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PARENTS AND THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The object of the Sunday-school among children is precisely the same as the object of the Church generally in the world, viz: to bring souls into saving communion with God, to make the bad good, and the good better. Surely there are few parents who will not sympathize with the teachers in their intense desire thus to bless, and enrich and save the children.

above, to be set with plants in the spring of 1885. Each alternate year dig a new bed in the fall and plant in the spring. In this way the garden will afford without fail, strawberries in their season.

REV. C. GARRETT ON SMOKING.

In the "monthly letter" of the English Anti-Tobacco Society and Anti Narcotic League the following letter from the Rev. Charles Garrett, President of the Conference, is given: "Liverpool, December 14, 1882.

Dear Sir,—I am deeply grieved to see so many young people enslaving themselves to tobacco. Smoking is not only a waste of time and money, but it injures the health, the temper, and the influence of the smoker. It evidently promotes indolence and selfishness; almost every idler is a smoker, while the conduct of smokers in railway carriages is a miserable illustration of their selfishness; one smoker, rather than exercise self-denial, will make a whole carriage full of people uncomfortable and unwell. The aged man and the feeble woman alike sacrifice to his personal gratification. The benediction of the smoker is more despotic than that of the drunkard. I have been assured scores of times that the giving up of tobacco was infinitely more difficult than the giving up of drink; everything has to bow to this appetite when once formed. The company of the fair, the wise, and the holy is gladly left for a pipe. I have seen Christian men miserable in the most attractive and interesting company, and stealing away to the most unattractive room to secure a smoke. It is a sad thing to see a young man, and especially a Christian young man, fastening these fetters upon himself. I trust you will never begin, but for the sake of your health, your purse, and your soul, you will resolve with me never to touch a pipe or cigar, but to retain and enjoy the freedom from this most injurious habit with which our Maker has endowed us."

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USEFUL HINTS.

An economical and really delicious way to flavor a cake which is to have icing on top is to grate part of the peel of an orange or lemon over the cake before putting the icing on.

The idea of teaching every girl to thump a piano and every boy to be a book-keeper will make potatoes five dollars a bushel in twenty years.—Cape Ann Advertiser.

It is stated, upon medical authority, that no finer butter can be made in a room where smoking is indulged, as the milk and cream will absorb more or less of the fumes and flavor of tobacco.

Forethought and patience are nowhere so ingrained into a youth's nature as on the farm, but the youth should be there from his earliest years. It is too late to begin the apprenticeship at fifteen, with hope of securing its best results.

A Dundee (Scotland) dairyman was recently convicted of selling milk which had stood in the room in which a child was ill with scarlet fever. The milk absorbed the poison, and seventeen persons were infected with the disease, four of whom died.

It is a bad sign for a farmer when he feeds little or no grain except to his horses. It will pay to give some grain daily to sheep, to cows, and to hogs. If well managed, the poultry will usually pay better for the grain they consume than any other stock on the farm.

Thorough pulverization of the soil is sometimes worth an extra dressing of manure. Two fields, says a writer in the Indiana Farmer, lying side by side, were sown in wheat. One was plowed and harrowed the usual way, while the other was harrowed five times. The result was, that the latter gave seven more bushels to the acre than the former.

To clean painted wood-work, provide plate with some of the best whiting to be had, and have ready some clean warm water and a piece of flannel, which dip into the water and squeeze nearly dry; then take as much whiting as will adhere to it, apply it to the painted surface, when a little rubbing will instantly remove any dirt or grease. After which wash the part well with clean water, rubbing it dry with a soft chamois.

STRAWBERRIES.

There are few things that the average town man takes more delight in than a showy bed of strawberries; and at the same time there are few things that are so disappointing. Sometimes there are berries, and often there are none. Now if the following rule is followed there will always be a good supply of berries: In the spring of 1884 dig a bed deeply and four feet wide, so as to gather the fruit from each side and never tread on the bed. Set three rows in this bed, putting the plants one foot apart. Plant Crescents, mixed with other sorts, as the Crescents need fertilizing by perfectly-flowered sorts. When the ground is frozen in December cover the bed with light litter thick enough to shade the ground; uncover the plants in April, but leave the mulching on. This bed will yield fruit in 1885 and '86; then it should be abandoned. "In the fall of 1884 dig up another bed, as noted above, to be set with plants in the spring of 1885.

Some time ago a gentleman was riding out with a friend and observed that one of his horses had a hole in each ear. On inquiring the cause, he learned that it was to keep the ears from jumping. "Why," said he, "a horse doesn't jump with his ears." "You are much mistaken," said his friend; "a horse jumps as much with his ears as with his feet. Unless he can have free use of his ears, he cannot jump." He ties the two ears together, and he has no more trouble with the horse.

A bachelor says if you had a lady a newspaper with a paragraph cut out of it, not a line of it will be read, but every bit of interest felt in the paper by the lady will center in finding out what the missing paragraph contained, even if it was only a Minard's Lintiment advertisement, stating that it cures rheumatism and all aches and pains of the human race.

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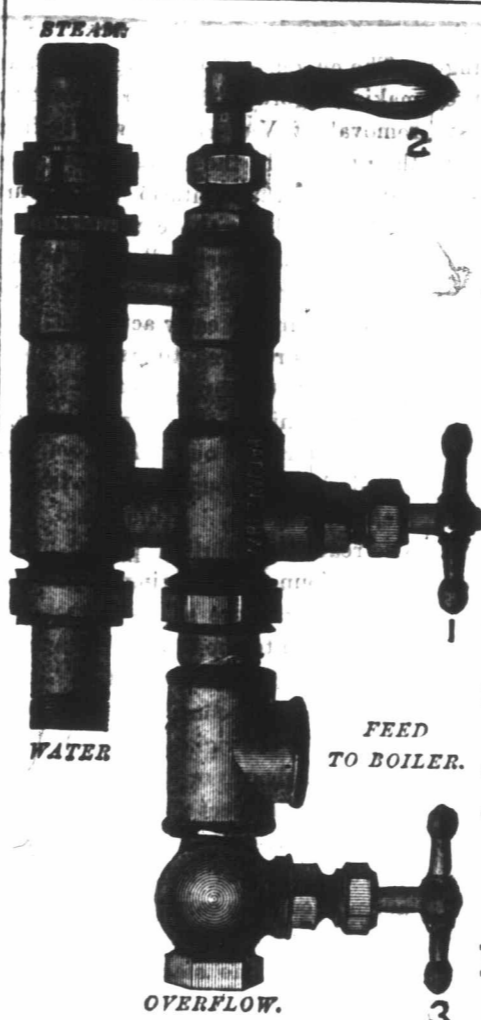
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