

The Value of Old Books.

A young man writes from St. Joseph, Mo., to a dealer in this city that he is offering for sale, through stream of hard times, a very rare book, presumably "the oldest book in America." The volume is printed in Dutch, is in perfect condition and was published more than 300 years ago. The present owner, whose letter proclaims his illiteracy, believes that he has a veritable treasure. He will be terribly shocked when he discovers that his treasure is worth in the market not more than \$5.

Age alone gives value to but very few books. Yet the average person has an idea that if a book was printed long ago it must necessarily be valuable, and, what is curious, different people differ as to the date that make a book old. There are those who fancy that a volume printed 100 years ago must be esteemed very old and very valuable. Other show you with pride a Hudibras printed—we will say—in 1750, or a Bible printed 200 years ago, and these volumes are cherished because of their antiquity.

A very worthy lady living in Massachusetts recently exhibited with an elaborate flourish a volume of sermons bearing the date of 1785—a volume she revered, loved and treasured because of its age. A few moments later she gave up to the writer without any hesitancy a charming little 1827 reprint of the New England primer.—Chicago Record.

Spain has only a few more than 300,000 horses, or about one horse to every 60 people. Most of the "cavaliers" ride on donkeys.

Italy, with a human population of more than 30,000,000, has only 720,000 horses, but it has almost twice as many mules and donkeys as horses.

Miss Edna Lyall is at work upon a new novel of Irish rural life, having paid a visit to Ireland to give it local color.

Frederick Hurlbut, of Woodbridge, Va., having been spurred by the woman he loved, committed suicide. In obedience to his dying request, he has been buried where the woman who rejected him can view his grave-stone from her door-way.

A St. Louis physician wisely declares that only healthy people should marry. "If I had my way," he adds, "blondes should never marry each other. A blonde should secure a brunette for a partner. If this were done, we should become more beautiful as a race, and stronger, and longer lived."

SEE TO IT that you're not put off with some poor substitute when you ask for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Get it of an honest dealer. As a blood-cleanser, strength-restorer, and flesh-builder—a certain remedy in every disease caused by an inactive liver or bad blood, there's nothing else that's "just as good" as the "Discovery." It's the only medicine guaranteed to benefit or cure, or the money is refunded.

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HOME AND THE FARM.

A DEPARTMENT MADE UP FOR OUR RURAL FRIENDS.

Care and Management of Dairy Calves—Secure Gate Latch—Clover as an Annual Injurious to Wheat by Frost—Evergreen for Windbreaks.

Secure Fastening for a Gate. In the far west, a barnyard is called by the Spanish name, corral. A gate to a corral that is proof against being opened by swine or cattle should always be provided. One that is excellent for security, and that can be easily constructed by any farmer, is shown in the illustration taken from the American Agriculturist. It may be of any desired width, but it over three feet wide, it should be provided with a diagonal brace, extending from the lower hinge corner to the opposite upper corner. The gate is made of one-inch lumber, four inches wide, with bottom pieces six inches wide. The vertical cleats on the sides are double, and secured by wrought or wire nails driven clear through and clinched.



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comes in and the cream can be better employed than in making calves, so after one gets a fair start skim milk may be employed with dry ground oats. The oats are fed dry so as to secure a healthy degree of salivation which by aiding digestion ensures a healthy system and stimulates growth. A regular healthy development of a calf is likely to prove far more satisfactory than an abnormal and unnatural development.—Germantown Telegraph.

The Yearling Heifer. The heifer with her first calf is but half a calf, as the saying goes. She is but at the dawn of her development for the purposes of the dairy. It is at this point that the necessity of careful and prudent management steps in. The man entrusted with the development of a cow for the first year of her milking impresses his defects or excellencies on her milk production ever after. At this period the heifer's teats are inclined to be small, but if the man handling her at this period is a competent person these will be enlarged to their normal size under his manipulation and remain so during her life. This is the critical point in the heifer's career, if she is to grow into a profitable dairy cow, and should impress on the dairyman the importance of having her looked after in an intelligent manner. She should be managed by a careful person who possesses her confidence in the fullest degree and whose method of treatment is acceptable to her. This is the point where to avoid the mistakes of the past that you committed in the training you used with your former yearling heifers.—American Dairyman.

Selecting Cows. In selecting cows for dairy purposes, care should be taken to get them of a uniform type if possible. The head small and lean, eyes full and mild, neck full and thin, backbone prominent and open between joints, hips wide, legs short and fine boned, barrel well rounded and large, deep through behind the shoulders to give plenty room for heart and lungs, udder large, running well forward and back, teats short, but thick and wide apart. Avoid those whose udder shows a tendency to collapse after being milked. Such cows are usually large milkers and may be set down as thin milkers. The skin should be soft and mellow to the touch, covered with thick, soft hair. Do not mistake size for constitution. A cow weighing nine hundred pounds is as large as I care for.

