

So interested had I become while listening to this dialogue that I remained perfectly motionless for several moments after the voices ceased, then rousing myself I again sought for some trace of their owners, but again no sign of them did I see.

Perhaps it was the trees that I heard, or perhaps (which I am inclined to think more probable) the near approach of May, together with the pleasant influence of the mild spring air, sent me off into a reverie, and my imagination having gained supremacy I merely fancied it all. So vivid, however, was the impression it left that it has ever since haunted me as a reality, and I cannot help thinking that there is considerable truth in May's supposed oration; for our own dispositions have much to do with the treatment we receive from others, the world being, as it has been said, a looking-glass, which gives us smile for smile and frown for frown.

There are unfortunately some people who cannot be induced to lay aside their blue glasses, and so drag wearily on their discontented lives, too often casting their shadows on the paths of others. The spectacles must be very dark indeed that can shut out the many new beauties that our dear friend May every day discloses to our view, but, judging from the cheery letters I receive, such glasses are not worn by any of my dear nephews or nieces. May yours ever retain their roseate hue is your old uncle's wish, boys and girls.

I had intended writing about some of those very letters of yours, and also to tell you some pretty flower legends, but I have already taken up too much space, and am therefore obliged to leave them for another time.

UNCLE TOM.

Incorrect Expressions.

Miss Hodgkins, teacher at Wellesley College, has prepared for the benefit of her young lady students the following list of "words, phrases and expressions to be avoided":

- "Guess for 'suppose' or 'think.'"
- "Fix for 'arrange' or 'prepare.'"
- "Ride" and "drive" interchangeable. (Americanism.)
- "Real" as an adverb, in expressions "real good" for "really" or "very good," etc.
- "Some" or "any" in an adverbial sense; e. g.: "I have studied some," for "somewhat," "I have not studied any" for "at all."
- "Some" ten days for "about" ten days.
- "Not as" I know for "that" I know.
- "Storms" for it "rains" or "snows" moderately.
- "Try" an experiment for "make" an experiment.

STOCK GOSSIP.

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MORELIGHT 9337.

It may not be generally known that Morelight lowered his record last season to 2.30, and has therefore entered the Charmed Circle. This fact will doubtless bring this beautiful horse more prominently before the notice of those seeking the right horse with which to mate their mares during the coming season. The more carefully we weigh the merits which Morelight possesses, the more we are convinced that he should become one of the greatest trotting sires yet brought into Canada. For not only is he individually a good one, but he is the offspring of a parentage that should insure success in the stud. His sire, Twilight 315, who is almost identical in blood with the great Dictator, has already given proof of his ability to beget speed. He is the sire of Shawan 2.16, Mat T. (three-year-old) 2.24, Dr. Tilton 2.25, Northlight 2.28, Moonlight 2.30, Eliza Jane 2.26, besides a number of youngsters which have given evidence that they will shortly be placed in the list. While this is true of his sire, Morelight's dam, Lady Carr, is admittedly one of the greatest brood mares of her day, and stands second to none in the number of her progeny that have trotted in 2.30 or better. Of these, Ambassador 2.21 has already twelve of his get in the 2.30 list. Alexandre 2.26, Strathblaine, time 2.20, Allar Clay 2.29, Mary S. 2.28, Moonlight 2.30, Maud Granger 2.34 and several others. The complete list is not to hand, but Lady Carr has produced twelve foals, of which ten are trotters. It is now pretty generally conceded by all who have studied the breeding problem that offspring follow the characteristics of their paternal granddam, or rather that the dam of the sire has the greatest influence in imparting the qualities of her son in the stud. It therefore would seem that Morelight is destined to be one of the most successful sires of speed yet introduced into Canada. In conformation and size, Morelight follows very closely the form of his sire, Twilight, which also makes him valuable as a getter of large and handsome harness horses. Further particulars regarding this horse will be found in the advertisement of his owner, Mr. Andrew Dunn, of Ingersoll, which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Advocate.

MESSRS. W.M. & F. ROW'S POLAND-CHINAS AND TAMWORTHS.

Close to the village of Avon and a few miles south from Putnamville station, on the C.P.R., in the County of Middlesex, Messrs. Wm. & F. Row have for some years been breeding Poland-China swine. To form the foundation, several pigs were purchased from J. A. Shipley, Richmond, Ohio, at which time a number of superior animals were selected, while later on, feeling that it was necessary to breed different strains in order to furnish their customers with pairs not akin, the celebrated herd of A. E. Schellenberger, Camden, Ohio, was drawn upon, and several exceedingly good individuals selected therefrom. Canadian breeders will remember how successful Mr. Schellenberger was at the World's Fair, for he it was who carried off the "lion's share" of the prizes offered for Poland-Chinas, which is pretty conclusive proof of the superiority of the animals in his breeding establishment.

