

Poetry.

APPLE PIE.

All that's bright must fade.
All new dishes fade—
The newest, oft the fleetest,
Of all the pies now made,
The apple's still the sweetest.
Cut and come again,
The syrup upward springing;
While my life and taste remain,
To thee my heart is clinging.
Other dainties fade—
The newest, oft the fleetest:
But of all the pies now made,
The apple's still the sweetest.

Who a pie would make,
First his apple slices;
Then he ought to take
Some cloves—the best of spices;
(Grate some lemon rind,
Butter add discreetly;
Then some sugar mix—but mind
The pie's not made too sweetly.
Every pie that's made,
With sugar is completed;
But moderation should pervade—
Too sweet is not the sweetest.

Who would tone impart,
Must, if my word is trusted,
Add to his pie or tart,
A glass of port—old crusted;
If a man of taste,
He, complete to make it,
In the very finest paste,
Will enclose and bake it.
Pies have each their grade;
But, when this thou eatest,
Of all that e'er were made,
You'll say 'tis best and sweetest.
[Punch's Cook.]

Miscellaneous.

A woman at St. Bencit, P.Q., has given birth to a child with two heads, four arms, and one body.

Paris eats a thousand horses every month. This is what we would call galloping consumption.

The Spanish authorities at Santiago de Cuba are raising money by selling permits for opening gambling houses.

The Chicago Journal refuses to express an opinion on eternal punishment. Don't slander a house you are going to visit.

England has a real live centenarian in a dignity of the Church—Canon Beadon. Never do any brain work after dinner, is one of his proscriptions for longevity.

Sirloin steak at five cents per pound and fine fat turkeys at twenty-five cents each are among the latest market quotations in Mason county, Texas.

When a livery-man lets a young man have a horse now, he particularly inquires if an animal is wanted that drives better with the reins tied around the dash-board. It is needless to say that it is precisely that kind of a horse which is in demand.

A boy who broke through and disappeared under the ice while skating on the river near Sarnia, Ont., was a good swimmer, and had sufficient presence of mind to float along till he came to an air hole, when he popped through and finally reached the shore in safety.

The Utica Observer says that Franky Flynn, of Norwich, N.Y., has never grown since he was one year old, and now is a fine, active, smart boy, four years and six months old. He stands 33 inches in his shoes, and his wrist is not larger than an ordinary man's thumb, while he dresses like a man, and weighs, clothes and all, 12 lbs.

Some time ago, while an engine was pulling a freight train that leaves Rochester before daylight, the engineer was suddenly struck by something which knocked him back upon his seat and cut his face badly. It was found that a frightened partridge had flown through the double plate glass window with such force as to be torn in two.

Two passengers were playing cards in the train from Albany to New York. "It's very odd," remarked one of them, "we've been playing a long time, and I haven't seen a

A correspondent of a foreign exchange says that the only reliable means of ridding the hen-roost and pigeon-loft of vermin is a preparation of sulphur and carbon. In France it has been thoroughly tested, and we are assured that it works like a charm. It kills the insects which prey upon pigeons and fowls, without injuring the birds. A bottle containing the solution will last several days, and the cost of it is small. Put two ounces of the sulphuret of carbon in a bottle open at the mouth and hang it by a string in the hen house. At the end of eight days the bottle should be refilled. The remedy is said to be infallible. If as good as claimed to be, it should be known to every farmer's wife and poultry raiser in the land.

An Essex, Ont., farmer has hit on an admirable method by which the price of corn has been enhanced much beyond the market price. The inventive farmer lives near Maidstone Cross, where corn is worth from thirty to forty cents per bushel. The agricultural gentleman has a large quantity of corn, and he disposes of the cereal in this wise:—He keeps a number of gaunt and hungry hogs which he sells for about \$5 per hundred pounds, stipulating that they are to be delivered and weighed at a certain hour next day. He then gives the animals all the corn they can stow away just before the weighing takes place, and consequently he has sold nearly all his corn at \$5 per hundred, while his less ingenious neighbours have to take from thirty cents upwards. Thus do the blessings of invention and science overcast their illuminating rays across the path of the truly good.

Lord Dunraven, who is just now in New York, and writing interesting letters on English topics to the New York World, has a horse that has gone through a strange number of vicissitudes. Lord Dunraven—then Lord Adair—acted during the Abyssinian war as a special correspondent, and was carried through the campaign by a very powerful charger. Sometime afterward this horse came into possession of Mr. Stanley, and was with him when he met Livingstone. Subsequently Mr. Stanley sold it when he reached the coast, and the horse was shipped to Liverpool, where it was purchased by an American horse-dealer, and was transported to New York. Lord Dunraven, when on his way back from a sporting tour in the Far West, saw and recognized his old friend, purchased the hero of so many travels, and now the veteran has been returned to England, and will live in the paddock for the rest of his days.

BLACK QUARTER.

The Glencoe, Ont., local print says that since its last notice of what is commonly known as the "black quarter" disease in cattle, a number of calves and young cattle have died in that vicinity. With regard to it, Youatt, a good authority, in his book on the diseases of cattle, says that the "black quarter" is not a disease in itself, but the effect produced by inflammatory fever. As the fever is seldom noticed until it has progressed to the last and fatal stage, the appearance of which has furnished the popular name, he recommends preventive measures as the most effectual—such as bleeding, physis, and less stimulating food, particularly for young cattle that are thriving rapidly, as they are the most likely to be attacked.

Horse Notes.

OFF FOR MOBILE.—William Bird, the well-known trainer, left Nashville, Tenn., for Mobile, Ala., 16th ult., with a string of six promising flyers, including Bonanza, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Jessamine, by Brown Dick; a colt by imp. Glengary; a colt by Brown Dick, out of Poor Girl, by Hannibal, and the chestnut filly Melita, by Muggins, dam Johnetta, by Austerlitz, all three-year-olds; brown colt Borak, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Nubia, by Albion; and bay filly Matinee, by John Morgan, dam Sue Walton, by Jack Malone, both two years old.

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