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The Committee of Ten from the great colleges, which is appointed to consider standards of requirements in entrance English, and to secure, it practicable, uniform entrance examinations in that subject recently appointed, to further its work, a sub-committee of fifteen, headed by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. This committee, in order to ascertain the opinions of well known English masters on the best books for additional reading in English, sent out a list of forty-three books, to which was appended this request: "Please mark with a cross the books in the following list that yon have found especially unsatisfactory," with a double circle those that you have found especially desirable, with a circle those that for the books as follows: 1, Merchant of Venice; 2, Julius Cesar; 5, Vision G Sir Launfil; 4, Sketch Book; 5, Silas Marner; 6, Ivanhoe; 7, Evangeline; 8, As You Like It; 9, Sir Roger de Coverly Papers; 10, Maechet; 11, Lady of the Lake; 12, Bunker Hill Oration; 13, Ancient Mariner; 14, Courtship of Miles Standish; 15, Marmion; 16, L'Allegro; 17, 17, Il Penseroso; 18, House of the Seven Gables; 19, Conciliation With America; 20, Twice Told Tales; 21, Essay on Militon and Addison; 22, Vicar of Wakefield; 23, Princess; 24, Midaummer Night; Dream; 25, Comus; 26, Life of Samuel Johnson; 27, David Copperfield; 28, Paradise Lost, Books I and III; 29, Sobrab and Rustum; 30, Lycidas; 31, Tales of a Tavaler; 29, Twetts. Evangeline; 8, As You Like It; 9, 57
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Being only 180 men all told, we determined to take advantage of the hilly road and the rocky hillside, which were thickly covered with cedars. Across the road were a number of felled trees, and while we were all mounted it was comparatively easy to keep out of sight. While we were thus ambushed a Federal wagon came slowly along the road, guarded by three files of infantry. There were eight wagons in the train, and we attacked them suddenly and boldly, realizing the necessity of quick work. The fight was close and hot for a few minutes, but when the infantry came rushing up we saw that the conflict would now be between pistols and guns.

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Much interest is taken in French naval circles in the discovery of a composition which is alleged to have the marvellous property of rendering versels invisible beneath the rays of electric searchlights. It is stated that at the head manouvres of Brest torspelo-boat No. 61, representing the enemy, succeeded in traversing unseen the luminous zone produced by the electric projectors, having been conted with the new composition.

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Man Was Shaken Like a Rat.

In a battle with a vicious stallion near Petaluma recently, Cornelius Frederickson, a young man employed on the ranch of W. A. Lewis, at San Antonio Creek, came near losing his life. At the Lewis ranch there are several San Francisco horses, among them being the running stallion Zuelin, now owned by Jules Gamage, Mr. Lewis' son-in-law. The animal appeared as gentle as a kitten, but the owner had warned the farm hands that he was subject to vicious spells. However, he appeared so docide that the warning was forgotten. Friday morning Frederickson saddled the animal and took him out on the road for an exercise gallop, another farm employe named C. Meyer riding another horse, led him around to cool him off. Just as Meyer rode up Zuelin reared and his blanket slipped. As Frederickson sturned to the ranch first, and, blanketing the horse, led him around to cool him off. Just as Meyer rode up Zuelin reared and his blanket slipped. As Frederickson returned to the ranch girst, and, blanketing the horse plunged at him, caught his arm, and, shaking as a terrier shakes a rat, threw him to the ground. Then the vicious beast commenced to paw the prostrate man with his front feet, keeping a good hold on the arm with his teeth, endeavoring to kick him and biting him fearfully, lacerating the flesh in a shocking manner. The cries of the victim attracted Meyer, who drove the animal away.—Healdsburg (Cal.) Enterprise.

