

Wit and Humor.

True to the core—A good apple.

Why do old maids wear mittens? To keep off the chaps.

If you wish constitutional liberty, don't wear a pull-back dress.

Instead of putting money in stocks, many old people put it in stockings.

It is remarked that wood will last much longer if left for the woman folks to saw and split.

Why is a horse half way through a gate like a cent? Because it is head on one side and tail on the other.

What is the difference between a successful lover and his rival? The one kisses his miss and the other misses his kiss.

A Fulton (N. Y.) chap who went to church with his girl, hung his hat on her bustle, which came up over the top of the seat.

The quickest way to start a civil war is for a married man to get up to light the fire and go back to bed without warming his feet.

A Danbury man who was trying to shelter himself in a doorway from the rain on Sunday, had mournful pleasure of seeing five of his umbrellas go by.

"The first step towards wealth," says an exchange, "is the choice of a good wife." And the first step towards securing a wife is the possession of good wealth.

This is the season of the year when domestic debating societies start to argue about six o'clock in the morning whether it is a man's or woman's work to light the fire.

"Can you swim?" is now the somewhat startling and embarrassing question addressed by an ardent young aristocrat to a blushing partner just introduced to him for a quadrille.

"Then you won't give me a bite of your apple?" exclaimed one urchin to another. "No, I won't." "All right, then, the next time our chimney catches fire you shan't come into our yard and holler."

A shrewd old gentleman once said to his daughter, "Be sure, my dear, you never marry a poor man; but remember that the poorest man in the world is one that has money and nothing else."

A "cullud chap" was hugging a salmon-colored maid recently, when she whispered sweetly in his ear, "I don't mind you huggin' me Jim, but, but, for de Lord's sake, don't touch dat bile on de back o' my neck."

At the Provincial Exhibition, in Ottawa, a farmer had his watch stolen. Shortly afterwards, on putting his hand in his overcoat pocket, he found the watch with a card attached to it containing the following:—"Returned—not worth stealing."

When a man wants a plug of tobacco, the grocery three-fourths of a mile off is only a step, but if his wife wants a drink of cool water from a neighbor's well opposite, by some mysterious agency that well suddenly becomes removed more than half a mile away.

Meddling with others sometimes brings us into scrapes, and thereby one of the elders of a certain church made "bad worse." A young fellow entered the church and took his seat, keeping his hat on. The elder, noticing it, requested him to take it off. His request not being complied with, he told the young man a second time, and, seeing he still hesitated, the elder gently lifted the hat off, when, to his chagrin, out rolled a quart of hickory nuts, and making more noise than was consistent with decorum. "Man," quietly said the youth, "see what you have done!"

A SPELLING MATCH.—He left the spelling bee at 10 o'clock, and stopped in a saloon on his way home. Here he met several friends who "set 'em up" divers times, and he reached home about midnight, with a confused brain and a very demoralized pair of legs. Then he swore that somebody had stolen the key-hole, but his wife, with a fearful scowl on her brow, and a lamp in her hand, admitted him.

"Drunk!" she exclaimed.

"D-r-u-n-k (hic) drunk. Thaz ezynuff."

"Brute!"

"B-r-o-o-t (hic) Givus harder one."

"Idiot!"

"Thaz harder (hic) but I can spell um. I-d-i-d-g-i-d-g-t, idiot. Now givus a stunner (hic)." She picked up a poker and gave him a "stunner," and the spelling match adjourned *sine die*.

Patrons of Husbandry.**Grange Matters.**

Mr. B. Payne, Overseer of No. 16 Grange, commends a Grange Life Insurance Society. This subject might be discussed in the Granges. We solicit reports of discussions on any subject that may tend to the benefit of the farmers.

We could not give you the list of Granges established in September, as they were not forwarded to us. We now give the list of those established during the two past months. We hear that considerable trading has been done by the Ingersoll and Park Hill Granges, which appears to have been satisfactory. We also understand that considerable trading has been done by some of the northern and eastern Granges.

We would like to hear of more discussions on agricultural subjects, as our opinion is that from discussions on subjects pertaining to agriculture the greatest good will be done. We hope for greater unanimity among farmers, and that this Order may be the means of bringing it about.

We have received two invitations from Granges to deliver addresses, but we were attending the Exhibitions and had so much work in our office that we could not comply with their requests.

Granges Established During the Past Two Months.

