

Beefmaking in Illinois.

Professor Morrow gives an account of beefmaking in Illinois that illustrates the changes that are being forced upon agriculture. Rural New Yorker, in reviewing this account, makes these comments: By natural and legitimate causes the time came when other states and sections could make beef cheaper than it could be made on Illinois farms. When Illinois farmers found the price of cattle less than the cost of growing them, they gave up the business or changed their methods. Years ago Ohio went through much the same change. The result was mixed agriculture. The acres that formerly produced one cow and her steer calf were made to produce a greater value in other products. This change is breaking up the great farms which 15 years ago seemed to threaten the social and business life of the western farmer. Like those that have gone before it, this change offers better opportunities for business farmers, because it brings the market for a great variety of products nearer the farm.

Suicidal Impulse.

Hospital: Is the impulse to suicide incurable? Not directly. It depends on family, on race, on the strain of that competition which marks our advancing civilization. Of these the first two are ineradicable, although doubtless capable of being modified in the course of generations through judicious marriage. The third is for the mass of men unattainable; yet individuals who know that they have an hereditary taint might, of their own free will withdraw from those occupations which arouse the nervous system to abnormal excitement, and, even at the sacrifice of some of the world's goods, lead wholesome lives, which would give the murderous instinct less chance to conquer them. Physical weakness, especially that resulting from overstrain, betrays and weakens the control over the mental law. "Is the old story; The mens sana cannot permanently dwell except in the corpus sanum.

A Welcome Usher of '95.

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Pie for Milly.

At one of the quiet summer hotels in the Adirondack region a husband and wife attracted by their pleasant manner the liking of the waiter detailed at the table. Madam, like a true American, called for a little more of some particularly nice pie, when upon her husband rebuked her jeocosely in his care for her health. "No, no, Milly," he said, "you have had quite enough pie for your good." "Never you mind him, Milly," said Elanathan, the waiter, leaning over her chair, a perfect mass of sympathy, "you can eat all the pie there is. Here's a hullo."

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BONNIE LASSIE at the inglets— The old year is almost dead; Nimble, as by the blaze she knits, Her needles throw off the thread. The night is cold and the sky is dark, And the wind is wailing sore; But 'tis New Year's and the maid must mark The first foot to cross the door.

"Rest, Jeanie, for the hour is late; How the wind doth moan and sigh!" "Mother come knit beside me and wait Till we see the Old Year die. My lover true will then come to me, My true love from the Solway shore; This word he has sent, that his own shall be The first foot to cross my door."

"True, Jeanie, the auld wives say that ill Or good, for the coming year, Will follow the one who o'er the sill First steps. But the night is drear— He can never brave this wind and rain. So rest, now, and rise before The day well dawns. When you listen again Your first foot may cross the door."

"Knit with me," still the maiden said— Together they watch and wait; The cuckoo clock sounds twelve o'erhead, And her lover is at the gate. "Ah, now," cried Jean, "there's no ill to fear, But good luck is for us in store, Since my lover has braved the night so drear, The first to cross our door."

Life's Mirror.

WREPT BY THE winter's fiercest storm, the winter's wind and rain, The angry ocean howls with rage and shakes his tawny mane, And leaps against the beetling rocks with energy insane— Leaps and falls back on ragged reefs that good him on again. To burrow in the circling sands that his wild course restrain.

Beneath the smiling summer stars if sleeping peacefully, No longer beast, a beauty now, the same old king, the sea, Touched by the full moon's yellow light with radiant majesty, He murmurs gently in his dreams, if ocean dreams there be, Repentance for his former moods of rage and cruelty.

What mystery of life and death the ocean's waters hide! What changing passions changing hearts are taught by changing tide! The sea enraged, the sea at peace, to one who's at its side, Is but a mirror of man's mind, a mirror vast and wide, To show how small is earthly life in which our souls confide.

New Year Resolutions.

A Resolve to Do Better Is a Step in the Right Direction.

It is true, very possibly, that only one in a million of these resolutions ever amounts to anything permanently. A month, a week, a day, may see the end of them, and the old sin or delinquency or habit may be in the ascendant again, sometimes, alas! re-energized and stronger than before, strong almost to the point of indifference as to its destruction on the part of him "breaking his oath and resolution like a twist of rotten silk."