Clover as an Annual. A writer in the American Agriculturist claims a valuable discovery in the fact that spring-sown clover cut just after harvest has produced a good crop of seed the same season. If he had waited until spring he would not be so enthusiastic. Treating clover in this way, seeding early on rich land and cutting close to the ground at mid-summer, he changed clover into an annual. This is sometimes done with other plants, beets, radishes, and carrot, but the plants after seeding will at once die. What is most needed with clover is to make it perennial. This to some extent can be done by entirely preventing seeding the second year. This requires several cuttings. The plants should not even be allowed to blossom, for that also is exhaustive.—American Cultivator.

The Useful Skunk. The true usefulness of the skunk is fast becoming understood. When the sun sinks low and the injurious worms begin to feed and cut the corn the skunk, holding his head down to the ground, walks slowly, listening intently at each plant, and hearing the movements of the worm, he digs it out with his snout and quickly swallows it, of which a hundred hardly suffices for a meal. This animal has some disagreeable habits, it is true, but it is to be taken with all its faults and made the best of for what it really is worth.—New York Times.

Farm Notes. The margin of profit in farming is too small to admit of any unnecessary waste. INCREASING the size of the pieces of seed potatoes increases the yield; result of three years trial. SOFTEN up the collars of the working teams by pounding with a stick and kneading with the hands. EVERY farmer should feed his products so as to make all the manure possible, and then apply it wisely. PLENTY of shade and fresh water are needed during the hot spells. Keep the water in the shade and renew frequently. WITH really good roads, the farmer six miles from town or the railroad station would find the cost of transportation no more than one now three miles away.

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For a number of years the United States fish commission, cooperating with the New York commission, has been engaged in stocking the Hudson and its tributaries with salmon fry. This river, though never a salmon river seemed to present the natural condition for the establishment of the species. There are, however, according to the Washington Star, on both the main river and the tributaries, natural obstructions which would prevent the ascent of salmon to the spawning grounds at the sources of the stream. It was, therefore, determined to test possibilities in this direction by continuing to hatch out and plant the fry in the head-quarters, in the expectation that they would go to sea and on their return show themselves at the different obstructions in the river. Several hundred thousand fry have been planted in the river each season for some years past; and two years ago ten thousand yearling fish from the Maine station were also planted in the river below the Troy dam. Though no salmon fishery is prosecuted in the river, and no salmon were taken only incidentally in the shad nets, recent reports from E. C. Blackford, of New York, indicate the taking during the present season of more than eight hundred salmon, varying from ten to twenty-five pounds in weight.

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The King of Sheeps keeps a boarding-house, but shelters only the members of his own family. He has 2 official wives, and 72 children. His brothers and sisters number 50, and he has 225 uncles and aunts. They all live with him.

A strange apple-tree, which is known to have been 143 years old, was destroyed by a recent storm, on the property of Mrs. Della Hotchkiss, in Cheshire, Conn. It bore fruit every year, but only on one side each year. The side that bore one year would be barren the next. It yielded 110 bushels a side.

Butte county's most popular daughter today is Anna Morrison, whose father, Henry Morrison, is one of the most famous characters on the coast, says the San Francisco Chronicle. "Hen" Morrison has driven the coach from Cherokee Flat down Morris ravine to Oroville for all these many years. He is a typical old-time stage-driver, hale, bluff, hearty and good natured, who could not live anywhere else but in the region in which he has spent the better portion of his life, the mountain region of northern California. To him the Cup raven, Swerman ravine and all the dizziness of it win the mountains are familiar as Letta's fountain is to the natives of Kearney street. For years it has been his special mission in life to bring down the gold from the mountain recesses to Oroville. Few men could safely drive a coach over a road like that, but Hen Morrison had been there so long that it had never occurred to anyone that he might meet with an accident or be called away. So a short time ago when he was thrown from his coach and had his leg broken there was distress in the community. "Who can fill his place?" was the main question. The many deeds of valor and kindness of the old stage driver, his many battles, by physical exertion and the aid of his ready gun, were recalled. There did not seem to be anyone to succeed him. But the stage went out the next morning just the same. When the horses had been hitched and all the minor details had been attended to Miss Annie Morrison, the charming daughter of the unfortunate driver, jumped into the box, took up the reins, cracked her whip and drove away.

Throughout her father's illness she drove the stage, and did it as well as Old Hen ever did. Her independence and bravery commanded attention and forced respect. Miss Morrison is only about twenty years old, and is a refined and well educated young lady. She had made the trip with her father many a time and had sometimes driven the horses. Why should she not do so during the convalescence of her father? With her to think was to act, and for nearly a month she manipulated the lines.