While A. M. Nicholson was preparing to ship some alligators to a Northern customer he became the victim of a painful bite from one of the largest saurians, the reptile being about seven feet in length. He got into the cage and in some way the 'gator got him by the foot and drove one of his large tusks nearly through it. The circumstances which led up to and attended the accident were quite exciting. As usual, Mr. Nicholson had tied the 'gator's mouth, as a precautionary measures. the accident were quite exciting. As usual, Mr. Nicholson had tied the 'gator's mouth, as a precautionary measure, but when he went into the den to drag him out the saurian writhed and twisted about until he slipped his lash, at which juncture the infuriated 'gator was between his keeper and the only exit from the den, so Mr. Nicholson climbed up the side wall and watched his chance to put his foot on the saurian's mouth, but as he attempted to do so the huge jaws flew open and closed on his foot, the high side tusk penetrating the shoe and sinking deep into the flesh. Nicholson had the presence of mind to stand perfectly still until the jaws gradually relaxed their vice-like grasp, when he suddenly jerked his foot away and skipped out of the den. Had Nicholson forcibly attempted to release his foot the reptile would doubtless have rolled and floundered about until he broke or dismembered the limb.—Orlando (Fla.) Reporter.



Raising Stock for the Dairy.

This subject is in season at all times of the year, as under present conditions dairying is being largely carried on the year round.

As a usual thing, farmers should raise enough heifers for the supply of their own dairies. There are some advantages in this over the practice of purchasing cows for the purpose as needed. It should be found cheaper and more satisfactory altogether.

The farmer should be careful in the selection and breeding of his stock, so as to get the best for the use to which they are to be put. If he is making butter, he wants a breed or kind best adapted for this purpose. He should constantly work with this end in view. Always keep a pure-bred male of satisfactory ancestry, and then if not able to at once invest in pure-bred cows, grade up from the best ones on the farm. In this way good progress can be made, and, perseveringly continued in, will result in a fine working dairy herd.

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Select the most promising heifer calves for raising at any time of year. It will require a little better management for the best success in cold weather than in warm, but the conditions in either case should be made as favorable as possible. The calves should be kept dry, warm and comfortable at all seasons of the year. This is very important where the best results are expected. As usually, after a few days or weeks old, skimmed milk is made use of, it will be found profitable to feed this until several months old—six or more. It should be fed at the temperature it comes from the cow, and not in too large quantities at first. A little gruel made from wheat middings, or oil meal added to the milk, will help make up for the fatremoved. After the calf gets old enough to eat the temperature it comes from the cow, and not in too large quantities at first. A little gruel made from wheat middings, or oil meal added to the milk, will help make up for the fatremoved. After the calf gets old enough to eat the temperature it comes from the cow, and not in too large quantities at first. A little gruel made from wheat middings, or oil meal added to the milk, will help make up for the fatremoved. After the calf gets old enough to eat the temperature it comes from the cow, and not in tool large quantities at first. A little gruel made from wheat middings, or oil meal added to the milk, will help make up for the fatremoved. After the calf gets old enough to eat the fir

Recipes.

Cold Mousseline.—Equal parts of thick mayonnaise, whipped cream and whipped aspic seasoned to taste with sugar, cayenne and tarragon vinegar.

Cocoanut Balls—Grate a cocoanut; add to it-half its weight of sugar; then stir in the whipped white of one egg. Roll the mixture into balls, and bake in a moderate oven twenty to thirly minutes. If the mixture is too soft to hold its shape, add a very little flour.

Coffee Cake—Two cups brown sugar, one cup butter, one cup strong coffee, one cup of molasses, four cups of flour, four eggs, one teaspoon each of soda and grated nutineg, two teaspoons cinamon, two of cloves, one pound raisms, one pound of currants. Bake in loaf tins.

Potato Pudding—Two cups of boiled and mashed potatoes, yolks of four eggs, two small cups of sugar, one-half cup of butter; beat well together. Add juice and rind of one lemon, half a nutmeg, half a wineglass of rose water. Beat the whites of the eggs and stir in gently last. Bake half an hour.

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Prune Jelly—One pound of prunes; one-half box of gelatine. Soak the prunes over night, and stew until tender in the water in which they have soaked. Remove the stones and sweeten to taste. Dissolve the gelatine in a little hot water, and add to the prunes while hot. Lastly, add the juice of a lemon and two tablespoonfuls of blanched almonds. Pour the jelly into molds and set it on the ice to harden. Eat with cream.

Cheese Soup—Makes a good change where soun is required delive. Per

and care should be taken to have a supply of fine early-cut for the purpose.

Last winter I saw an exceedingly fine pen of calves, from three to six months old, that were fed on skim milk, corn ensilage and second-crop clover hay. They had no grain, only what was in the ensilage.

