

Apples.

The apple is such a common fruit that very few persons are familiar with its efficacious medicinal properties. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing they can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. Persons uninitiated in the mysteries of the fruit are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the visions of dyspepsia which such a suggestion may summon up, but no harm can come to even a delicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples just before going to bed. The apple is excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than other fruits. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. This is not all. The apple helps the kidney secretions and prevents calculous growth, while it obviates indigestion and is one of the best known preventives of diseases of the throat.

Beyond Endurance.

The slender woman faced the burly burglar's revolver without a tremor of terror, for as it is well known, the weakest are the bravest.

"Tell me where the money is hid," he hissed most truculently, or I'll fire!"

"Never!" she answered, determinedly, and with a marked accent on the "r." "Kill me if you will, but I will never reveal the hiding place of my husband's hard-earned hoard! Villain, do your worst!"

"I will!" snarled the scoundrel, baffled for the moment, but not beaten. "Tell me instantly, or I'll drop this big, woolly caterpillar down your neck!"

In three minutes he had bagged the hoodie, and was splitting the midnight darkness in a north-easterly direction.

Trust.

"I am glad to think I am not bound to make the wrong go right. But only to discover and to do. With cheerful heart the work that God appoints. I will trust in Him. That he can hold His own; and I will take His will, above the work He sendeth me To be my chiefest good."

—Jean Ingelow.

The Canny Scot.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie tells this story:

A Scotchman and an Englishman went to see "Douglas," and after Norval's great speech, the Scotchman asked his companion:

"What do you think of your Willie Shakespeare the noo?"

"Well," was the answer, "you have claimed Chaucer, Milton, Spencer, Wordsworth, Byron, and most of the others; I suppose you'll be claiming Shakespeare as Scotch."

"Weel," said the Scot, "ye'll allow there's a prima facie case for that; ye'll allow he had intellect enough!"

Another told of the theological disputes of some shepherds, who could not agree on the characteristics of Paradise, until finally one old fellow said:

"O, ay—that's easy—it maun be just like the Hielan's."

There is nothing so good as turpentine for a bruise or cut. It will smart for a moment, but takes out every particle of soreness in an incredibly short time. Wet a cloth and bind on and keep it wet. Witch hazel is good also, but the turpentine is best.

Humorous.

"Did you have mal-de-mer on your way over to Europe?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle.

"No. Josh took a bottle or two of it along, but when I'm seasick none of them kind of things ever does me a bit of good."

A dealer in faggots, in Aberdeen, was asked how his wife was: "Oh, she's fine; they've ta'en her to Bauchory;" and on its being remarked that the change of air might do her good, he looked up, and, with a half smile, said: "Hoot, she's i' the kirk-yard."

A philanthropic old lady in Exeter, England, very keen on the drink question, got hold of a very bibulous old sailor, whom everybody had given up as a bad job. He had lost a leg and one eye, and used to do odd jobs about the market-place. He told the lady that if he could once get a fair start on his own account he would try to reform; many of the jobs he now did being paid for in drink. The old lady after much thought, purchased for him a tray to hang round his neck with a broad strap, and a supply of nice gingerbread, and she taught him the following sentence to repeat at intervals: "Will any good, kind Christian buy some fine spicy gingerbread from a poor, afflicted old man?" When he had sold a shilling's worth he congratulated himself on his strength of abstinence, and thought he would treat resolution to just one-half pint of beer. This, needless to say, led to one or two more, and when he resumed his station on the pavement, his cry became a little mixed, and in a loud voice he appealed to passers-by with: "Will any poor, afflicted Christian, buy some good, kind gingerbread from a fine, spicy old man?" Trade became very good, and he again treated the resolution with the result that his cry became: "Will any fine, spicy Christian buy some poor, afflicted gingerbread from a good, kind old man?"

Lost Himself.

An absent-minded professor was much annoyed by the troubles he experienced every morning in hunting for his clothes, for he never could remember where he had put them the night before when he undressed. So he devised the plan of writing down on a piece of paper where each article of clothing was placed as he took it off, and this is what he wrote:

"Coat on third peg, left-hand corner of room, waistcoat and trousers on chair by bed, collar on door-handle, tie through key of door, vest on floor by window, cuffs on knobs of bedstead, shirt on portmanteau, socks on gas bracket, boots outside door, professor in bed."

Next morning this plan seemed to work admirably; he collected his garments rapidly, but when he came to the last item on the list he went over to the bed, and, to his great disgust, found it empty.

"Ah!" he cried, in bewilderment, "now the professor is lost; this plan is no good. What shall I do now!"

Color and Temperament.

Few people seem to realize the really strong effect that their color surroundings have on their temperament. It is a great mistake to live in rooms papered with dark wall papers. They may be economical from the point of view of not showing the dirt, but they are really most disastrous to the spirits. A warm yellow or a good rose pink looks cheerful, and reminds one of sunny days, while a pretty green, not too vivid in tint, suggests the delicate lines of spring. A paper covered with a large pattern in dark colorings somehow seems to lend a gloomy effect to even the largest room, while there are certain schemes of coloring that hurt the eyes and tire one to look at. It may interest readers to know that green papers have the reputation of fading sooner than others, while blue becomes a dirty sort of green if exposed to the sun, pink a terra cotta, and yellow a sort of whitey brown, none of them very attractive perhaps in this stage, but, on the whole, a faded pink is the least depressing shade.

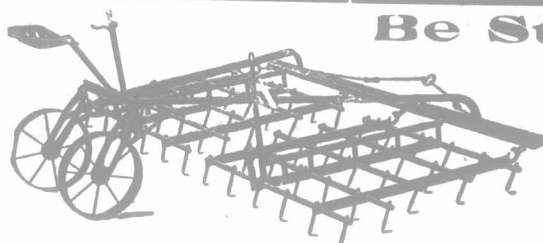
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DATES OF EASTERN SPRING SHOWS.
Toronto—Spring Stallion Show, March 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

GOSSIP.

Remember the auction sale of the herd of Shorthorn cattle belonging to Mr. C. N. Blanshard, Appleby, Ont., which takes place at his farm near Burlington, Ont., on Thursday, Feb. 11th.

TRADE TOPIC.

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Veterinary.

PINWORMS.

I have a sucking colt that is troubled with pinworms. SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—Give half ounce of turpentine and four ounces raw linseed oil first thing in the morning, follow with a bran mash; in one hour afterwards repeat this for three mornings, then give sufficient oil to purge, if the bowels are not already purged, then give: Sulph. iron, three drams; quassia, three drams; gentian, three drams. Mix, and, make into twelve powders. Give a powder night and morning. An enema of quassia may be given. Take two ounces quassia chips and steep in one quart of boiling water, when cooled to blood heat, may be injected. This may be done once or twice daily.

HOGS WITH COUGH.

1. A pig about eight months old has a very severe cough, has been troubled with it for some time. One affected same way died some time ago. Might it be tuberculosis; are pigs affected with that disease?

2. When left standing in stable any length of time, mare's udder becomes swollen in a very hard lump. After exercise, it disappears, but returns again after standing. A. E. Hazeldean.

Ans.—1. See treatment prescribed elsewhere in these columns for similar complaint.

2. See treatment for mare with active milk glands.