

# OUR OWN FIRESIDE.

## VARIOUS.

### The Outside Dog.

You may sing of your dog, your bottom dog,  
Or of any dog that you please;  
I go for the dog, the nice old dog,  
That knowingly takes his ease.  
And wagging his tail outside the ring,  
Keeping always his bone in sight,  
Cares not a pin in his sound old head  
For either dog in the fight.

Not his is the bone they are fighting for,  
And why should my dog sail in  
With nothing to gain but a certain chance  
To lose his own precious skin?  
There may be a few, perhaps, who fail  
To see it quite in this light;  
But when the fur flies I had rather be  
The outside dog in the fight.

I know there are dogs, injudicious dogs,  
That think it is quite the thing  
To take the part of one of the dogs,  
And go yelping into the ring;  
But I care not a pin what all may say  
In regard to the wrong or the right,  
My money goes, as well as my song  
For the dog that keeps out of the fight.

### Elephantine Eccentricity.

TOBACCO ANTI-PATHY A MYTH—"GYPSY'S"  
HAZARDOUS APPETITE

"Yes, Gypsy here has some queer  
cases and habits."

The speaker was the manager of a  
circus which is quartered in the city for  
the winter. The gypsy referred to was  
a large sized 9-year old elephant who  
stood close by, playfully throwing hay  
over his back. A few minutes before  
the manager had dropped from his  
pocket a briar-wood pipe that had seen  
over a year of service and was by no  
means sweet. Gypsy saw the tempting  
 morsel and calmly reached out his  
trunk for it, put it in his mouth, crunch-  
ed it up, and while doing so rolled his  
eyes about with every appearance of  
satisfaction.

"Gypsy," continued the manager,  
"has exploded the theory that all ele-  
phants hate tobacco. A common idea  
used to prevail that if a person gave an  
elephant any of the weed the animal  
would never forget the insult and  
would have its revenge if it took years  
to accomplish it. I have given Gypsy  
pound after pound of plug and fine-cut,  
and instead of resenting it he, figura-  
tively speaking, cries for more."

"Has he a fondness for eating any  
other odd things?"

"Yes. He is like the camel which  
Mark Twain describes that chewed up  
Mark's coat. We do not dare to leave  
any old clothes lying within reach of  
his trunk. Gypsy will take just about  
three minutes to get away with a coat.  
A pair of pants will disappear down  
his throat in just four minutes, and he  
will masticate an overcoat in about ten  
minutes."

"Has he any preferences as to the  
quality of the goods?"

"I never noticed that it made any  
difference whether they were imported  
or domestic, basket pattern or cork-  
screw. I have remarked, however,  
that if the garment was old and greasy  
Gypsy seemed to tackle it with greater  
zeal than if it was new."

"But I wish you could be here in the  
morning when he gets up. You see,  
the keeper of the animals makes his  
bed on the ground in the near vicinity  
of the cages. Gypsy always lies down  
on his bed of straw close by. In the  
morning, when he thinks it is time to  
be up and stirring, the animal will  
reach over with his trunk and rub it  
over the keeper. If that fails to awake  
him the elephant will pull the bed-  
clothes off, and he will keep the racket  
up until the man is fully aroused."

"Yes," spoke up the keeper who  
stood near, "and he has a bad habit of  
nearly always waking up about an hour  
before I am ready to get up. It's no  
use kicking, though, for he is a very  
determined animal and always has his  
own way."

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cheapest and best blood cleansing tonic  
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## Caprices of Horses.

THE LADY-LIKE WAYS OF A SORREL MARE.

(From the Cornhill Magazine.)

All horses have their fancies, and  
know perfectly well whom they have to  
deal with. I am just now much exer-  
cised with Whitefoot, a sorrel mare,  
which I bought when young, and has  
lately come out of the hands of a pro-  
fessional breaker with two or three  
tiresome whims. I do not think that  
he understood her. When an unbroken  
filly she was most obedient to me.  
I found her in the drawing-  
room. To reach it she had walked  
into the house by the front entrance,  
and after traversing a corridor some  
forty feet long, had passed through  
three doorways. There she was, con-  
sumed with curiosity, examining  
furniture, smelling knob-knocks, and  
looking out of the window. I expected  
a scene, since she was as good as wild,  
having never been made acquainted  
with a saddle, bridle or shoe. Yet she  
behaved like a young lady, not only  
daintily walked about among the chairs  
and tables without damage but exhibit-  
ing solitary self-consciousness, espe-  
cially when she came to look at herself  
in a mirror. This she did with much  
interest, getting first one side of her  
face and then the other into the most  
appreciable position. It seemed to me  
that she smiled. When she had gazed  
her fill I said: "Now come, out, my  
dear." Then she put her warm velvety  
nose into the hollow of my up-lifted  
hand and followed me, as I walked  
backward, like a courtier, into the  
paddock. And yet the professional  
breaker had found her hard to manage.  
She was evidently too refined for him,  
and resented his coarse manners.

