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### CORNER IN QUILLS.

One Result of the Competition for  
Vaccine Virus Points.  
New York Sun.

There has been such a demand for vaccine virus that some shrewd fellow actually got up a corner in quills," said Dr. S. S. Bogert, house physician of the Eastern Dispensary, Essex Market. "Most of the quills used by physicians are Austrian quills. Those raised in this country are not generally large enough. An ordinary quill will take four points, or slips. First the feather end is cut off; next the other end, leaving a tube of the clear, hard, transparent, horny part of the quill. This is too smooth to retain the virus, so it is scraped at each end to make it rough. The ends are then dipped, and the quill is split into four slips. They are sold at \$10 per hundred. Single slips are sold at twenty-five cents each. As there have been more persons vaccinated within the past six weeks than in the preceding ten years, the demand for quills has raised the price from \$11 to \$12.50 per gross. A very good substitute for quills is made from ivory chips. One dealer recently gave an order for 100 of these ivory points. Each ivory point will vaccinate two persons. Sometimes glass tubes are used to dip in the virus; but they are more expensive.

The first arrangements for supplying bovine virus at wholesale were made by Dr. Morton, of Boston, in 1872. The first to adopt it in New York was the New York dispensary. The next was the Eastern dispensary, but the board of health got vaccine virus from a farm at Patterson, N. J. The virus used in the Eastern dispensary comes from my father's farm, in Rockland county, N. Y. About three calves a week are used. Each calf lasts about one week, and as fast as one is cured another is inoculated. "The competition to sell the points or slips to physicians is so great sometimes purchasers on their way to the farms are interrupted by vendors who sell at reduced rates. Some of the wholesale druggists now keep vaccine points constantly on hand to supply the demand for the bovine virus, which is now generally used. At first the supply was limited; but since it has been found out that there is money in it, the number that embark in the business is increasing.

"The use of bovine virus in England was not successful, as in this country. It is assumed that animals are healthier than men, and that the bovine virus is less likely to transmit disease. I do not know that that assumption is founded on any accurate investigation. There have been some monographs written questioning the fact. Statistics show that one-third of the population of New York was treated gratuitously in one year. There cannot be the slightest question that, since the introduction of vaccination, small pox as an epidemic has disappeared."

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### MRS. BREEZY ON LENT.

Reminding Him of the Season.  
Brooklyn Eagle.

"Mr. Breezy, I suppose you know this is a season of prayer," said Mrs. Breezy, cracking an egg with her spoon, and carefully dropping its contents into her egg cup.

"Yes, dear," said Mr. Breezy, putting a final lump of sugar in his coffee, and stirring it up, as he gazed at the morning paper, braced against his glass of water.

"Well!" said Mrs. Breezy, with an upward inflection of voice.

"Well!" echoed Mr. Breezy, half way down the money column.

"Well," said Mrs. Breezy again, "you understand what I mean, I suppose."

"Not exactly, dear," said Mr. Breezy, absently, as he wondered how far Wabash was going to tumble, any day.

"If you will stop reading that paper half a second I will explain," said Mrs. Breezy. "But, of course, every wife, after the honeymoon, must expect to take a secondary position to her husband's morning paper."

"Breezy, leave that paper alone; I have something important to say to you," abruptly concluded Mrs. Breezy, leaning back in her chair.

"Yes, dear. In a moment," said Mr. Breezy, vainly trying to figure out the real meaning of the recent bear movement as laid down by the finance man of the treasury sheet.

"Now, at once," said Mrs. Breezy. "Yes, my dear," said Mr. Breezy, resignedly pushing the paper from him, and looking up.

"Mr. Breezy, as I said before, this is a season of prayer," said Mrs. Breezy. "It is Lent."

"Is it, dear?" asked Mr. Breezy, taking a furtive glance at his paper.

"Can it be, Mr. Breezy, that you have so far forgotten the teachings of your youth as to be ignorant of the coming of Lent?" asked Mrs. Breezy, settling herself for a good talk. "I know your mother, poor soul, did all she could to bring you up in the true path, but where are you now?"

"Right here," said Mr. Breezy, attempting a faint smile.

"Mr. Breezy, if you are going to commence your circus didos I shall drop the subject right here and now."

"Suppose you do, dear," said Mr. Breezy, making a movement toward getting up.

"Mr. Breezy, you will oblige me very much by keeping your seat until I have finished," said Mrs. Breezy, bringing the handle of her fork down on the table with a vigorous rap. "We are now at the beginning of Lent, and I have made up my mind to try and convert you before it is over. I'm tired of living with a heathen. You, worse than a heathen, for you know better than to go on believing all those absurd things about men springing from great horrid apes, and all that kind of rubbish."

"Don't you prefer a whole ape, dear, to a single rib?" asked Mr. Breezy.

"To think that you should be a man like that miserable, awful Ingle-

res or Ingersoll, or whatever he calls himself," continued Mrs. Breezy, paying no attention to her husband's remark. "It makes me shudder. Why, he doubts everything, and so do you. He even doubts that Jonah was swallowed by a whale."

"What's a whale?" said Mr. Breezy.

"Isn't it about time at your age, Mr. Breezy, that you got over the habit of making puns on such serious subjects?" said Mrs. Breezy, slapping her napkin on the table and pushing back her chair. "Suppose you should die to-morrow. What do you think would happen?"

"You'd collar the insurance," said Mr. Breezy.

"Mr. Breezy, you are just gone!" cried Mrs. Breezy, through her teeth, as she swept out of the room. "Let's see, where was I?" mused Mr. Breezy, as he once more took up his morning paper.

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### Suiciding on a Flat Market.

