

OSCADA.

in which she had little sleep. Was trying fritters 'neath the trees. The sizzling noise through all the grove...

AN INVERTED LANGUAGE.

"Back-slang," the grotesque terminology of the London Costermongers. One of the peculiar types of humanity that are to be met with in this metropolis is the "coster," or costermonger...

What is a costermonger? Well, a costermonger may be defined as a peripatetic vender of vegetables and fruits. The "coster's" outfit consists usually of a donkey, or as they in their slang term the animal, a "moke," and a nondescript kind of vehicle, half way between a hand truck and a spring wagon...

The main principle of this language is spelling the words backward, or rather pronouncing them rudely backward. Sometimes, for the sake of harmony, an extra syllable is prefixed or annexed, and now and then the word is given quite a different turn in rendering it backward from what the uninitiated person would have expected.

Some Fine Jersey Cattle. We visited the Democrat Farm Herd, at Davenport, Iowa, the other day. We went to see a choice collection of Jerseys, and we were not disappointed...

The women use it sparingly, but the girls are well acquainted with it. The addition of an "a" always forms the plural, so that this is another source of complication; for instance, woman in the back-slang is mawmaw and namus, but namows is woman, not nemow.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

A Portable Fence.

Let us describe the temporary fence I use. I make blocks or stiles about three feet long, and cut a dove-tail notch in one side to insert the post in. This notch should be a little wider on top than below, so that if the post shrinks it will tighten as it settles.

Experiments in Wheat Cultivation.

Experiments have been made in Michigan in cultivating wheat, and the results are not only satisfactory but astonishing. A committee was appointed to oversee the experiments and make the report. Sixty-eight pounds of seed per acre were sown in drills 16 inches apart, and 90 pounds per acre were drilled in the usual way...

Importance of the Corn Crop.

The importance of the country's corn crop is hardly understood by the general run of readers, since they do not know what a wide basis of prosperity it constitutes. It is the basis of an annual pork crop, comprising at least 10,000,000 head of hogs; its consumption as human food is very large and increasing in both hemispheres...

Bran as a Fertilizer.

One of our correspondents, Mr. Kern, of Lehigh County, Pa., tried bran as a fertilizer for potatoes last year, and reported to us that it increased the yield one third. Another experiment on corn is recorded, where on which the bran was used soon being six inches taller than the other rows. As seed will not germinate in dry bran, it would be well to compost it before using it.

"I think I ought to shoot you," said Mooby, at length. "A fellow that keeps up men's spirits as you do is too valuable to the Yankees for me to let him off."

Once, after a battle, a certain church was turned into a hospital, and wounded and dying lay all up and down the floor. It was a blue time, when men were dying not of wounds alone, but of the despair which was like an epidemic in the very atmosphere.

There are other cows and heifers in this herd of gilt edged butter stock that are prize winners, whose records have already been made public. Much might be said of the stylish yearling Viva, bred by Sharpless, of Philadelphia...

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Its Object and Organization.

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A Dutch Shanty Farm.

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Mental Life Below the Human.

Auterlith, the celebrated German naturalist, has described for us the metamorphoses through which pass the individuals of a species of butterfly named by him Nauphausentus. Its grub life, like all of the same genus, is one of unbroken monotony and dullness. The sum total of its existence consists in gorging on leaf pulp, crawling under cover when it rains, and now and then casting its skin. It has no home life, its parents having died before it began to live.

Mosquitoes in Florida.

Florida must be a summer paradise for sportsmen. But there are drawbacks. The air is black with mosquitoes, and swarms of sandflies annoy the hunter. Jiggers are not unknown. Ticks of all sizes and colors, and millions of red bugs burrow in a man's flesh.

Chaplain Little.

Dear Chaplain Joe Little, where are you? It is years since I met you, filled as you were with philanthropic schemes for educating the poor whites of the South. There may be men more capable of carrying through a practical enterprise, but there never was a more enthusiastic, unselfish and hardy spirit.

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"While the goose strut with slow and measured stiltiness to their repose. The goose still parades down the grassy street, getting between the visitor's knees every moment, and as an obtrusive as they are in Payne's letters and descriptions. Yes - it is an unromantic discovery, but there cannot be a doubt of it."

An Age's Ministry.

The following is the story of a Barbary ape: Father Cascauba, a famous preacher, brought up the animal in question, which, having become attached to him, wished to follow him wherever he went. One day when Cascauba was going to church the ape, not being made secure, followed his master to the place of worship, and being a good climber, silently mounted the sounding-board and lay there quietly and concealed until the sermon was in course of delivery. It then advanced to the edge of its perch to see what was going on beneath it, and to watch the actions of the orator.

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"Thus the woodchuck, he dreaming, as it seemed, at a woodchuck had aimed and hit his hand. But on coming to know where he was, and yet not acknowledging he had committed, he seemed much annoyed but did not speak again. I think he will not speak again. And I think he will not speak again. And I think he will not speak again."

William the Conqueror died from enormous fat, from drink and from the violence of his passions.

26 Puckish Cards to you, with some something good. AGENTS WANTED

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