

Credit is all well enough until the bill collector begins to come around.

The most magnificent thing Jay could ever do was to become the father of Helen.

The Japs are said to be using "human" bullets. This is one of the few humors of "civilized warfare."

Never strike a man until you are satisfied that he deserves it—and don't do it then unless you outclass him.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox's latest poem says: "Whatever you do, keep sweet." This would be a nice motto for a lemming, wouldn't it?

The men say they have no desire to organize a fathers' congress. They get their innings while the mothers' congress is in session.

It would be like the beef trust to explain that the worry and expense of being investigated will necessitate another increase of prices.

The Rev. M. J. Savage in a recent sermon undertakes to tell "why more people do not go to church." He finds the principal reason to be that "they don't have to."

We would like to learn the Mormon methods of making a living. A man who can provide for five wives and 100 children under present prices is a financial wonder.

John D. Rockefeller began his business career by learning to milk a cow. A good many people would like to know whether that was when he learned to water things.

Doctors now assert that bedrooms are filled to the doors with murderous microbes and baleful bacilli. That's another excuse for your not going to bed until very late.

When Dr. Rainsford says to us laymen, "We ministers are no better morally than you," we laymen, instead of feeling elated, are liable, knowing each others' infirmities, to be decidedly depressed.

Somebody says that the Parisians furnish the gowns and the American women furnish the figures. When it takes three figures for a gown the American father at once becomes an active factor in the little epigram.

Wash a baby clean and dress him up real pretty, and he will resist all advances with the most superlative crossness, but let him eat molasses, gingerbread and fool around the coal hod for half an hour, and he will nestle his dear little curly head close up to your clean shirt bosom and be just the cunningest little rascal in all the world.

The Victory, which bore Nelson's flag at Trafalgar, has been thoroughly repaired, and towed to her former moorings at Portsmouth, where she will be the flag ship of the naval commander-in-chief. The prediction is made that she will float for another half-century at least. It is 146 years since the Victory was launched at Chatham.

To exclude immigrants for illiteracy is unjust. Most of those people are illiterate because they lacked opportunity. Here they soon learn, and their children become as bright as any in your public schools. An illiterate man who is industrious and honest, makes a far better voter and citizen than some native born citizen who has education and a keen desire for grafts.

A dog in England has lately been honored by the receipt of an illuminated address, in which he is informed that he is the most successful collector for the Victoria Infirmary at Norwich, and is thanked by the board of managers. The dog is a 5-year-old fox-terrier, named Prince. He does not wear a cup or basket or carry one in his mouth, as do most mendicant dogs. When he receives a coin he goes unbidden and deposits it in a box kept for the purpose. During 1903 he collected more than 2,000 coins. One hopes that if illness or accident ever overtake Prince there may be a warm bed for him at the infirmary, with plenty of good sirloin steak and dog-biscuit.

Cuba has entered the third year of her independence and self-government and she has every reason to be proud of the record she has made. Apart from a rumor or two of rural riots that were greatly exaggerated and an exceptionally large amount of noise from the defeated party at the last elections, she has nothing to her discredit—and if such things are really discredits, what has our own country to say for itself? The best of it is that the Cubans appear to be in every way contented and happy. Undoubtedly this could not be said had the United States seen fit to retain a closer hold over their government. With or without reason, suspicion and dislike would have taken root. Moreover, the last two years have taught the Cubans a vast deal more about the benefits of quiet and peaceful government than they could ever have learned in any other way. If they have been on extra good behavior for the sake of showing us what they could do, that does not count at all from the value of the

training they have gained. It is too early as yet to show by facts and figures what material benefit Cuba has gained from the reciprocity act which went into effect last December. The fact that the law was pending caused the Cuban sugar ready for exportation last fall to be held back in order to secure the benefit of the lower duties. As a result Cuba sent us during the first three months of this year goods to the value of \$23,000,000, as against \$12,000,000 in the corresponding months of 1903. At the same time our exports to Cuba increased from \$5,200,000 to \$6,500,000, the more important increases being in flour, cotton cloth, sewing machines, locomotives, lumber, leather and furniture. Beyond question our merchants can secure enlarged markets in Cuba if they but exert themselves to take advantage of the preference in their favor, while it is to be anticipated that Cuba's industrial and agricultural development will furnish proof that it has been greatly stimulated, even before the present year is out.