We were also shown several specimens from the herd of Mr. Henry Morse, Union, Mich., which have also done exceedingly well in their present quarters, and have given Messrs. Row satisfactory results. From this it will be readily seen that the herd has been started upon lines which should insure success, and, if further proof is required, all that is necessary is to turn up the prize lists of the Toronto and London shows for 1892 and 1893, where this herd achieved distinction in prize-winning during these two seasons. The Messrs. Row carried more than their share of winnings in 1892, for at Toronto of the eight first prizes offered they won four, while at London the same season five of the six first prizes offered were placed to the credit of their herd. In 1893 they were again successful, as four of the eight first prizes were won by specimens shown from this herd, and at London four out of six first premiums offered were carried with animals from their pens.

In order to supply their increasing trade, they have added to their establishment another breed by purchasing some Tamworth swine. These are chiefly bred from the importations of Messrs. J. L. Grant & Co., Ingersoll, and those who saw the excellent pure-bred Tamworth barrows, which this firm exhibited at the Guelph Fat Stock Show last fall, will agree that they display good judgment in bringing out their exhibits.

Mr. Neil Smith, Brampton, has been for a number of years identified with breeding Clydesdale horses, and a number of good ones have passed through his hands. Among his brood mares are some from imported animals. In 1890 he again returned to Scotland, and after visiting a number of the best known stud farms in the Clydesdale district, he selected four yearling stallions, which he considered suitable for Canadian breeders. These are all sound young horses, in which the blood of Prince of Wales and his sons largely predominate, while Darnley and others bred in the most popular lines are also represented. Those who require anything in this line should pay Mr. Smith a visit, where they may expect to be courteously received and pleasingly entertained while inspecting the stock.

Singular subject with contracted plural verb, e. g.: "She don't skate well."

Plural pronoun with singular antecedent. Every "man" or "woman" should do "their" duty; or, if you look "any one" straight in the face they will flinch.

"Expect" for "suspect."
"First rate" as an adverb.
"Nice" indiscriminately.
"Had" rather for "would" rather.
"Had" better for "would" better.
"Right away" for "immediately."
"Party" for "person."
"Promise" for "assure."
"Posted" for "informed."
"Post graduate" for "graduate."
"Depot" for "station."
"Stopping" for "staying."
Try "and" go for try "to" go.
Try "and" do for try "to" do.
"Cunning" for "smart," "dainty."
"Cute" for "acute."
"Funny" for "odd" or "unusual."
"Above" for "foregoing," "more than" or "beyond."

Does it look "good" enough for "well" enough. The matter "of" for the matter "with."

"Like" I do for "as" I do.
Not "as good" for not "so good" as.
Feel "badly" for feel "bad."
Feel "good" for feel "well."
"Between" seven for "among" seven.
Seldom "or" ever for seldom "if" ever, or "seldom or never."

Taste and smell "of" when used transitively.
More than you think "for" for "more than you think."

"These" kind for "this" kind.
"Nicely" in response to an inquiry.
"Healthy" for "wholesome."
Just as "soon" for just as "lief."
"Kind of," to indicate a moderate degree.

Beautiful souls are often hidden in plain bodies;

but they cannot be completely hidden, and have a

power all their own, the greater for the unconscious-

ness of humility which gives it grace.

Do not flatter yourself that friendship authorizes

you to say disagreeable things to your intimates.

On the contrary, the nearer you come into a relation

with a person, the more necessary do tact and

courtesy become.—Wendell Holmes.

Puzzles.

PRIZE PUZZLE.

1—SQUARE WORD.

A PRIMAL please, then onward press,
This Perseverance is success;
Perhaps you may some SECOND choose,
If so, why? just tell us the news;
And then comes THIRD, as you will see,
It stands just where it ought to be;
This rhyme to you quite FOURTH may seem,
If so, pray think its all a dream;
And now if you've in FINAL set
These little words, a square you'll get.

FAIR BROTHER

2—CHARADE (PHONETIC.)

My FIRST takes part in every excursion,
But never was known to take a trip, tour, or ramble;
It likes an example, abhors a copy or pattern,
And can always be found in a box, but never a chest or a coffer.

