For the Hearthstone.

MY BIRTH - DAY.

BY CHRISTOPHER CROSSCUT.

It was about subset of the third of April, 18-I had gone out to enjoy a solitary ramble among the fields, inhale the fresh and exhibitrating air, the fields, inhale the fresh and exhibiting air, and to gratify my eyes with the prospect presented by the opening spring. It was one of those caim, poaceful evenings, when the elements seem to be at rest on purpose to afford man an opportunity of looking abroad on the face of matter with undisturbed satisfaction. I arrived at a gentle eminence, when I could cast my eye over an extensive landscape. The beau-tiful vale of the A—n lay before me, and I could liscern in the dim blue distance the sites of numerous farm steadings, from their appearance as white specks scattered over the landscape. Nearer, I could observe the steady progress of the husbandman's labors;—one field had alreally been sown ' in hope',—another was ready for the precious seed; and the close of day only called him to propage for renewed activity in his called him to prepare for renewed activity in bis toil. As I stood contemplating the scene, I was inwardly admonished that the season was ad-rancing,—that time was hastening on,—that I was becoming older. Suddenly it occurred to me that this was my Birth-day. I had almost allowed it to pass unnoticed, and but for the idea of time's censeless advance—thus brought to mind, it might have so passed. In a moment, fills and valleys, houses and fields, the husbandman and his toll disappeared from my sight, and the idea of my Birth-day and Twenty-five, took entire possession of my mind. And I have really lived so long? inwardly inquired I,—and I wenty-five! was the ready response. It was plain as if in print, I lost all relish for the pleasures of my ramble, and returned home, thinking, if not muttering Twenty-five! Twenty-five! But is there no possibility of my being mistaken in my calculation? thought I, as I of time's censeless advance-thus brought to mistaken in my calculation? thought I, as I sat down by the fire. Would it were only Twenly-four! I would have another year to look about me! But no! I knew my age to an hour, the computation was quite correct, and the pro-oability was that I might nover see a second oability was that I neight never see a second fwenty-five. With a quarter of a century over my head—in all probability the best part of my kime,—there was pradence in asking myself, what I had been doing?—What I was now doing? and what I intended to do?—A retrospect of my little history showed, that, while busied about many things,—little was the good I had done in comparison of the ovil; and that, like koo many of my neighbours, white my follies would admit of being engraved in brass,"—my good deeds might, legibly enough, be (written an water".—On reflection, I recollected that I had gone to school at a very early age, and though people may be somewhat surprised to hear It, and wonder at the dubiess of my brain, and slow and wonder at the dulness of my brain, and slow pro ress in fearning to my shame I must con-less, that I am at school yet, and that after all the time already spent on my lessons, my edu-nation is far from being completed. The mas-ser under whose tuttion I have been for so long a time is a Mr. Experience, teacher of the Universal Education Seminary-a gentleman whose coputation for ability and efficiency as a teacher, a deservedly great. His Seminary is filled with the most promiscuous assemblage imaginable. Under his charge are to be found persons of every cank and condition in society—of every age and sex—and of every variety of character, from the grave Divine, to the most incorrigible souper grace that over breathed the air of heaven. The branches taught in this institution are so vari-ous that it were vain to attempt their enumeration; and the fact that no two individuals in this vast number of pupils can be found exactly equal in the progress they have made, prevents the possibility of their being taught in classes; —while a spirit of independent self-importunce may be observed pervading their minds, which makes them altogether unwilling to listen to any instructions, and those of the Muster himself instructions, save those of the Master himself. This prevents such as are behind from benefiting by the assistance of their more advanced schoolmaster. These circumstances render it necessary for the master to attend to each necessary for the master to attend to each scholar per sc,—n plan which, in these days of improved systems of Education, some may be inclined to pronounce faulty. But although the task at pears a difficult one, for my own part, having entire confidence in my teacher, I cannot but give it as my opinion, that the want of progress in many of the multiple latest attacked. not but give it as my opinion, that the want of progress in many of the pupils is not attributable to any deficiency in the plan of conducting the school, but to the insane heedlessness of the vast majority of those attending it,—for we invariably find such as are actuated by a desire to learn, make considerable progress, and some even are far advanced in their studies, while those who hate instruction—of whom there are thousands—learn very little, in spite, too, of the reneated admonitions of the master, and his severe application of the rod, they often prove the truth of the saying of Solomon, "Though thou bray a fool in a mortar, among wheat with a pestal, yet will not his foolishness depart from him."—One class of individuals attending this school, is a set of wild and glddy fools who have set all restraint at defiance, thrown loose the rolus of their worst pussions, burst from the control of all their other teachers, and have been disbanded as irreclaimable by the ordinary process of instruction and example. These individuals, by no means few in number, have a deteriorating influence on the minds and morals of their schoolfellows, especially of the younger sort, and returd to an unhappy extent their progress in learning; and their behaviour in many cases, manifests a determined opposition to the best meant endeavors of the teacher to do them

