Gen. Jackson Made Him Pay.

The keeper of a boarding-house here when Andrew Jackson was President waited on him one day and complained that a Tennesseean who had been appointed by him to a clerkship in one of the departments, would not pay a board bill. 'Get his note,' said old Hickory, 'for the full amount, interest included, payable in sixty days and bring it to me.' 'That will be no use,' replied the boarding-house keeper, 'for he never pays his notes.' 'Do as I tell you, sir,' said Jackson, as he turned away.

The next day the boarding-house keeper reappeared at the White House and handed the note to the President. He took it, read it, wrote 'Andrew Jackson' across the back in his well-known autograph, ane handed it back saying, 'Take that to the Bank of the Metropolis and tell them from me that at its maturity it will be paid by either the drawer or the indorser. They will discount for you.'

A few days afterward the man who had given the note met his creditor and tauntingly said, 'Well I do not suppose you have been able to negotiate my paper?' 'Oh, yes,' replied the boarding-house keeper, 'I had no trouble in getting it discounted at legal rates of interest.' Who in thunder is willing to discount my notes?' asked the Tennesseean. 'The Bank of the Metropolis discounted the one you gave me, upon the assurance that if you did not pay it the indorser would.' 'But who would indorse my note?' 'Gen. Jackson, and he sent word to the bank that if you did not pay the note he would.' It is hardly necessary to add that the note was promptly paid by the maker.—*Hartford Courant.*

Been Round.

At the city hall market, Boston recently, while a lady was purchasing a whitefish, a man about fifty years old and a stranger to her, approached and remarked:

'Missus, I have traveled over Europe Asia, Africa, and the Holy Land. I have viewed the pyramids, sailed on the Nile, and fished in the Tiber. Permit me to offer you a bit of advice: Don't cook that fish with the scales on.'

'I didn't mean to, sir,' she indignantly replied.

'Very well, missus. I have crossed the Atlantic Ocean four times; ascended the Andes; sailed up the Missouri and down the Mississippi, and tramped across the great Sahara Desert. Let me say one word more: Cut the head off before you cook it.'

'Do you think I'm a heathen?' she retorted. 'I guess I know how to cook a fish!'

'You may madam—you may. I have soldiered for Queen Victoria, fought for Uncle Sam, draw a pension, kept a post office, learned to fiddle, and was never sued in my life. I beg your pardon, madam, but let me advise you not to eat the bones of that fish. Some folks eat bones and all, but sooner or later, come to some disreputable end.'

'I thank you to mind your own business!' she said picking up the fish

'I have traveled over the smooth prairies,' he continued' with great politeness, 'climbed the Rocky Mountains killed Indians, fought grizzlies, suffered and starved and perished, and I leave you with the kindest and most earnest wishes for your future welfare. Also cut off the tail before cooking!'

And he went away.

Not so Ignorant.

He sat alone in her father's parlor, waiting for the fair one's appearance, the other evening, when her little brother came cautiously into the room and gliding to the young man's side, held out a handful of something, and earnestly inquired:

'I say, mister, what's them?'

'Those,' replied the young man, solemnly, taking up one in his fingers, 'those are beans.'

'There,' shouted the boy, turning to his sister, who was just coming in, 'I knew you lied. You said he didn't know beans, and he does too!'

The young man's stay was not what you might call a prolonged one, that evening.

"Well, how's business been to-day? was the inquiry put to a Centre street merchant by his best customer Saturday evening.

"Poor as Job's turkey," was the sorrowful reply; "been cool and blustry, and they didn't bite."

It was well along toward morning before it occurred to the merchant that his customer had asked about trade, and not about his luck fishing. When his wife discovered him the next second he had his pants on wrong side before and was breaking for the front door, exclaiming: "By gracious, this must be explained! He will think I take him for a sucker.' —*Oil City Derrick.*

"Gentlemen, I can't lie about the horse. He is blind in one eye," said an auctioneer. The horse was soon knocked down to a spectator who had been greatly struck by the auctioneer's honesty. After paying for the horse, he said: "You were honest enough to tell me that this animal was blind in one eye—is there any other defect?" "Yes, sir, there is! He is also blind in the other eye," was the prompt reply.

'I never saw such a restless child!' as she tried to fit the boy with a new jacket. The little fellow grew quiet and thoughtful for a moment, and then suddenly exclaimed: 'I know why I'm so, ma—the day God made me I guess the dust was a flying awful.'