A New Yorker, who was waiting at a railroad junction in the interior of the state, had his attention attracted to a young man who was waiting up and down the platform with a revolver in his hand. As there were no signs of game in the vicinity the Gothamite halted the young man and asked:

"Why do you flourish a deadly weapon around in this careless manner?"

"I'm going to shoot myself!" was the prompt reply. "In five minutes I shall be a corpse."

"Anything wrong?"

"Yes, everything is wrong. The girl I was to marry at 3 o'clock to-day has given me the shake. Precisely at 3 o'clock I shall blow my brains out!"

"Now, I wouldn't do that," counseled the other. "The market just now is flat. Wait for a rise."

"Market—market. What market do you mean?"

"The market for calf skins, sir. It hasn't been so flat for five years. If you have any eye for business you'll wait for a reaction. They must advance. Calves are scarce, the European market is short, and if you'll hold on for thirty days I'll guarantee a rise of ten per cent. Always do business in a business manner, young man. Don't bring your calf skins to a flat market."

The young man sat down to think it over, and as he was eating a ham sandwich when the train came along an hour later he is probably waiting for a better market.

### Maine News.

Hop Bitters, which are advertised in our columns, are a sure cure forague, biliousness and kidney complaints. Those who use them say they cannot be too highly recommended. Those afflicted should give them a fair trial, and will become convinced, by enthusiastic in the praise of their curative. —Portland Argus. mar-1-d-2w

### Using Oil-Cake.

Nearly all the cake produced in the establishments for the manufacture of linseed oil in the states this side of the Mississippi river is exported to Great Britain, where its value is more highly appreciated than it is here. The like is true of the residuum of mills at the south, where cotton-seed oil has been engaged in, at Omaha and other places in the far west. The expense of shipping the cake to Liverpool and Glasgow was so great that it was offered to farmers and feeders at comparatively low rates. During the past season they have used it largely, and are well pleased with the result. Some find that here is economy in selling corn and buying oil-cake. Those who have plenty of means, however, use the corn they raise, and purchase oil-cake in addition. They find it a most desirable food for all kinds of stock. Farmers who make butter mix oil-cake meal with skimmed milk, and feed it to their calves and pigs. It is largely fed to cattle and sheep intended for the market. With little doubt the use of oil-cake will soon extend to the great plains. The great difficulty in raising cattle and sheep there consists of the scarcity of food at certain seasons of the year. The past winter was very favorable to stock-raisers in the far west. During the previous winter, however, the loss of cattle and sheep was enormous. This might have been prevented to a great extent by the use of concentrated food, of which oil-cake furnishes an excellent example. It costs too much to take hay and grain to famishing herd, but an equivalent for them in the form of oil-cake can be moved with little expense. A small portion of it will keep life in animals if they can obtain a limited amount of "rough fodder."

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### Many Jingling Death Bells.

Helena Independent.  
Mr. Filson of Beaver Creek started for town yesterday with a wagon load of grain. Night came on and the storm was blinding. To make matters worse the horses gave out, and then unhitheed the horses, and getting onto one of them and leading the other, again started for town. Again the horses got into a deep snow drift and Mr. Filson was unable to make them move. He was now becoming numbered with cold and also became very sleepy, a dangerous sign. He resolved to go back to his wagon and pass the night in it, as he had left some blankets there. Fortunately for him he was unable to find the wagon; we say fortunately, from the reason that if he had succeeded in finding it there is small doubt but that he would have frozen to death during the night. Finally, in despair, he turned toward town, becoming more sleepy and numb every moment.

After a struggle of two or three hours which only the greatest exertion of will power enabled him to sustain, he reached the lower end of Rodney street.

Here overstrained nature gave up and the despairing man fell to the ground, where he lay in an almost unconscious condition. He knew that he was freezing to death, but was unable to longer fight off the overpowering desire to sleep. Strange visions appeared before him and strange sounds rang in his ears. At one moment thousands of sleighs with their jingling bells seemed to pass round and ever him. He seemed to hear music and songs in the distance and bright, many colored lights shone before him. Providentially at about this time two men passed along the road and, although believing him drunk, they rubbed him, got him onto his feet and managed to get him to a hotel.

### Shrewdness and Ability.

Hop Bitters, so freely advertised in all the papers, secular and religious, are having a large sale, and are supplanting all other medicines. There is no denying the virtues of the Hop Bitters, and the proprietors of these Bitters have shown great shrewdness and ability in compounding a Bitters, whose virtues are so palpable to every one's observation. —[Examiner and Chronicle. mar-1-d-2w

### Bill Nye's Photograph.

While at Cheyenne a short time ago Mr. C. D. Kirkland, the photographic artist, after trying many experiments in still life, and the results are very satisfactory.

Knowing that our hair was very light and seldom, he didn't try to photograph it, but made us put our cap on, so as to partially shade the gleaming wealth of brow.

The picture is a very satisfactory one, and would impress even a stranger with the ponderable strength of purpose, the indomitable will, the logical power and inflexible appetite of the subject. Mr. Kirkland is an artist of great accuracy of touch, and shows a genius and aptitude for catching the true expression in a way that is bound to succeed.

The only thing about the picture, however, which is in any way objectionable is the expression on the face, of settled melancholy, and which, of course, the artist is not to blame for. This temporary sadness was the result of our being compelled to look at a large printed card, while the camera rotunda was getting in its work, and on which was the ghastly motto:

"Pictures must be paid for when the negatives are taken."

Some would not be affected by this cruel blow, but a sensitive nature like ours is crushed by such things as that, and it is a wonder that we did not burst into tears and leave Mr. Kirkland looking through his Gatling gun at our empty chair.

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