



"He gave me some pointers," said the tramp of the farmer, "he jabbed me with a pitchfork."

Queer, but true: The tinder-box hotel is admittedly insecure, while in the fire-proof hotel we also feel inn-secure.

There is at least one thing in which a ship and a woman resemble each other. Each slips off her stays when she goes into the water.

"Our house just now," remarked Miss Amy, whose papa had fallen and hurt his knee-cap, "is like an Indian hospital."

"Why so?" asked Mildred.
"Because it contains an injured pa knee."

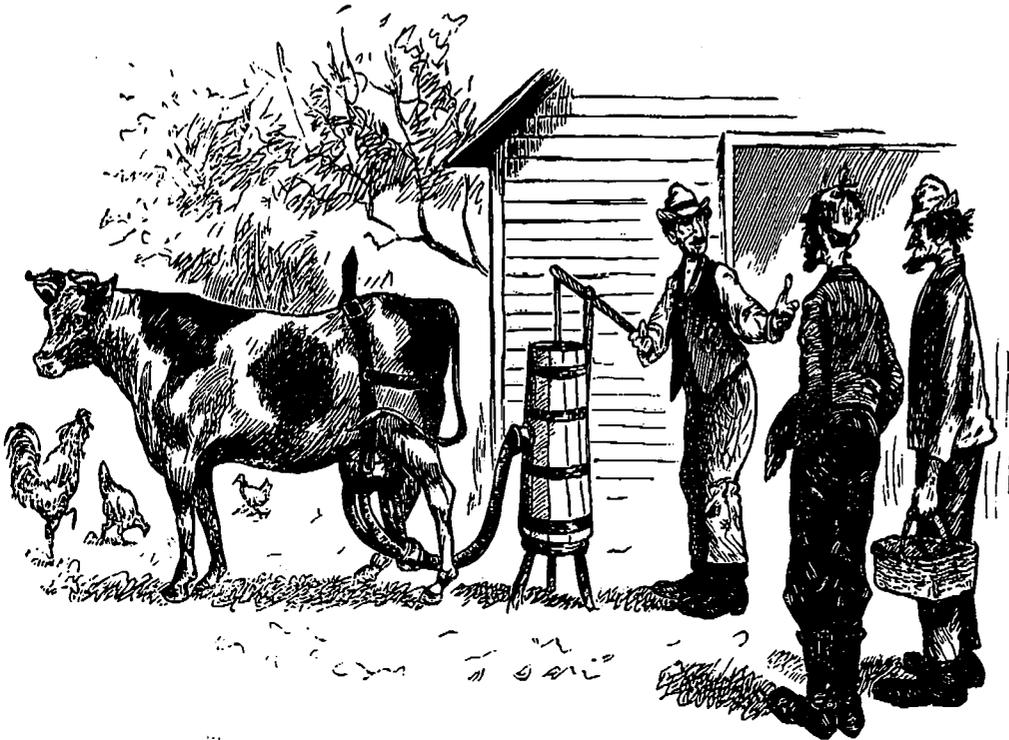
At the breakfast table.—"Alfred, I see that a French cook in New York has devised a new dish—perfumed eggs."

Alfred.—"Perfumed eggs! That's nothing new. We've had 'em ourselves. How are these? Not perfumed, I hope."

A drunken father can make a home run, when they see him coming.

The man who bows by simply elevating his chin, is the kind of a one we like to see strike a slippery spot and fall hard.

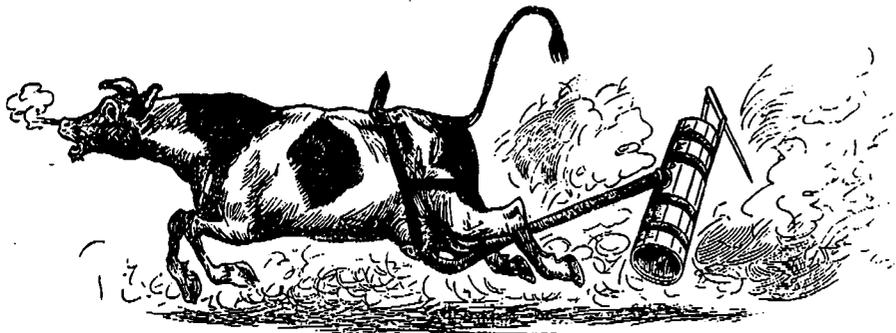
Before marriage it is trimming a matching and afterward it is matching a trimming, and that's what dislocates a man's immortal soul.



PETERSON'S INVENTIVE HIRED MAN.—Now, gentlemen, this is my great Hydraulic Milker, patent applied fer. I've be'n workin' on her fer over two months, an' now I'm a-goin' to try her; jes' stan' back a little!



"So-o-o, hoss!"



From a Local Paper.—Strayed from Home—A Brindle Cow attached to a milking machine. If the finder will return the cow, he may keep the machine for his trouble.—J. PETERSON. (Puck.)



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PARIS, March 16th, 1889.—The steamship agents report that a large number of Canadians are expected to avail themselves of the special facilities offered to visit the Exposition, to be opened on May 1st next.

THE returns of the agricultural census of the province of Corrientes, Argentine Republic, show the agricultural wealth of the province to have quadrupled in the last three years.

Australia's Wheat Crop.

ADVICES from Sydney announce that the Australian wheat crop has fallen short of the estimated product for the season, and that stocks are being firmly held, owing to the probability of the imposition of a protective tariff by the Colonial Government at Melbourne. The total yield amounts to 6,200,000 bushels, from an area of 2,000,000 acres, more than one-fifth of which was not worth reaping. The total surplus for exporting will be less than 2,000,000 bushels, compared with 10,000,000 bushels last season. The wheat shipments from the Pacific coast ports alone this season to the Australian colonies promise to exceed those of any previous year.

Australia's Future.

In a recent account of his Australian impressions the Rev. Dr. Dale, of Birmingham, England, provides many facts and figures of much commercial significance. Among these there are some of special application to the implement industry of this country. One question, for instance, is as to the probable lines upon which Australian agriculture will in the future develop. In New South Wales the acreage under crops of all kinds, which was only 451,139 in 1875, was 868,093 in 1885; Victoria in the same ten years had extended its arable lands from 1,126,831 acres to 2,405,157; and South Australia from 1,444,586 acres in 1875 to 2,785,490 in 1884. There are indications now becoming more strongly perceptible that the agriculture of Australia will progress even more rapidly in the future. Dr. Dale believes that within the next quarter of a century the Australians will send into our markets a great variety of new vegetable products. Tea, it will interest our pump makers to know, might, with the aid of irrigation, be largely grown in the southern parts of the colony; and in the northern territory there might be coffee plantations and groves of cinnamon. There have been some satisfactory experiments in raising tobacco, and the wine-producing industry has been fairly established in Victoria. It is certain that the continuance of the newly commenced agricultural developments will result in trade of great importance to the Australian market, and make its imports of implements in the future considerably larger.

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