

Saving Manure and Labor.

Almost any one has it in his power to keep up the fertility of his soil, if he does not lay out too much work, and undertake to do more than his time or money will permit him to do...

Early and Late Marriages.

Marriage is conducive to longevity, and should therefore be called to the attention of man as soon as he has completed, or nearly completed, because, in many cases, the companionship of a wife is of great service in directing and giving a higher aim to the intellectual force.

Handed her out, and the robber commanded him to 'drive on.' 'Won't you remove your blockade?' 'Certainly,' as he proceeded, 'to pull down the obstruction.' 'Will you take my back the box?' asked Admington. 'Drive on,' shouted the robber. 'Leave it where the stage can get it,' requested Admington. 'All right, drive on,' returned the robber. He was as good as his word. He left the box by the side of the road, where it was found by the express agents. They were not disturbed, and the robber realized no money by his daring exploit.

We do not remember ever to have met with anything like the cool self-complacency exhibited in the following from a Georgia paper: 'The amiable and delicious Miss Pilkinton, whose charms of mind and person have turned the heads of our gallants, now does her hair in braids, and patronizes this paper exclusively in her personal make-up.'

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A Novel Wedding Tour.

Mr. Newbury, of Davenport, Iowa, like Burns of Göttsburg is a practical man, and his wife is a practical woman. They are both of the old-school type, and are very much attached to each other. They have recently been married, and are about to start on a wedding tour. They have decided to visit some of the most interesting places in America, and to see some of the most famous landmarks. They have also decided to visit some of the most beautiful scenery in the country.

THE ELEMENT OF A HOME.

I never saw a garment too fine for man or maid, their never was a chair too good for a collier or cooper to sit in; never a house too fine to shelter the human head. These elements about us, the gorgeous sky, the imperial sun, are not too good for the human race. Elegance is man. But do not value these tools of housekeeping a little more than they are worth, and sometimes imagine home for the mahokey we bring into it? I would rather eat my dinner off the head of a barrel, or dress after the fashion of John the Baptist in the wilderness, or sit on a block all my life, than consume all myself before I get home, and take so much pains with the outside that the inside was as empty as a hollow nut. Beauty is a great thing, but beauty of garments, house and furniture is a very tawdry ornament compared with domestic love. All the elegance in the world will not make a home, and I would give more for a roomful of hearty love than for a roomful of furniture, and all the upholsterers in the world could gather together.—Theodore Parker.

How Women are Valued in China.

Chinese husbands can procure divorcees from their wives by simply proving that they talk too much. What if such an excuse held good in America? Women in fact are not thought little of in China. If you ask a Chinese woman how many children she has, she will give you the number of boys. She has to be asked the second time how many girls she has, as they are thought so little of, that in many cases they are killed as soon as born. One of these women told an European friend that her first child was a little girl, and described how she loved the little one. 'My husband went out,' she said, 'and brought in a tub of water. I begged him to spare its life, but he took the little one and put his head in the water, and held it there till it was dead. My second babe was a daughter, and it was served the same as the first; the third child was a boy; he lived until he was about four years old, when the gods got angry and killed him. Then my husband died, and I left my children to the mercy of heaven. I did nothing to confirm this suspicion; my relatives became angry and treat me harshly.' Even in our Christian churches in China the women are not allowed in the same room with the men, but are partitioned off in a lattice-work room.

Curious Cases.

Many instances have been recorded of the display of intelligence by rats, to which we here leave to do the following: A farmer's wife in the west of Scotland remarked, that the cream on the surface of the milk in her dairy was often interfered with. At first, she suspected that some of her children had taken the cream; but after a long search, she found nothing to confirm this suspicion; and, by-and-by, she noticed strange little streaks of cream on the edge of the milk-basins, as if a string had been dipped in and drawn out, so as to leave a mark. At last she discovered the secret. The cream was stolen by rats, which got upon the edges of the earthenware basins containing the milk, and not being able to reach down to it, a depth of several inches, they were obliged to jump down, as they could never climb, dived in the smooth surface again, dived in the tips of their long tails, drew them up loaded with the rich cream, and licked them. An arrangement of the basins, such that the rats could not get upon the edges, and the cream could be kept at all further depths of the same kind. There was surely something more than instinct in this case in the procedure of the rats. We have something still to tell of the ingenuity of rats. A family in a country house in America had a fancy for rearing ducks, but could not well do so on account of rats, which systematically got hold of and carried away the young ducklings, even from close to their mother. With a view to circumvent the rats, the maternal duck and her young were housed for the night under a coop, which limited the opening for the future intruder. The rats were not to be so easily cheated out of their prey. On discovering that the mother duck and her family were closely shrouded from intrusion, they devised a pretty plan of engineering, which was eminently successful. In the course of a single night they excavated a tunnel going below the outer edge of the coop to its interior, and thus very quietly, without producing any alarm, stole every duckling under the guardianship of the mother. Two rats of the same colony preferred a feat quite as ingenious. A trap, which was baited with a slice of bread, was habitually plundered without securing a single rat. They had evidently invented some plan for safely stealing away the bait, and what the plan was, could only be learned by setting a watch on the trap. We shall explain how the theft was effected. The trap was of the kind which is employed for catching mice. It was a box with a sliding door, which was pushed by mechanism connected with the bait. On the bait being nibbled at, the door descends and makes the mouse a prisoner. The two rats were thoughtful enough to get in before the door descended, and succeeded in carrying off the morsel of bread. The first rat then drew itself from under the door, and joined its companion. This demonstration of rat intelligence, like the preceding incident, is of recent occurrence.

THE ROAD AGENTS.

The 'road agents,' as highway men are considerably called on the Pacific slope, are sometimes accompanying to their victims. Not long ago a stage was stopped by a solitary 'road agent,' near the Reese river in Nevada. A local paper says: 'A barricade of sage brush had been built across the road on the top of which a basket had been spread. On the front seat of the coach were Mike Kehoe, the driver, Major Stonehill, and road superintendent Addison. When the coach approached the barricade the horses shied and Addison remarked, 'I guess we're in for it.' Just then stopped Mr. Robber, sat on gun in hand, 'Hand out that box,' he remarked with a decided Yankee accent. The driver

Miscellaneous.

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