

Always on the Wrong Side. One morning a party were sitting at White Sulphur, and the conversation had fallen upon the late war. Personal reminiscence was in order. Each was the hero of his own hair-breadth escape, and the sequel was blood and thunder. Within earshot sat an old grey-coated Virginian, attentively listening and turning his end reflectively between his teeth. At length he spoke: "Gentlemen, you have all been through a heap, but they hain't one of you had a wuss time nor I, I'll bet."

"Which side was you on?" asked one. "Nary a side, gentlemen, but I had a very hard time," and the old fellow, drawing out his cud of reflection, proceeded: "Wall, when the war first broke out, I didn't know much about it, nohow I was a-studying it out, but I hadn't come to no judgment. One night, my darter, Mary Ann, took powerful sick. The doctor he wrote a script and told me to go right off and get it; so I bridled my old mar and started. Wall, gentlemen, when I got, I reckon, 'bout three miles from home—it was monstrous dark—some one called, 'Halt!' and I halted. First thing I knowed I was a prisoner, and the boys were 'round thicker than June-bugs. Sez I, 'Gentlemen, my darter Mary Ann—' Sez they, 'Darn Mary Ann! Who are you fur?' Speak out, Hurrah for somebody! I studied a minute, and sez I, on a venture like, 'Hurrah for Jeff Davis!' They sez, mad as hornets, 'I told he was a rebel. Git off that mare!' 'Gentlemen, I hain't tellin' you no lie, I sez. They took me off that mar, and buckled me over a log and hit me over five hundred times. It hurt me powerful bad; I was monstrous sore. I mounted my mar and started on."

"I hadn't got more'n three miles when I heard another voice call out, 'Halt!' and I halted; and again the boys had me. 'Who are you fur?' sez I, 'Gentlemen, my darter, Mary Ann, is powerful sick, and the doctor—' 'Darn the doctor! Who are you fur. Hurrah for somebody!' "I wasn't going to be kitched again, so I just took off my hat, and I sez, as loud as I could, 'Hurrah for Lincoln!' 'There,' sez they, madder nor blazes, 'I told you he was a traitor.' Get down off that mar, gentlemen! I hain't tellin' you no lie. They take me off that mar buckled me over a log, and just gin me five hundred more. It was monstrous bad, but I got on and went along. Just as I was a-cuming into town another voice called out, 'Halt!' and I halted. 'Who are you fur?' sez he, 'Hurrah for somebody.' Gentlemen, I wasn't never going to be kitched again. I just sez, 'Mister, you jest be so kind as to hurry fast, jest this once.'"

Hard water makes the most delicious tea, as it dissolves less of the tannin and gives the cup a more delicate flavor. There is not one city teakettle out of a hundred that in its present condition is fit to boil water for a cup of tea. Let our reader go home to-night and inspect his own outfit and he will verify our statement. He will find the interior of his kettle encrusted with the mineral deposits extracted from the water, boiled in it from morning until night of each succeeding day. As the water is clean, the cook but enquire and fills the kettle, never thinking of the growing crust that must now be scraped off, if the kettle is to be cleaned.

Water that has stood after boiling will not make a good cup of tea, and yet how often the tired laborer, mechanic, merchant, doctor or lawyer has tried to solace himself with a beverage made from water containing the debris of that which has stood all day on the range, being only filled as often as any addition was needed. Take a clean kettle, never used for anything else, fill it with fresh water, the harder the better, boil quickly over a very hot fire, and pour as soon as it boils upon the tea leaves fresh from the canister. Let it stand four or five minutes and then drink.

If the first experiment does not make an infusion strong enough, or if the pot is partly empty and more is needed, do not put any fresh tea into the teapot, for it will surely be wasted. Tea water will not dissolve the tannin from the dry leaves of fresh tea; only pure fresh water will do that. The addition of tea to the nearly empty teapot will increase the color, but it will not make the tea perceptibly stronger in its exhilarating quality. Any one may try the experiment. Put a tablespoonful of tea into a quart of water and let it stand five minutes or boil it if desired. Then add two more spoonfuls of the tea leaves to the same decoction. The color will be increased, but the tea will be little stronger in the active principle so much desired. When more liquid or stronger infusion is desired put the additional tea in a cup and pour fresh water on it; after it has stood a few minutes it may then be put in the pot to good advantage.

