

Farm and Household.

Sand or Quarter Cracks.

These cracks consist of openings of greater or lesser extent in any part of the hoof of horses' feet, commencing at the coronet, that is at the juncture of the hoof and hair, and are generally found in the inner quarter or sides of the fore, and at the toe of the hind foot.

The special history of horny appendages consists, therefore, in the description of the form and disposition of the surfaces from which they spring; whereas hairs have roots imbedded in follicles, the horn tubes spring from papillae, which stud a surface extended over bony or fibro-elastic prominences.

Having thus seen the manner in which horn is grown, and its integrity maintained, the reader will easily understand that the dry, brittle state of the wall leading to the occurrence of these cracks, is due to an unhealthy condition of the parts from which it is secreted, that it is secreted, that is the papillae, and inter-papillary substance; when the sole of the foot is weakened by an injudicious use of the drawing knife and that abominable known as a seated shoe, applied, almost the entire force of the tread is given to and taken by the wall alone; thus it is over strained, and although it is of itself an insensible material, the shock as the blow is conveyed through it to the highly sensitive bodies from which it is secreted, and to which it is attached; their perfect action is thus prevented, and the result is an imperfectly formed brittle horn, which becomes less and less able to withstand the strain put upon it, and soon a crack commences at the upper margin of the wall usually small and insignificant at first, but gradually extending downwards and inwards until it has penetrated through the horny structures; lameness becomes apparent, inflammation of the sensitive tissues beneath the crack is set up, the part is very painful, the upper edge of the wound gapes as the tissues swell, and when the animal is made to move, it will be seen that the crack opens and shuts as he steps on to or off from the foot.

The first step of the treatment will be to have a level good shoe applied to the foot, (a bar shoe I have never yet found to be necessary,) and this is often all that is required; if the parts are much swollen it will be best to have a V shaped piece of the horn removed from the wall; this will prevent all further squeezing of the sore parts, and all that will be required further will be to dress as a simple wound until the wall grows down sufficiently to allow the animal to be put to work, or it may be that a simple clasping the crack together with small iron clasps made for the purpose, or with a horse-shoe nail carefully driven and clinched by a competent man, will be all that is required. Cracks never unite, and therefore it will be well to urge on the down growth of the wall by gently stimulating the coronet.—Scientific Farmer.

Talking about the solution of the problem of fence or no fence, let me tell you that the matter has been settled in certain townships in this county, and no fence has become the order of the day.—Driving north from Champaign City, Ill., by the time you have gone two miles fences have disappeared, notwithstanding hundreds of town cows wandering on the streets not two miles off. And this has been going on for three or four years, without any reasonable chance for a return to the old fencing fashion. Town people have learned to care for their cows or take the consequences, and slip shod farmers to herd their vagabonding stock, or it goes to the pound.—Prairie Farmer.

The Young Folks.

Turning Into Cats.

A FABLE.

Once there was a law that, on a certain day, when the meeting house bell rang for noon, everybody should turn into a cat.

Some people don't believe this is true; but you ask the children and the barn-swallows!

Well, and so you may be sure it was great fun to sit up on the big granite-rock on the side of Deer Hill and see them turn, just where they were and whatever they were doing, at that very minute!

The minister's son had come into the study, with his hat in his hand, and said: "Shall Cornelius and I, sir, take our scythes, sir, and go out and mow a little while, sir?"

And then Mr. Fadyon's fool caught hold of the bell-rope.

Mr. Fadyon's fool knew some things as well as anybody; and he knew how to ring the bell exactly when the sun-dial and the noon mark and his grandmother's eight-day clock said it was noon.

"So 'ding, dong,' went the bell, and—it was only a Maltese kitten that had hold of the rope.

Just at that hour, Aunt Patty was out in the garden hoeing weeds, with an old hat of Uncle Rodney's tied on her head; and she began to turn, first her nose and then her chin. They were very long and sharp when they were Aunt Patty, and they grew short and snubby, and whiskers grew, and her ears pricked up as though she heard something, and then, quicker than you can say "scat!" she was a spotted kitten chasing Deacon Davis' hens, that were trying to sneak through the garden fence with the old rooster's spurs on. After scaring them half out of their feathers, she kept on through Deacon Davis' cat hole, and up in the back chamber, where she prowled about and sniffed in all the dark corners and behind the old tea-chests and barrels.

When she was Aunt Patty she had always mistrusted whether or no Mrs. Deacon Davis hadn't some cobwebs and poke-holes out of sight, for all that she kept everything looking neat as wax on the outside.

And then the minister's son jumped with one spring on the minister's shoulder, and began to bite the minister's hair, and claw off his glasses, for he liked rough ways and mischief as well as any boy, only he had to be proper because he was the minister's son.

The minister looked around solemn and dignified, a good deal astonished; and then his glasses grew rounder and rounder, and his arms grew slenderer and slenderer; and then he seemed to wink all over; and then there was a great black cat, with a white spot on his throat and a white face and four white feet, sitting in the study-chair, snapping at the flies, with one paw on a volume of Johnathan Edward's sermons.