A West Virginia debating society has a three-cornered question up for discussion. It is: "Whisky, tobacco, or the Democratic party—which works the greatest evil to society?"

Feeding Young Calves.

As we have seen, fresh milk is the best food for the young calf. and the most natural method of taking it is for the calf to draw it from the udder of its mother. But there are many considerations that come in to prevent this natural method among the 500,000 dairymen of the United States. This natural method is only practicable among the breeders of pure-blooded and high priced stock; and if such breeder of high blood is located in a dairying district where milk is valuable, it is quite unnecessary that he should feed new milk longer than two months. After that period the calf may be fed upon the skim milk and linseed or flax seed gruel, with an excellent chance of growing a prize animal. In two months the calf will have made an excellent start and be ready for the modified diet. And if the calf is to be taught to drink, it is better to do this when ten days or two weeks old, It will learn easier at that age than later, and the cow will give more milk through the season than if the calf is permitted to suck longer. The milk being fed warm from the mother, the calf will make a growth not perceptibly different from one that sucks. This blooded calf should have the free run of a dry yard, with a little hay or grass to eat, that it may early develop its first stomach and chew its cud. A small field of grass in summer is still better. When the time comes for feeding skim milk, the ration may be made about as nutritious as the new milk by adding to it flax seed gruel, made by boiling a pint of flax seed and a pint of oil meal in ten to twelve quarts of water. Mix this in equal parts with skim milk, and feed blood warm. Let the calf have its fill twice per day, at regular times, until six months old. During this time teach it to eat a few oats, and in case of a tendency to scour, give, for a meal or two, in the milk, a quart of coarse wheat flour, sometimes called by farmers, canel. It will be perceived that the oil of the flax seed will make good the loss of the cream in the milk—in fact it is a ration as rich as milk itself; and we have seen calves raised upon it quite the equal of calves running with the dam. We have also used flax seed and pea meal to make the gruel to mix with the skim milk, and it has proved an excellent combination.—*Cor. National Live Stock Journal.*

Stock Water.

How a reserve of stock water may be economically stored up for use during droughts is an important question for farmers throughout the prairie region of the West.

Two years ago last Summer, having with many others, suffered the inconvenience of a failure of the water supply on my place, in consequence of the long-continued drought, I dug a 200-barrel cistern in my pasture a few feet from a ditch which crossed one corner, cementing on the solid clay, which formed the sides to within two and half feet of the top, and brick the balance. I laid a wooden pipe from near the top of the ditch to the cistern, and when the water was running the following Spring, by damming the ditch below, it was filled with pure snow water. The same process was repeated last Spring, filling up what had been used out the previous Summer.

For the last month my well has been nearly dry, and my house and barn cisterns are both empty. Without this reserve supply I should have been in as bad a fix as are a great many other people at this time. The water in this cistern, most of which has been in it for two years is now as pure bright and sparkling as when it was first filled.

It has been a wonder to me that farmers in sections where reliable wells cannot be obtained, have not availed themselves of this method of storing up water. There is no limit to the extent to which such cisterns can be multiplied, furnishing a reserve supply to fall back upon when the ordinary suplies fail.—*O. C. Gibbs, in Prairie Farmer.*

Sugar Used in the United States.

The people of this country are noted for importing or buying of other nations, enormous quantities of goods, costing immense sums in gold, that might as well be made at home. Sugar is one of these.

The amount of this article yearly used is truly enormous. Hard as times were last year more than 1,000,000 tons upwards of 2,000,000,000 pounds, costing at 8 cents more than $160,000,000 in gold, besides an equal quantity of molasses and syrup was imported from abroad, exclusive of the small amount made in Louisiana. This year a real or pretended scarcity in all the sugar producing regions of the world, makes the price much higher than usual.

The source of making sugar in this country are without limit. All the maples especially the soft and sugar maples, yied floods of sap ready to be boiled into sugar or syrup, that now runs to waste all over the country but little being utilized. The butternut also gives a very superior quality. This tree is said to be the sole dependence of the Circassians for both sugar and syrup. Indian corn also gives it, first as canejuice in the stalk before the formation of ears, and afterwards as grape sugar in the mature grain, in quantities only limited by the demand. The beet containing 7 to 9 per cent according to the season, has been profitably used in California the past year, and might undoubtedly be used east of the Rocky Mountains.

The United States ought to export, instead of importing, both sugar and syrup.

