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THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

Children's Corner. 4. What goes up and do yet never moves? A road.

What a Mistake!

It is told of a certain Queen of Ienmark, who was visiting Iceland, that she asked the good Bishop, who had showing her all that was to be been seen, how many children he had. The Danish word for children sounds very much like the Icelandic word for 'sheep," and the Bishop, confusing the two, answered, "Two hundred."

"'Two hundred ! " cried the Queen. "How can you possibly keep so many?" "Easily enough, please your Majesty,"

said the Bishop. "In the summer I turn them out to graze upon the hills, and when winter comes, I kill and cat Chem ! "

What curious things carpets are ! They are bought by the "yard," but worn out by the "feet."

A Black Woman's Courage.

A party of children, with their mother, and their black nurse, Ann, went on an excursion to Greenwich. While they were looking at the pretty things in the shop windows, suddenly there was a great shouting, and a mad bull came dashing down the street. In a moment the mother and Ann had the children safe inside a shop door, and looked out to see what the bull was doing.

"Here he comes ! " said one of the children, hiding her face in her mother's dress, to shut out the sight of the angry beast, with its blazing eyes and foaming mouth. All at once, Ann opened the door and rushed into the street. She had seen a little child quietly trotting across the street, almost in front of the bull. Ann's mistress screemed for her to come back, but no ! she was going to save the baby first. She was just in time to pick it up and run back to the shop. The bull rushed on, and the baby was saved.

Some Riddles.

This is the first time I have written to the "Corner." I always turn to the Children's Corner first and read the let-I have some riddles, as follows ----1. When was Peter a pastry-baker? When he went to Phillippi (fill a pie).

2. Father, mother, sister, brother running all day and can't catch one another? The wheels of a car.

3. If a locomotive run over a dog, what would stop a waggon? The dog's tail

 $4\,.$ What goes up and down hill and

5. Humpty-Dumpty sat on the wall; Humpty-Dumpty got a great fall ; All the king's horses and all the king's men

Couldn't put Humpty-Dumpty together again?

An egg.

6. Why is an egg like a colt ? Because it is no good until it is broken.

7. King Morock, he built a ship, an' in that ship his daughter sits, an' I'll be blamed for telling her name, an' there's three times I named her name. What's her name? An.

ATHOL CALDWELL (age 13). Malakoff, Ont.



Ada Flintoft, Waterdown P. O., Ont.

The Letter Box.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,-We have been "The Farmer's Advocate" for taking about thirty years, and would not do without it. , I enjoy reading the Chil-For pets I have one dren's Corner. black Newfoundland dog, three cats and six kittens. We have five horses; their names are Dolly, Vic, Charlie, Barny and We have ten good cows, three Dawn.



Wbat Is It?

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O., Ont. Clinton Bennett, Bennett, Que.

four-inch pot serves for a large-sized With the Flowers. bulb, if not permitted to dry out, and two strong bulbs may be planted a five-inch or three in a six-inch pot. It is well to group plants of a single color, although a fine effect [A paper read by Miss Tilly Bell at the may be produced by planting differ-July meeting of the East Northumber- ent colors, with an eye to harmony. Roman hyacinths are extensively used, immense quantities being forced into bloom by florists for the holiday season. They are, perhaps, the most popular variety for blooming in the house. They are quite low in price, almost sure to bloom if No better investment can be made sound and strong, producing several graceful spikes of waxen, drooping bells. They are easily brought into bloom for Christmas, if potted late in September or early in October, and may be planted late in October or in November for a succession of bloom lasting until Easter. Of this class, the pure white are the most satisfactory bloomers. A dozen or two may be planted in one earthen bulb, pan or basket, with striking effect, yielding a perfect sheet of snowy bloom. As to soil and culture, the Roman and Holland classes require the same treatment. Any good garden soil, with one-fourth coarse sand added, will grow good hyacinths. The best soil, however, is a fibrous loam, with the addition of sand. Add no manure, as that tends to decay the bulb. Give good drainage by placing one inch of broken charcoal, broken pottery or fresh, curious and interesting to look

little calves, nine sheep and ten lambs, about thirty hens, eighty little chickens. I can walk to school in five minutes. I take up arithmetic, spelling, grammar, writing, geography, drawing and composition. I think I like geography and composition best. My father keeps a lot of bees. I live only a few miles from the lake, and often go down to it. I guess I will close, as I do not want to take too much of this "precious Corner." Wishing "The Farmer's Advocate " every success. SUNSHINE (age 10). Lidden Farm, St. Thomas, Ont.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,-This is the first hope to see this in print.

jarring them to settle. Upon the surface place the bulb, filling around until only the crown shows above the soil. Press the soil firmly fail. around the bulb, but do not press the bulb down. Place pots in a pan of As soon as the moistepid water. ture begins to show, set them away in a cool, dark cellar, and leave them for six weeks, or until the pots are filled with roots. When the white roots are seen through the drainagehole, the bulbs are ready to bring to the light. Place in a sunless window until the blanched stems and leaves take on a healthy green. They are best away from fire, but, of course, should be kept above freezing Keep in a strong light out point. of sunshine after opening. Fertilizing must not begin until after the buds show, then apply once a week any of the fertilizers, according to directions. Liquid manure gives good results, but care must be taken not to apply it too strong.

