

This and That

THE FARMER.

The farmer leads no E Z life,
The C D sows will rot;
And when at E V rests from strife,
His bones all A K lot.

In D D has to struggle hard
To E K living out;
If I C frosts do not retard
His crops, there'll B A drought.

The hired L P has to pay
Are awful A Z, too;
They Z K rest when he's away,
Nor any work will do.

Both N Z he cannot make to meet,
And then for A D takes
Some boarders, who too R T eat,
& E no money makes.

Of little U C finds this life;
Sick in old A G lies;
The debts he O Z leaves his wife,
And then in P C dies.

—H. C. Dodge, in the The Independent.

ONE WAY TO STOP A DOG FIGHT.

Isaw an ugly dog fight stopped in a very handy manner the other day, says an agent whose business takes him to almost every section of the city. 'It was between a couple of bulldogs, and they went at it in a manner that threatened to put an end to the life both. Finally each got a hold that could not be broken, and the men looking on were afraid the dogs would kill each other. It was a short distance from a saloon, and a young man who appeared to be interested in one of these dogs as owner, ran to the saloon and brought out a bottle of seltzer water. Approaching the fighting dogs he aimed the siphon at their faces and pressed the lever. There was a stream of water straight into the mix-up of struggling and growling animals, and it had scarcely touched their eyes when they let go instantly and ran in opposite directions yelping like whipped puppies.—Ex.

A LIKELY REASON.

The vicar of a Midland parish made it a rule to visit the village once every week and address the pupils. One morning he told them that the best way to make themselves happy was by helping others. Now, this clergyman had a very high opinion of himself, and wishing to point the moral of his lesson, said to the children:

"Now boys, tell me. Why do I come over here every week to speak to you when I could be taking my ease at home?"

There was silence for a moment, and then a bright little boy put up his hand.

"Please sir p'raps yew loikes to hear yer-self talk."

The vicar curtailed his visit that day.

An English paper prints the following singular card of thanks:

"Mr. and Mrs. Heays hereby wish to express their thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted at the burning of their house last Monday evening."

WHAT'S THE USE

To Keep a "Coffee Complexion."

A lady says: "Postum has helped my complexion so much that my friends say I am growing young again. My complexion used to be coffee colored, muddy and yellow but it is now clear and rosy as when I was a young girl. I was induced to try Postum by a friend who had suffered just as I had suffered from terrible indigestion, palpitation of the heart and sinking spells.

"After I had used Postum a week I was so much better that I was afraid it would not last. But now two years have passed and I am a well woman. I owe it all to leaving off coffee and drinking Postum in its place.

"I had drank coffee all my life. I suspected that it was the cause of my trouble, but it was not until I actually quit coffee and started to try Postum that I became certain; then all my troubles ceased and I am now well and strong again." Name furnished y Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

The heckling of Parliamentary candidates is a much more popular practice in Scotland than South of the Tweed, and it is productive of much amusing repartee. A candidate who had been announcing his particular views after a guarded and somewhat vague and equivocal fashion, was interrogated by one of his auditors as to 'what he was driving at.' The candidate promptly responded 'I am driving, sir, at the amelioration of the illimitable perspective.' This reply is said to have effectively closed further inquiries.

PROPERLY APPARALLED.

'The evening wore on,' continued the man who was telling the story.

'Excuse me interrupted the would be wit. But can you tell us what the evening wore on that occasion?'

'I don't know that it is important, replied the story teller. But if you must know I believe it was the close of a summer day.

'Did you say there were accidentals in that music,' asked the father of the lady at the piano. 'A great many answered his daughter. 'Well it's a great comfort to know that you were not doing it intentionally.

It is told of an American millionaire who bought a castle on the Rhine that one cold day his daughter found him warming his hands at a fire which he had kindled in a suit of plate armour.

'Oh, papa what have you been doing? she cried.

'The feller that patented that stove, replied the lord of the castle, 'must have been crazy, but I've made the old thing heat up at last.

THE IMPOSSIBLE PROOFREADER.

Former Employee—'And what's become of old Balemup, who used to be working in the proofroom?'

Editor (sadly)—'Gone. Hated to part with him, too. But the pressure became unendurable. Although he made me say that old Moneybags, who died, had by "industry and frugality accumulated a lonesome future," when I wrote it "handsome fortune," I forgave him and let him stay on. But when he had me say in a society item that Miss Fitznoodle's coiffure "was frightful by reason of the awful derangement of her soft brains," instead of "delightful by reason of the careful arrangement of her soft braids," the pressure brought to bear by influential citizens was something I could no longer withstand.'—Baltimore 'American.'

THE LITTLE STREETS.

"To-morrow I'll do it," says Bennie;
"I will by and by," says Seth;
"Not now—pretty soon," says Jennie;
"In a minute," says little Beth.

Oh, dear little people remember
That true as the stars in the sky,
The little streets of To-morrow,
Pretty Soon, and By and by,
Lead one and all,
As straight they say,
As the king's highway,
To the city of Not at All.
—Annie Hamilton Donnell.

Miss New Woman—'I don't ask special privileges; Mr. Crump. What I do ask is that you, for instance, a man, should treat me as you would another man, instead of talking small talk, and treating me like a thing to be protected, and all that; assume towards me the attitude you do to Mr. Warrington. Treat me like a good fellow.'

Mr Crump (quickly)—'Why, certainly, old chap. Lend me a fiver, will you?'

The daughter of a country rector taught the choir boys a new tune at a Monday evening's practice, to be sung on the following Sunday. Sunday morning came.

'Well, Sammy,' said Miss X—, 'I hope you haven't forgotten the new tune, for we depend much on you.'

'Naw, mum, not a bit. Why, I've been a-skeering the crows with it all week.'—London 'Tit-Bits.'



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