleaned and hung up he. "Your parents think you are at school; when it is taken off will be irreparably I shall let them know where you are, and

"What for? to get a flogging and have

leather, stitching and mountings. It had very kind parents, and they would therefore follows that to preserve a harness | deny him nothing that was for his good, the straps should be oiled whenever it has and he felt that he had treated them very been moistened by sweat or soiled by mud. ungratefully by acting contrary to their be unbuckled and detached, then washed and make a full confession of his fault and

ed until the water has dried out; then whom he told his resolution, and, like the

leather. In hanging harness care should their parents just starting out to make collars should be hung upon forms of the dren's faces she willingly waited until All closets should be ventilated, and when as the son was to be forgiven. John was -to be forgiven.

Glory, Peace, Good-Will.

Who denies the glory, the peace, the good will, growing fruits of the Saviour's advent? Who is it that shuts his eyes on the spreading Kingdom of Christ, and dares assert that the world is waxing worse and worse, that the Gospel and the Spirit influence are failing to accomplish their purpose, and that the carth is ripening for destruction? Who, we say?

Here and there are some that love him who came as an infant in Bethlehem, and that wait for another advent in the terror convenient form in which these materials of rending heavens, which shall perforce tear away all the blinded unbelief of the admits a diligent licking on the part of the animal without gaining more of the er advent than that of lightning and trumnations. But the coming festival of Chrismixture than is desired. In order to mix pets and riven skies. A sweeter, a more persuasive voice comes from the subdued in the proportion of pound for pound, with shepherds saw when the King of Heaven water sufficient to hold the mixture put off the garments of ineffable light and together. To preserve the mixture in a was born the Holy Child of the spotless solid state place it in troughs or boxes maid. If the nations will not hear the sheltered sufficiently to keep rain and story of the advent crowned with the glorious shame of the cross, neither will they with their tempting contents prove efficient as baits for alluring animals, turned the dead rise, and the voice of doom thun-

singing it from the skies. Men are seeking good-will to men. The Church, growing as never before and spreading its arms about all the earth, is lifting its louder

"All glory to God most high And to earth be peace, Good-will henceforth from heaven to men, Begin and never cease.'

The Blessed Dead.

Bishop Quintard, in a beautiful discourse

"We know that our beloved ones are

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WHEN I see a man with serene countenance, it looks like a great leasure that he mer's sea. This steady sailing comes of a

Pur your trust in Him who holds all earth in the hollow of His hand, and it will be well for you at the great day.

HE that followeth the Lord fully, will find goodness and mercy following him continually.

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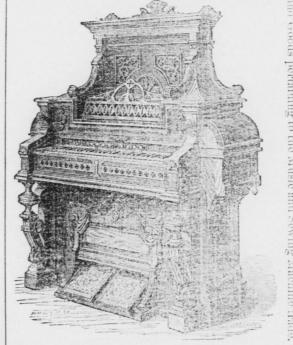
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