

friend, (cries the farmer) you would not come to help my wife, who was in real distress, unless I promised to give ten guineas, when only an imaginary danger was before you ; but there is now a real hazard in my venturing to show you the safest way back ; therefore, unless you will give me nine guineas for my trouble in conducting you home, you may abide where you are until the next dry season."—All replies were in vain ; no art could make any impression on the countryman.—The doctor was obliged to return nine guineas ; the farmer landed him safe among his gallipots, and the honest man got well home again, triumphing over inhumanity and avarice.

WINTER FOOD FOR COWS.

M. CHABERT, the director of the veterinary school of Alfort, had a number of cows which yielded twelve gallons of milk every day. In his publications on the subject, he observes that cows fed in the winter upon dry substances give less milk than those which are kept upon a green diet, and also that their milk loses much of its quality. He published the following receipt, by the use of which his cows afforded him an equal quantity and quality of milk during the winter as during the summer:—Take a bushel of potatoes, break them whilst raw, place them in a barrel standing up, putting in successively a layer of potatoes and a layer of bran, and a small quantity of yeast in the middle of the mass, which is to be left thus to ferment during a whole week, and when the vinous taste has pervaded the whole mixture, it is then given to the cows, who eat it greedily.

MECHANICAL CURIOSITIES.

MR. OLIVER says, that in Holland an English gentleman once shewed him

a cherry-stone with 124 heads carved on it, and all so perfect, that the naked eye might distinguish those of kings, popes, cardinals, &c. by their crowns and mitres. This great curiosity was bought in Prussia for three hundred pounds, and is said to be the workmanship of a poor prisoner at Dantzic.

MECHANISM is said to have arrived at its climax ; but what have we at present equal to a show at Mr. Boverick's, watchmaker, New Exchange, in 1745 ? The little furniture of a dining-room, cloth laid, two figures at table, footman waiting, a card table which opens, with drawer, frame and castors, looking-glass, two dozen of dishes, twenty dozen plates, thirty dozen spoons, forty-two skeleton back chairs, with claw feet, all contained in a *cherry-stone* !

HOGG'S TALES.

SOME ladies and gentlemen were one evening discussing the merits of Scottish literature ; one spoke of Burns, another of Scott, and a third said she admired Hogg's Tales. 'Hog's tails,' said an old lady whose ear had caught this remark alone, 'hog's tails!! why, bless me, I think any part of the *critter* is better than the tail !'

METHOD OF COOLING WATER IN PERSIA.

THE following is a method used for cooling water in Sarce, a city of Mazunderan, according to Mr. Fraser:—"A tall and straight tree being selected, they cut off most of the branches, and fasten a tall pole to its top, so as to form a sort of high mast ; to the top of this pulleys are fixed, by which with cords they hoist up earthen jars filled with water ; the current of air at that height from the earth is said to cool these rapidly."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"A SERENADE," by Cecil, will appear in our next.

Junius ; J. N. ; Timothy Twister, and Y., are under consideration.