

Farm and Household.

Stock For Butter.

The time is rapidly approaching when the quality of Jersey stock, as determined by the butter yield, must be put on record. By the butter, because a large yield of milk may be small of butter, but a large yield of butter cannot be small of milk.

What we need is, that the American Jersey Cattle Club shall select some reliable man, whose farm is centrally situated to whom all Jersey cows competing for a record, should be sent for trial.

This would tend to the increase and spread of the best butter animals, and to stop the perpetuation of the indifferent and worthless. It would save thousands of dollars, directly and indirectly, to the public, and specially to those who are willing to, and can economically pay large prices for animals, if assured of their butter quality.

The Young Folks.

Fourth Month Dunces.

The custom of joking on the first day of April, sending the ignorant or the unwary on fruitless errands, for the sake of making them feel foolish and having a laugh at them, prevails very widely in the world.

The custom has been traced back for ages; all through Europe, as far back as the records go. The "Feast of Fools" is mentioned as celebrated by the ancient Romans. In Asia the Hindoos have a festival, ending on the 31st of March, called the "Huli festival," in which they play the same sort of first of April pranks.

How it came to be what everybody finds it, the wise men cannot agree. The many authorities are so divided, that I see no way but to accept the custom as we find it, wherever we happen to be, and be careful not to abuse it.

Some jokes are peculiar to particular places. In England, where it is called All Fools' Day, one favorite joke is to send the greenhorn to a bookseller to buy the "Life and Adventures of Eze's Grandmother," or to a cobbler to buy a few cents' worth of "strap oil"—strap oil being, in the language of the shoe-making brotherhood, a personal application of the leather. The victim usually gets a good whipping with a strap.

There was an old superstition in England that prayers to the Virgin at eight o'clock on All Fools' Day would be of wonderful efficacy, and it is seriously mentioned by grave writers of old days.

In Scotland the first of April fun is called "hunting the gowk," and consists most often of sending a person to another a long way off, with a note which says: "Hunt the gowk another mile." The recipient of the note gives him a new misadventure to still another, containing the same words; and so the sport goes on, till the victim remembers the day of the month, and sits down to rest, and think about it.

In France, where the custom is very ancient, the jokes are much the same; but the victim is called an "April fish," because he is easily caught. In one part of France there is a custom of eating a certain kind of peas which grow there, called pois chiches. The joke there is to send the peasants to a certain convent to ask for those peas, telling them that the fathers are obliged to give some to every one who comes on that day.

The joke is as much on the monks as on the peasants, for there is often a perfect rush of applicants all day.

A more disagreeable custom prevails in Lisbon on the first of April, when the great object is to pour water on passers by, or, failing in that, to throw powder in their faces. If both can be done, the joker is happy.

I need not tell you the American styles of joking: nailing a piece of silver to the side-walk; tying a string to a purse, and jerking it away from greedy fingers; leaving tempting-looking packages, filled with sand, on door-steps; frying doughnuts with an interlining of wool; putting salt in the sugar-bowl, etc. You know too many already.

But this custom, with others, common in coarser and rougher times, is fast dying out. Even now it is left almost entirely to playful children and the uneducated classes. The sentiment, quoted from an English almanac of a hundred years ago, will, I'm sure, meet the approval of "grown-ups" of the nineteenth century:

"But 'tis a thing to be disputed, Which is the greatest fool reputed, The one that innocently went, Or he that him designedly sent."

—H. M. M., St. Nicholas for April.

Be civil and obliging to all, dutiful where God and nature command you; but friend to one, and that friendship keep sacred, as the greatest tie upon earth, and be sure to ground it upon virtue; for no other is either happy or lasting.

Legal.

MERCANTILE APPRAISEMENTS. DEALERS IN MERCHANDISE, &c., in Susquehanna County, take notice that, in pursuance of the several Acts of Assembly of this Commonwealth to provide revenue to meet the demands upon the Treasury and for other purposes, the undersigned Appraiser of Merchandise for said County, has prepared a list of vendors in said County, and placed each in that class which to him appears just and right, to wit:

Table with columns for Vendor Name, Address, and Amount. Includes entries for AUBURN, LEROX, LAMHET, BROOKLYN, BRIDGEWATER, CLIFFORD, DIMOCK, DUNDUFF, FOREST LAKE, FRIENDSVILLE, GREAT BEND BOROUGH, GREAT BEND TOWNSHIP, HARBOR, HERRICK, JESSUP, JACKSON, and THOMPSON.