In attendance also, are a number of serious, staid, attentive persons who have themselves made considerable progress in their studies, and who are ever ready and willing to give all the assistance in their power, to their fellows; but owing to the self-important spirit before refer-red to, few avail themselves of the benefit of

good,—The Muster tames these pupils, allowing

them to reap ' the fruit of their own ways,' after

many of them attend more hopefully

Such is the school which I have been attend-

mited education I had then received, had very mited education I had then received, had very rarely been heard of. Such thoughts naturally ied me to conceive myself var', superior in point of mental ability, to those around me; and contracting a spirit of pride and vanity, I inwardly despised my faucied weaker brethren, and judged harshly of those whose foet had slipped. Thinking I was ascending Mount Parnassus—I was, instead, burried up the mountain of Solf-cenceit, on the sides of which, it is well known, are many dangerous precipices. As I pressed heedlessly onward, my attention being pressed heedlessly onward, my attention being occupied with something else than the choosing of my steps,—I blindly set my left foot over a precipice, and in a moment was plunged to the bottom of a dark and dismal ravine. In my bottom of a dark and dismal ravine. In my fall I received some sovere contusions,—one expecially on the back part of my head. My mind was for a time completely bewildered, but by degrees I collected my scattered senses, and scrambled through the entanglements of brushwood, along the bottom of the ravine which opened into the level plain below. Here I found myselfamong my neighbours, and thought much more of their company than before,—and it was only when reflecting on the bruises I had received, that I found out I was at school; and that the process above described, through which that the process above described, through which I had gone, was by my Master's orders,—for the purpose of teaching me—" Not to think of myself more highly than I ought to think,"—and that, "He that thinketh he standeth should take heed lest he fall." This lesson, I am happy to say, has had considerable influence on my mind. say, has had considerable influence on my mind,

On another ocasion, I was unexpectedly called npon for my lesson, and being found unprepared, I was subjected to one month's severe applica-tion of the rod, (the marks of which I shall carry to my grave,) in order to teach me that 'Beauty is vain,—for I had begun to congratulate my-self that the young ladies looked upon me as comely. Again, in my earlier years, I had re-garded with too much indifference, the affection and sympathy of my dearest relatives, and in order to show me my error, my Muster re om-mended that I should be afflicted with a dangerous malady, under which I should be attended to, with all the care and auxiety which the hearts of loving relatives could entertain; and on my recovery, that I should be sent out among strangers to undergo another round of sickness, where the attention of no kind relative could comfort me. I forethly felt the difference in my comfort me. I foreibly felt the difference in my circumstances, and hearned by this process to set a very high value on the affections and sympathics of the human heart. I have seen the folly of throwing away youthful affections on trilling and unworthy objects; and have resolved that, should I take it into my head to look out for a "help-meet,"—I shall set beauty pretty far aside, and regulate my choice, by the strength of her affections, and the extent of her kindness and sympathy.

Such is a specimen of the lessons I have been, in a manner, forced tolearn,—others have been got more easily,—many I have yet only half learnt,—and a vast number are still to be commenced. I have besides got a good many tes-

menced. I have besides got a good many lessons by heart, which I have never been able fully to reduce to practice. The long time spont at school, with so little progress is indeed dis-heartening, but I feel that I like the Master much better than I once did, and therefore have no thought of giving up attendance, if I am spared. I would wish the consideration of my by-past instigution and carelessuess to be the means of stirring me up to greater diligence in future. I would anxiously desire to be joined in a resolution to this effect by others of my soloolfellows; and se an inducement thereto. I may mention, that, though the lessons are often enforced with rigor, yet when learned, they are highly beneficial and saintary. No useless lesanguly beneath and saminty. No issues less one are taught; and I can, therefore, safely recommend Mr. Experience to the confidence of the public, as a teacher, of great wisdom and unerring, skill; and if I shall have the good sense to pay more attention to his instructions beneatorth than heretofore, I shall congratulate any angul less from the myself on having learned a good lesson from reflecting on my Buth-day, and Twenty-five !