In scholars or pupils my SECOND takes delight,
That is for those that are laborious and diligent;
But for persevering or attentive ones it has no use;
From universities it keeps apart, but clings to schools or colleges.

THIRD is never found within a house or building,
Yet never edifice or structure was built without it;
It will be found in every corner or ceiling,
Surely now its identity you'll soon be revealing.

Of every coward, poltroon, or even a dastard,
My FOURTH does take their part;
Yet delights in bravery and courage of every sort,
But in an untruth or fabrications it never is behind.

WHOLE is a motto we all should take,
And never for a moment its meaning forsake;
For higher and higher we are bound to rise
If ever this watchword we rightly prize.

HENRY REEVE.

3—CHARADE.

My FIRST is something said to be sweet,
By my SECOND my FIRST is done;
My WHOLE is a tie, a LAST it may be,
Comprising an emblem of one.

CHARLIE S. EDWARDS.

4—ANAGRAM.

While some may love the Stars and STRIPES,
O'er which the Yankees brag;
I think I always will COMPLETE
In loyalty to "our flag."

GEO. W. BLYTH.

Answers to April 1st Puzzles.

- 1—Box. 2—(1) Because in Capital.
(2) Because it is well-read.
(3) Because it is upright.
(4) Because its coming is always welcome.
- 3—In-art-i-c-u-l-ate. 4—W A T E R
A L O N E
T O W E L
E N E M Y
R E L Y S

Names of Those Who Have Sent Correct Answers to April 1st Puzzles.

Joshua Umbach, Thos. W. Banks, A. R. Borrowman, Mir Hogarth, Geo. W. Blyth, Josie Sheehan, H. Reeve.

NOTICE.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

Since our last issue we have received a number of additions to our library. The first to come to hand was No. 2 of the series of Live Stock Hand Books, edited by Mr. James Sinclair, which is entitled "Light Horses, Breeds and Management." The subject is dealt with by such writers as W. C. Blew, W. S. Dixon, Dr. Geo. Flemming and Vero Shaw. A full history of the development of each breed of light horses is given, together with several chapters on their management and the diseases and injuries to which they are liable. Published by Vinton & Co., London, England.

Through the courtesy of the secretary, Mr. Garrett Taylor, Trowse House, Norwich, England, we have received a copy of the "Proceedings of the Southdown Sheep Club." This volume gives a report of the proceedings of the meeting, a paper on the Southdown Sheep by Mr. J. Ellman, and also a short history and particulars of all the principal flocks of Southdowns in Great Britain. The latter is a capital feature.

"The Beautiful Garden, Its Treatment with Special Regard to the Picturesque," is from the pen of T. S. Mathews, while A. H. Fewkes contributes a chapter on "Floriculture." This is a handy little volume of 190 pages, and, as its title indicates, is wholly devoted to the flower garden. This is a book which will be found valuable by both the experienced gardener and the amateur, while its small compact form will render it very useful as a reference book. W. A. Burpee & Co., Philadelphia.

"All About Sweet Peas" is a complete epitome of all the literature of this fragrant annual, by the Rev. W. T. Hutchins. This book gives a complete list of the varieties, with full and complete directions for the cultivation of this favorite flower. Published by W. A. Burpee & Co., Philadelphia.

Volume XVI of the Clydesdale Stud Book (Arch. McNeillage, Secretary), is to hand. It does not contain quite as many entries as its predecessor, but the great majority of the leading Old Country Clydesdale breeders will be found to have made entries, as well as many farmers in different parts of the country. Portraits are given of the Cawdor cup-winner in 1893.

We have received from Mr. Henry Wade, Secretary, Volume 9 of the Dominion Short-horn Breeders' Association Herd Book. It contains the pedigrees of 1,827 bulls and 1,800 cows, making a grand total in the nine volumes of 17,110 bulls and 23,007 cows, or in all 40,117. The pedigrees of 16 imported bulls and 16 imported cows will be found in the centre, as in the previous volume. All the animals recorded up to Dec. 31, 1892, are printed in this volume. The bulls are arranged numerically as formerly, with an alphabetical index at the end of the book. The females are printed under the names of the owners, as in Vol. VIII, and are abbreviated to the pedigree of a bull or cow, so that a catalogue can be prepared without much search. The chronological history of imported Short-horns by the editor (Mr. Wade) is continued, and gives the importations of 1885, 1886 and 1887. A valuable addition to the book is found in the list of transfers of animals during the past year, alphabetically arranged.