

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

A sound discretion is not so much indicated by never making a mistake as by never repeating it.—Bovee.

A REMARKABLE CHOIR.

An old farmer and his wife were attending church services one hot Sabbath day. The windows were opened, and the noisy chorus of the crickets were distinctly audible. In due course, the choir sang an anthem, and the old man, a music lover, listened enraptured. At its conclusion he turned to his wife and whispered:

"Ain't that glorious and divine, Mirandy?"

"Yes," she answered, "and to think that they do it all with their hind legs."

"There are still a few honest men left in the world," said J. J. Hill, the financier, at a banquet. "It is well to be cautious, but we should not suspect everybody. If we are too suspicious we make ourselves absurd."

"I worked in St. Paul in my youth, and they still tell there about an old farmer and his wife who started for St. Paul on a visit."

"Before the couple set off, they were cautioned frequently by their friends to beware of the St. Paul sharpers. They replied that they would keep their eyes open. And they started on their journey with a nervous determination to look out for sharpers and confidence men."

"Well, on the way the old farmer got off at a junction to buy some lunch, and the train went off without him. It was a terrible mishap. The last he saw of his wife, she was craning out of the car window, shouting something reproachful at him, which he couldn't hear on account of the noise of the train."

"It happened that an express came along a few minutes later. The old farmer boarded the express, and beat his wife to St. Paul by nearly an hour."

"He was waiting for her at the station when she arrived. He ran up to her, and seized the valise."

"Well, Jane," he said, "I'm glad to see ye again. I thought we was separated for good."

"But the old lady jerked the valise from him, indignantly."

"No, ye don't, Mr. Sharper," she cried. "I left my husband at the junction. Don't be comin' any of yer confidence tricks on me, or I'll call a policeman."

BOOK REVIEW.

WOLL'S HANDBOOK.

From the publishers, John Wiley & Sons, New York, we have received a copy, published this year, of the 4th edition of Woll's Handbook for farmers and dairymen. One of the best compendiums of the kind ever issued at the outset; successive issues have only served to improve it. In the last revision, the aim has been to include the very freshest reliable information on agricultural topics. A number of new subjects have been added, such as market classes of farm animals, government standards of purity for dairy products, the "sliding-scale" overrun, commercial grades of grain, hay, straw, and other agricultural products, etc., and tables and articles have been brought up to date where better data were available. While prepared especially for the American farmer, the book contains a great fund of general information of value to Canadian farmers as well. It is well printed, and bound in cloth, and published at \$1.50, and may be obtained through this office, postpaid, at \$1.60.

Homeseekers in the Canadian Northwest.

Everyone wishing to see Manitoba and the great Northwest provinces, with a view to making a home there, or merely paying a visit, will be interested in the C. P. R.'s low-rate Homeseekers' Excursions this summer, and should make a point of securing a free copy of pamphlet giving rates and full information, which may be obtained of any C.P.R. agent, or from C. B. Foster, D. P. A., C. P. R., Toronto. Excursions leave Toronto July 2, 16, 30, August 13, 27, Sept. 10 and 24, and tickets are good to return within sixty days.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

REGISTERING MORTGAGE.

A buys a farm from B, giving B a mortgage on farm for part of the money. Is A entitled by law to pay the registration fee on mortgage, or what is the law regarding it? A SUBSCRIBER, Ontario.

Ans.—In such case, the practice is, the vendor, B, pays the fee.

SELLING SEED TO A DEALER.

1. Is it legal for a farmer to sell clover, alsike or timothy to another farmer without having the seed inspected by Government inspector?

2. Is a dealer liable, under the Seed Control Act, if he purchases seed as above from a farmer, and a detective comes along and gets samples and sends to the Government inspector, and it does not pass inspection?

F. W.
Ans.—1. Yes; so long as the clover, alsike or timothy seeds will conform to the minimum standard fixed in Sec. 6 of the Seed Control Act, which allows approximately 90 noxious weed seeds in 1 ounce of red clover; 200 in 1 ounce of alsike, and 400 in 1 ounce of timothy seeds. It is the privilege of the purchaser, whether he be another farmer or seed vendor, to take a sample within seven days, in the presence of witnesses, and send same to the Official Seed Analyst in sealed packages. Should the seeds be found to have been sold illegally, it is the privilege of the purchaser to lay information, or legal proceedings may be instituted by the Department of Agriculture.

2. Yes. The seed dealer is on the same basis as the farmer in respect to timothy, alsike and red clover seeds, and must alone assume the responsibility, unless the question as to the quality of the seeds be raised and an official sample be taken for test within seven days from the date when the seeds entered into his personal possession and became his property. The Act does not apply to seeds that are sold by the seed vendor or farmer for the purpose of being re-cleaned.

GEO. H. CLARK,
Seed Commissioner.

GOSSIP.