FARM ITEMS.

Cows.—Treat them gently. Card freely, water regularly, and feed liberally. Nothing is better for a cown a calving than good hay and warm bran-mastes. Give all the water the cow will drink, but for a wook after calving take the chill off it.

POTATOER.—We are inclined to think that farmers seldom plant their potatoes early enough. If planted earlier and deeper, and the land was horrowed repeatedly with Thomas's harrow before the potatoes came out of the ground, and afterwards, far less hoeing would be required, and we think a better yield would be obtained.

OATS do not require as careful culture and nice judgment as barley, but they will well remay fur hotter treatment than they generally receive. They will grow well on land too macky for barley, and a great crop is sometimes obtained on heavy clays. We believe in thick seeding for this crop, and would drill in not less than 3 bushels per acre, or 32 bushels, if sown broad-east.

Pras should be sown early. If on sod-land, we should plow as soon as the frost was out of the gound, and drill in the seed, 3 hushels per acre, as fast as the land was plowed and harrowed. After drilling roll the land smooth. Two bushels of plaster persone sown before or after the pens come up, as most convenient, usually prove beneficial.

Breaking up or Grass Lands.—A piece of grass land that will cut two tons of hay per acre, or which will furnish an equivalent in pasture, cannot profitably be broken up, especially if the land is inclined to be rough or wet. Many fields which are now covered with course herbage, might by draining and manuring become covered with valuable and nutritious grasses, and where labor is searce and high this course is far proferable to putting such tand under the plow. Draining; is often all that is needed to produce the change; sometimes a judicious application of artificial manures might be profitably used.

THE VALUE OF ARTIFICIAL MANUERS.—The chemistry of agriculture has some curious inconsistencies, which are rather hard to explain. For instance, it is well known that superphosphate of line and bonedust are valuable applications to turnips, and yet this crop contains but a small proportion of phospheric acid; while wheat of which the grain is rich in this substance, often receives no apparent benefit from a dressing of these manures. So that, after all, it is not probable the chemist will soon be able to write a code of laws for our guidance in farm operations, and yet we cannot afford to ignore his services altogether. altogether.

Such is the echool which I have been attending for I may say the past portion of my life, and in order to give a specimen of Mr. Experience's method of teaching, I intended to go over the lessons I have already learnt shewing at the same time how I was taught them; but finding, on reflection, (little to my credit,) that there are few of them, I can pretend to be completely master of, I shall content myself with noticing only one or two, of those I have been in a manner compelled to attend to.

1 was a boy of some abilities in learning, though careless and negligent; when attending the Grammar School, I felt no difficulty in maintaining my ground with my classmates, and therefore took it easy. As I grew up I felt maintaining my ground with my classmates, and therefore took it easy. As I grew up I felt than the generality of boys sought after, and contracted a penchant for writing scraps of vory indifferent verse; and by the time I had reached seek some other kind of amusement than the generality of boys sought after, and contracted a penchant for writing scraps of vory indifferent verse; and by the time I had reached seventeen, I had covered a vast area of paper with boylsh rhymos, to which was added a long and easborute poem, possessing, in my own opinion some degree of merit,.—I fanced that such as production, by one of my age, and with their and the content of t

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

BOILED RUSK PUDDING.—One and one-half pints of milk, one tonounful of rusk souked in the utilk, add one egg, one-half tesponoful of salventus, nutmog, stir in flour enough to make a thick batter and put it in a bar, i bul one hour, being careful to keep the lid to the kettle on tight.

Soda Biscurt.—Take one quart of flour, two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar, one teaspoonful of soda
one-half teaspoonful of salt, a piece of butter half
the size of no egg. Itub the flour and eream of tartar
together, then rub in the butter and salt, dissolve
the soda in the milk, knoad together, roll it half an
inch thick, and bake in a quick even.