What is the use? The question rises in the mind of the owner of the broken resolution; it can't be helped; the breaker was made to break; it runs in the blood; he was given the nature that experiences temptation; he was not given the strength to overcome temptation; you can not change the spots in the leopard; that is he, if you want to change him, you want something other than he, you don't want him; ancestry is stronger than a desire to do otherwise; it's of no use. And thus the trick, the custom, the wholly undesirable habit, is left to run its race.

Yet that is but one possibility, and when this stage of indifference has not been reached how well it is only to have made the resolution, whether one is successful in keeping it or not! Just as hypocrisy is the tribute which pays to virtue, so the mere making of the resolution implies the knowledge of wrong, and of a right exceeding wrong, and to make a determination to discard the wrong is already one step toward embracing the right—is, in fact, embracing it—is, while being the resolve, however little way. The resolve is the outcome of the best part of one's nature; the not keeping it is one's weakness only.—Harper's Bazar.

Why Johnny Was Thankful.

Teacher—Johnny, can you tell me anything you have to be thankful for in the past year?

Johnny (without hesitation)—Yes, sir.

Teacher—Well, Johnny, what is it?

Johnny—Why, when you broke your arm you couldn't lick us for two months.—Life.



New Year's Day in Far Off Japan.

Simple and characteristic outdoor decorations make a Japanese city or village beautiful at the New Year season. One of the most common is the straw rope. A rope with many wisps of straw and strips of white paper hanging therefrom, and other objects, such as seaweeds, ferns, a lemon (orange), a red lobster shell, dried persimmons, charcoal, and dried sardines attached thereto, will be stretched either between the pine trees or above the doorway. Each of the articles just mentioned represents an idea—pine, bamboo, seaweeds and ferns, being evergreens, are emblems of constancy; the straw fringes, according to a legend often related, are supposed to exclude evil agencies; "the lobster by its bent form is indicative of old age or long life; the lemon (or orange) is called daidai, which word may also mean "generation [after] generation"; "the dried persimmons are sweets long and well preserved; the sardines, from their always swimming in a swarm, denote the wish for a large family," and the charcoal is "an imperishable substance."—Chicago Tribune.



COULD WE BUT glance the New Year o'er, Its hideous depths unveiled; Look on the mercies safe in store, Whose blessings never fail.

Could we but see the happiness The New Year seeks to give, Our daily lives to cheer and bless, How gladly would we live.

Could we behold the grief and care, The weary, painful strife Allotted as our rightful share In each new year of life. Could we anticipate the thorns That in our pathway lie Before the smiling New Year dawns, How gladly would we die.

Yet ignorant of all, we grope With blind persistence on, Upheld by patient faith and hope Each daily task is won. A New Year's burdens unconcealed Our trembling hearts benumb, But sorrows one by one revealed Are conquered as they come.



The Air We Breathe.

A new and novel instrument is the koniscope, or dust-testing apparatus. It is not a complicated scientific machine, being solely intended for estimating in an easy and simple manner the amount of pollution and number of dust particles in the atmosphere. The action of the instrument is based on certain color phenomena associated with what is called "cloudy condensation of air" and which can be produced by steam jets, high or low temperature of the air, the increased number of dust nuclei, etc. In working the koniscope the air is drawn into the apparatus by means of a common air pump, and quickly passes to the test tubes, which are fitted with glass at both ends. When the tube thus charged is held toward the light various colors from pure white to nearly black-blue (according to the purity or impurity of the sample under test) are indicated. The dust particles also form an important factor in these tests, the variation in their number causing the mirror to throw all the colors of the rainbow.

An Anecdote of the Olden Time.

In the time of Charles I of England a court jester was cleverly outwitted by a nobleman, who had, according to the custom of the day, presented the jester with a sum of money.

On New Year's morning the jester came into the presence of the nobleman, and received, as he expected, a number of gold pieces. He thought he had not been given enough, so he tossed them in his hand, muttering that they were light. The nobleman saw this, and said: "Prithee, Archy, let me see them again; and, by the way, there is one of them I would be loath to part with."

Naturally enough, perhaps, Archy thought more coins were to be added to his store, so he willingly returned them to his lordship. But the nobleman put them into his pocket, saying, "I once gave my money into the hands of a fool who hadn't the wit to keep it."—Philadelphia Record.

The Scottish Hogmanay.

