

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

The parson consulted the about-to-be-married young lady as to the hymns to be sung at the ceremony, suggesting, "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden." "No," said the young lady, with a twinkle in her eye, "Fight the Good Fight," seems to me more suitable."

Former President Patton, of Princeton University, once delivered a sermon at Fifth Avenue Collegiate Church, his subject being "Faith." He spoke of the blind faith of the client who puts himself at the mercy of a lawyer in preparing an action for trial, and of the confidence of the sick in entrusting themselves to the physician.

"A case of blind faith," said the clergyman. "The doctor writes out a prescription. Oftener than not you cannot read it; you don't know what it is. He tells you to take it. 'Yours not to reason why, yours but to do and die.'" Whether or not Dr. Patton meant it, there was a distinct ripple throughout the congregation.

A farmer and his man rose one very foggy morning at the early hour of four to drive a troublesome bullock to market. When they had tramped about eight miles, the farmer said to his man, who was walking behind him:

"We are getting along fine, Bill, aren't we?"

Bill muttered an ejaculation of surprise. "Why, mister, is that you? I thought you were the bullock all the time."

He had mistaken his master's fat figure for the bullock in the fog, and had been diligently driving him. The tire-some animal had given them the slip eight miles behind.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

A teacher was giving a "Lesson on the Cow." She was trying to impress on their young minds the various uses of milk. Butter, cheese, etc., had been disposed of, and she wanted some bright child to tell how the farmer gave the surplus milk to the pigs. Leading up to this, she asked this question:

"Now, children, after the farmer has made all the butter and cheese he needs and uses what milk he wants for his family, what does he do with the milk that still remains?"

Dead silence followed for a moment, and then one little hand waved frantically.

The teacher smiled and said, "Well, Tommy?"

"He pours it back into the cow," piped Tommy.

A story comes from a Kentucky town that is worth repeating. There lives there a woman who says that she has immediate communion with the Almighty, and now and then delivers to those of common clay a message that she has received from on high. The fact that these messages sometimes take on a very materialistic hue does not alter their effectiveness, in her opinion.

One day she went into the office of a well-known attorney and approached him solemnly as one about to reveal an awe-inspiring secret.

"The Lord sent me to you for \$25," she announced.

The attorney looked up and smiled.

"That must be a mistake," he replied, blandly, "because the Lord knows I have not got it."

Luther M. Burbank, the plant wizard of California, said of honey, apropos of a flower that bees love:

"This flower grows abundantly near Santa Barbara, and there was once a young Californian who often visited a leading Santa Barbara hotel because they have such excellent honey there—a honey the bees make from this flower.

"Well, the young man got married in due course, and the wedding-trip itinerary must include Santa Barbara, so that the bride might taste this superb honey.

"But the first morning at the Santa Barbara hotel, there was no honey on the breakfast-table. The bridegroom frowned. He called the old familiar waiter over to him.

"Where's my honey?" he demanded.

The waiter hesitated, looked awkwardly at the bride, then bent toward the young man's ear, and, in a stage whisper, stammered:

"Er—Mamie don't work here no more."

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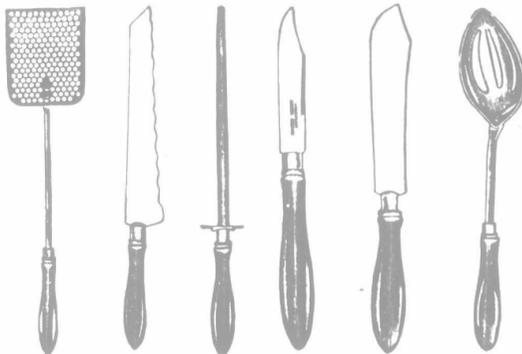
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