

BURNED TO DEATH

The Tragic Death of Bell Boy, the High Blooded Trotting Horse.

During the fire which occurred recently at the stables of Macey Bros., Versailles, Ky., the famous \$51,000 4-year-old stallion Bell Boy perished in the flames. At the same time about \$100,000 worth of other valuable horses was consumed. In many respects Bell Boy was one of the most remarkable horses that was ever foaled.

Bell Boy was a bred colt, foaled in 1895 at the Palo Alto stock farm in California.

He was sired by E. T. Iron (son of Buckle) and his dam was beautiful Belle, by the Mar; second dam, Munchella, by Maid Gray.

Senator Stanford sold him as a yearling to Brown & Stockbridge, of Kentucky.

As a 2-year-old he won all engagements handsily, and in October, 1897, made a record of 2:30 at Lexington. In 1898, in the spring, he was sold for \$50,000 to Jefferson & Peasano, of Kentucky.

In February, 1899, he was again put on auction. The sale attracted the attention of horsemen all over the country, and when the horse was led into the ring he created a great sensation. The bidding was very fierce, and when at the end he was knocked down for \$51,000 he had reached the highest price ever paid at auction for a horse in America. Bell Boy was never beaten on the turf.

As a 2-year-old he made a remarkable record, returning at the end of the season with 2:25 as his fastest time. The record was made in the fall of 1898, when he was 2 years old. He was the best bred trotter in the country, having his own brothers and sisters. Horsemen who knew him well all made a record for him better. It is said that only a few days before his death his owners were offered \$102,000 for him, but he refused it.

The death of Bell Boy removes a possibility of Astoria being the stallion record, which he made in such admirable time in 1899.

THE LEAVEN THE SEAGE. A Senator's Neice Who Recently Blossomed Out as an Actress.

Miss Letitia Aldrich is the niece of Senator Stewart, the Nevada silver king, and the granddaughter of H. S. Hunt, the Michigan silver king. She is a full fledged actress, having made her debut at a Washington theatre only a few weeks ago. She was born in California, where she has almost all her life. Her father, who is also an actor, was born of what she read in the newspapers and elsewhere, but she has no idea of what she has already had of the life of the stage. She seems to have abandoned her home as it does most of the newspaper made stage lovers.

Miss Aldrich is a bright, vivacious girl, of handsome presence and magnificent physique. She has soft, dark brown hair and eyes, rich cheeks and a very pleasing expression. Her manners are as unassuming as those of a school girl, and she looks forward to her professional life with bright expectations, apparently having no fear of the life of the stage. That she is likely to come to her as a brilliant success.

The night after her debut she said to a reporter: "I am perfectly devoted to the stage, and I am sure that I should have thought of taking the step which I have just taken."

The part in which Miss Aldrich made her first professional appearance was "Maid Marian," in which she acted as a comedy. Miss Aldrich, the scene of which is laid in New York City, was the first appearance of the piece as it is being presented in New York City. Each of the characters in the piece are so wonderfully aptly cast that whether they will succeed or not. The young star is backed by unlimited money and has the most brilliant of all the talents of the stage.

The heroism of Yon, an Etruscan city captured and abandoned by its neighbors at the end of the world, is a quantity of volcanic offerings in terra and in the sea. They formed a mountain 200 feet long, 40 feet wide and 100 feet high. In a few weeks 2,000,000 cubic feet of lava were collected, including 447 statues of goddesses and gods.

There are the remains of objects representing parts of the body offered in the temple either as a means to drive away disease or in thankfulness for healing that has departed. Heads, ears, nostrils, eyes, hands, arms, legs, feet, breasts, spines, loaves, loaves and loaves are represented. There are figures cut through the breast showing the internal organs, and there are figures of the human body, arms without hands, legs without feet, and objects representing every part of the male and female body.

There are statues the size of life, with arms extended and movable, magnificent carved pillars, and some of the most beautiful objects in the world. There are also many small figures, some of which are made of gold, silver, bronze, copper, iron, tin, lead, zinc, and other metals. There are also many small figures of the human body, arms without hands, legs without feet, and objects representing every part of the male and female body.

According to London Engineering, during the past year only ten fatal explosions of fire-damp were reported as having occurred in the coal mines, the number of deaths resulting therefrom reaching a total of 128. It adds, "There were several non-fatal explosions, and many men were injured, some of them seriously." The best of the year was in the coal mines, where the number of deaths was 170 and 7200 respectively. On the average, therefore, the annual loss of life in the coal mines has decreased by 114 on the short period comparison, and by 94 on the long period. The years 1884 and 1888 contributed between them only 114 deaths, 63 and 49 respectively. In continental mines last year 300 lives were sacrificed in explosions.

