#### OC. Driving Oxen.

I never had any trouble driving oxen, though I knew a man who'd as soon try to drive lions, as to pick up the whip, and andertake to "haw Buck," and "gee

Bright."
Always commence right with oxen.
They don't appear tender hearted, and
don't seem to the casual observer to be
longing for sympathy, but oxen have
feeling which must be consulted. If you
want to yoke up your oxen, take the yoke on your shoulder and gently approach the starboard ox. If he moves away, throwing his heels in the air, turn about and approach the other, for in the long run it doesn't make a cent's worth of difference which ox is yoked up first, though there are men who always pull on the left boot first, and would persist in it if the house

air. If he shows a disposition to run a-

way, don't go to howling:
"Whoa there—hold on—I'il kill you—blast your eyes—hold on."

Keep up your indifferent demeanor and in about one hour and a half you can put your hand on the ox. Rub his back and speak encouraging words ro him, pud let him see that you are his true friend. In a little time you can put the yoke on him, and then start off after the other ox on the far side of the field. If he makes a bolt for the barn, preserve your careless air, and above all, don't pound the ox you have already secured. By persistent exercise of patience, you can get the pair yoked up and ready for business by ten o'clock, if you commenced early enough. Don't chain'em to a stump and manl'em

air, and above all, don't pound the ox you have already secured. By persistent exercise of patience, you can get the pair yoked up and ready for business by ten o'clock, if you commenced early enough. Don't chain'em to a stump and manl'em with a rail after you have them in your power; seek to conquer them by love rather than force.

Few farmers know how to draw out the full strength of a pair of oxen on a dead pull. They set the team off with a yell, kick one, pound the other scream at both, jump over the log and hoog, and the result is that the bovines jerk to gho home and waist their strength. The right way is to send them off gently. Pretend that you are unlitching the chain to go home, and you don't know how much this will encourage them. When the chain is saut, and the ozen are ready to pull give them. and the oxen are ready to pull give them a kind word, tell them their motto should be "Excelsior," and that England expects every man to do his duty. Don't throw rocks at them.

An experience of forty odd years has convinced me that nothing will discourage an ox so quick as to hurl a stone quarry at him when he is doing his level

best to accommodate you.

In driving oxen before a wagon, do not carry a bean pole with a brad-awl fasten-

ed into the end.

The ox is not as swift on foot as the antelope or gazelle, and they shouldn't be galloped over ten miles without a rest. There is nothing so good to rule the brute creation as kindness. The true farmer will, if necessary, sit up all night with a pair of wild oxen, giving them kind advice explaining matters, and rubing their spinal columns with a cob to bing their spinal columns with a cob to bring out their gentle natures and win their confidence and osteem.

### Managing Small Fruits.

If the currents are more than a year old, cut the tops all off close to the roots. With grapes, if the top is of the previous year's growth, and has buds near the roots, leave one or two. If not of last year's growth, cut it all away.—
The top of raspberries should be all removed. Then, when the roots gets their machinery at work they will send up. machinery at work, they will send up canes that will fruit well the next season. But if the top is left on it will require all the energy of the roots to support it, and if the plants does not die the first winter it will be feeble and sickly the next summer, and linger along year after year until the planter condemns the variety and throws them away in disgust. Last spring I filled an order for ruspberries, good." and before seeding them I cut the tops back to two feet, and came near having them returned for doing so. I told the dealer that they should be all cut off when planted out. He sail he knew that very well, but his customers did not; they would have allowed to the words which have since they would have allowed to the stirring sarcasm contained in the few they would have allowed to the stirring sarcasm contained in the few they would have plants that would bear the first year, and it was the top that sold them, not the roots. But my advice is, see that you get good roots without any regard to tops.

### Dogs and Balky Horses.

A correspondent sends the following: "Having read sundry canno sketches which were very entertaining,I thought I would send one which, strange as it may seem, is no fiction: A farmer in Indana had a large dog, well stricken in years, which would not permit his master to chastise a baulky horse or ox without his active aid. The farmer owned three of the former and two of the latter, which this dog had cured of their vices by biting their heels. The simplicity of the remedy was apparent to me at a glance, for whoever knew horses or cattle that ever failed to run from a dog that bit them in the rear? Since learning the above, I have had two opportunities of testing the dog logic of whipping balky animals, near or on the rear fetlock joint which, to my surprise, was quite success-

### To Make Hard Soap.

Pour four gallons of Boiling water on six pounds of washing soda (sal-soda) and three pounds of unslacked lime, Stir the mixture well, and let it settle until it is perfectly clear. It is better to let it stand over night, as it takes some time for the sediment to settle. When elear, strain the water, put six pounds of fat with it, and boil for two hours, stiring it most of the time. If it does not seem thin enough, put another gallon of water on the grounds, stir and draw off, and add as much as is wanted to the boiling mixture. Its thickness can be tried by occasionally putting a little on a plate to cool. Stir in a handful of salt just before taking it off the fire. Have a tub ready scaked, to prevent the soap from sticking, pour it in and let it settle until I take a quarter out." solid, when you will have from the a-bove ingredience about 40 pounds of white son'

#### HUMOROUS'

The Boa Constrictor. initing the Boa Constrictor. It is worthy of the distinguished showman:—
"John, undo his tail. There, Indies and gentlemen, is the wonderful boy constructor, so called because he constructs many pleasing images with his serpentile form. The constructor is a long animal, as you will perceive, and is very long lived. He lives the bearded was as more if he deep." will perceive, and is very long lived. He lives a handred years or more, if he don't die Leforehand. He is of the wormy species, and worms himself along the ground without legs. He is capable of climbing the highest trees, in which he is fond of concealing himself in the branches thereof, that he may impose upon the benighted traveler or other beasts, whereby to assatiate his hunger. He mashes his vittles before he eats 'em, and over the hars.' He had but one. was on fire.

