THE DOMESTIC COW.

A Smart Young Man Investigates Her Unamiable Traits.

The poet has, from time immemorial, eulogized the domestic Cu (Saxon), Koe (Dutch), or Cow (Modern English). He has done so without having taken the trouble to investigate those unamiable traits in her character which it is the object of this article to criticise. He (the poet) seems only to have seen her in her Sunday clothes, as it were, grazing in the fragrant meadows or standing at ease in the shadows of the babbling brooklet.

My hired man recently attended a firemen's picnic, not wisely, but too well; and, after repeated drinks, he very imprudently locked horns with a larger man on the question of tariff reform. Need I say more? Only this: That he was assisted home by friends, suffering from severe indisposition and with his features sadly out of repair; so that, on the following morning, from a sense of duty, I arose betimes to milk the domestic Cu (Saxon), just as the first pale streaks of dawn appeared in the eastern sky.

Girding on some old clothes, I started forth to seek the Koe (Dutch). She had unhooked the gate of the pasture with her horns, and was then in the act of inspecting the flower-garden. She had evidently been there for some time, during which she had not been idle, and her manner was entirely free from excitement.

Approaching with a smile which has seldom failed to win female regard, I said, in soothing tones: "Soh, bossy! soh, bossy!" but, after eyeing me comprehensively for a few moments, she backed leisurely over a valuable rhododendron bush, and then started through the shrubbery at a swinging gait.

It would be painful to recount the incidents of that exciting chase. I got her in the barn at last, and succeeded in belaying her head to the manger, after which I said: "Stand over," in a distinct tone of voice. She knew that I wanted her to move to the left so that I could get room to milk her; but wilfully appearing to misunstand the order, she "stood over" to the right side, flattening me against the stall.

Did I swear? No, gentle reader, I did not. Why did I not swear? Because the weight of the Cu (Saxon) prevented respiration. Gathering myself together as one man, I hurled her across the stall by a supreme effort, and standing the hay-fork where she could see it, prepared to milk.

Any one who has watched the operation of milking a cow will maintain that it is a very simple thing to do. I used to think so myself, but it is a great mistake. I am ready to explain to any one who will listen to me for a few hours, that it is difficult, very difficult to milk a Koe (Dutch), unless there is a mutual understanding—a friendly feeling between the parties; which, in my case, there was not.

Having seated myself under the starboard quarter, I grasped the pail firmly between my knees, as I had seen the hireling do, and commenced to milk. No milk came for five minutes, during which time I worked on in silence, while the Cu jerked angry mouthfuls of hay out of the manger, ever and anon lashing her tail against my hat, and looking around with a sarcastic smile; which, however, I pretended not to notice; but at last a snowy jet shot straight into my left eye, and, in a short time, another imparted an unnatural warmth to my lap. I had succeeded in bringing forth the milk; all that remained was to direct it into the pail. This was not to be so easily done as you would suppose.

In fifteen minutes I had brought forth twenty-six squirts, distributed as follows: Three in the left eye, one in the right, eleven on my trousers, two on Koe's tail, five on the barn floor, and the balance in the kettle.

Just then the hand-maiden appeared and asked if I had finished milking. She said that the family were waiting for breakfast, and there was no milk for the coffee. I told her to wait a few minutes—that I had not quite finished. Leaning one dimpled arm on an adjacent hay cutter she watched my efforts with increased amazement, and at length said, eagerly: "Lord, Misther Adam, let me milk the cow! Why didn't ye ax me befoare? Shure I used to milk three cows down home befoare I wint out to sarvice!"

Recalling the incident of Robert Bruce and the historic spider, I felt strongly disposed to hold on and conquer the difficulties of milking if it took all day; but breakfast would have to be indefinitely postponed, and the feelings of the family were entitled to consideration; therefore I rose up and allowed Gwendoline Mulcahey to take the helm. This she did with alacrity, and, as the milk flew into the tin pail in thick, vigorous streams, the receptacle responded with a joyous "whing whong, whing whong," that seemed to say: "Go it, Gwendoline; you are the popular candidate, and you understand your biz." The Cu (Saxon) also gave vent to a chuckle of ill-concealed triumph as I started for the house.—Adam Smith, in Texas Siftings.

—"The Pilgrim's Progress" has been translated into the language spoken in Zanzibar, a tongue called Swahili. It was found necessary to make an adaptation rather than a literal translation. A part of the version was prepared by the late Bishop Steere.