It was a great change for the minister. But as for Mrs. Deacon Davis, she didn't seem to alter hardly a bit. Her eyes were the mildest skim-milk before, much more faded than an old cat's eyes; and her hair was pale buff and sort of furry. And she had a way of rubbing herself against the side of her chair as she talked along in a kind of purr-purring tone. She stopped work for the first time in her life, though, and taking her yellow paws out of the wash-tub, went to chasing dandelion down.

But as soon as ten o'clock anywhere in town struck one at the same second, all the cats turned back to people again; and you ought to have seen how surprised they were to catch themselves doing such odd things.

Aunt Patty was rumaging through the minister's wife's bureau-drawer among her best clothes; and, bad as it looked in a cat, it looked a thousand times worse in Aunt Patty, with Uncle Rodney's hat still on her head and a hoe under her arm.

Mrs. Deacon Davis was curled up asleep in the rocking-chair, and she rubbed her eyes and put her hands in the wash-tub again, and didn't know anything had happened. She wouldn't believe now if you should tell her. Only when her clock struck one (it was always a little slow), she felt grieved to see a few cat's hairs on her chair-cushion, and to find she had lost so much good time right out of the heart of the day. "But then," she thought, "my nap has rested me up completely, and with such poor health as I enjoy, I do suppose I needed it. And, all is, I must work the smarter to make up.

The minister looked most astonished to find himself playing with a large brown, limp rat. "It is very extraordinary!—Most remarkable!" said he. "Gloriana!" he continued, turning to the black serving-maid, who was swinging herself down from the cherry-tree, where, a moment before, she had been a black kitten, chasing a squirrel. "Gloriana! you may take this dead animal out and bury the creature in the garden. It will act as a fertilizer."

And then he began to walk up and down the footpath, from the door to the gate, with his hands behind him, and to think over the heads of his next sermon. On the whole, it was funnier when the cats became people than when the people became cats; they were so surprised and shocked to find where they were and what they were doing.—St. Nicholas for April.

He that can read and meditate need not think the evenings long.

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 Mercantile Taxes for said County, has prepared a list of traders in said County, and placed each in that class which to him appears just and right, to wit:

Table listing various merchants and their locations across different townships in Susquehanna County, including Auburn, Lenox, Brooklynton, Little Meadows, and others.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF AN EXTRA FARM. On Thursday, April 5, 1877, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the premises, by virtue of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Susquehanna County, to me directed, as assignee of S. F. Lane, in trust, for the benefit of his creditors, I will offer for sale at public auction the farm of said Lane, v. z: All that piece of land situate in New Milford township, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north by land of Mrs. James Sherman and Eliza Park, east by lands of D. C. Ainsy and W. C. Handrick, south by lands of Ezra Beebe, and on the west by lands of an abundance of excellent well watered, containing about 180 acres, 150 improved. Said farm is in a fine state of cultivation, with first class buildings, dwelling house, barn, &c., all new within six years and in good order; an abundance of excellent fruit, well watered, and a good market, in a good neighborhood, and has all the advantages to make it one of the best and most desirable farms in the county. TERMS—\$300 down on day of sale; \$300 on final confirmation, and the balance 1 year thereafter with interest, to be secured by first lien on real estate other than the estate sold. THOMAS RODGERS, Assignee of S. F. Lane. March 21st 1877.

NEW FIRM.

NEW GOODS, NEW PRICES. Wm. H. BOYD & Co., (SUCCESSORS TO BOYD & CORWIN.) DEALERS IN Cook Stoves, Ranges, Heating Stoves.

ON TIME, THE ARGAND, TINWARE, LAMPS, STONE WARE, BUILDERS HARDWARE, BOLTS, NAILS.

Marble Works! SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT, PA. Being the only Marble Works in the County.

All Work Warranted as Represented OR NO SALE. YOU CAN SAVE MONEY. WILLIS DeLONG, M. A. COLVIN, J. gent. Susq's Depot, Pa. April 14, 1875.

TUNKHANNOCK MARBLE WORKS. BURNS & WHITE, ITALIAN & AMERICAN MARBLE, SCOTCH & AMERICAN GRANITE, COACH & CARRIAGE PAINTING!

COACH & CARRIAGE PAINTING! The undersigned wishes to inform the public that he is prepared to do all kinds of COACH, CARRIAGE, WAGON & SLEIGH PAINTING! on short notice, in the best style, and at reasonable prices. SHOPS: At Rogers' Carriage Shop, Mechanic & Wagon Shop, At Mack's Wagon Shop, Tunkhanock Street. A. H. HICK. Montrose, Sept. 24, 1876-17.

JOB 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 22, 1876-17.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT C. & A. CORTES'S DRY GOODS AND—

MERCHANT TAILORING, AT OUR NEW STORE, THE GREAT CAUSE OF HUMAN MISERY. Just Published, in Sealed Envelope. Price six cents.

BUY YOUR WAGONS, CARRIAGES AND SLEIGHS, OF W. OUSTERHOUT, HARFORD, PA. PRICE LIST. Repairing done on short notice, cheaper than the cheapest.

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. New Milford, May 1st, 1876. H. BURRITT. ROCHESTER SEEDS. Reid's Floral Tribune, a book of 90 pages with Colored Plates, describes 800 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, 50 cents. Vegetable seeds substituted if preferred. Mention this paper. W. B. REID, Feb. 28, 1877. 9v2 Rochester, N. Y.

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