

Pope says that beauty draws us by a single hair. It doesn't nowadays. When a beauty gets so bald-headed that she has but one hair left, she doesn't draw much.

When a man gets ready to swear over an apparently tough goose, and then finds the joints yield readily to the knife, he believes that "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

The new Geographical Society of Japan has just published, on a large scale, a map of the city of Yoko. The names of districts, streets and the like are inserted both in Japanese and Latin characters.

When you see four or five children who need combing, washing, and brushing, holding a comb over a front door-step, you have come to a house where the mother paints pottery.

There is an unprecedented activity among steel manufacturers. They are all working overtime, and it is feared that the supply of metal will run short. A St. Louis firm has ordered a pair of skates.

Two ladies are discussing a third, who is in the country. "She is really charming," says one, "and, above all, she has such an air of intelligence." "Yes," answers the other, "but there are no words to that air."

Never mind a man who is hard up, for he can work. Never mind a woman who is dead broke, for she can get married. But think of the little dogs who haven't got any velvet blankets and who can't get employment.

A gentleman accidentally steps on a dainty little dog in an elegant woman. "Stupid! A little more and you would have crushed Flaco." "Ah! If I had crushed him I would have placed him."

"Prisoner at the bar," said the judge "is there anything you wish to say before sentence is passed upon you?" The prisoner looked wistfully toward the door, and remarked that he would like to say "Good evening." "If it would be agreeable to the court."

"Maria," said a pious husband to his wife, "them wicked Smiths are allowing their children to play in the yard on Sundays. To-morrow I'll set the dog on their chickens. The judgment of heaven must be visited on 'em in some way."

A young lady was taken to task for tight lacing, and she said she resorted to the practice on purely economical grounds. "How that?" asked her reprover. "Why," she replied, "I lace tightly simply to prevent waistlines."

"No," said Talkington; "no, I never go to church. What does it amount to anyway?—sermons and collections. I can read better sermons at home, and as for collections—why, man, I've collected without number, both in prose and verse."

"Ah, Mr. Shuttle, glad to see you at church to-day," said the deacon. "Excellent sermon on Herod this afternoon." "Splendid," replied Job. "How the reverend minister put in his licks, I wouldn't have been in Herod's place for \$5."

Old Jones throws his broken plate and track at Brown's heels when they intrude on his garden. Brown generally remarks to his wife: "I bought those towels for pure game, but they seem to be Coochin China to-day." Brown is an even-tempered youth.

An old lady wearing a pair of green goggles stopped on the main line of the train at South Vallejo and knocked at the car door, and actually waited till it was opened on the inside by a passenger. For consummate politeness this has no parallel.

A Society Reform. Under the pretty title of the "Cinderella" dance, a sort of semi-ball, rigorously pledged to exhibit its insignificance on the healthy, wealthy, and wise side of midnight, gives good augury of a return to sober hours in the habits and customs of the English.

Another hopeful sign is the practice of abbreviating dinner, both by a reduction of a menu and by the abolition of a male sedentary running into much time and many magazines. The fashion of this curtailing and lightening the once solemn and often dreary meal had indeed been steadily growing for a long time. Those heavy feasts, with their monstrous ergones and conversationalities as pompous and depressing as the tray of feathers that used to be carried in front of the funeral, are swept away to the last crumb. There remained, however, much to be done in the way of practical reform, even at a recent period; and, to the joy of opera and theater managers against whose interests the late and long dinners of the last decades carried on a ruthless war, the work of continued amendment has been taken vigorously in hand by many leaders of society, foremost being the Prince of Wales. As for the quadrille parties named so prettily after the heroine of the Countess d'Alonzo's fairy tale, all sensible people must wish them success; and their introduction at the Mansion House in the late proofs already given by Sir Francis Truett of a determination to make his Mayonay memorable for wholesome and graceful improvements.