Many persons use alcoholic beverages who would be far healthier if they would exchange them for tea. Only the tea is made by some one who has learn-

ed the art. The mistress would not entrust her favorite cook with a choice fancy dessert, but the most stupid daughter of the Green Isle may, in her own phrase, "wet the tea," since that requires no art! There is no greater mistake in the whole range of housekeeping. To make a good cup of tea is a higher accomplishment than to play a difficult waltz, and requires as much genius and judgment. It is a more useful art and has an intimate bearing on the good health and long life of the household. We commend the study to our fair countrywomen, and assure them they need fear at the outset no very active competition; not one in a hundred of even the expert housekeepers, give them their own choice of materials, can make a perfect cup of tea.—[New York Journal of Commerce.]

**The Bureau of Industries.** This is the title selected for the new Bureau attached to the Department of the Ontario Commissioner of Agriculture, and which is to be entrusted with the duty of collecting statistics. By the Bill introduced for the purpose of establishing the Bureau, it is provided that the Commissioner shall collect useful facts, relating to the agricultural, mechanical, and manufacturing interests of the Province, and adopt measures for disseminating the same. A secretary and other officers are to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Among the Secretary's duties is the publication monthly, or oftener during the growing season, of a report of crop reports; and the compilation from every available source of information relating to land, trade, government, population, and other subjects concerning the Province. The Bureau is to have power to compel the giving of true and full information by all of the following persons:—Officers of all societies organized under the Agriculture and Arts Act; of all Municipal Councils, School Boards, and public institutions, and generally of all public officers. A penalty of \$40 is imposed upon any person who neglects or refuses to give information, or who makes false returns. The Commissioner is entrusted with discretionary power to make arrangements with the Dominion Government for the collection of information as the Dominion officials may collect. Every person who is required to furnish information for the Bureau is to be entitled to receive a copy of its reports.

**He Was a Good Angler.** "Uncle Thad," Norris had a sign by which he recognized the accomplished angler. The genial old man was often bored by men who wished to claim to be up in the higher degrees of the art in order to place themselves on a fair footing with the great angling authority. One day he happened in Pittsburg and was introduced to a man at the hotel who immediately began to try and impress Mr. Norris with his importance as a mighty fisher, and the following colloquy ensued: Man—"Glad to meet you, Mr. Norris, have read your book and often wanted to know you. I am counted the best fisherman in these parts."

Uncle Thad—"Do you fish with the fly?" Man—"Always, Mr. Norris, always." Uncle Thad—"Do you use a float and sinker on your fly?" Man—"Oh, yes, always, Mr. Norris, always." Uncle Thad—"Do you always spit on your bait or luck?" Man—"Certainly, Mr. Norris, always do that." Uncle Thad—"Then I am proud to meet you, sir. I see that you are an accomplished angler who is up on all the minor points that make a finished and artistic fisherman, and without a smile he bade him good morning, and the man was afterward known as the man who used a float and sinker on his fly."

**A Story Simply Told.** The Man from Town is out on the Duck Pass. He stands on the Point and waits for Ducks to fly by. He has on a White Shirt, a dark brown Coat, and a black Hat. You can see him a Mile off. Here comes a Duck. He is way up in the Sky, but the Man will shoot, all the same. Bang! Bang! Did the Duck drop? Not much! The Duck flies on. Look! there is a puff of Smoke near that Bush. Hark! Bang! The Duck drops in the Mud. A Boy wades out and picks him up. Now the Boy is back, out of sight, and all is still.

The Man goes to talk with the Boy. The Boy has an old Gun, all Rust. The Lock is tied on with String. I should hate to fire it.) But the Boy has a Nice Pile of Ducks. The Man has no Ducks at all, but he has Lots of Cash! Now the Boy has some Cash, and the Man has the Ducks. See the Boy grin! The Man will take the Ducks home, and tell his Wife that he shot them all, with his Fine New Gun. How Proud she will be of his Skill! Is it right for the Man to do this?

It is the best proof of the virtues of a family circle to see a happy fireside.

