

THE FAMILY STORY

LOVE : IS : EVER : YOUNG.

She had not the least shame about telling her age. On the contrary, she was rather proud to do so. It was something to be proud of. Not that she was 64, but that at 64 she looked not a day over 48, and a blooming 48 at that.

hours of delivery. Twice a day, whatever the weather, Mrs. Allestree presented her handsome, anxious face at the window.

A FISHERMAN'S BALKY HORSE.

The One Occasion on Which the Horse Found a Master.

"I once knew a fisherman," said the speaker, "who had a horse that balked on all sorts of occasions; and when he stopped nothing on earth could move him until he got ready to go.

"One day the fisherman came in with a load of fish in his boat and got his horse and wagon to take the fish ashore. He drove out in the shoal water alongside the boat, loaded the fish into the wagon, made everything snug aboard the boat, and then got into the wagon to drive ashore.

"There was a barroom on shore not far away, and, sitting in this barroom at the time were half a dozen men who all knew the horse well, and who made bets as to what he would do; whether he'd stand there and drown, rather than give in, or whether he'd come ashore; and how long he'd wait before he started, and so on.

"Finally the tide set the wagon afloat and then it took the horse off his feet. He edged inshore a little at that, till he'd found his feet again, and then he stood fast once more. But the tide kept coming and it soon had him off his feet again; it was simply something that he couldn't resist; and after two or three more trials, moving in and halting, he seemed to realize that fact, for the next time he floated he kept straight on wading till he got ashore, and then he ran away.

"You might have thought that this experience would have cured him of balking, but it didn't; it never had the slightest effect on him. He balked after that just the same as ever; but I have always thought that it must have been a satisfaction to the fisherman to think that the horse had found a master once, anyway."—New York Sun.

Farmers of Norway.

The furniture consists of a bare table; a sort of wooden sleeping box, 5 feet 4 inches long, filled with straw; an unvarnished wooden chair, and a low bench fixed to the wall round two sides of the room.

"However," he muttered, "they could not have all miscarried—I—Henrietta! I have it! Wait; I'll be back in twenty minutes," and the gentleman fairly ran out of the room.

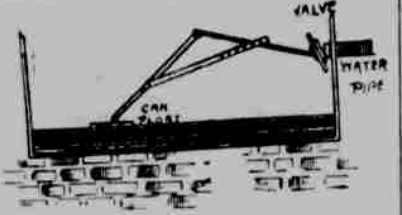
After Death.

The burial customs of the Quinalt Indians are interesting. After death the Indian is dressed in his best and, with blanket about him, laid in his favorite canoe and taken a little distance up the river to some chosen spot near the bank, where the whole is deposited out of reach of high water.



To Regulate Water Flow.

Regulating the flow of water into troughs and tanks is something which causes farmers more or less anxiety and trouble, for the reason that many of the patent regulators now in the market fail to work satisfactorily for any length of time.



REGULATOR FOR WATER TROUGH.

The water pipe enters near the top of the tank, which places the valve out of water, thus relieving it of all danger from rust or the collection of sediment. However, where necessary, the pipe may enter nearer the bottom of the tank, and if the valve is kept clear the device will still serve its purpose.

A Movable Chicken House.

A chicken house that can easily be moved about is shown herewith. In size it is convenient for a hen and her chickens. Slat is vertical in front and far enough apart to allow chicks to run in and out.



MOVABLE CHICKEN HOUSE.

A door to the coop is not necessary, as hens prefer to dust at will.

Take Care of the Forests.

Fortunes are being made in the lumber business by those who understand it. Where there is reasonable assurance that wood and timber land will not be destroyed by fire, its purchase at a reasonable price is almost always a profitable investment.

Cow Pens for Boiling.

As Northern farmers become better acquainted with the cow pea and its advantages, they are likely to largely use it in conjunction with and partial substitution for corn as a fodder crop.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

SHORT, IMPRESSIVE TEMPERANCE SERMONS.

Dangers That Lurk in the Flowing Bowl—How Bright and Influential Men Have Been Dragged Down by the Demon Drink—Suppress the Traffic.

New York Saloons. According to the latest estimate of the Health Department of New York the population of that city is 1,957,000 and the saloon census enumerates 8,730 places where liquor is sold.

There were sold in New York between January 1, 1895, and January 1, 1896, 4,806,167 barrels or 168,960,377 gallons of beer, ale and porter, which at a conservative wholesale valuation of \$5.50 a barrel cost the saloonkeepers who sold them \$26,428,418.50.

About 200,000 cases, of 19,354 barrels, of champagne were consumed in that town last year. It is interesting to note that prior to the building of the huge uptown hotels and clubs and to the Parkhurst raids, 80 per cent. of all the champagne drunk in America was drunk in the small section of New York City between Fifth and Eighth avenues and Twenty-third and Thirty-fourth streets.

In round numbers 51,000 barrels of domestic whisky were consumed in this city during 1895, while during the same period, say men who know, 48,000 barrels of domestic alcohol were used to "stretch" or "blend" this whisky. Beaufort's Wine and Spirit Gazette estimates that enough other liquors were mixed with these to make New York's total capacity for whisky in 1895 130,000 barrels.

Last year there were 31,897 arrests for drunkenness in New York and among the culprits were 8,414 women. There were also 9,256 arrests for violation of the excise laws.

The cost of this terrific total of 41,153 arrests, including subsequent trials, convictions, imprisonments, was not less than \$4,703,773—more than twice the revenue which the city gets from the bar-rooms.

During 1895 680 deaths were directly caused by drink. Of the 5,737 lives lost through pneumonia, at least one-half, the doctors say, might have been saved had the victims not been weakened by alcohol. Consumption claimed 5,204 victims in 1895, and of these 1,000 might have lived on if they had not used liquor.

In Great Britain last year 32,973,000 barrels of beer were brewed.

Six of the Protestant bishops of Ireland are total abstainers—an encouraging fact.

The Ceylon Observer, established in 1834, has been ever foremost in sustaining the progress of good movements.

Seven years of successive failure of the poppy crops in India, is noted by an anti-opium exchange as having commenced immediately after the International Missionary Conference of 1888, simultaneously with the formation of the Christian Union for the severance of the connection of the British Empire with the opium traffic and the uprising of the last great wave of public feeling against the traffic.



A PROFITABLE HAY CAP TO USE.

caps used extensively in the field, during the hay harvest, when rainy weather suddenly comes on. Such a cap will effectually keep rain and snow from the hay, thus rendering it far more nutritious and palatable to stock.

Dry Lima Beans for the Table.

Few of those who like the succulent green Lima beans know that they are, if not equally good, at least superior to common field beans when dried for winter use. We used always when growing Limas to put up those that we could not use green, and the winter supply was usually exhausted before spring.

Caring for Spring Planted Trees.

If half the trees planted each spring lived through their first season the demand for nursery stock would not be so large as it now is. Yet we doubt whether the lack of care in planting and keeping the tree in condition after planting is in any way beneficial to the nurseryman.

Breaking Down Onion Tops.

There is some difference of opinion among onion growers as to the necessity for breaking down the tops before harvesting. If the stand is uneven and of varied degrees of ripeness, the tops will die down so that the crop can be gathered without breaking them down.