If the larboad or runs away, don't throw the yoke at him, and jump up and howl. You can't throw the yoke over twenty rods at the most, and the chances are you wont hit him. Take the yoke on your back and saunter across the pasture towards the first ox. Approach him as if you didu't care a cent whether you got the yoke on him or not. Let your face wear a smile, and whistle some careless air. If he shows a disposition to run a lit is full, he is good natured. He has a

has, however, a very large belly, and when it is full, he is good natured. He has a lovely skin, but is very ugly tempered.—He is very sulky and lazy, and he is so spiteful, it is a mercy he can't talk. I have took care of this mighty snake for three years, but he shows no gratitude. three years, but he shows no gratitude.—
He is a glutton and likes to stuff himself, and then go to sleep. If John don't stir him, (stir him again, John!) he would never wake up, except to his victuals. I don't know's I ought to blame him though; because nature is nature, whether in Boston or the rude valleys of Bengal. I have an uncle who has lived in Bengal, and a brother who has never been there. We uncle tells me he has seen ten

old woman from the country came into the printing office with an old Bible in her hand.

"I want," said she, "that you should print it over again. It's getting a little blurred, sort of, and my eyes is not what they was. How much do you ax?"

"Fifty cents."

"Can you have it done in half an hour i Wish you would—want to be getting home. I live a good way out of town."

When the old lady went out, he sent around to the office of the American Bible Society and purchased a copy for few cents.

fifty cents. "Lor sakes a massa!" exclaimed the old lady when she came to look at it, "how good you have fixed it! I never see nothing so curious as you printers is."

### You Wants to be Married.

A good story is told of an old Dutch farmer, who has just arrived at the dig-nity of Justice of the Peace, undertook to marry a couple who came to him for tha purpose.

"Vell you loves dis woman as goot as

any you ever see?"
"Yes," answered the man.

"Then to the woman.-

"Vell do you love this man as better as o man you never see?"

Lady hesitated, and he repeated.—

"Vell, vell, do you likes him as well as to be his wife?" "O. certainly,' she answered, with a BILLINGS STROUD, kind of titter.

"Vell, that is all any reasonable man

An Evansville man has proved himself the stirring sarcasm contained in the few syllables referring to a prominant feature of American life. He had fallen into a ditch in the outskirts of the town in such a manner that he was unable to extricate a manner that he was unable to the himself. A kind-hearted pedestrian helped him to his feet, and after the thing had been acomplished, our hero mid: "All been acomplished, our hero said: "All right—hic—I'll vote for you." The stranger looked at him doubtfully, and wished to know what for. "Wha' office ye runnin' for?" "I?" None at all," was the answer. 'Not a candidate?' "No; why?" "Why—hic—why? "Cruse I don't know as any man'd—bic—belp another as you did 'thout bein', a candidate?"

did 'thout bein' a candidate !" At a recent convention of clergy was proposed, after-dinner, that each should in turn entertain the company with some interesting remarks. Among the rest, one drew upon his fancy and related a dream.

—In his dream he went to heaven, and described the golden streets, &c. As he concluded, one of the divines, who was somewhat noted for his penurious habits,

nquired, jocosely:
"Well, did you see anything of me in

your dream?"
"Yes I did." "indeed! what was I doing?"
"You were on your knees."
"Praying, was I?,"

"No-scraping up gold !"

### Jack's Bet.

A Georgia negro was riding a mule A Georgia negro was riding a mule along and came to a bridge, when the mule stopped. "I'll bet you a quarter," said Jack, "I'll make you go ober dis bridge," and with that struck the mule over the head, which made him nod suddenly. "You take de bet den," said the negro, and contrived to get the stubborn mule over the bridge. "I won dat quarter anyhow," said Jack.
"But how will you get the money?" asked a man who had been close by, unperceived.

perceived.

"To-morrow," said Jack, "massa gib me a dollar to get corn for the mule, and

The Western Penitentiary was built fifty-five years ago.

A warren letter to the Eric Dispatch contains the following: "A youthful couple changed from the P. and E. to the D. A. V. and P. cars at Irvinetor Here is the speech that Mr. Barnum is supposed to have made when he first went into the showman's business, and was exhibiting the Boa Constrictor. It is worthly of the distinguished showman:—
"John, undo his tail. There, ladies and manage to walk with the aid of one.

Fifteen thousand tickets for negro em igrants have recently been taken on the railroads running south and west from Mongomery, Ala. The african in that

over the bars.' He had but one.

Conundrum-Said a boy : 'That chap yonder is my brother, and this girl is his sister, yet she is no relation of mine. Answer-the boy lied.

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