

Wit and Humor.

A COOL OPERATION. "Halloo, there Captin!" said a brother Jonathan to a captain of a small packet on the Erie canal. "What do you charge for passage?"

"Three cents per mile, and board," said the captain. "How long will it take to get to the other side?"

"Nearly one and a half miles," said the captain. "Let's see," said Jonathan, "that would be just four and a half cents; but never mind, I won't be small; here's five cents which pays my fare up to here. I will go ashore now. I'm kinder rested out."

"By this time the listeners crowded close around C., but not a smile was to be seen upon his countenance, or anything else to denote that he was telling out of his head."

"By the way, Major," continued C., "I nearly forgot to tell you we had found the New York Brass Band. You recollect when I came up last week I told you they had took their instruments with them, and went out in a sail boat. The boat was seen, captured and they were supposed to be lost, but when we found them all alive and hearty, their liquor bottle empty, and Peterson, the bugler, sitting near the girls playing 'come rest in this bosom!'"

"STATE OF THE MARKET. Umbrellas—Rising—holders say they are uncertain. Fallings—a day or two ago they were looking up. Sneaks—None in market—some bespoken. Storks—Drag considerably—somewhat in demand though out of season. Turkeys—The price demanded does not justify consumers in purchasing. Oysters—Go down admirably—dealers have been drawing heavily upon the stocks of the article, but no where to be found. Politics—Dull—go down heavily—a complete drag to the market and but few bought. Marriages—Brisks—though dealers in the article 'nigh shy'—many a fair change in the price of the higher bidder. Newspapers—Flat—stable—unprofitable. Money—Scarce—held by the money market of the article, but no where to be found. AUNTIE JOY—Cimon, "exclaimed Uncle Isaac, the other day, as he was talking to a word 'ant'." It is a meeningless and foolish word, the pronunciation of which makes my flesh crawl; so mind what I say, and never use it again. "It's all very well to talk in that way, Uncle Ike, but you must confess it's a proper word."

"To such thing, Cimon, it is in the dictionary." "Oh, it ain't, aint!" replied Cimon. "Well, as you aint much farther ahead than when you started, I guess you'd better went."

"GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY," said a western lawyer, "I don't mean to insinuate that this man is a covetous person, but I will bet five to one if you should bait a steel trap with a new three cent piece, and place it within six inches of his mouth, you would catch his son. I wouldn't for a moment insinuate that the girl's best, but may I please the Court, let me ever again hear you use a word 'ant'." It is a meeningless and foolish word, the pronunciation of which makes my flesh crawl; so mind what I say, and never use it again. "It's all very well to talk in that way, Uncle Ike, but you must confess it's a proper word."

"As a Yankee who went over to the moon on coming back, how did Great Britain?" "Well," he said, "England was a very nice country, exceedingly fertile, well cultivated, very populous and very wealthy; but," said the Yankee, "I never like to take a morning walk after breakfast, because the country is so small that I was always afraid of walking off the edge."

MISCELLANEOUS.

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The Farmer.

SALTING IN DAMP HAY OR STRAW. Damp hay, or even grass, may be stacked with layers of salt, or even of old hay, sprinkled with salt to prevent heating, and to draw out the juice from the damp grass, which is then absorbed by the straw. Mouldy hay, put together with salt, from eight to twenty-five pounds per ton, was better relished by the cattle, and did more good than any other method. A good farmer should have a supply of salt on hand. Landrake, in Cornwall, many years ago, stacked damp hay with salt, which came out almost a paste when the rick was opened, but the cattle devoured it greedily. In Germany they even cure fresh cut grass one pound to the hundred weight; it comes out quite a paste, and is said to grow faster in food than the same quantity of grass made into hay; and in this country other great food has been used in like manner. The advantage of dry straw, to absorb the juice drawn out by the salt is two-fold—first, in preventing the souring of the grass—and second, in rendering the straw itself nourishing and palatable; by the juice thus absorbed. The proportion of straw may vary from one-eighth to one-fourth; and the salt from one to three pounds per hundred weight, according to the nature of the hay. If cold hay is used instead of straw, it must be in larger proportion, because less absorbent. And when neither can be had, chaff, or young furze might do; or even bran, if salted enough to prevent fermentation.—Agricultural Gazette.

MAXIM'S FOR GARDENERS. Grow nothing carelessly; whatever is worth growing at all, is worth growing well. Many kinds of garden seeds lose their vegetative power, if kept over the first year; be sure, therefore, to sow none but new seeds. Melons, cucumbers, and other plants of the gourd tribe, except an exception to this rule. The first lot which appears above ground (and the seed-layers) are the sole progeny of the young plant until it has acquired roots; therefore, if that is destroyed, or seriously injured, the young plant must die. Roots require that air should be admitted to them; the surface of a clay soil should therefore be disturbed as often as it begins to cake.

SEED WHEAT PER ACRE. Mr. R. W. Wolfe, near Newport, England, has tried many experiments with different quantities of seed and different ways of drilling. The upper part of the garden was planted in drills eight inches apart, gave the best returns on strong lands. We suspect that the berry of the seed is something like a third larger than seeds of white wheat generally sown in the country, and consequently six pecks form more plants than four would of standard grain. It is important that seed be covered in a firm depth; the result best attained by that of a good drill.

KILLING ALDERS. The last of August is considered the best time to cut alders, for the purpose of destroying them. Performed at this season, the operation has generally been successful. More or less will generally sprout the next year, but they are usually cut at the same time in the year that the previous cutting was done, the extripation will be pretty much accomplished.

THE HOUSEKEEPER. A short neck makes the most expeditious in when you are particular in washing; have precisely what you want from a butcher's, go and purchase it yourself. People in general are not aware how very essential to the health of their inmates is the admission of light into their houses. Sitting to sew by candle light with a table of dark cloth is very injurious to the sight. When no other remedy is present, put a sheet of white paper before you. People very commonly complain of indigestion; how can it be wondered at, when they seem by their habit of swallowing their food wholesale, to forget for what purpose they are provided with teeth. Never fit a cloth of iron into your table, for generally speaking you may see that they have been wiped with a dirty cloth. If a knife is brightly cleaned, they are compelled to use a clean cloth.

TOMATOES. As this is the season for young chickens, we commend to our readers the following recipe for frying them. Take your chickens from the coop just when you are ready to clean them. Chop or wring off their heads—instantly disembowel them—wash them thoroughly with hot (not cold) water and drop them into a pan of boiling hot, sweet lard. Let them fry until nicely browned, then serve them with rich cream gravy. Having one tried this method, who has not seen the difference which it will make in the plus ultra mode.

PLAIN OMELET. Break three eggs into a bowl, and beat them until they are of one color, add pepper and salt, and spread the egg very thin in a hot buttered pan over the fire; as soon as the omelet begins to set, roll it up carefully, and turning over and over until it is all cooked; serve it hot.

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