The Butterfly Ball.

One day a lot of butterflies gathered together and decided to have a ball. So on the day appointed for the ball, they began to come early with the sunrise. Their ball-room was a lovely garden that belonged to an old lame gentleman. First of all came Miss Flutter with her parents. Then came Miss Fleetwing, with her beau, Mr. Ruby Nose. Then came Sir Dandy Brown-spots, the "king of butterflies." Then came some colored blue, white, red, brown, purple, and different hues.

Next came Mr. Grasshopper, with his fiddle; Mr. Locust, with his drums; Mr. Bee, with his buzz; the Mosquito family of fife players, and last of all the tird generation, who volunteered to join the orchestra. After they had danced a while, they were called to dine at a sumptuous feast, which was furnished by the Misses Flowers.

Then they all danced again until the last rays of the sun had gone below the horizon, when all the young lady butterflies were escorted home by gentleman glow-worms or fireflies. They all said that they had spent a most enjoyable day.

EDWARD H. LADUE (age 12). Bridgetown, N. S.

Do not write on both sides of your paper.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,-I have never written to the Children's Corner, although I have often thought of it. I always take great interest in reading the stories and letters. I have not many pets, as my cats and dog both died. My dog got Paris green when papa was putting it on the potatoes. I have a little colt about three months old, and a little pig. I go to school all the time. I am in the Fifth Book, and am twelve years cld. My teacher's name is Miss Schleihauf. Is any little girl's birthday the same as mine? Mine is on the eighteenth of De-cember. I live on a farm, and like it much better than living in town or in a Wishing you every success. city.

EDNA HUMPHREY. Palmyra, Ont.

Recipes.

Cocoanut Cake .-- Two eggs, 2 tablespoons butter, 2 cups grated cocoanut, 1 cup sugar, ½ cup milk, 1 teaspoon cream tartar, 🚽 teaspoon soda, "Five Roses" flour to make a batter.

Pop-overs.--Three cups milk, 8 eggs (beaten), 8 cups "Five Roses" flour, time I have written to y ur paper, and I pinch of salt. Put in buttered gem pane, and bake in a hot oven.

Fill the pot two-thirds full of soil, flowers leads to a grand and noble way of doing good. It gives access

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land Women's Institute.]

As the season is too far advanced to speak of the culture of plants or flowers for this summer, we might talk for a few minutes on the growing of bulbs indoors, in anticipation of the coming winter.

than in a collection of well-chosen winter-blooming bulbs. In no other line of floriculture can so much beauty and fragrance be secured with so little expense. The embryo flowers are stored in the bulb, ready to respond to very simple culture, and success seems assured to those careful to observe the few simple rules of treatment.

In buying bulbs, as with everything else, it is true economy to buy the hest. All bulbs deteriorate rapidly when exposed to air, light and heat. When buying, either for indoor or outdoor planting, always reserve (1). Hyacinths. These bulbs, with their extremely simple culture and certainty to bloom, are especially recommended for house culture. Their beauty of form and coloring, added to their fragrance, render them most popular, especially for beginners. A

Narcissus .- These rank next to the hyacinths for blooming in the house. Treat same as hyacinths.

Sacred Lilies .- These belong to the Narcissus family. Sometimes best results can be obtained by growing in soil like hyacinths.

Do not art and nature liberally aid us in the creation of beauty in our homes? They make our homes twice as beautiful, always something pebbles in the bottom of the pot. at. The enthusiastic cultivation of

Flowers in our home beautify it. and our labor is repaid with ten_{τ} Why ? you ask. They fold interest. serve as an influence to keep our young men on the farm, instead of drawing them to the city. What is fairer or with less guile than the beautiful flower, fashioned after God's own mind and by His bountiful hand? Then, let us each and all strive to make our lives like the flowersbeautiful and pure-and may our influence be as guileless as the flower. You have all read in the Good Book of Solomon's wealth, of the grandeur of his court and surroundings, and yet our Lord says, "Consider the lilies of the field how they grow. They toil not, neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.

So be thou content, if thou know, at the dusk of the day,

Whate'er it has witnessed of duty misdone or abhorred.

Thou still art the stronger at moonrise," aware that the way

Of thy feet was, for even a moment, the way of the Lord.

-W. K. Fleming.

One genuine smile is worth a whole day of moping.