Classification of Vendors of Merchandise. Sales less than \$5,000, class 14. Sales \$5,000, less than \$10,000, class 13. Sales \$10,000, less than \$15,000, class 12. Sales \$15,000, less than \$20,000, class 11. Sales \$20,000, less than \$30,000, class 10. Sales \$30,000, less than \$40,000, class 9. Sales \$40,000, less than \$50,000, class 8.

Classification of Patent Medicine Dealers. Sales \$100, and not exceeding \$250, class 4. Sales \$250, and not exceeding \$500, class 3. Sales \$500, and not exceeding \$1,000, class 2.

And the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county will hold a Court of the Court of Common Pleas of said county, in and for said county, on Thursday, April 26, 1877, at which time and place any of the Merchants described, defined and classed as aforesaid, who have any claims, or who may appear and appeal from said assessment if they think proper.

A S S I G N E E S S A L E OF REAL ESTATE. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance and by virtue of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Susquehanna County, to me directed I will expose for sale at public vendue, on the premises in Franklin township, said county, on Saturday, the 7th day of April, 1877, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described piece or parcel of land situated in said township and county, to-wit: The estate of N. W. Eastman, assigned to me in trust for the benefit of creditors, beginning to the north side of the highway leading from the turnpike to the site works on the west line of lands of certain party with said highway's rods to said Benj. Merritt, thence west along said highway's rods to the north parallel with said highway's rods to the line to the place of beginning, containing 1/2 acre of land more or less, all improved.

PERMITS OF SALE.—The full amount bid to be cashed on day of sale.—A. LATHROP, Assignee of N. W. Eastman. Montrose, March 14, 1877.

NEW FIRM, NEW GOODS, NEW PRICES.

Wm. H. BOYD & Co., (SUCCESSOR TO BOYD & CORWIN.) DEALERS IN Cook Stoves, Ranges, Heating Stoves.

ON TIME, THE ARGAND, TINWARE. As a heating stove stands without a rival in beauty, durability and economy. Come and satisfy yourself, and get names of parties now using them.

OUR WORKMEN ARE EXPERIENCED OUR STYLES ARE FAULTLESS! GOODS ARE WARRANTED! And we defy any to produce better goods for less money.

LAMPS. A full line of Lamps of beautiful design. Also Chimneys of every description.

STONE WARE. Flower Jars, Hanging Pots, Churns, Butter Jars, Preserve Jars, Jugs, Stove Tubes, &c.

BUILDERS HARDWARE. Butts and Screws, Locks and Knobs, Latches, Catches, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Glass, Building Paper, White Lead, Zinc, Oils, Varnishes, Paint Brushes, Spirits of Turpentine, Paint of any shade desired. Also colors for mixing paint.

BOLTS. A full assortment of Philadelphia Carriage Bolts, and a full line of Iron Axles, Bar Iron, Horse Shoes, Nails, Rods, &c.

NAILS. We purchase in Car-load lots, therefore can sell to the trade in less quantities as cheap as any house in the city.

Marble Works! eWould call the attention of the Public wanting ANYTHING IN THE MARBLE LINE to OUR WORKS at SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT, PA.

Being the only Marble Works in the County. All Work Warranted as Represented OR NO SALE.

YOU CAN SAVE MONEY By calling on us. WILLIS DeLONG, M. A. COLVIN, genl. Susq's Depot, Pa.—April 14, 1875.

TUNKHANNOCK MARBLE WORKS. BURNS & WHITE, Manufacturers of and Dealers in TALIAN & AMERICAN MARBLE, MARBLE AND SLATE MANTLES.

SCOTCH & AMERICAN GRANITE, A Specialty. Cemetery Lots Enclosed. P. G. BURNS, Gno. WHITE, Tunkhannock, Pa. Jan. 19, 1876-ly

COACH & CARRIAGE PAINTING! The undersigned wishes to inform the public that he prepared to do all kinds of COACH, CARRIAGE WAGON & SLEIGH PAINTING!

on short notice, in the best style, and at reasonable prices. At Rogers' Carriage Factory, Mechanic Avenue, At Mack's Wagon Shop, Turnpike Street. A. H. HICK, Montrose, Sept. 24, 1876-ly

JOE WORK AT THIS OFFICE, CHEAP

GOODS! GOODS!