A new insulating material for electric conductors has been brought out in Germany. It consists of paper which has been thoroughly soaked in an ammoniacal solution of sulphur. The material is then pressed against the conducting wires to be covered by means of rollers, and the whole is finally subjected to a high temperature. The result is a covering which is passed through a bath of linseed oil, being left in it until the covering is saturated. This makes it elastic and impermeable to moisture.

To prevent sandstone it is advisable not to let it dry so thoroughly as possible and then paint it or coat it with silicate of soda.

MALY (practical)—A beautiful ring, my dear. What did you give for it? Please (poetical)—My self.

FARM NOTES.

SUMMER FEED.—Prepare, during the winter or early spring, sufficient feed for summer. From the time the plow can be started, until the corn is reaped, there is too precious to be used for work that can as well be done at another season. To chop wood in July or August is decidedly hot work; and if the summer stock wood is prepared now, the work will not be put on wife and girls during the summer. For summer use, light dry wood that will burn quickly and die down quickly, is the best. Wood must be cut and stacked when it works easiest, and if properly stored, it will be dry by the time it is wanted. Such timber as cottonwood, white elm, wild cherry, etc., which make very superior winter fuel, are excellent for summer. The logs are most easily worked by sawing them, with a cross-cut saw, into stove-wood length, and splitting afterward. The logs can be hauled up most easily during the winter, when a sled can be used. Corn cobs are excellent summer fuel and are well worth saving for this purpose.

The old idea that grapes thrive best on light land is mainly due to the fact that such soils are naturally dry. While a heavy clay is not best for the grape, it is no insuperable obstacle to success in vinedraining, providing it is thoroughly underdrained. In fact, grape-growing is possible under a wider range of conditions and soil than in the case with any other crop. The one thing that grape roots cannot abide is stagnant water. No matter if it drives out in the ground, it is still there, and the power of the vine to regain it is time. Land thoroughly drained to the depths of three feet warms more quickly in spring, and makes a difference of five to ten degrees or more at the time when the vine most needs warmth.

Mr. Boddy, of Morgan county, Ill., practices a successful method of ridding sheep of grub in the head. He feeds them steamed corn on a barn floor, and covers the head with a bag. The sheep in eating fill their noses with the lime, which causes violent sneezing, thus expelling the grub. In a few moments the sheep will sneeze and the grub, which should be destroyed. The use of this remedy occasionally through fall and early winter has rid Mr. Boddy's sheep of this pest, as he informs *Cotton's Rural World*.

WOMEN who care to put a few strawberry plants in their homes, says the *Massachusetts Farmer*, and will give them as much fancy attention as they do flowers in the winter, will get something more substantial than flowers in the season. They will get some fruit; for this is a strawberry that will bear in January, that might pay. The rich will sometimes pay that much, and even Florida berries are sold at \$2 a quart or more on their first appearance. But some women might like to raise a few strawberry plants in this way without the inducement of selling them.

The type of tomato at present sought after, says a writer, grows on a stout, bushy plant, which ripens early an abundance of medium-sized, bright red, purplish or yellow fruit, with small seeds. Cross skin and symmetrical outline. As no material advancement has been made in varieties for several years, it has been thought that perfection had been reached, but this is doubtful.

Hogs will usually do better and gain faster when they have an occasional change of food, and many a farmer will use the liberal use of bran, shorts and meal. These will be very desirable to use if the "trusts" and "combinations" do not keep the prices up so high. Crossed hogs are much better compared with corn, oats or rye than are too expensive for any Western farmer to use with profit.

TO PLANT strawberries rapidly and well, says a change, show a straight line, divide the ground, push the middle from you, drop the roots into the crevice, draw out the spade and firm the soil by stepping on each side of the plant. Cut the middle half and thus plant by one boy and a man in three days, without loss of a single plant. They had to dig the plants and mark the ground, and averaged eight hours per day.

In England the Dorking fowl stands at the head. It is one of the best table fowls known in this country. The Dorking tender when young, but hardy when matured. The hens make good layers and mothers, and the males are superior to all other kinds for cocking. Crossed with a hen, the result is a very superior bird for practical purposes.

The question being raised as to whether it was better to have cows "come in" every year or to have them bred once in two years, *The Rural World* says that the testimony of a number of dairymen, and their testimony is in favor of the former plan.

The future development and usefulness of your cows will be greatly influenced by the kind of feed they receive. Oats, clover and corn hay are the best feed for growing stock. They are both very cheap, and it will pay to feed liberally for the next six months.

I do not want a kinking cow, says John Gould, but I do want to see one with nerve enough to, when abused, kick her abuser into the furthest corner of the barn, and so severely that when he arrives there, he will understand that the cow has the letter developed brain.

ACCORDINGLY to the *Rural New Yorker* a salt mallow hay mulch six inches deep applied every five or six weeks will be most beneficial to the best of the year. The editor ever saw was treated in this way, the hens being occasionally turned in to give the hay a good scratching.