A Buried Forest. It has been recently discovered that an oak forest lies buried in the Valley of the Fuld, near Rosenberg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, at a depth of from six to nine feet below the surface. The wood flourished at a very remote period. The great number of the trees discovered were in good preservation; but, owing to the action of the water through unnumbered ages, they have become thoroughly black in color; they have become very hard and close, so that they would be good material for carving and ornamental cabinet work. Some of the trees are of great size; one taken out of a gravelly portion of the bed opposite the village of Baumbach, and since sent to the Geological Museum at Berlin, was 59 feet long, nearly five feet in diameter near the root, and about 38 inches at the top. Even larger specimens have been found. It is reported that the furniture and fittings of the Geological Museum at Marburg are to be made from this long buried timber. It is not yet decided whether these buried oaks belong to a species still existing or to an extinct one.

Andaman Island widows wear the skulls of their deceased husbands on their shoulders. At a recent lecture on ethnology at the Royal College of Surgeons in London, Prof. Flower showed the skull of an Andamense, to which was attached an elegant wadded sling by which it had been suspended to the widow's neck.

Professor—Is there any way to obtain good food from a withering or budding? Student—Yes, sir, Professor—Please explain the process. Student—Watch your change, and when the farmer goes to dinner, crawl over into the orchard and steal it.

Grades as Milkers.

A recent writer suggests two very important questions, the facts in relation to which, and the principles controlling the case, should be well understood by all dairymen and breeders of dairy stock. His query is: Do heifers from native or scrub mothers, by bulls of thoroughbred milking stock, make better milkers than their dams; and, if so, why? Why take the qualities of the stock from the sire rather than the dam?

It is an indisputable fact that many native cows are superior milkers and butter-makers, and this quality is transmitted to their daughters, in some cases, the quality existing of local celebrity. This characteristic, however, has generally been lost in three or four generations for want of care in keeping up the regular line, or by the yearly infusion of blood of base or unknown quality. It is quite possible that remarkable milking qualities in an individual cow, which might be perpetuated to remote descendants, and even increased by careful selection of sire, and in-hand milking. But that the quality by which thoroughbreds are produced, and requires skill and intelligence of a high order, and years of observation and labor.

With a general nature cover as the basis of stock, much anxiety and time may be saved, by an immediate infusion of the fixed blood of a thoroughbred of the desired type, and the result will be a cow which will give a large quantity of milk, and will be a better milker than the dam or breed of the sire, and the calf taking the type of the sire, and inferior to the dam, the milk being by experience in the other way. In this case the characteristics of the offspring are determined by the long-known law, that the longer a class of animals is developed in a single line, the greater is their transmitting power, and with the more certainty do they impress their qualities on the offspring.

Theoretically, the property of such connection is more than half thoroughbred, and should develop more than half of the sire's stock qualities in milk and form. There is but little danger of reversion to original form if this method of breeding be adhered to; but even if there were, it is undoubtedly the cheapest, quickest and most certain way to develop fixed milking qualities from native cows.—[American Agriculturist.]

Home-Made Fertilizers. The New England Homestead gives this advice: Pick up all the bones you can find, put them under cover, and mix with them two or three times their bulk of ashes from the kitchen, moisten them with enough water so that the potash may act on the gelatin of the bones; stir them once a week, and in a month or two you will find the bones so tender that you can cut and crush them with a blow of your shovel; beat the whole into a powdery mass, and you'll have a manure better than any you can buy. Give a handful of this to each hill of corn, and see how it will wash its banner of green and put into your basket the golden ears of corn.

Sydney Smith to Queen Victoria. The following extract from a sermon preached by Sydney Smith to Queen Victoria on her accession to the throne is, thinks the London Truth, worthy of recalling: "Extending in your heart the feudal love of military glory from which your sex does not necessarily exempt you, and to which the wickedness of flatterers may urge you. Say upon your death bed, 'I have made few orphans in my reign; I have made few widows. My object has been peace. I have used all the might of my character and all the power of my situation to check the insatiable passions of mankind, and turn them to the arts of honest industry.'"

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