

Wise and Otherwise.

Wendell Phillips went to Charleston, S. C., once, before he was very well known, and put up at a hotel. He had breakfast served in his room, and was waited upon by a slave. He embraced the opportunity to represent to the negro, in a very pathetic way that he was a man and a brother, and more than that—an abolitionist. The negro seemed more anxious about the breakfast than he was about his relations; and finally, in despair, Mr. Phillips ordered him to go away, saying that he could not bear to be waited upon by a slave. "Excuse me, massa," said the negro, "most sissy here, I'm responsible for the silver ware."

An old toper by the name of French, after indulging quite freely in his accustomed beverage, amused himself in teasing a nolle-keeper. The latter, not knowing his temptations, suddenly started, and the discomfited toper found himself sprawling in a very unbecoming position. Gathering himself up, he was asked by the nolle-keeper what he was doing. He stated to his own satisfaction that he was standing on his feet, and did not see how he could get down. "Why, you old fellow, the more kicked you get, the more you get down," said the nolle-keeper. "I'm here!"

A good story is told of a rustic youth and a country girl, who were facing each other at a noking party. The youth, smitten with the beautiful maiden, only ventured his shy looks, and then touching Fairy's feet under the table. The girl deterring to make the youth express what he appeared so warmly to feel, bore with these advances a little while in silence, when she cried out: "Look here, if you love me, why don't you say so; but don't dirty my new stockings."

Well that's always the way with telegraph folks," exclaimed Mrs. Mellow. "The good news they send us one day is pretty sure to be contradicted the next. Why there's our neighbor Sally Stone, who got a story as to how her husband had been killed in one of the battles, and the day after it was all upset, for it proved to be another man; gin me the old mail stage after all," continued Mrs. Mellow; "if 'twas slow, 'twas certain."

A trifling sort of a fellow in one of our neighboring counties, not long since, won the affections of the daughter of a blunt, honest Dutchman of some wealth. On asking the old man for her, he opened with a romantic speech about his being a poor young man, &c. "Ya, ya," said the old man, "I know all about it; but you is a little too poor—you has neither money nor character."

An army correspondent of the Richmond Whig tells the following incident that occurred in Maryland, between Stonewall Jackson and the ladies: "They surrounded the old 'game' when he said: 'Ladies, this is the first I was surrounded.' They then cut every button off his coat, and they say, commenced on his pants. For once he was badly scared."

How near a skin laughter is to tears was shown when Rueben, with a single stroke of his brush, turned a laughing child in a painting to one crying; and our mothers, without being great painters, have often brought us, in like manner from joy to grief by a single stroke.

A lady refused her lover's request that she would give her portrait. "An art matters not," he replied, when blessed with the original, who cares for the copy?" The lady, both ignorant and indignant—"I don't think myself more original than anybody else."

A portly young friend of ours the other day contemplated for some minutes the ponderous dimensions of a bystander's feet and then, in a tone of utter wonder, said as he surveyed the man's upper works: "You'd have been a mighty tall man if they hadn't bent you off so far up."

A chap was taken prisoner by the rebels who demanded that he should take the oath to support the Confederate Government. The fellow said he could not even support his own family, and to support the Confederate Government was more than he dare do.

At a wedding recently when the officiating priest put to the lady the question, "Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband?" she dropped the prettiest courtesy, and with a modesty which lent her beauty an additional grace, replied "If you please."

Pawnbrokers and lovers ought to join the army, because they understand "popping" pickpockets, because they are used to "riding" about marching; and foundrymen, glassblowers, smiths and stockers, because they can "stand fire."

"Lord, Nancy," said a girl, getting out of the stage a few days since, at one of the factories in Lowell, Massachusetts, "you've no idea how tickled I be to see you!" "I guess you can't be more tickled than I be," says Betsy.

"Man proposes and God disposes," said a pious aunt to her over-confident niece. "Let a man propose to me if he dare," was the response, "and I will dispose of him according to my views as it suits me."

A man having been told that the price of bread had been lowered, said: "This is the first time that I ever rejoiced at the fall of my best friend."

