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A dull preacher once took the celebrated Robert Hall to task for his chaffing conversation. "How can a man who preaches like you," he said, "talk in so trifling a manner?" "That's just the difference between us," replied Hall. "You talk your nonsense in the pulpit—I talk mine out of it."

A little boy, knowing that boiled eggs were to be served one day, came running into the kitchen, saying: "Mamma, I want my eggs hard." His wee sister who always wanted the opposite thing, came tripping after him to give her order. "Mamma, I want my eggs easy."

THE PENALTY FOR REPEATING.

"Now politics," said Private John Allen, reminiscently, "is a mighty uncertain and precarious business. You never can tell where you are going to come out."

"There was a fellow once, down in my State of Mississippi, who had ambitions. He wanted to go to Congress, but he couldn't get the Democratic nomination. So he decided to turn Republican and run on the Republican ticket. He ran."

The Private stopped and puffed at his cigar. "Well," said everybody, "what happened?"

"Why, he got two votes and was arrested for repeating."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1st.—Questions asked by bona-fide subscribers to "The Farmer's Advocate" are answered in this department free.

2nd.—Questions should be clearly stated and plainly written, on one side of the paper only, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer.

3rd.—In Veterinary questions the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given.

4th.—When a reply by mail is required to urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1.00 must be enclosed.

Veterinary.

MUD FEVER.

Mare has mud fever. There are large sores on her leg. Give sure cure.

F. L. S.

Ans.—The veterinary profession does not profess to give "sure cures," as there are cases of mostly every disease that will not yield to treatment. Purge your mare with 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. Follow up with 1½ ozs. Fowler's solution of arsenic, night and morning, every alternate week for six weeks. Dress the sores three times daily with a lotion composed of 1 oz. each of sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead to a pint of water. If the parts become dry and are inclined to crack, use oxide of zinc ointment instead of the lotion for a few days.

V.

FOUNDER.

Mare had inflammation of the stomach in June. The fever settled in her feet and she has been very sore ever since. The soles of her feet became raw, but are a little better now.

M. T. C.

Ans.—The symptoms indicate a partial descent of the bones of the feet, and if this has taken place, a perfect cure cannot be effected. Keep her in a comfortable box stall. Poultice the feet every night with a mixture of boiled turnips and linseed meal, dampened, and applied warm. Leave feet without poultices during the day time. Blister the coronets all around the feet every three or four weeks.

V.

GOSSIP.

Mr. Hawthorne, of the noted horse-importing firm of Hamilton & Hawthorne, Simcoe, Norfolk County, Ont., is in France at the present time, buying Percheron horses, and will land them about December 5th.

The following extract from a letter of thanks is cherished by its recipient: The beautiful clock you sent us came in perfect condition, and is now in the parlor on top of the book-shelves, where we hope to see you soon, and your husband, also, if he can make it convenient.

The joint auction sale of Shorthorns from the herds of Messrs. Watt, Meyer and Gibb, held at Guelph on November 4th, could scarcely be considered a success. The cattle were a creditable offering, in good condition, and of excellent breeding, but the season seemed to be unfavorable for a sale. The attendance was slim, the bidding slow, and prices ruled low, a considerable number going at less than eighty dollars, and only half a dozen selling at prices ranging from \$100 to \$175, which latter price was paid by C. Hintz & Son, Freeman, Ohio, for the red 3-year-old cow, Merry Lass 9th, bred and contributed by J. Watt & Son, Salem. The red yearling bull, St. Augustine, bred at the Ontario Agricultural College farm, sold for \$170, to Prof. F. B. Smith, Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Pretoria, South Africa. Prof. Shuttleworth, Hespeler, paid \$155 for English Lady 30th, bred by J. Watt & Son, and John Dryden & Son, Brooklyn, took the roan 3-year-old Roan Bud, bred by A. E. Meyer, at \$115.

TRADE TOPICS.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE.—A new circuit between London and Stratford has lately been added to the system of the Bell Telephone Company. This has been found to add greatly to the facility of communication between these two points.

GASOLINE ENGINES.—Small gasoline engines are fast becoming a household necessity. There is, perhaps, no field in which they are so rapidly supplanting other forms of power-developing devices as on the farm. Always ready for work in any weather or any season they are bound to increase in popularity. In supplying the need, the Scott Machine Co., Limited, of London, Ont., have constructed the "London" gasoline engine with the object of avoiding the annoyances that are more or less prevalent with small gasoline engines. The number of working parts has been reduced as much as possible without dropping features necessary to make a first-class, reliable engine easily operated. Every machine is thoroughly tested before leaving the factory. No tank, no fan, no freezing, are important features of this compact engine. Further particulars can be had by writing the firm and mentioning "The Farmer's Advocate."

Another Definition.—Little Willie—Say, pa, what's a pessimist? Pa—A pessimist, my son, is a man who thinks the only way to serve his country is to roast it.

A politician who is a great walker was once enjoying his favorite recreation. After going a few miles he sat down to rest. "Want a lift, mister?" asked a good-natured farmer, driving that way. "Thank you," responded the politician, "I will avail myself of your kind offer." The two rode on in silence for a while. Presently the farmer asked: "Professional man?" "Yes," answered the politician, who was thinking of a bill he had pending before the House. After another long pause, the farmer observed: "You ain't a lawyer, or you'd be talkin'; you ain't a doctor, 'cause you ain't got no bag, and you ain't a preacher, from the looks of you. What is your profession?" "I am a politician," was the reply. The farmer gave a snort of disgust. "Politics ain't no profession; politics is a disease," said he.

ABSENTMINDEDNESS.

As a sample of Dean Stanley's absent-mindedness, it is related that instead of taking a lady guest down to dinner he led her to the front door to put her into her carriage. It is said of Sir Isaac Newton, that being frequently disturbed by the family cat and kitten calling at his study door for admission, ordered two holes cut in the door, one for the cat and a smaller one for the kitten. The late Bishop Baldwin, of London, walking home on a starry night, turned around to catch his breath and turn up his coat collar, and then walked several blocks in the opposite direction before discovering his mistake. We knew a farmer who, failing to find his pipe in his pockets while driving on the road, stopped his horse, shook the robes and cushion of his cutter, and had again started on his journey before discovering that the missing article was between his teeth. But perhaps the most perplexing predicament was that of the love-stricken Scot who unconsciously used the forefinger of his sweetheart to push down the tobacco in his lighted pipe.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

During dinner hour one of the boys in a public school wrote in large letters on the blackboard: "I can hug a girl tighter than any other fellow in the school." When school reassembled the lady teacher said, "The boy who wrote that will please hold up his hand." A youngster promptly hoisted his mit. "You will stay in after four," said the teacher. Some of the other boys lingered outside after school was dismissed expecting to see a serious face on the culprit when he emerged from the interview, but he came out smiling. His chums asked him, "Did you get a licking?" "You should have seen what I got," said the happy-looking lad. "I tell you it pays to advertise."

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