Fun and Fancy.

Why is the sun like a good loaf? Because it is light when it rises.

Nature combs the rooster's head, but man has to comb his own.

Women may not be deep thinkers, but they are generally clothes observers.

A book agent was struck by lightning lately, and on the spot where he stood it look as is a brass cannon had been melted.

To have the loan of a lover is not so pleasant as to have a lover alone, said a Yonkers girl as she shot a moonbeam at her beau.

An Irishman tells us of a fight in which there was only one whole nose left in the crowd, 'and that belonged to the teakettle.'

'Hello, Bob, my boy! who have you been fighting now? Your face is all bloody.' 'I ain't been fightin', father. I tried my first shave to-day.'

'Mamma,' said little Mabel on a rainy day, 'you said it was wicked to waste water, didn't you?' 'Yes, my dear.' 'Then why don't Dod be more careful?'

A married woman said to her husband: 'You have never taken me to the cemetery.' 'No, dear,' replied he, 'that's a pleasure I have yet in anticipation.'

A cent of 1797 has been sold within a year for $11. Debtors in this vicinity appear to be holding on to their money in the hope of realizing a premium on it.

'Her waste is enormous?' 'Well, then, why don't you get her a pair of corsets?' 'Oh! you don't understand me. Nothing can stay her extravagance.'

'How do you pronounce s-t-i-n-g-y?' asked the school teachar of the dunce of the class. 'It depends a good deal on whether the word refers to a person or a bee.'

A fashion paper states that children's shapes show no change. This will be interesting news to parents, as it is expensive troublesome to change the shape of a child every season.

'Well, Billy,' said an old farmer to an undersized nephew who was visiting him, 'when you take off that 'ere hat and spit two or three times, there ain't much left of you, is there?'

In Dakota there is published a weekly newspaper which thus commends itself to its patrons: 'The Bad Lands Cowboy is not published for fun, but for two dollars a year.'

A lady, being asked what she thought of a certain disagreeable person, replied: 'Oh, I think he'd make an excellent stranger—one that you'd never become acquainted with, you know.'

Belva Lockwood refuses to 'set 'em up' for the boys. 'Set a mup?' she asked, in pretty, girlish ignorance. 'I don't know how. I don't know even how to set a hen. What is a mup, anyhow?'

The young man who wrote to his offended girl, asking her to send him 'a line' informing him what she would like him to do, was surprised to receive by return mail a clothesline with a noose at one end of it.

A company in New Jersey is making counterpanes and pillow shams of paper, which retail at 75 cents a set. Now let somebody invent a matress made cut of a shingle, and the cheap boarding-house keeper will be perfectly happy.

A young lady entering a crowded church was a little uncertain as to the exact locality of the pew in which friends had kindly offered her a sitting. Touching an elderly gentleman on the shoulder she sweetly inquired: "Can youtell me who occupews this pie?"

As the late Professor Hamilton was one day walking near Aberdeen, he met a well-known individual of weak intellect. 'Pray,' said the professor, 'how long can a person live without brains?' 'I dinna ken,' replied Jemmy, stretching his head, 'how auld are ye yoursel'?'

Needless Waste of Strength.

Wielding a needlessly heavy tool is a waste of strength. A hand-hoe, for instance, may make 2,000 strokes in an hour, or 20,000 in a day. A needless ounce in weight will therefore require the constant movement of this ounce 20,000 times daily, or equal to more than half a ton, which the operator must expend in personal strength. Some tools are half a pound heavier than use requires; and day laborers, who use them, waste an amount of strength equal to whole tons in each day. The crowbar must be heaviest where the weight rests and decrease in size with the distance from this point. There is often too little taper towards the hand and consequently the bar is usually bent under the weight, and nowhere else. A light plough, strong enough for continued use, economizes the strength of the team. If twenty pounds too heavy, the friction which these twenty pounds create on the sole in dragging over or through the soil, will require a force at least equal to ten pounds more than is necessary. These ten pounds constantly bearing on the horses all day will amount to about as much as ploughing one entire acre in a twenty-acre field.

Friendship.

Friendship—pure, everlasting friendship—is an attribute of love divine, and should be cultivated by us all; but there is a kind of friendship that is often attended with bad results, which should be avoided, especially by young females, and that is a friendship whose only foundation is silly confidence. We have seen, with regret, young women enter into new alliances of friendship with all the warmth and ardour of youth, and repose in some new-found friends of an hour all their secrets of sentiments, and appear happy in the act. When we see this, we always form our own opinion as to the the cnaracter of such. A mother is the only counsellor that a your girl requires in regulatng her affections; and by following her advice happiness will be the result. Until, then, a friend is tried and proved by long years of experience, a young woman should never confide in her; for though she may be a fit associate she is more certainly an unsafe counsellor.

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Farm and Garden.