Geren Mountain Salve.—For rheumatism, burns, pains in the back or side. Ac. Take resin, 2 lbs., burgundy pitch, 1-4 lb., becowns, 1-4 lb., mutten tallow, 1-4 lb., act slowly; when not too warm add oil hemlock, 1 oz., oil origanium, 1 oz., oil reducidar, 1 oz., verligris, 1-2 oz. The verdigris must be finely palvorized and mixed with the oils; then add as above, and work in o.d. water like wax, till cold enough to roll. Rolls 5 inches long and 1 inch in diameter.

To Parskeve Eggs.—Take a nail-kog, or anything more convenient, and put a layer of sult in the bottom, about a quartor or half an inch deep, then, as the eggs are gathered, place them point downward on the salt. When the layer is complete, fill all the interstices with salt and put a layer of salt over the eggs, then another layer of eggs, and so on until you have enough finishing with a layer of salt. If your eggs are fresh when pucked, they will be as good as fresh ones in six months. Keep in the cellar or an equally evol place.

or an equally cool place.

PROFILED CARMAGE.—Cut the cabbage quite fine, leaving out the hearts, and put from one pint to one quart of salt to a barrel of cabbage. Sprinkle the salt in layers while filling the barrel and use a pounderquite freely, so that when filled a nice pickle is formed. Place a board on the cabbage and lay on a weight so the pickle will cover the board. In ten days or a fortulght it will be ready for use. Keep in the cellint. To be enten cold or fried in a spider where pork has been cooked, and a little vinegar poured over it. A very nice way to prepare a small ar of cabbage for present use is to our it very fine and cover with cold, strong vinegar; then add sugar anch! it fastes quite sweet, and ground cimanance until it fastes quite sweet, and ground cimanance until it fastes quite sweet, and ground cimanance until it fastes quite sweet, and ground cimanance.

keep a long time.

Light Barad, on Rise's Biscurt.—For an eight-o'click breakfast unke a sponge thus: The day before, at eleven o'click A.M. in winter, or at three for, at eleven o'click A.M. in winter, or at three for, at, in summer: two large Irish potations, boiled and mashed fine, two tablespoonfuls of flour, and two tablespoonfuls of flour, and two tablespoonfuls of fine brown or soonrap white gugar; ink smoothly with one pint of boiling water. Winen cold, add five tablespoonfuls, or one zill, of good yeast. Make up your bread with this *ponge, in winter, at four o'clock in the afternoon, with two and a half quarts of flour, two oggs, well benten, and one spoonful of lard and butter mixed. It simple bread is proferred, the eggs, butter, and lard may be omitted. Put the broad to rise in a moderately warm place, in a vessel covered, but large enough to admit of swelling. In the morning work well at half just five o'click, set it to rise for one hour, and then bake one hour in a regularly heated oven.

WIT AND HUMOUR.

LEMON-aid-the Mark Lemon Fund. BARRPOUTED Trishmon wonr Cork soles. MOVEMENT in real estate-earthquakes. Voice of nature-the mountain's peak. THE Rising Jenner-ation-Vaccination

A Higs Nors-One for a thousand dollars. What sort of ladies most resemble grumpets?

VERY STRANGE!—Life is a contradiction: we send to our butcher for a sweet-bread, and if we want a sweet-meat we send to our baker!

Some young men profer blue-eyed maidens and other; prefer durk-eyed ones. But of late years the mon-eyed girls have had the end over all others.

The man whose hair turned white in a single night is surpaint by the New York girl who lost hers completely off in one dance.

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Josu Billings says that the difference between a blunder and a mistake is this: When a man just down a bad unbrella and takes up a good one he makes a mistake; but when he puts about a good one and takes up a bad one he makes a blunder.

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An Illinois paper relates that during the cold weather of Thursday last the city editor of the Jasksouville Journal force his ears, about a foot deep. They are to be amputated at the second joint; but his many friends will be rejouced to know that in spite of the accident, he still has an ample stock for all the purposes of his position.