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Mount Kiaseo, which rises precipitously 700 feet out of Moosehead lake, Maine, is wholly composed of hornstone and is the largest mass of that mineral in the known world.

The River St. Lawrence, it is estimated, covers 90,000 square miles; and as nearly the whole of this area averages 600 feet in depth the aggregate volume of water cannot be much short of 10,900 solid miles. It is computed that a body of water of this size would require more than 48 years to pass over the Falls of Niagara at the rate of 1,000,000 cubic feet in a second.

Catherine de Medici's Doctor. Pharnesius, like many other physicians, was much addicted to philosophy and mathematics, but having taken to medicine he speedily attained a great practice. Henry II as a dupe and afterwards as king was his constant friend. Among the most grateful of his patients was Catherine de Medici, who believed that his skill had saved her from a state of childlessness, and who gave him on the birth of her firstborn \$10,000, ordering that a like sum should be paid to him at the birth of each succeeding son or daughter. I think that Cardano liked Pharnesius better than he liked Sylvius. He says he was a pale, lean man of about 50, who loved his study and was full of domestic affection. He was the professor of medicine in the university and the first court physician but he must have puzzled Cassanate greatly, for he had an undisguised contempt for court society.—Blackwood's Magazine.

In some parts of Mexico, the party in power maintain their positions by throwing into jail their political opponents on the eve of an election. When the election is decided, the disenchanted are released.

After reading a long Congressional debate on the silver bill, a man in Duxbury, Mass., coughed up a dime which he had swallowed some months before. He evidently favors silver as a circulating medium.

In the Henry mountains in southern Utah is a mound covered with the giant crystals. Perfect prisms of selenite 5 feet long are found there.

In the last ten years, 140,000 residents of the Province of Quebec have emigrated. Most of them have taken up their residence in the United States.

The most populous horse country in the world is Russia. It has 20,000,000 of horses.

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I know, or rather used to know, a village in Devonshire in which every able bodied man used to subscribe regularly to a common fund. It was an ancient custom and possibly still survives. To what purpose do you suppose that fund was applied? To making every subscriber—that is, every able-bodied man in the place—drunk, dead drunk, if fancy, but certainly drunk, on cider, on certain appointed high days and holidays. Talk of the temptation which a great city offers to a countryman to fall into drinking habits? What singular notions some folks seem to have!—All the Year Round.

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I Am Truly Thankful For Hood's Sarsaparilla. During the war I contracted typhoid fever, and fever and ague, leaving me with marasmus and mercurial poisoning from which I have suffered ever since. In neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous prostration and general debility. Much of the time I have been unable to work, and the doctors' treatment failed to do me any good. Since I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I have not lost a day's work in three months, weigh ten pounds more than for years and am in better health than any time since the war. J. H. STILLMAN, Cheltenham, Pa. Get Hood's Sarsaparilla. Hood's Pills become the favorite cathartic with every one who tries them. 25c. per box.

A miniature fort has been erected in the play ground of the sons of the German Emperor. It is furnished with little cannon, and the lads are taught to fire them, and bombard a hostile camp scientifically.

One of the most singular products of Hawaii is a vitreous lava known as "Pele's hair." It is a silky, filamentous substance olive green, soft, but very brittle. It is produced by the wind catching the fiery spray thrown up from the great crater of Kilaua.

One fact has been brought out with conspicuous clearness during the discussion on the financial stringency and that is the banks are responsible for a good deal of the trouble and that they have helped along the state of things with which they have been struggling in their greed to use depositors' money to the best advantage to themselves. In this effort they have encouraged Wall Street speculators and have contributed to the aid impracticable enterprises because there seemed to be great immediate profit to themselves, and they have so acted in many cases to the detriment of legitimate business enterprises. Our whole banking and currency system is in a most deplorable muddle and it will take years to fully clear it up. In the meantime business will go on improving, and before many weeks the work will be so fully over that the panic will be regarded as an incident of the past.

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Mary Osborne and Palo Alto were the only two animals foaled at his farm that Leland Stanford ever named.

"August Flower" I have been troubled with dyspepsia, but after a fair trial of August Flower, am freed from the vexatious trouble.—J. B. Young, Daughters College, Harrodsburg, Ky. I had headache one year steady. One bottle of August Flower cured me. It was positively worth one hundred dollars to me.—J. W. Smith, P.M. and Gen. Merchant, Townsend, Ont. I have used it myself for constipation and dyspepsia and it cured me. It is the best seller I ever handled.—C. Rugh, Druggist, Mechanicsburg, Pa.



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