Since the demand for lint became so great, many of the very best ladies of the nation have got into a scrape.

Farmer's Column.

THE "AFTER-GROWTH" GRASS.

A friend writes: "I have a large quantity of second crop on my mowing fields, and the question is what to do with it. Shall I cut it for hay or feed it off? My stubble fields are also full of young grass and clover—the season having been very favorable to a catch. Is it advisable to let the whole growth lay on the ground, or is it better to mow it, or feed it off? If it is to be fed off, what kind of stock shall be turned on?"

In regard to the first of the above questions we may say, that whether the second crop of mowing-fields should be cut, or feed off, or let alone, depends on various circumstances. If there is, as stated by our correspondent, a "large quantity" of grass on the ground, it is advisable, even in reference to the land, or to the amount and quality of the next crop, to take off in some way, at least a portion.—If the crop is needed more for winter feeding than for immediate consumption, it may be made into hay. As we have remarked on previous occasions, after-math or rowen hay is, when properly cured, of the very best quality in reference to the production of beef, mutton, or milk. On fields which were mowed early, the second growth is generally large this season. Most farmers in this section will cut some for hay, besides leaving considerable to feed off. It will be better for the succeeding crop to cut it pretty soon, to give time for the grass to start a little before the frost sets in. A certain amount of covering for the roots is beneficial; but too thick a coat affords harbor to field mice, which do much injury, and besides smothers out the grass, more or less.

Probably as a general thing, it is better for the land, or for the next crop of grass, to feed off the after-math. On ground that is not wet, the sward is generally made firmer, even er, and the herbage thicker and finer, by the tread of cattle in connection with their grazing. They should not be allowed to leave the ground too bare at the close of the season.—Boston Cultivator.

MAKING BUTTER. A lady friend of mine, who keeps her butter until it is one year old, for the use of her own family, gives the following information in relation to her method of making it:—The cream is never allowed to remain on the milk until the milk becomes curdled, nor in the jar after skimming, until it becomes butter. The cream is kept in a stone vessel, and so is the butter. After churning, the butter is thoroughly worked over, then set away for a few hours, when it is again worked over with a hard-wood mallet made for the purpose, until the buttermilk is entirely worked out. It is salted to taste while making; then put it into jars so solid as to exclude the air as far as possible. Here are three very essential points in butter-making: have the cream sweet, work out every particle of the buttermilk, and pack so as to exclude the air.—Boston Cultivator.

PLANTING TREES IN THE FALL. We find that transplanting fruit trees in the fall is preferred by many, so far as it relates to apples and cherries. For pears and small fruits, spring is better. Our own experience would make the locality, rather than season the guide in making the selection. To replant or other lands of a naturally dry, silted nature, one should choose autumn; but if moist heavy or argillaceous soil spring is undoubtedly the best, without reference to the variety of the fruit. And we should not forget this course, whether in regard to shade or fruit trees—always excepting the evergreens, which we do not think do nearly so well in fall as in spring. The best time to transplant in the fall is as soon as trees are done growing, which can be determined by the change of the leaf. By this early operation the roots have time to seize upon the soil before winter sets in, and the tree is thus ready for an early start in the spring, and is also better prepared to stand the severities of winter. Large trees, especially, should be transplanted very early, or not until the ground is frozen hard.

PACKING APPLES.—USE SALT BARRELS. The Albany Journal says that in packing apples away for winter, salt barrels should be used if they can be had, as salt being in its nature wholesome, imparts a healthy savor to the wood. A farmer living near the Syracuse salt works, writes that he purchased five barrels of apples from one pile, and placed them in the cellar in barrels, one of which had been used for holding salt. In this one the apples were sound and fresh on the first of April, while in the other four they were almost all damaged.

TO PREVENT HORSES KICKING. A subscriber to the Country Gentleman, being possessed of a horse that would kick everything to pieces in the stable that he could reach, and having found a remedy for it, [after trying many things, such as fettering, whipping, hanging chains behind him for him to kick against, &c.] sends the same to the Journal.

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