**DRAFT HORSES.**

**Experience of Horse Dealers who Handle 50,000 Annually.** The Chicago Tribune has of late interested itself to a considerable extent in the subject of Draft Horses, and to enlighten its readers in this direction, published July 16th, a three-column article, in which it appears that it had detailed reporters to interview the leading horse dealers of New York and Chicago, who buy and sell, in the aggregate, some 40,000 horses annually, as to the following point: If they handled the several breeds of heavy draft horses known as French or Percheron-Normans, the Clydesdales, the English and Belgian, of which breed they handled most? Why most of a particular breed? What were the particular merits that made this breed more desirable, therefore more saleable, than the others, etc. The result shown by the detailed interviews gives overwhelming evidence that the Percheron-Normans eclipse all the other breeds as favorites among the dealers, owing to their vastly superior selling qualities. The evidence condensed briefly from this mass of testimony is that those who buy their horses to wear out, greatly prefer the Percheron-Normans to any other breed, because they are more compactly and powerfully built; are more enduring, having better feet to stand the hard wear of the city pavements; have better dispositions and are willing workers; are easier keepers, and generally give the best satisfaction. The Clydesdales were frequently criticized as being slim-wasted, coarsely coupled, and generally having bad feet. The general advice of the dealers to farmers was to breed to Percheron-Norman horses in preference to any other breed with reference to raising horses to sell on the horse markets. It was also gathered that these grade Percheron-Normans bring from \$50 to \$75 more than any of the other breeds of same weight and condition.

The large dealers interviewed in Chicago, with the number of horses they handle annually, were: James D. Beckett, No. 377 W. Randolph st., 3,000; M. Newgas, No. 17 Morgan st., 2,000; J. S. Cooper, No. 174 Michigan ave., 1,500; F. J. Berry, No. 2 Monroee st., 1,500; Joseph Lamb, No. 133 Michigan ave., 1,800. At Mansfield, O., A. J. Heineman, 2,500. In New York City, Isaac H. Dahman, No. 209 E. Twenty-fourth st., 10,000; A. S. Chamforth, No. 147 E. Twenty-fourth st., 3,500; Oakley & Smith, No. 150 E. Twenty-fourth st., 3,500; Jacob Dahman, No. 207 E. Twenty-fourth st., 2,000; and C. & H. Hayman, No. 213 E. Twenty-fourth st., 3,000. In Brooklyn, N. Y., S. Richy, No. 321 Rutledge st., 1,500; Henry Newman, No. 328 Rutledge st., 1,500; and A. M. Stein & Co., No. 229 Washington st., 3,000.

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**Shrewd as Ever.** In an extended article of the Washington (D. C.) Star, we notice that among others, Senator James G. Blaine, who has suffered in the past with rheumatism now keeps St. Jacobs Oil on hand in case of any future attack.

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Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The old rookery known as the Monro county jail was delivered this afternoon of eleven prisoners. The escape was made through a dining room which is on the south-east corner of the south wing. The south wing has been used to confine the most desperate prisoners in the jail. The dungeon has been unused of late, and the prisoners conceived the idea of getting in there, cutting a hole through to the outside wall, and then escaping. The lock on the dungeon door was forced and the job was done by means of an iron bar taken from a belstead. The hole was probably completed yesterday for shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon eleven persons passed through into a chicken coop, that by means of a ladder placed against the wall into Hollister's yard, which is located just south. Geo. R. Schofield, a son of Sheriff Schofield, was on a visit to the jail, and while walking in one of the upper corridors looked out of a south window. He was amazed to see the ladder against the wall, and the last two of the prisoners climbing over. He gave the alarm to his father, who immediately sent word to police headquarters, and then ran out into the jail yard. He saw two prisoners, Del. Vanhatten and Fred. Hall, on a roof, and covered them with his revolver. They surrendered. Deputy Sheriff Hovey, captured Joseph Warriman at the Erie railway depot, and Police-man Seiffer overhauled Louis Heime at Fitzhugh street. The sheriff then discovered that the following named prisoners were at large: John Warriman, burglar, who was one of the leaders of another gang delivery, and who had just been brought back from Chicago; Phillip Stein, sheep thief; William Howard (colored), indicted for burglary; Edward Cramp, grand larceny; Frederick G. Broes, a car burglar; Charles Sheppard, indicted for attempting to set fire to the Sibley block on Main street; and John Farlin, indicted for burglary—making a total of seven. They are still at large.

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