Wm. Hayden Has just received an ENTIRE NEW STOCK OF MENS', BOYS' AND YOUTHS' CLOTHING, At prices to suit the hard times.

MENS' SUITS, \$6 TO \$25 BOYS' & YOUTHS' \$5 TO \$10 Also a fine line of DRY GOODS, HATS & CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES, YANKEE NOTIONS, FANCY GOODS, Cheap for cash. No charges for showing our goods.

WM. HAYDEN. New Milford, May 24, 1876-ly.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT C. & A. CORTES: DRY GOODS

MERCHANT TAILORING. AT OUR NEW STORE, THE GREAT CAUSE OF HUMAN MISERY.

A Lecture on the Nature, Treatment, and Radical Cure of Seminal Weakness, or Spermatorrhea, induced by Self-Abuse, Involuntary Emissions, Impotency, Nervous Debility, and Impediments to Marriage generally; Consumption, Epilepsy, and Fits; Mental and Physical Incapacity, &c.—by ROBERT J. CULVERWELL, M. D., author of the "Green Book," &c.

This Lecture will prove a boon to thousands and thousands. Sent under seal, in a plain envelope, to any address on receipt of six cents or two post stamps. Address THE CULVERWELL MEDICAL CO., 41 Ann St., New York; Post Office Box, 4586. Oct. 11, 1876.

BUY YOUR WAGONS, CARRIAGES AND SLEIGHS, OF W. OUSTERHOUT, HARFORD, PA.

PRICE LIST. Repairing done on short notice, cheaper than the cheapest. First-class Harness \$225, Buggies \$120, Lumber wagons \$115, Platforms from \$140 to \$180, Swell body Sleighs \$75.

BLACKSMITHING. To shoe per span new, \$2.50, cork and set \$1.00, set per span \$1.00. All work warranted. Call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere.

Harford, April 20, '76.—W. OUSTERHOUT. J. H. BARNES, H. G. BLANDING, J. N. CONDON

Barnes, Blanding & Co., Marble and Granite Works, [ESTABLISHED IN 1840.] MANUFACTURERS OF ALL KINDS OF MARBLE AND GRANITE MONUMENTS, MANTLES, &c.

ALSO, IMPORTERS OF SCOTCH GRANITE, 26 Chenango St., Near Depot, March 8, 1876. BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

H. BURRITT, Would call attention to his New Stock of FALL AND WINTER GOODS! Now on sale, in new DRY GOODS

LADIES' DRESS GOODS, BLACK AND COLORED ALPACAS, NEW STYLE OF PRINTS, SHAWLS, WATER-PROOFS, FLANNELS, BALMORAL, AND HOOP SKIRTS, VELVETS, HOSIERY, HEAVY WOOL GOODS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, PAPER HANGINGS, BUFFALO AND LAP ROBES, FURS, HATS AND CAPS; BOOTS AND SHOES, HARDWARE, IRON NAILS, STEEL STOVES AND GROCERIES, ETC.

In great variety, and will be sold on the most favorable terms, and lowest prices. H. BURRITT, New Milford, May 1st, 1875.

ROCHESTER SEEDS. Reid's Floral Tribune, a book of 90 pages with Colored Plates, describes 500 varieties of flowers, vegetables, &c. Price 10 cents. This work with 6 plates, REID'S FRESH FLOWER SEEDS, including Pansy, and Verbena, for 25 cents, 14 choice varieties and The Tribune, 60 cents. Vegetable seeds substituted, if preferred. Mention this paper. W. H. REID, Feb. 28, 1877, 9w3 Rochester, N. Y.

C. M. LIVINGSTON, CITY BILL Poster and Distributor. He has the only printing boards in the Borough. Terms very reasonable. Montrose, Feb. 21, 1877. 64.

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All Kinds of Job Work at the LOWEST PRICES. Promptly upon receipt of order, (by mail or otherwise,) we can furnish Wedding Invitations, Envelopes, Bill Heads, Statements, Note Heads, Box Labels, Show Cards, Admission Tickets, Ball Tickets, Law Blanks, Auction Bills, Large Posters, Small Posters, Bottle Labels, Calling Cards, Address Cards, Business Cards, Invitation Cards, Pamphlets, Business Circulars, Wrappers, Tags, Dancing Programmes, etc., etc.

HAWLEY & CRUSER, Democrat Office. May 10.