

A correspondent of a New York journal gives a description of a cheap plan for an ice house that has been in use in his neighborhood for ten years, and has never yet failed in keeping ice as well as the more expensive houses. It is simply an inclosure of about six feet square in the clear, and six feet high. The walls are formed of old refuse timbers, thrown closely together, with no regard to form or comeliness. The roof is made of hemlock boards. The entire cost of this building did not exceed five dollars, and, practically considered, it is a success; not ambitious of containing thirty-five loads of ice, but simply five loads. About six inches of sawdust was spread upon the ground floor, and in packing a space of about nine inches was left between the ice and the walls of the building for sawdust, and about nine inches of sawdust spread upon the top of the ice, and the thing was fixed. The three main principles observed here will always insure a supply of ice, viz: good ventilation, good drainage, and plenty of sawdust. With these rules adhered to, a corner of any old pen shed will prove quite efficient in preserving ice.

The Norwich Bulletin relates a curious story of the defrauding of the Norwich and New York line of boats by a skillful swindler. While the Church Congress was in session in New York, a man who looked every inch an Episcopal clergyman, called at the New York office of the Norwich line and wanted to make arrangements for the transportation of six hundred Episcopal clergymen and laymen, belonging in New England, to Boston. There ensued a suitable amount of discussion and of telegraphing to the railroad men in Norwich, and at length a bargain was struck for carrying the six hundred at \$3 per man, the agent to receive 50 cents per ticket as his commission, amounting to \$300. He then paid for the tickets with a check for \$1,800, signed Wm. E. Dodge, and they paid him his commission. Time came for the boat to leave, but not the 600. Not one of the six hundred were forthcoming, and the ideas dawned with startling rapidity in close succession upon the minds of the steamboat officials. The check was found to be a forgery, but the forger has so far escaped capture.

Children are very apt to think a great deal more of an illustration than of the truth it was intended to illustrate. A teacher once endeavored to illustrate faith thus: "Children, if I should tell you that one day I saw a monkey climbing a liberty-pole, would you believe it?" "Yes, sir," unanimously. "Well, that is faith; you believe me because I say it, and you feel sure that I would tell an untruth." The next day the question was asked of the same children, "What is faith?" "A monkey climbing a liberty-pole," answered a quick little boy.

A man on Long Island, famous for his hogs, was asked what was the secret of his success. He answered: "I always choose a good-natured pig. Those that when they eat are constantly running from one trough to another and knocking their snouts against the new pig I sell to my neighbor, who don't know better than to buy such troublesome animals, while my contented pigs get fat."

A St. Louis woman, separated from her husband, recently sent him a long list of propositions, upon his acceptance of which she would live with him again. Woman-like she indicated the only real cause of difference in a postscript, as follows: "Your mother must leave the house at once and forever."

A perplexed Schneider, who had made a garment for a youth, and found himself unable to dispose of the surplus fullness which appeared when trying it on the young candidate, declared vociferously: "De coat is goot. It is no fault of de coat. De boy is too tin."

He who betrays another's secret because he has quarreled with him, was never worthy of the sacred name of friend; a breach of kindness on the one side will not justify a breach of trust on the other.

A brick fell from a scaffold recently on the head of a passing negro. "Fling dem peanut shells another way, up dare, won't yer?" was the darkey's advice as he scratched his wool.

The coffin makers in convention have unanimously resolved that cremation is contrary to every principle of right, honor, justice and truth.

At the present time the countries subject to the Emperor of Russia are equal to one-sixth of all the "dry land."

Why are the departing beauties of an old maid like the wicked? Because they flee when no man pursueth.

General B. F. Butler is said to have accumulated by honest thrift more than a million and a quarter.

A Salt Lake paper figures up 1,000 polygamists in Utah, with three wives and nine children apiece.

How many dog-days are there? As many as dogs, as every dog has his day.

What fish has its eyes nearest together? The smallest.

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