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UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

Deliberate Cruelty of Which Many Fathers Are Guilty.

Is woman the equal of man? The question has been asked many thousands of times and answered with fierce negatives, which, however, have been growing fainter and fainter as civilization has progressed. Generally speaking, the greater the degree of civilization of the individual man the more willingly does he concede that woman was created the equal of the other sex, though with different qualities. But there are few believers in the equality of the sexes who carry their opinions into practice even in their own families. Theoretically the girls of a family are entitled to have as much spent on their education as is spent on that of the boys; to have the same care bestowed upon fitting them to fight this world's battle as is bestowed upon the boys; to have a business or profession chosen for them and to be fitted for it; to be furnished with capital to the same extent with the boys, and, finally, to share alike with the boys in the partition of the family property on the death of the parents. In how many Canadian homes is this equitable treatment of the daughters carried out? In few, we opine, and the better off the parents are in this world's goods the worse are the girls likely to fare.

It is too much the habit of fathers to spend all their means in pushing along their sons, leaving the daughters to take the chances in the matrimonial lottery. Hence we often see a son launched into the world with abundant capital, the benefit of his father's financial backing, and what is better still, the incalculable advantage of the experience of men and affairs gained by the father in a long and successful business career. What does the father do for the sister of this young man? If the father is lucky enough to possess a managing wife, he marries her off early to some young fellow with apparently good prospects. He gives her a dowry not at all proportioned to what he has given the son, and then he is gathered to his fathers. Twenty years afterward the son has made his mark in the world. He is a well-off man with a growing and expensive family around him. He can see ways for all the money he has, and more, in setting up his own sons, and he has nothing to spare—or, which comes to the same thing, thinks he has nothing to spare—for his sister. She, poor woman, has not been so lucky. Her husband has not been successful, or perhaps he has died after providing her with nothing but a family of children. She finds herself at forty already old and looked upon as a failure, though perhaps she has more of her father's business tact than fell to the lot of her brother. But there she is, as poor as a church mouse, while her brother, having taken the major part of the possessions of the family, has plenty. If the brother does as much for her as to take her boys into his office the world will applaud his generosity.

Discrimination like this is being practiced every day in thousands of homes. If there is to be discrimination among children, should it not be in favor of the girls instead of against them? What is the good of admitting the equality of the sexes if the people who admit it act towards their own offspring as though they did not believe it? And where do those people stand who, maintaining that women are the weaker vessels, rob their daughters in order to better equip their sons? If the sons, in consideration of having the major part of the family money spent upon them, undertook to care for their sisters in the event of the latter requiring help, there would be some element of fairness in the arrangement. But sons do not undertake any such thing. Even if they did undertake it they might fail to carry out their engagements. It would be better all around if all the children of a family were treated alike rather than that the seed of future bickerings should be sown by unfair preference of one before another.

This is a side of the woman question which can not be reached by law. It is the outgrowth and survival of the time when women were chattels, and were bought and sold like so many sheep. Custom sanctions the deliberate cruelty of which the father is guilty who sacrifices his daughter's earthly future in order that his son may carry on the business and the home in the old style. Every one of the political disabilities of women can and will be soon removed. But the removal of this social wrong will be a work of many years. The sexes will be equal in the eyes of the law for a long time before public opinion can make them equal in the eyes of fathers.—Toronto Globe.

The Dog Was Innocent.

A sanitary officer who was sent to a house on Catharine street to see about a savage dog who had bitten a neighbor was met by the allegation:

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"But he bit a man."

"Of course he did, but dot vhas a mistake."

"How?"

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PRORATE NOTICE.

County court, Webster county, Nebraska. In the matter of guardianship of minor heirs of Frank Kent, deceased, upon the verified petition of Ellen J. Kent, representing among other things that James M. Kent, Roy Kent and Louis Kent of said county, have an estate in this state and are minors under fourteen years of age. That the petitioner is the mother of said minors and praying that she may be appointed guardian of the person and estate of said minors. It is ordered that said petition be heard by this court at the county court room in Red Cloud in said county on the 4th day of March, 1889, at one o'clock, p m It is further ordered that notice of the time and place of hearing said matter be given to all persons interested by the publication of a copy of this order for three weeks successively in the Red Cloud Chief, a newspaper of general circulation in said county. Frank A. Sweezy,
28-3 County Judge.

Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution issued by L. H. Fort, clerk of the district court in and for Webster county Nebraska, in an action pending in said court, wherein Joseph Graves is plaintiff and W. A. McKeighan and Thad Arnold are defendants, I shall offer for sale at public vendue for cash in hand to the highest bidder at the east door of the court house in Red Cloud Webster county Nebraska, (that being the place where the last term of court was holden) on the 8th day of April 1889, at one (1) o'clock p. m., the following described property to-wit: The north-east ¼ of section two (2) town three (3) range ten (10) all in Webster county Nebraska, as the property of Thad Arnold defendant.

Given under my hand this 7th day of March, 1889. H. C. SCOTT, Sheriff.
G. R. Chaney, Plaintiff's Att'y. 32-4t

Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution issued by L. H. Fort, clerk of the district court in and for Webster county Nebraska in an action pending in said court wherein The Red Cloud National Bank is plaintiff and Thad Arnold and W. A. McKeighan are defendants, I shall offer for sale at public vendue for cash in hand to the highest bidder at the east door of the court house in Red Cloud, Webster county Nebraska (that being the place where the last term of said court was holden) on the 8th day of April 1889 at 2 o'clock p. m. the following described property to-wit: The north east ¼ of section 2, town 3, range 10, west, and the south-east ¼, section 2, town 3, range 10, west all in Webster county, Nebraska as the property of Thad Arnold, defendant.

Given under my hand this 7th day of March, 1889. H. C. SCOTT, Sheriff.
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Legal Notice.

In the district court of Webster county Nebraska. ss

Robert K. Orchard
vs
Leah Orchard

Leat Orchard the defendant is the above entitled action will take notice that on the 28th day of February a. d. 1889, the plaintiff herein filed his petition in the district court of Webster county and state of Nebraska, against you the said Leah Orchard the said defendant herein charging you with being the legal wife of the plaintiff, Robert K. Orchard, and also charging you with having disserted him for more than two years last past, the object and prayer of said petition being to obtain an absolute decree of divorce from you the said defendant Leat Orchard and for such other and further relief as equity and good conscience may suggest.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 15th day of April, 1889.

Dated Red Cloud Nebraska, February, 28th 1889. ROBERT K. ORCHARD.
Case & McNeny, Att'ys 31-4t

Road Notice.

State of Nebraska, Webster county, ss., To whom it may concern. The commissioners appointed to view and report upon a certain petition duly signed and filed with the county clerk of said county praying that a road be located as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of section eleven (11) town two (2) range ten (10) west, thence running south two hundred and sixty three feet (263) var. 11, on section line between section 11 and 12, thence west five hundred and eighty-two (582) var. 10, thence north to section line between sections eleven (11) and two (2) all being in Webster county, Nebraska, has reported favorably and recommends the location of said road. All objections thereto or claims for damages must be filed in the office of the county clerk on or before noon of Friday, April 12, 1889, or such road will be established without reference thereto. J. H. BAILEY,
Red Cloud; Feb. 11, '89. Co. Clk.

Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the district court of the eighth judicial district in and for Webster county, Nebraska upon a decree in an action pending in said court wherein John N. Richards is plaintiff and Francis M. Tripp and Francis M. Tripp administrator is defendant, I will offer for sale at public vendue for cash in hand at the east door of the court house in Red Cloud in said county (that being the place where the last term of court was holden) on Monday, April 1st, 1889, at one o'clock p. m. the following described property to-wit: Lots 23, and 24, block 16 in railroad addition to Red Cloud, Webster county, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 6th day of February 1889.
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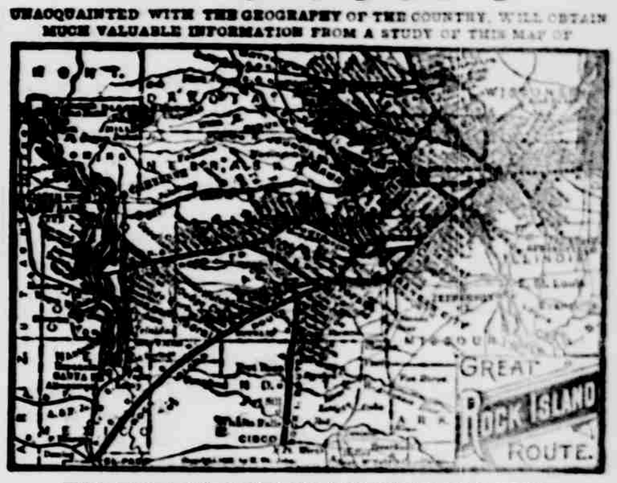

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