228. ASHTON.—Master, Thomas Evans, St. Mary's; Sec., James McLang, Fish Creek.

229. MOUNT NEBO.—Master, Thos. Eadie, Glenallan; Sec., Geo. B. Scott, Glenallan.

230. FARMINGTON.—Master, John Briden, Farmington; Sec., John McLaine, Farmington.

231. CRANBROOK.—Master, John Whitfeld, Gray; Sec., John McNeil, Gray.

232. WALES.—Master, John J. Adams, Wales; Sec., Hiram W. Wood, Wales.

233. MONCRIEFF.—Master, James Livingston, Moncrieff; Sec., Alex. Stewart, Gray.

234. NEWRY.—Master, Henry Smith, Newry; Sec., G. Richmond, Newry.

235. TOWN LINE.—Master, Thos. W. Myers, Shelbourne; Sec., John W. Stone, Shelbourne.

236. FLOWER OF THE FOREST.—Master, Donald McDonald, Molsworth; Sec., Archy McDonald, Molsworth.

237. ARCHERTON.—Master, Wm. Kerr, Elmvale; Sec., John Barnett, Elmvale.

238. LESKARD.—Master, Thomas Staples, Leskard; Sec., Richard Staples, Leskard.

239. LOYAL.—Master, John Thomas, Frost Village; Sec., Andrew McIntosh, Frost Village.

240. THAMES.—Master, David Swanson, St. Mary's; Sec., Moses Sinclair, St. Mary's.

241. RODGERSVILLE.—Master, James Laing, Rodgersville; Sec., James Elder, Roderville.

242. LENOX.—Master, William Dellar, Napanee; Sec., Thomas Anderson, Napanee.

It is claimed that nearly one-third of the farmers of the United States are in connection with this Order. If this be true, it is obvious that the organization is destined to exert a most powerful influence upon the condition of our country population.

The features of the organization which are regarded by superficial observers as the most prominent, to wit, co-operative purchases, etc., are, in fact, the least important of the objects it should aim to accomplish.

Men of reflection and intelligence have long since discovered that by the aid of association, people engaged in other vocations, and residing in the large towns and cities, would be able to control the material, social and political interests of the country.

To counteract this tendency, to encourage higher intellectual and social culture, and consequently to increase the influence of the country population, as well as to advance their material and pecuniary interests, this organization of the Patrons of Husbandry was established. Its growth has been more rapid than its most sanguine friends could have anticipated, and nothing but mismanagement and imprudence of its leaders can prevent its most complete success.

But its members must bear in mind that as the Patrons increase in numbers and influence, their

duties become more important and more difficult, and there is increased necessity for the selection of their very best and most able men for the discharge of public duties. Unless the Patrons can rise above all selfish and personal considerations in these selections, and look alone to the general welfare, the Order, instead of the great good it promises to accomplish, will prove the reverse.—*National Live Stock Journal*.

Champion for 1876.

The unprecedented success of the "Champion" Reaper in Canada has been such that the Joseph Hall Manufacturing Company have decided to devote themselves exclusively to its manufacture, and will build 5,000 machines for the harvest of 1876. The "Champion" Combined Reaper and Mower, "Champion" Single Reaper, and "Champion" Single Mower have given universal satisfaction this season.

Two thousand five hundred "Champions" have been sold in Canada, and from Prince Edward Island to the Western extremity of Ontario, but one report has been received, namely:—that the machine is giving great satisfaction in the work done, and its durability and freedom from breakage are in marked contrast with all other machines.

Nothing will be left undone by the Hall Company to maintain the great reputation the machine has won. Only the choicest material will be used in its construction, and by thorough division of skilled labor and building it as a specialty, the highest grade of workmanship will be secured.

At Springfield, Ohio, Messrs. Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly, the "Champion Machine Company," and Messrs. Warder, Mitchell & Co., are already working their shops to their full capacity on next year's machines; 40,000 "Champions" will be built at Springfield for the coming harvest.

Although the "Champion" is sold at a little higher price than ordinary machines, there is not the least doubt that it is the cheapest, taking into consideration the material used in its construction and the perfection with which the parts are put together. Durability and freedom from vexatious delays caused by breakages in the field, are two of the strong points of the "Champion," and should not be lost sight of by all intending purchasers. The changes in the Hall Works necessary to make the building of the "Champion" a specialty, are now being made, and in a few days work will be begun in earnest on next year's machines.

The "Champion" in the United States has distanced all its competitors, and there is no doubt but, when built as it will be built by the Hall Company, it is destined to take the same high position here.—*Ontario Reformer*.

Editor's Table.

R. Clarke & Co., publishers, of Cincinnati, have laid on our table "The Law of Horses," a very useful book, containing 400 pages, bound in leather. It is the most complete work of the kind we have seen. It contains the law of bargain and sale, rule as to unsoundness, responsibility of Livery auction and sale, stables, veterinarians' negligence, rules of road, responsibility of owners caused by vicious or unruly horses, &c. To persons dealing in or using horses it is highly valuable. We are not aware if the laws are applicable to both countries; we presume there is but slight difference, if any. At any rate, it is a very useful book, and an acquisition to any library.

Little Giant Thresher.

Sharman & Foster, of Stratford, are still manufacturing this great labor-saving and economical thresher and separator, a machine which has for the last eight or nine years kept constantly gaining in favor with the farming community. We consider it is the best small thresher now made, if for a farmer's own use, or even a few joined in company. A wood-sawing machine can be driven with the same power, and adds but little to the expense. They have lately made very decided improvements on it.—*Stratford Ex.*

The Ontario Veterinary College.

In our advertising columns will be found the advertisement of the above College. It has now been established thirteen years, and affords to any young man desirous of studying for the profession, every advantage. The professors connected with it are unequalled in the province for ability and success in teaching. We can cordially recommend the institution to all.