A Man was going along a road, when an angry bull rushed down upon him, and with his horns tossed him over a fence. The man, recovering from his fall, looked up and saw the bull pawing and tearing up the ground, as is the custom of that animal when irritated; whereupon Pat, smiling at him said, "If it was not for your bowing and scraping and your humble appointes, you brate! I should think that you had thrown me over this fence on purpose."

"Madam," said a bearder to his landady, "I am very sure this pepper is half pens."

"Vasal" cried the lady, bridling up. "Pens, indeed! That pepper is built at loomnersly's very heat. You don't know anything about pepper, sir, if you think there's pens in that."

"For all that, madam," said the boarder. "I'm sure that pepper is half peus."

A Contrast Brewitz 1776 and 1871.—Dr. Franklin described the farner's condition in 1776 as follows:

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A Coverage Brewest 1776 and 1871.—Dr. Franklin described the farmer's condition in 1776 as follows:

"Farmer at the plow,
Wife milking the cow.
Daughter sinning yarm.
Boys threshing in the barn—All happy to a charm."
Another gives an account of 1871 as follows:

"The farmer can be charm."
Another gives an account of 1871 as follows:

"The farmer gene to a show, life daughter at the plano:
Madam gaily dressed in satin—All the boys are learning Latin—With a mortgage on the farm."

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and dress the skins of all the above animals. The

With a mortgage on the farm."

A Good Rasson.—A country schoolmaster had two pupils, to one of whom he was purtial, and to the other severe. One morning, it happened that those two boys were late, and were onlied to account for it. "You must have heard the bell, boys; why did you not come?"—"Pleans, sir," said the favourite, "I was a dreamin' that I was going to Californy, and I thought the school-bell was the steamboat bell, as I was goin! in."—"Vory well," said the master, glad of any pretext to excuse his favourite; "and now, sir," turning to the other, "what have you to say?"

—"Please, sir," said the puzzled boy, "I—I—was waiting to see Tom of!"

A Knowing Insert.—A correspondent of a New

waiting to see Tom off!"

A Knowing Inergy.—A correspondent of a New York paper relates a touching instance of insect instinct as follows: "I found a occkronch struggling in a bowl of water. I took half a peanut shell for a beat. I put him into it and gave him two wooden tooth-picks for onrs, and left him. The next morning I visited him, and he had put a picce of white cotton-thread on one of the toothpicks and set the toothpick up on end as a signal of distress. He had a hair on the other toothpick, and there that cockronch sat a fishing. The cockronch exhausted, had fallen asleep. The sight melted me to tears. I never had to chew leather to ret a soul; I was born with one. I took that cockrosch out, gave him a spoonful of gruel, and left. That animal never forgot that act of kindness, and now my house is chockful of cockroaches."

A Kentuckian and a Yankee were once riding

THE HEARTHSTONE SPHINX

118. ENIGMA.

I'm white, black, and blue; I'm red.gray, and green I'm intended to hide what is meant to be seen: So supple at times, that I meet at each end; At others so stubborn. I'd break ere I bend; Inflexible like your proud mortals am I.

Till. by the tongue soliened, I'm made to comply; Of predigal traders a very apt token, As I only exist to be ruined and broken.

119. CHARADE. First and third
May be tookened
Alike and near related,
Although their lot—
More off than not—
Is to be separated.

For ever I
Unfeelingly
Divide each from his brother,
Making, I know,
A velule, which—oh!
My tears I cannot smother.

120. REBUS.

My first is a town in Kent: my second is a town in Yorkshire; my third is a watering-place in Devoushire; my fourth is an English river; my fifth is a watering-place in Corawall: and my suith is an English river. The initials will give the name of a senport in Yorkshire: and the finals will give the name of a town in Devonshire.

ANSWERS TO CHARADES, &c., IN No. 11. 112. ENIGMA: Rod-breast. 113. Historical Chanade: Edward the Black Prince.
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112. Enigma. 113. Historical Charade,—answered

MARKET REPORT.

HEARTHSTONE OFFICE.

25th March, 1872.

Market quiet but steady. Wheat was irregular in the Western Market this morning, fatust advices quoting a decline of 10 to 20 per bushel. Livergood quotations are without change, as per latest Cable annexed:—

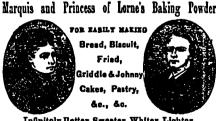
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