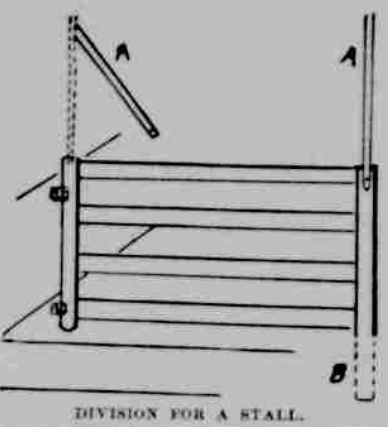
If any one thinks that the United States has a monopoly of all the energy and enterprise he should revise his opinions forthwith. The whole world is wide-awake, and every people is alert for opportunities for advancement. There are the Russians, for instance, whom we have been accustomed to regard as somewhat slow and behind the times. They have recently secured the services of Horace G. Burt, formerly president of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, to assist them in making the Siberian railroad as efficient as the transcontinental roads in the United States, where the problems of carrying trains across wide plains and over snow-capped mountains have been solved. Then there are the Spaniards, who are planning for closer trade relations with the Spanish-speaking peoples of South America. And the Germans are seeking outlets for their surplus population in countries which will buy the products of the German factories. The British are considering plans for a commercial federation of their colonies for the development of their resources and the preservation of the trade of the mother country. The French are developing their possessions in Northern Africa and undertaking the reclamation of the Sahara, as well as pushing their railroads across the Pyrenees into Northern Spain. And all these people are studying the Americans, that they may avoid our mistakes and profit by our successes. Within a few weeks the reports of two independent British commissions to this country have been made public. An official of the railway department of India, after a tour of the United States, reports that "the one idea in the minds of the American railway men is to 'get there.'" He thinks that this is the secret of American railway success. One of the members of a private commission to study the relation of the schools to American commercial success says that "The schools have not made the people what they are, but the people, being what they are, have made the schools." The "American peril," of which we hear much, is that the Americans shall grow complacent and satisfied with themselves, instead of keeping their place in the company of the other wide-awake peoples.

not in use it may be lifted from the hinges and put away and the sticks tacked up against the joists. The illustration shows the points mentioned clearly. The cost of such a contrivance will be small and it will be found exceedingly useful. — Indianapolis News.



FARM AND GARDEN

Dividing a Stall. In some barns the stalls are sufficiently wide so that they may be divided when occasion requires if some temporary division can be easily made, put in place and removed when desired. A plan for doing this is shown in the illustration. A gate is made of proper material reaching from the manger to the end of the stall. The post of this gate at the end is made about a foot longer than the lower rail and a hole is made in the floor through which this post is slipped when put in position and thus makes the gate or fence firm. At the manger end the fence is fastened to the manger by a pair of gate hinges. Two stiff sticks are fastened to the post above with a bolt, one over the manger-end and one over the other end. In the lower end of each of these sticks a notch is cut which comes over the staple on the fence and holds it, the fence, firm. When the fence is



DIVISION FOR A STALL.

Soda for Potatoes. In growing tomatoes nitrogen in the soil is the least desired of the plant foods and the best results will come from phosphoric acid and potash liberally applied broadcast. Much has been written regarding the use of nitrate of soda for tomato growing and while his chemical is good, it should be used with caution. Its function is to cause the plant to make a quick growth; in other words give it a start which will be kept up by the phosphoric acid and the potash.

This being the case the best way to use it is to watch the plants closely as they grow and if any shows lack of vigor sprinkle a teaspoonful of the nitrate of soda about the plant. Usually one application will be sufficient to start such plants off in good shape and once they get a good start there will be no trouble if the soil has been properly enriched and proper cultivation has been carried on.