The Dominion Line Royal Mail Steamships, sailing weekly from Montreal and Quebec, as advertised in this paper, afford comfortable accommodation, at such popular rates as \$42.50 or \$45 to Liverpool, or \$45 to \$47.50 to London, passengers having the best on the steamer, which means every comfort. Parties desiring to visit Europe need no longer delay on account of expense of the ocean passage. See the advertisement, and apply to local agents for information.

The Rev. Dr. Twitchell, at the educational conference at Lexington, began one of his little speeches with, "Gentlemen and ladies." He hastily corrected himself, and passed the incident off with the following anecdote:

A teacher asked her class if the sentence, "The horse and the cow is in the lot," were correct. Most of the class thought it all right as it stood, but one little boy found fault.

"Now, children," said the teacher, "listen to Tommy. Why is it wrong, Tommy, to say 'The horse and the cow is in the lot'?"

"Please, ma'am, the lady should be mentioned first."

The catalogue of the dispersion sale, on July 21th, of the far-famed Rawlinson stud of 85 pure-bred Hackneys has been issued, and a few copies are on hand at the office of "The Farmer's Advocate," London, and will be mailed to those applying for them, as long as the stock lasts, or may be ordered direct from the auctioneers, Jordison Bros., Calgary, Alta. A grand lot of typical brood mares and younger stock full of the blood of the champions, Robin Adair, Golden Hope, Saxon and Commodore (imp), are in the offering; and raised, as they have been, on the open range with unlimited exercise, their feet and legs will be of the wearing kind, and their constitution full of vigor.

Cleaning Things About the Stable.

HARNESSES.

To clean a harness and make it have a good appearance, it must be done in the correct way.

First separate the parts from each other, preparatory to washing with warm water and soap. When done, hang on a rack until nearly dry. It is now ready for a coat of harness oil, which apply, and let it remain over night. Then apply another coat of oil, and let it remain over night.

Run each strap through a greasing, and wipe well with a cloth.

After this, clean the buckles, then apply a coat of harness dressing. Again apply a coat of dressing, then buckle together.

A harness washed and oiled in a couple of hours is a poor job, as the oil is not in the leather, but has been wiped off.

The patent-leather parts should be cleaned with a little kerosene rubbed in with a woollen rag.

HORSE COLLARS.

A reason why collars sometimes gall when at work is because of dirt. The driver has been negligent in keeping free from dandruff and dirt that part of the collar that presses against the skin of the horse's shoulder. The stuff is rolled into lumps by the friction of the collar against the action of the shoulder as the horse walks.

At the beginning of a season's work, the shoulder is tender, the hair long and full of dandruff. The collar should then be cleaned every morning before commencing work if the labor is heavy in character. This will commonly prevent galling. It is only necessary to rub the hand briskly over the surface several times. The horse's shoulders should be washed in warm water at night, and rubbed dry. To toughen the skin, wash with water in which white oak bark has been boiled for fifteen minutes. This will ordinarily prevent galling.

CLEAN BLANKETS.

There are various methods for doing this, but the one costing the least labor is the one sought out. An economical, easy and efficient plan is to pour into a tub a half pint of household ammonia, laying the blanket lightly over it, then pour in enough warm water to cover the blanket entirely. This sends the fibres of the ammonia through the fabric, cleansing the fibres of the wool, loosening the dirt in a marvellous manner.

Then press and stir the blankets about in the water until it becomes as dark as the dirt will make it. Then empty and immerse in a second tubful of clear water, same temperature as first lot, wring and dry, and you have a fine blanket, soft and well cleaned.

MOULDY LEATHER.

Remove the surface mould with a dry cloth. With another cloth, apply pyro-ligneous acid. This will quickly restore the leather and banish the mould.

CLEAN WINDOWS.

Choose a dull day, or a day when the sun is not shining on the window. If the sun shines on the window, it causes the window to dry streaked, no matter how much it may be rubbed.

Take a painter's brush and dust windows inside and outside, washing all inside woodwork before touching the glass.

Wash the glass with warm water diluted with ammonia. Do not use soap. Use a small cloth wrapped on a pointed stick to get the dust out of the corners, and wipe dry with piece of soft cloth. Do not use linen, as it sheds lint. Polish with tissue paper, or old newspapers. This operation takes half the time that is consumed if soap is used, and the windows will be much brighter.

ANTI-RUST.

Immerse steel or iron in a solution of carbonate of potash for a few minutes, and the article will not rust for years, not even when exposed to damp atmosphere.—Exchange.

Dominion Day, C. P. R. Excursion Rates.

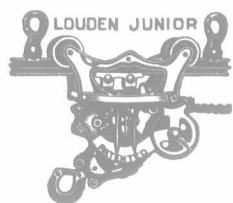
For this popular summer holiday the Canadian Pacific Railway will sell round-trip tickets at single rates between all stations in Canada and to Detroit, Niagara Falls and Buffalo. Tickets are good going Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, June 28, 29, 30 and July 1, and are good returning until and on Tuesday, July 2nd. For sale at C. P. R. ticket office.

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