

Bill Nye's Feeding Experiments.

Mr. Nye seems to be a farmer as well as a humorist. He feeds bran-mash to his cows liberally. He believes there would be no poor cows if they could all get enough bran-mash. Below I give his experience in feeding bran-mash to a sickly "taffy-colored" Jersey:

At first she would shove her nose into it up to the top of the lower eyelid; then, looking far away over the purple hills, she would blow the bran across the State, and what "did not go up the sleeves of my overcoat would freckle up the family carriage." But after awhile she ate it greedily, and soon the birds sang again in her sorrowing heart. She forgot her grief; had no more sour stomach, flashes of heat, ringing in the ears, dizziness, or tired feelings.

"Last fall she ate not only three meals a day, but also a scarlet geranium belonging to my wife; a Mackinaw straw hat of mine; two yards of brocade ribbon from the costume of a young lady from St. Louis, who was patting her on her head; \$4 worth of gladiolis; a child's shirt, and a dish of blanc-mange, which was cooling on the rain-barrel for the pastor."

"Rob," said Tom, "which is the most dangerous word to pronounce in the English language?"

"Don't know, unless it's a swearing word."

"Pooh!" said Tom, "it's stumbled, because you are sure to get a tumble between the first and last letter."

"Ha, ha!" said Rob. "Now I've got one for you. I found it one day in the paper. Which is the longest word in the English language?"

"Incomprehensibility," said Tom promptly.

"No, sir; it's smiles, because there's a whole mile between the first and last letter."

"Ho, ho!" cried Tom, "that's nothing, I know a word that has over three miles between its beginning and ending."

"What's that?" asked Rob faintly.

"Belcaguered," said Tom.

"Well, little boy, what's your name?"

"Shadrach Nebuchadnezzar Jones."

"Who gave you that name?"

"I don't know. But if I find out when I get older they'll be sorry for it."

A Scottish divine was greatly upset by the frequency and freedom of the language used on the links by a much-respected elder of his church. He pointed out that such indulgence was unseemly, and suggested that every time he gave way to a strong word he should put a stone in his pocket as a reminder. At the close of play the elder walked up to his pastor, and slowly emptied his pockets of a little heap of pebbles, saying disconsolately: "These are the mono-syllables. I fear the others will need a cart!"—*Christian Life.*

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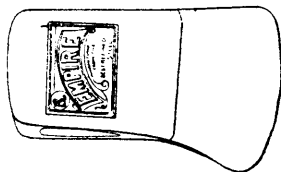
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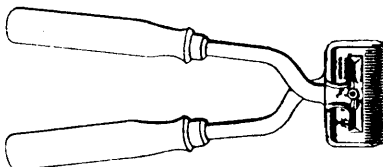
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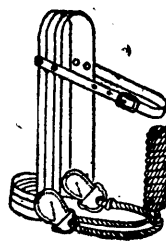
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