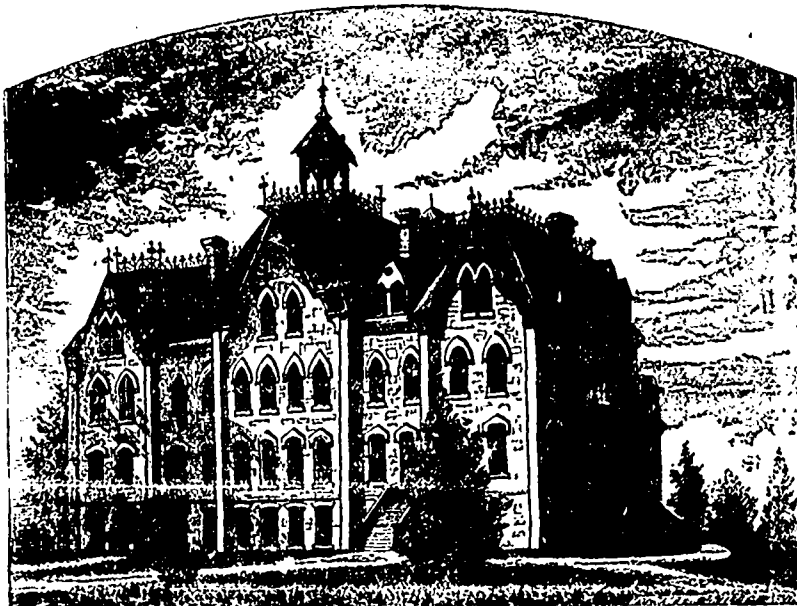
### Live Stock Notes.

We have seen farmers throw a fork-  
ful of splendid hay into each fence  
corner, and more on the top of the  
manure pile, only to be half-trampled  
under foot. The same men wonder  
why their hay doesn't "go farther."  
The farm-yard without a good feeding  
rack, or racks, lacks an important con-  
venience. Remember, we can make  
hay in winter as well as in summer, by  
saving it.....Always avoid abrupt  
changes in feeding. One advantage of  
good ensilage is, that it helps to avoid  
sudden changes from pasture to dry  
feed.....We do not believe in blanket-  
ing horses in the stable. It is ad-  
visable to throw on the blankets when  
the team comes in warm after a drive,  
but only for an hour or two. Have the  
stables warm enough to keep the  
horses comfortable without blankets;  
they will stand the cold better when  
out of doors.....If eggs are wanted in  
winter, select early hatched pullets of  
laying breeds, and give them warm  
quarters, clean perches, sufficient water  
(not too cold), and a feed in the morn-  
ing of corn meal and wheat middlings,  
wet up with milk. Feed meat scraps  
daily, and keep plenty of coal ashes  
frequently changed or gravel within  
reach of the fowls. At noon feed corn,  
buckwheat, etc., scattered among chaff;  
clover hay, or oats in the bundle, may  
be given frequently for the fowls to  
pick at.—*American Agriculturist for  
January.*

### A Golden Opinion.

Mrs. Wm. Allan, of Aston, declares  
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lized in forming the decorative front  
breadth of esthetic evening dresses,  
the parts being united and trimmed  
with ruching and cascades of fine ficelle  
lace run with tinsel threads. The oth-  
er parts of the toilet are made of sage  
green, twilight pink, gray blue, copper,  
or strawberry colored satin and plush  
or velvet, or some artistic brocaded  
stuff, and trimmed with ficelle lace and  
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### Dimpling Dashes.

CLIPPINGS FROM THE CHRONICLE'S  
COMIC COITRNS.

Weight for the wagon—A ton of coal.  
One thing a lazy man is sure of—Leis-  
ure.

Why is water in a filter like the for-  
tune of a spendthrift? Because it is  
soon run through, and leaves many  
matters behind to settle.

A Delaware farmer has put down  
40,000 herrings as a fertilizer. His  
theory is that the crops will hurry into  
the air away from the smell of the  
herrings.

The principal of one of New York's  
many "finishing" schools where young  
ladies are presumed to get the final  
touches of polish to fit them exquisitely  
for society, includes in her course of  
lectures one on the art of slumbering  
presentably.

A Massachusetts woman sold her  
washtub to a party of riflemen for a  
target. They paid her \$1.50 for it, and  
after they had gone home she went out

in the field and brought it home as good  
as it ever was.—[*Burlington Free  
Press.*]

The Texan editor and father who  
penned the following paragraph must  
have had a tough time: "If in propor-  
tion to size a man could holler as loud  
as a baby, there would be no telephones  
needed in this country."

There are in old England more so-  
cieties for the promotion and prevention  
of things than one could name in a  
summer's day. But among them all  
there is none that will strike Americans  
as more remarkable than that for the  
"prevention of the repeal of the act  
forbidding a man to marry his dead  
wife's sister."

It was just after the tiff. "I won-  
der," snarled Romeo, "if we shall know  
each other in Heaven." "I'll remem-  
ber you, of course," replied Juliet, with  
tender emphasis, "but of course I  
couldn't know you without meeting  
you." And a period of silence as long  
as a centennial poem crept into the  
room. Romeo kept thinking about one  
thing and another and one thing and  
another and one thing and another.—  
[*R. J. Burdette.*]