Winter and spring calves will do finely when kept in a comfortable stable or pen well into the summer and properly cared far. Calves dropped in early autumn can be very easily raised, usually more so than in cold weather. If fed milk through the winter, and otherwise well cared for, they will be large and thrifty the following spring and ready for the pasture when grass gets a good start.

The idea should be to keep the calf in vigorous health and growing thrifty from the first, until it is ready to take its place in the dairy. For this purpose it should be furnished with food suitable for growth and development for the dairy, but not for beef. The right kind of food will do this, and not injure the animal, either. Heifers that are to become milkers at two years old need extra care all along, and the purce to a summer to the dairy does not have an exceedingly into molds and set it on the loce to harden. Eat with cream.

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THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

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Expansive.

"What large features she has!"

"Yes; I glou't believe it would be easy to stare her out of countenance."

—Detroit Journal.

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Corroboration.

"Is it any fun getting a man to teach you how to ride the wheel?"

"Fun! Why, I've been taught three times."—Life.

Obeyed.

Mistress—"Bridget, did you put the codfish to soak?"

Bridget—"Sure an' I did, marm, Here is the ticket."—Life.

Valuable Advice.
Wife—"My dear, the doctor insists that I must take a trip abroad." Husband—"I wondered what made his bill so high."—Detroit Free Press.

"But the conditions of life on the Klondike must be hard."
"Yes, even the milk of human kindness is condensed."—Chicago Record.

Not Classified.

Teacher—"How many bones are there in a human body?"

Pupil—"I don't know. I haven't learned to ride a wheel yet."—Detroit Free Press.

"Does Miss Merry smile upon your suit, Chumpley?"
"Smile? She laughs till you can hear her a block every time I propose."
—Detroit Free Press.

"Ah, doctor, this is the worst at-tack I ever hat."
"Don't worry yourself, my dear madam. I'm quite sure you won't have another."—Pick-Me-Up.

Hot Stur.

Benny Bloobumper — "Oh, papa, the goat has swallowed a Roman candle!"

Mr. Bloobumper — "That's all right. He merely wanted a light lunch."—Life.

Askins—"One of the drawbacks of married life comes when your wife asks you to mind the baby; eh, old man?"

Kidder—"Oh, I don't mind it much."—Puck.

Made Him Prove It.

Mudge—"What would you do if you were me? Thomas called me a gibbering idiot."

Watts—"I'd make him prove it, every bit of it. I don't believe any one ever heard you gibber."—Indianapolis Journal.

Heavy Mandicap.

Lean O'Leary—''Ma'am, I'm a wictim of most adwerse circumstances."
Old Lady—''Poor man! What happened to you?"
Lean O'Leary—''Ma'am, I showed my signs of greatness in me youth!"—
North American.

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What's in a Name.

"I like a good drink of hot water in the morning, but we can't get it at our boarding house."

"I used to have the same difficulty in our boarding house, but now I take coffee. It answers every purpose."—
Boston Transcript.

Too High.

At a recent birthday party in Shepherd's Bush a young fady began a song, "The autumn days have come, ten thousand leaves are falling." She began too high. "Ten thousand—" she screamed, and then stopped.
"Start her at five thousand!" cried an auctioneer who was present.—Tit-Bits.

Bits.

Torture.

The party paused now to contemplate Ixion on his wheel.

'I don't see where the torture comes in," whispered Æneas.

Pluto, who was personally conducting the tour of the distinguished Trojans, pointed silently to the name plate; it was a last year's wheel.

The son of Anchises shuddered and hurried on.—Truth.

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"What nonsense it is," remarked the sentimental girl, "to take daisies and by plucking off the petals try to learn whether or not a man loves you."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne; "it is very silly. A much better method is to take the roses he sends you around to the florist's and find out how much they cost."—Washington Star.

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Esthetical.

"Here are a few letters I wish you would mail for me, dear," said Mrs.
Tenspot to her husband, who was preparing to go out.

As Mr. Tenspot took them he glanced at the stamps, and asked:

"My dear, why did you put fifteencent stamps on these letters? Two-cent stamps would have carried them."

"I know it," replied Mrs. Tenspot, "but how would a red stamp look on sneelopes of that lovely violet shaded. This new stationery is of an exquisite color, and I could not think of spoiling its effect with stamps which did not harmonize. These purple fifteencent stamps are the nearest match the postoffice keeps."—Harper's Bazar.