Field Beans and Soy Beans. The average results for six years at the Ontario station show that the following varieties of field beans have given the highest yields: White Wonder, Day Improved Leadless, Medine or Navy, Pearce Improved Tree and Schofield Pea. Based on the experiments with soy beans at the college, the Early Yellow is recommended for the production of grain for feed, and the Medium Green for ensiling with corn.

Horses or Steam Wagons. A firm of English millers has made an interesting test of the comparative cost of hauling grain by horses or by steam motors. The cost of keeping seven horses for the year was about \$2,500. At the end of 1902 they sold the horses and purchased a five-ton steam machine, ran it 5,275 miles, carried 3,875 tons, and burned 4 1/2 tons of coal at a total cost of \$1,849, showing a decided gain for the steam machine.

Farm Notes. Keep all young animals growing and gaining. Avoid working horses in the rain as much as possible. Ground feed is better than whole grain for growing colts.

Sweet food for hogs is better than that which is fermented and soured. All rubbish and prunings from the garden and orchard should be burned. A falling appetite is generally the first indication of an animal being out of condition. Coal ashes, as well as wood ashes, should be saved and applied on wet, heavy soils.

Conveniences for watering and feeding stock are items in saving time labor and feed on the farm. Corn and oats, half of each, ground together, make one of the best kinds of feed for cows in milk.

The best way to get rid of the current worm is to dust the leaves with white hellebore. In nearly all cases, the best animals are the offspring of mature parents on both sides.

Be ready to cut clover when the largest number of plants are in bloom and are turning brown. It should be the aim of every breeder of horses to raise well-bred and well-trained animals.

In the management of clover for hay it is important not to cure too dry, and to store under shelter. On many farms, exposure to the weather injures farm machinery fully as much, if not more, than use.

The offspring of immature, undeveloped animals is inferior to that of mature and full-grown parents. It is the steady, quiet horse that can do the biggest day's work when the weather is extremely hot.—Pointers.

Soft Wood for Ties. On account of the scarcity of oak, chestnut and other hardwood timber commonly used for railroad ties, railroads have been successfully using the softer woods, which have been treated with chemicals such as cresote, zinc chloride, etc. Preservative treatment can make a beech, red oak or pine tie outlast a white oak tie. The use of screw spikes instead of nail spikes enables the soft wood to resist the strain and hold the rails in place. The use of soft wood is likely to improve

the market for those grades of timber suitable for the purpose.

Water Before Feeding. Horses should be watered before their grain feed. This story has been put to the experimental test. A horse was fed with four quarts of whole oats, and immediately after given water to drink. Soon after the horse was killed and opened. Scarcely a quart of oats was found swimming in the water in the stomach, the remaining three quarts having been forced by the water into the intestines. Another horse was given water first, and then about four quarts of oats. Fifteen minutes after this horse was slaughtered, and the entire quantity of oats was found in the stomach, and already digestion was setting in. Horses require more water in hot weather than in cold, and more when at work than when idle. Horses at full work should be watered frequently; three times a day is not too often. The hay and grain should always be pure and sweet.

Care of Horses' Necks. Nine out of every ten farm horses suffer from abrasions of the skin on the neck during the spring work and this is so severe in many cases as to keep the horse from doing a full day's work. Try this plan of treating the farm horse during the season of hard work. After feeding the horse brush off or, better still, wipe it off with a large cloth. Then, with tepid water, sponge the head, neck and shoulders and wipe dry with a clean cloth. If the shoulders show indications of soreness rub over them a little vaseline and let it remain over night. See that the collar worn fits well and after taking it off wipe it thoroughly with a damp cloth and hang it where it will be thoroughly dry in the morning. It will pay well to take this little additional care of the horse during the working season if at no other time. — Indianapolis News.