The butternut is excellent for fence posts, being very durable under ground. Farmers who have proved their value now use their butternut trees for making posts, even to the limbs that are large enough for that purpose.

Whenever coal is burned the ashes should be taken to the henhouse and scattered under the perches. This will prevent loss of ammonia, and in the spring, if the henhouse is free from snow, the manure will be in fine condition.

Potatoes may be assorted in the cellar on the stormiest days in winter, even when the thermometer is below zero. This is one advantage of storing in cellars rather than in pits. Doing this now will save much more labor in the spring.

The bones that accumulate every year on the farm after the fall butchering should be carefully saved. An easy way for farmers to reduce them is to put them in the stove and spread their ashes. This loses the ammonia, but it at least saves the phosphate.

All open drains should be cleaned out every fall before they fill with water. This is necessary not only to secure a good outlet for under rains that empty into them, but to secure the sediment which is an excellent fertilizer, especially for grass lands.

There is rarely any profit in holding butter for higher prices. The consumer wants none except the very best unless he can buy at prices for grease or cooking butter. It is very difficult to keep good butter in prime condition for any length of time, and especially the best, which is made in June, and has to be kept through the hottest weather of the year.

If a plantation of forest trees is desired, the seeds should be planted in the fall. It is not necessary to plant where the trees are to remain; but with most sorts it is better, provided equally good care can be given. They should be planted thickly, and then left at proper distances by thinning out the superfluous plants, which will pay expenses up to this stage.

Horses should be bedded with chaff or finely cut straw. This will absorb the liquid droppings better than uncut straw will. The manure in this fine condition will ferment very rapidly, and with a very little heating will be ready to spread evenly on the land. If horses are bedded with coarse straw the fermentation will will be uneven. Some parts of the heap will be dried up and "fire-fanged," while the coarse straw is not in good condition for spreading.

It used to be thought that the freezing of water cleared it of all impurities; this is not entirely true When ice is made from water too heavily charged with impurities some of these will be frozen in. The water from dirty ponds where cows have stood during the summer is not fit for making ice. Though it may be clear to look at, there will be some odors from the excrement of cattle dropped in the water which will be apparent if the ice is melted and the water boiled.

Where grain is largely grown the straw may be used as shelter for stock in winter. Our farmers generally have not learned the knack of thatching, but many old country laborers can thatch a stack so that it will keep for months, and years if need be, without wetting it. The abundance of timber for boards and shingles has been our excuse for not thatching, but this is not true of the west, where millions of dollars have been lost the past season by the spoiling of grain in poorly-made stacks.

The unsightly piles of stable manure around dwelling houses are unnecessary. They answer the purpose of excluding frost from cellars, but not better than putting a row of studding inside the cellar on all sides a little below the surface of the ground and closely sealing it. The object is to make a space of confined air, which is a nearly perfect non-conductor of heat. The advantage of this inside sealing is that it is always in place and moderates the heat of summer in the cellar as well as the cold of winter.

The doors for pigpens should be swung on stout hinges from the top, so that they will close when the pigs go in and out. The door should always swing itself shut. The place above the trough should be occupied by a closely fitting gate swinging on hinges from above, so as to swing over the trough while the swill is being poured in. It can then be swung back again and securely fastened. This arrangement, besides its convenience, will save its cost in a very short time in the swill that would otherwise be spilled over the pigs' heads.

Dr. Lawes, of England, reports the destruction of the Canada thistles much more difficult than he expected. His explanation is that there is so much substance in the tap roots that the plant will send up a great many shoots before it is exhausted. Next season, when the doctor tries to kill thistles, let him cover the green shoots with moist earth. This will cause them to rot, and the decay will exhaust the plant much more rapidly. There is much the same difference as between cutting off thistle shoots and burying them as there is between amputating a limb and allowing mortification to set in.

The old barns made when the country was new, and mostly huge frames built close to the ground, so near, in fact, they make a harbor for skunks and weasels Too often by the accumlation of manure around them the lower sills are rotted away. The heavy upper timbers are apparently as sound as ever. To raise these buildings and put basements under them is a much smaller job than most farmers suppose. In most cases new sills must be put in, but this also is a trifling expense. A well-laid stone basement under a barn is the cheapest barn room a farmer can make, especially if the barn is on a side hill, where a driveway can be made on the uphill side without the necessity for embarking. In a barn basement all the manure can be saved, while under most old barns there is enough manure to pay for moving them, It will often be necessary to excavate several feet of earth to make a basement, and the whole of this under a barn that has stood twenty or more years in one place, is rich in nitrogen. In fact, saltpetre or nitrate or potash is sometimes taken from under old buildings, but the earth is worth much more to a farmer to draw on the poorer places in his fields.

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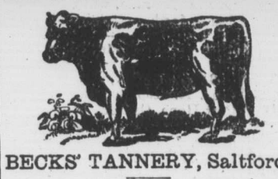

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