

THE SPELLING LESSON.

Orchard! spell it quick! I'm sure that's easy enough to spell, "Of course the word is easy enough, and I can spell it very well."

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

TABLE TALK.

In Too Many Homes It Is of a Meantly Personal or Gossiping Kind.

Many Christian people, who are most zealous for the conversion of the world, sit down after a table blessing on the food, gumble at the viands, snap up children and servants, and with gloomy faces indulge in such morbid talk that the little ones hardly bolt their food and are glad to rush off to school, where they find at least free from such everlasting nagging.

Children and servants are sharp-eyed, and the blessing does not counteract the disagreeable actions that follow, and they are too prone to put but little faith in a religion that is not stronger than dyspepsia or nervous irritation.

Another error is to confine the table-talk to persons, to criticism of acquaintances, and to all that mean sort of conversation that is comprised in the word gossiping.

A third error, which is really more prevalent than this, is that the table talk is confined to year in and year out exclusively to home interests. No outside element is ever introduced and meal time becomes a sort of safe-valve where all the excess, perplexities and trials of unseeking are allowed to escape into the bosom of the husband and father, or whoever has politeness enough to listen to the cook's shortcomings, Aunt Martha's lame back or the body's next tooth.

This style is not confined to vulgar, ignorant people alone, but can be heard in homes of culture and refinement. It would be good to establish in a family of growing children that gossip, dress and admiring smiles never be discussed at the table.

If the elders would drop business cares and bring to the table faces free from perplexity and household worry, they would be rewarded by an improved digestion and a genuine delight in the society of their children and friends.

But, as I have said, when winter overtakes him he seeks to find a winter home. He has very likely, during the summer, when poking his nose into hollow trees looking for the honey of wild bees, seen some place that will suit him, and to this he goes straightway.

Little Jennie's parents lived in the country, far away from stores, where fine cards, calendars, and picture books were not so common as they are in most New England towns, and where it was hard to procure nick-nacks and toys for the children.

Easter mornings used to be. The least she could do was to see that Jennie had on her plate every Easter morning a variety of beautifully colored eggs.

What to Teach a Daughter. Teach her that not only must she love her father and mother, but honor them in word and deed, says a writer in the Ladies' Home Journal.

That work is worthy always when it is well done. That the value of money is just the good it will do in life, but that she ought to know and appreciate this value.

That the man who wishes to marry her is the man who tells her so and is willing to work for her, and not the one who whispers silly love speeches and forgets that men cease to be men when they have no object in life.

That her best confidence is always her mother, and that no onesynonyms with her in her pleasures and joys as you do. That unless she shows courtesy to others she need never expect it from them, and that the best answer to rudeness is being kind to it.

That when God made her body he intended that it should be clothed properly and modestly, and when she neglects herself she is insulting Him who made her.

Manners at the Table. Since last month, I am sure we have put into practice, the little hints given about manners at home, and more especially our manners at the table.

Would it not be well now to look more carefully to the way in which we eat our food. Is anything more annoying than to hear a person eating with such a noise that a stranger looks around the table in surprise at the sound.

For THE TRUE WITNESS. MY SOUL, WHAT IS THY VALUE? Today, my soul, I ask thy value; I know not the price to name; I know Jesus died on Calvary for thee. This gives you a lofty gain.

BLOOD WILL TELL. Good blood will show its quality. So will bad blood, the one in a healthy body and ruddy complexion, the other in ill health, blotches, pimples, boils and sores, and frequently in fatulent forms as eczema, abscesses, erysipelas, scrofula, etc., and in the blood itself. Every organ of the body depends upon the blood for force and vitality, and so but scantily served when the blood is impure.

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints.

When the balloon fails to go up as announced it is a sore disappointment to many. "I was troubled with continual headache and loss of appetite, but before I had taken many doses of J. B. B. Appetite and health returned."

COMMERCIAL.

Flour.—There have been sales of straight rollers at \$4.61 to the city trade; but less flour has been accepted for car lots, as low as \$4.41, being mentioned.