Grain Feeding. In some observations recently made in the feeding of grain to lambs, one of the most noticeable results was the early maturity of those that had grain from birth. For instance, in one trial the lambs fed with grain from birth attained an average weight of 113 pounds seven weeks earlier than those that had had no grain previous to fattening, and this weight was reached at a smaller cost in the instance of the lambs fed on grain from the start. It is a hard matter to estimate the amount of grain to feed, owing to the variation in the consuming capacity of sheep. In starting it has been customary to feed from half a pound to one pound. A month later the wethers will probably be taking from one to two pounds, and during the last month from two to three. — American Cultivator.

A London postman was mean enough to steal stamps from the letters he collected from boxes. Finally stamps marked with invisible, sensitive ink were posted, for six months. He was caught with some of them upon him, and they were "developed" in his presence. At a home wedding an isle may be formed for the bridal party by four young girls or four little boys dressed as pages. They carry white ribbons, two remaining at the door or foot of the stairway, the other two waiting forward carrying the ribbons to the place where the ceremony is to be performed.

The twin tunnel under the Capitol at Washington which the Pennsylvania railroad has been given permission to bore, will be 3,000 feet long cost \$800,000 and electricity is to be exclusively used for hauling trains through it.

Pico's Cure for Consumption always gives immediate relief in all throat troubles.—F. E. Bierman, Leipzig, Ohio, Aug. 31, 1901.

The National Creamerymen's Association has been assigned October 25 as its day at the World's Fair.

Invitations to a card party require an immediate and definite reply; this is necessary for the hostess must provide for a certain number of guests. Card parties from a most popular form of entertainment, no other amusement being necessary, and only light refreshments need be served.

Total excess of exports amounts to the almost incomprehensible sum of \$3,119,000,000, an average of some \$20,000,000 a year.

Free to Twenty-Five Ladies. The Defiance Starch Co. will give 25 ladies a round trip ticket to the St. Louis Exposition, to five ladies in each of the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri who will send to the largest number of trade marks cut from a ten cent, 16 ounce package of Defiance cold water laundry starch. This means from your own home, anywhere in the above named states. These trade marks must be mailed to and received by the Defiance Starch Co., Omaha, Neb., before September 1st, 1904. October and November will be the best months to visit the Exposition. Remember that Defiance is the only starch put up 16 oz. (a full pound) to the package. You get one-third more starch for the same money than of any other kind, and Defiance never sticks to the iron. The tickets to the Exposition will be sent by registered mail September 5th. Starch or sale by all dealers.

If you have never had them before, be sure and have some astors this year. Get a packet of mixed seeds of the comet asters and you will be sure to be pleased with it.

If afflicted with Thompson's Eye Water sore eyes, use Thompson's Eye Water

It is not yet too late to scratch the soil with a steelrake and scatter grass seed in the thin spots on the lawn; scratch again after sowing and tramp well with the foot.

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WRONG TRACK. Had to Switch. Even the most careful person is apt to get on the wrong track regarding food sometimes and has to switch over.

When the right food is selected the host of ailments that come from improper food and drink disappear, even where the trouble has been of lifelong standing.

"From a child I was never strong and had a capricious appetite and I was allowed to eat whatever I fancied—rich cake, highly seasoned food, hot biscuit, etc.—so it was not surprising that my digestion was soon out of order and at the age of twenty-three I was on the verge of nervous prostration. I had no appetite and as I had been losing strength (because I didn't get nourishment in my daily food to repair the wear and tear on body and brain) I had no reserve force to fall back on, lost flesh rapidly and no medicine helped me.

"Then it was a wise physician ordered Grape-Nuts and cream and saw to it that I gave this food (new to me) a proper trial, and it showed he knew what he was about, because I got better by bounds from the very first. That was in the summer and by winter I was in better health than ever before in my life, had gained in flesh and weight and felt like a new person altogether in mind as well as body, all due to nourishing and completely digestible food, Grape-Nuts.

"This happened three years ago and never since then have I had any but perfect health, for I stick to my Grape-Nuts food and cream and still think it delicious. I eat it every day. I never tire of this food and can enjoy a saucer of Grape-Nuts and cream when nothing else satisfies my appetite and it's surprising how sustained and strong a small amount will make one feel for hours." Name given by Postum Cereal Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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