Stuffed Beefsteak.

Take a flank or round steak, pound it and sprinkle with pepper and salt; then make a plain stuffing and spread on the meat, roll it up and tie closely; put in a pot with a quart of boiling water, and a lump of butter the size of an egg; boil slowly one hour; then put in a pan with the water in which it was boiled, and bake until nicely browned, basting it frequently; dredge a little flour into the gravy, boil, pour over the meat.

Simple Cure for Earache.

Many years ago two of my children, one aged three, the other one year, had a terrible attack of earache all one day and night. I worked over the little sufferers, doing all I could think of, and trying remedies suggested by our neighbors. On the second morning of the attack, a lady come in and asked me if I had tried burnt sugar. I told her no, that I had not heard of that. She told me to put some live coals on a tin plate, put a funnel over it, and then hold the child so that the smoke could go into the ear. I did so using the same remedy for both little ones. The result was marvelous; the pain stopped instantly, and soon both little sufferers were in a sound refreshing sleep.

How to take Castor Oil.

A modification of the old and favorite mode of administering castor oil in orange juice is offered by Potain.—He directs that the juice of half an orange be squeezed into a glass, and after carefully pouring the oil upon this to add the juice of the other half of the orange, so as to enclose the oil.—If pains be taken to avoid mixing the layers, the combination can be swallowed, it is said, without the least perception of the flavor of the oil.

To Restore Hair.

Take a handful of sage leaves, pour over one pint of soft water, let stand one hour, strain, and add half a cup of bay rum and two tablespoonfuls castor oil and a few drops of bergamot to perfume; bottle and apply to the hair two or three times a week. It will stay its falling out, also restore faded hair. Shake well before using.

Can any one tell why it is that the soul of a young and pretty woman is more dear to the average deacon than that of a squint-eyed woman with a wart on her nose? When we have seen a young and pretty woman go up to the altar, we have noticed half a dozen deacons knock their heads together in their eagerness to whisper consolation to her bruised spirit. But when the squint-eyed woman knelt down only one deacon went near her, and he merely touched her on the shoulder and said, 'Pray fervently, sister, and all will be well.'

The story told that a certain Irishman, who heard Fred Douglass make a speech, was carried off his feet by the power which "the nagur," as he called him, displayed. Being told by a companion ta 'Shut up, bekase the fellow is only half a nagur, d'ye see?' the Irishman retorted: 'Be jabers, if a man that's only half a nagur can talk like that, I'm thinkin' that a whole nagnr would beat the prophet Jeremiah!'

A writer in the Baltimore *Bee* thinks he knows all about them, for he says that black-eyed woman are most apt to be passionate and jealous. Blue-eyed, soulful, truthful, affectionate and confiding. Gray-eyed, philosophical, literary, resolute, cold-hearted. Hazel-eyed, quick-tempered and fickle.

The school commissioner of Hardin county, Ky., is reported to have lately said that the few school houses in his county are not as good as the average horse stable, and that, as a whole, the people thereabouts are making greater efforts to raise stock than to educate their children.

The European war may advance the price of Russia leather pocketbooks and cause newspaper men a great deal of trouble to take care of their money and yet leave room in their pockets for knife and tobacco.

'I've made the fire all of the week,' shouted Jones: 'Tis false,' cried his wife, in most positive tones; and unless you would witness me *fighting a liar*, you'd better get up and be *lighting a fire!*'

Perhaps some ladies do not know that a teaspoonful of vinegar and a teaspoonful of sugar is a great improvement to beef gravy. Try it.

An Irish lover remarks, "It's a very great pleasure to be alone, especially when your sweetheart is wid ye."

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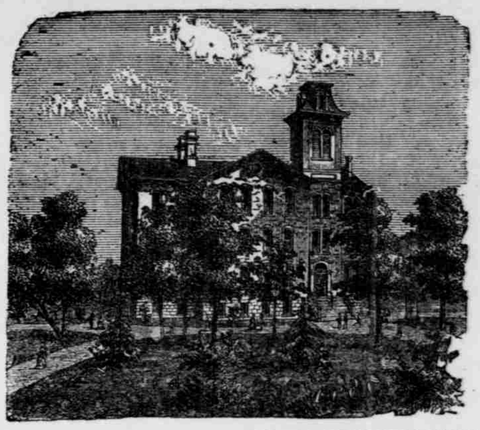
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