Patent Wheat Roller..... \$4.85 @ 5.15 Straight Roller..... 4.40 @ 4.55 Extra..... 4.05 @ 4.20 Superfine..... 3.75 @ 3.90 Fine..... 3.20 @ 3.50 City Strong Bakers..... 4.80 @ 5.00 Manitoba Bakers..... 4.50 @ 4.75 Ontario Bakers..... 4.20 @ 2.10 Straight Rollers..... 2.20 @ 2.25

Barley.—There has been some business in bran on the basis of \$18.50 for cut lots. Shorts are steady at \$18.00 to \$18.50, and Middlings \$17.50 to \$18.00. Moulins is quiet \$20.00 to \$25.00 per ton.

Hay.—There has been made of Manitoba No. 1 hay at 77c for May 1st. A slipper, however, stated that he would not pay that price today. We quote No. 2 hay at 90c to 97c, and No. 3 regular 50c to 57c. A lot of 17,000 bushels Ontario winter wheat was reported sold in the West at 80c bush, vessel for May shipment. A lot of Manitoba No. 2 hay is also reported sold at North Bay at 90c.

Corn.—Prices are nominal at 51c in bond, and 50c to 51c in car lots, dated daily.

Peas.—Here we quote at 75c per 60 lbs. about May and 73c to 75c for store.

Barley.—Sales of Manitoba feed barley have transpired at 42c, but dealers say it is difficult to get that figure now. Making are still quoted at from 55c to 60c as to quality, but business continues limited.

Oats.—Car lots are quoted at 31c to 31c per 34 lbs. for No. 2, 31c to 32c, for No. 3, and 30c for No. 4. A considerable quantity of mixed and unsorted oats have been sold in the West during the past few days at 28c and 30c for No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, supposed to be for export.

Wheat.—We quote 70c to 75c, the inside figure having been shaded for a round lot.

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Needs.—Clover 50c per bushel in Chicago, and here the market is very steady, prices ranging from \$7.50 to \$8.00 per bushel. Alsike \$7.00 to \$8.00, and Timothy \$2.00 to \$2.15 for Canadian, and \$1.85 to \$1.90 for American.

Provisions.—American mess pork has been sold at \$14.50, and is now offered at \$14.25; in Canada short cut mess pork there have been sales at a shade below that figure, but no more can be had at the same figure.

Butter.—The sale of a lot of 100,000 lbs. of old creamery was sold at 18c, which cost 23c in the mill. The sale of a lot of new creamery is reported at 22c, but that price is now considered low, and a higher price is expected.

Cheese.—Sales at 9c in the West for the April month of quite a number of factories for May delivery.

Country Produce.—Considerable sales have been made at 12c, and a few single pigs have transpired at 12c. After Friday or Saturday, buyers at some dealers think the demand will fall off and prices recede. In fact, as we go to press there is an abundance of fat, and the top figure will be 12c to 13c.

Beans.—Hundred-pound pea beans are quoted at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel; ordinary mediums at \$1.10 to \$1.15; and inferior at 85c to \$1.00.

Apples.—\$1.00 to \$1.25 for choice stock in small jobbing lots. One car load was offered at \$2.25, but was not sold. Poor quality fruit has sold at \$1. to \$2. to 5c per bushel.

Oranges.—Sales of Jamaica have transpired at \$7.50 to \$8. per bushel. Valentines are steady at \$5. to \$6. per bushel, and Floridas have sold at \$4. to \$5. per bushel as to quality. Jaffas \$5. per bushel.

Lemons.—We quote \$2 to \$2.50 per box.

Asparagus.—Sales are reported at 15c to 25c, the Eastern demand being fair.

Strawberries.—Choice fruit are quoted at 50c, although there have been sales of poor lots at 25c to 30c per box.

Coron Nuts.—Sold at \$1. to \$1.50. Cultivated Coron Nuts, however, are worth \$1.75 to \$2.

Nothing creates more disease, discomfort and distress than constipation of the bowels. In B. B. we have a remedy sure to remove it and cure it.

FARMERS' COLUMN.

Beets and Hay for Sheep. Breeding ewes can be wintered fairly upon early cut or nicely cured clover hay, but would not come out very well on timothy hay, and if the lambs were to be prepared for the market, it would be profitable to provide a better quality through the winter on the best hay, because the ewes would bring heavier and stronger lambs, and they could be prepared earlier for market and bring a better price.

Time to Water Animals. At the farmers' institute held at Little Falls, I notice that the question was asked, "When shall we water our animals—before or after feeding?" Dr. Samuel J. Fox, of Little Falls, N. Y., answered that question by saying that he would not water a horse in the morning before feeding, and dropped the subject without giving any reasons therefor.

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