A satisfactory explanation of the term "hogmanay," used by the Scots to designate the last day of the old year, has never yet been given, but there are two suppositions which are quite plausible. One is that the term "hogmanay" is derived from "hogenot" or "hogg night," the Scandinavian name for the night preceding the feast of yule, when animals were sacrificed, the word "hogg" meaning to kill. The other derivation is from the French, "an gemeney," "to the mistletoe go," referring to the Druids' custom on New Year's eve of collecting the mistletoe from the oaks, and after consecrating it distributing it among the people of the Gauls, by whom it was prized because of the many virtues ascribed to it.—Exchange.

Decline of a Pretty Custom.

The practice of having a ladies' calling day upon the second day of the year is going out of fashion, if indeed it has not already gone. Some years ago the fair sex had literally the right of way in every direction, and it was by tolerance alone that the sterner sex was enabled to travel by car or stage. It is a pity that "ladies' day" has declined, for there was a perfect panorama of beauty to be seen when the fair creatures, cardcases in hand and dressed in their handsomest and most becoming costumes, and generally traveling in groups of two, three and four, abounded everywhere. The air was filled with their pleasant small talk, and they looked very animated and interesting.—Selected.

A Curious Japanese Ceremony.

It is "after nightfall on the last night of the old year" that a curious ceremony called oni horai, or "devil expulsion," is performed. The head of the family with a box of roasted beans goes into every room in the house, and scattering the beans about the room and into every corner cries out: "Faku wa achi, oni wa soto"—"Happiness within, the devil without."

Providing for the Unemployed.

The people of Cincinnati proposed to raise \$50,000, to be used buying several hills near that city, and digging them away, expecting to be reimbursed by the sale of the stone, gravel and sand they contain. Possibly it may be a success, but the unemployed for whom the hope to provide labor by this scheme would not go out to dig gravel for a farmer at any fair wages. If they do it for a committee of the citizens, but a small part of them would stick to it a week before they would give up, if made to fairly earn their wages. Nor would many of them accept such work if offered to them. They would have to go around the corner to see a man about a job they had the promise of, and they would not get back until the agent who wanted them was far away. With the unemployed in some of our cities clamoring for labor, "bread or blood," a farmer near by cannot hire men to harvest his wheat crop unless at prices in excess of the value of the crop.

Albino Animals in Japan.

Albino animals are regarded by the Japanese as a superstitious light. The appearance of one is considered a good omen for the reigning Mikado, and occasionally signals a reign. For example, one reign is called "the period of the white pheasant," another "the period of the white phoenix." A white fox is often mentioned in their fables, and a white serpent appears in their pictures of the goddess of fortune. Among the Japanese as among the ancient Greeks, white horses were dedicated to the gods, and are still attached to the larger temples of the country. The milk and butter of white cows were formerly prized a medicine.

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Rugs vs. Carpets.

One of the best sanitary reasons for using rugs instead of carpets fastened to the floor is that the dust loosened in cleansing them is gotten rid of outside our houses instead of in. But it should be borne in mind that in crowded city neighborhoods this dust on one side and the other becomes a nuisance, perhaps a danger, in the season of open windows, and one longs for an invention whereby each family can consume its own dust, similar to that used for the disposal of smoke. In getting rid of the dust of our carpets inside an English scientific writer reminds us that the dry sweeping only stirs up the dust to resettle again and be held more firmly by the roughest surfaces. The wet tea leaves, damp sawdust, coarse salt or moistened sand cause the dust dislodged by the broom to cling to their moisture, but the matter used must not be too wet, nor of a nature that will stain the carpet, so finely grained as to sink into the fabric, nor so clinging as to resist easy removal by the broom.

Bullet Proof Shields.

Hardware: The invention of bullet proof shields is enlarging, and the patent office will soon, if it goes on at the present rate, be compelled to establish a special sub-department for the exposition of devices in this direction. A point is laid down by a New York engineer, which is that the outer surface of such material should be of a soft yielding material. This breaks the blow, and then the resisting material is apt to ward off effectually the force of the projectile. If the outer surface is hard and unyielding, the blow is sometimes so great as to overpower the recipient of the shot, and instances are on record that men on the battlefield have actually been killed by this shock. The whole subject is an intricate one and the progress made in it is not such as to deter the inventor from thinking out new devices.

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"There's a third," replied young Asa Spayds, "the sons of rich men. They struggle frantically to spend it."—Chicago Tribune.

Piso's Cure for Consumption

The most obstinate coughs.—Rev. Dr. Beckmiller, Lexington, Mo., Feb. 24, '94.

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