The potato crop of the country is estimated at 213,000,000 bushels, an increase of 17,000,000 bushels over that of last year. It amounts the population of 100,000,000 souls it will be seen that there are over three and one-half bushels for each man, woman and child in the United States.

A mustang gas machine is an English invention. It is called the "propane." Its compass is three octaves with a key board, and it will be played in the same manner as an organ. It is like a seven-gas tube, in which a like number of gas jets enter. These jets, placed in a circle, contract and expand. When the small burners separate, the sound is produced when they come together, and the sound is called propane. The sound depends upon the number of burners and the size of the tubes in which they burn, so that by a car I arrangement and selection all the notes of the musical scale can be produced in several octaves. Some of the gas jets burn in which the gas jets burn are nearly eleven feet long.

In the northeastern island of Terra del Fuego the Ua people who intend to be buried in the sea. The men of the southern Yalagans (as they are called by the English missionaries) are the tallest race on the globe, according to the French mission to Cape Horn reported in the *Academy of Sciences*, Paris, by Dr. Hahn. In stock and speech this tall people appear closely related to the Patagonians of the Continent.

HOUSEHOLD.

SPICE DINNERS AND HIGH TEAS.—A very novel and new line of entertainments is a "Spice Dinner" given by a prospective bride to a select coterie of friends, says *Table Talk*. The table linen of mossy white is daintily embroidered by the fair hands of the hostess, as is also the lovely centerpiece of creamy silk that extends throughout the center of the table. Chubby cupid in embroidered on the centerpiece with the smallest blue forget-me-nots scattered carelessly about. Forget-me-nots are also found in one corner of each of the large napkins. On either end of the table is found a pair of crossed spoons, the skillful work of the florist. For these floral beauties pink and white rose buds, pink and white sweet sweet violets, forget-me-nots and other delicately tinted flowers are used. Swaying masses of ferns are tucked into the crevices above and form a trio of spoons on the table below.

"Fr in soup to coffee spoons are the sole table implements permissible, the carver serving the spoon-shaped iced and cream in spoon-shaped form to correspond," so says a Chicago paper. The souvenirs for the ladies are a handsome silver spoon, engraved with the initials of the prospective bride and groom, together with the date of the spoon dinner; while those of the gentlemen are tiny scarf pins, spoon shaped, set with a tiny jewel in the bowl.

There is no pointer way of entertaining a few friends than to give a "High Tea," but, as Mrs. Rorer, the well-known cooking teacher says: "The hostess should invite but a few friends at a High Tea, and have a tea every week with a few pleasant people than a large array of unconvivial ones." The refreshments are very simple for such a tea, and the invitations are oftentimes simply visiting cards with the date and words, "High Tea" written below; while some are more formal notes, and still others are informal notes. If a friend or friend's assist in entertaining, cards for them should be sent out at least three or four days in advance, but many successful and pleasant teas have been impromptu, and the invitations sent out the day before.

Street suits or reception toilets are always appropriate and advisable for such entertainments. The decorous ones are usually of one particular flower shade, with small floral festoons. Weils, either pink, yellow or the rich, velvet Jacquemins are perhaps the prettiest and most effective decorations. Every thing else should be in harmony with the flowers used. A pretty idea is to have a single rose or a corsage bouquet for the ladies and a boutonniere one for the gentlemen at each table.

RECIPE FOR HIGH TEA, NO. 1.
Fried Oysters. Chicken Salad.
Thin Bread and Butter. Tea.
Wafers. Macaroons.

MENT NO. 2
Oyster Patties. Cabbage Salad.
Chicken Sandwiches. Fried Almonds.
Wafers. Coffee.

MENT NO. 3
Chicken Croquettes. Shrimp Salad.
Thin Bread and Butter. Wafers.
Sardines. Russian Tea.

MENT NO. 4
Rolls. Sandwiches. Olives.
Veal Croquettes. Wafers.
Coconut Balls. Coffee.

CHOCQUONOLLES.—One pint of cream, three eggs, one cup of white sugar, two tablespoons of baking-powder, four cups of flour. Whip the cream to a thick froth. Whip the yolks and whites of the eggs separately. Weils the sugar well into the yolks, to which add the cream and whites of eggs. To the four cups of sifted flour add the two tablespoons of baking-powder. Stir into the mixture as much of the flour and baking-powder as will enable you to roll it out into a soft paste. Cut the paste into fanciful shapes, such as leaves, flowers, etc., and roll them in sugar, or in any other desired coating. Bake in a hot oven until they turn a light brown, then take them out, laying them over a drainer to dry, while still hot dust them with fine white sugar.

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FRID APPLE.—Parse sound apples, slice them half an inch thick, remove the cores without breaking the slices. Fry them in hot butter until tender, and when they are well done, sprinkle with powdered sugar dusted over the apples.

APPLE SHORT CAKE.—Bake pie crust in layers, spread between with well-sweetened apple sauce, and serve hot with cream beaten to a stiff froth.

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