THE BEST BEEF.

Impure Drinking Water a Great Evil.

Fresh Beef Best.

The beef killed at distant points and carried in refrigerators will not keep when exposed to the air. Why? Because it becomes loaded or covered with the bacteria of decay, and as soon as it gets in the warm air, i. e., out of the chilling in the refrigerator, these germs begin their work to destroy the meat. There is then a race or strife between the bacteria and the consumers who will eat it first. In too many cases the invisible bacteria win, and we have to eat, if we eat it, partly rotten beef. We say, eat it not, but get fresh killed. For any policy which separates or destroys local interest is wrong. The beef monopoly has done this. The foundations of this trade are rotten. Home production is ruined. The butchers are made slaves and condemned serfs. Local trade or exchange is wiped out. How long will it be before the trades-people in our cities and towns will see this? If the farmer cannot produce and sell he cannot buy. If he cannot keep stock his farm will run down. Barrenness will not support trade, but productiveness will. The town man must look ahead and around, and not always inside.—[Farm Journal.

Regularity on the Farm.

Systematic feeding and care of every kind is the part of a farmer's capital that makes the best investment. The cows should be fed, milked, and cared for morning, noon and night, with exactitude and on time. No milk is elaborated while cows are chafing and worrying for food and drink. The horses appreciate regularity, and know when feeding time comes. It is at these anxious delays that the stable is marred by pawing, biting and kicking, and irregularity produces bad habits and bad tempers in otherwise gentle beasts. The ducks, geese, turkeys, chickens, and all living creatures on the farm suffer from irregularity more than can be estimated in the farmer's loss of profit. Regularity brings contentment and thrift to all the live stock, kills the weeds that eat up the crop food, and fills the barns with the best quality of crops, pays off mortgages, replenishes the bank account, dresses the family, educates the children, and imparts tone, energy, respectability and character to all concerned.

Dropping Wool.

A correspondent desires to know what makes sheep drop their wool in winter sometimes. The most prevalent cause is too warm quarters. I have seen a bunch of sheep shut in a tight room for the purpose of raising winter lambs, and shearing was neglected. By spring more than half of the wool had dropped, and they looked more ragged than the proverbial street arab. Sheep are sensitive to storms and cold winds, and should be protected from them. Sheltered from these is all the housing they require. The coldest nights of winter, if still and it does not snow, they choose to lie out in the open. A shed fully boarded on three sides, and four or five feet up on the other, that there may be no draft of air, makes the most suitable quarters. Another cause of wool falling is feeding a too heavy grain ration at the commencement of grain feeding. Here great caution should be observed. They should be seasoned into it gradually before full feeding is entered upon.—[Stockman and Farmer.

Health on the Farm.

Drinking water is often impure. Many wells drain barnyards and unclean dooryards. The germs of typhoid and other fevers are in this water, and make successful attack on debilitated systems. Cellars are oftentimes dangerous to health. Decaying vegetables should always be taken out of them, as they furnish the location for development of germs. Whitewash is good. Health of farm stock requires warm but well ventilated quarters. All food has an equivalent in work, heat or fat. Stock often becomes debilitated because too much of their food is required to keep up animal heat. Our homes should be well ventilated, but draughts must be avoided. Violent exercise after hearty meals is injurious. Do not worry. The farming class furnishes more than its quota of insane There should be more recreation.

Home Pork Making.

We believe farmers near villages, where they can dispose of the spare ribs, back bones and sausage that the family cannot consume, would find profitable winter employment in butchering a few choice hogs and curing the meat. Hams and bacon, when cured, if properly done, always find a ready sale, and compete with the finest factory brands on the market. Any careful farmer can, in a short time, create a market for his cured meats. The man who does this brings to his own pockets the wages of carriers and middlemen who handle the factory-cured products.

Notes for Bee Men.

The American Bee Jounal, published by Newman & Son, Chicago, is out in a new dress—a beauty—with smaller sized and much more convenient pages 32 in number. A bee man who wouldn't be pleased with it doesn't deserve a paper to help him in his own business.

The public are waking up to the importance of honey as a remedy for ills that flesh is heir to. A boy comes regularly to our honey-house, saying, "I want some more honey for father." He says that honey is the best medicine for his lungs that he has ever had. Honey is in demand for the baby's sore mouth, sister's throat, and mother's cough, etc.—[Mrs. L. Harrison in Prairie Farmer.

An Indiana farmer correspondent writes: I believe that white clover-honey is best; not because it is the whitest, or has a better flavor; for to me basswood (linden) honey is the best flavored; and to others, raspberry, buckwheat, mangrove, orange, or some other honey is the best flavored. I have had hundreds of pounds of basswood honey that was whiter than any white clover honey I ever saw. But there is something in the composition of clover-honey that makes it more satisfying to the taste that I cannot describe, and is beyond the "ken" of science.

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Politician (angrily)—These newspapers tell abominable lies about me. Friend—And yet they might do worse. Politician—Do worse! What do you mean? Friend—They might tell the truth.

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THE SHADY SIDE.

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some become hotel clerks.

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An editor who started a little paper five years ago is now a millionaire. Nothing is impossible where industry and economy are combined with good looks. He married a rich wife.

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"What do you know about the dissolution of Parliament?" the managing editor asked of the new man at the foreign desk.

"Nothing," he said, innocently; "I didn't know it was dissolute at all."

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"How did you come to marry John?"

"Well, he bothered me so that finally I told him I'd take him on trial."

"But you've lived with him ever since?"

"Yes, but he hasn't ceased to be a trial yet."

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A paper says a fat man can sit on the thumb-nail or the statue of the Goddess of Liberty, erected in New York harbor. But no pure-minded Goddess of Liberty wants a fat man sitting on her thumb-nail. 'Twouldn't look well.

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Mrs. A.—Does your husband believe in corporal punishment in the household?

Mrs. B.—Only to a certain point. He's always whipping the children, but he thinks the dust should be got out of the carpet by moral suasion.

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Adams—An elevator boy is a strange character, isn't he?

Jones—How so?

Adams—Why, every one that is up in the world he runs down, and yet he gives a lift to all who wish to rise.

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"What fault have you to find with my 'occasional verses?'" asked the author of the unacceptable communication.

"Sir," replied the able editor, "I find only one fault with your occasional verses—they are not nearly occasional enough."

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For four months in the year no mails reach Shetland. A visitor to the islands asked one of the residents if this blank period was not rather dull.

"Oh," was the reply, "but they've just as ill in Lunnon, as for all that time they never hear what we are dacing here."

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A Detroit mother tells this story of her little girl. The child was left alone at the table and called vigorously for her mamma.

"What do you want, Kitty?" inquired her mother, hurrying back to the table.

"Want oo to tickle my tea wif a spoon, pease, mamma," was the child's lisped reply.

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Guest—What's this chicken bone doing in this turtle soup?

Waiter—Chicken bone?

Guest—That's what I said. Leg bone.

Waiter—Bress my heart! Chicken soup was bilin' in de next kittle, 'n I guess de leg jump out. I'll jis brung yo' annodder turkle bone in its place, boss.

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The New York Tribune reports that a woman of that city is disturbed by the irreverence with which the newspapers speak of public men. "Take the case of Major William McKinley," she says. "It would be bad enough to call him Bill McKinley, but here are all the papers calling him McKinley Bill." She thinks it must be an imitation of the cowboy style.

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A well-known furnishing goods man saw an open street car in the Bartlett street yard the other day, and said: "That reminds me of an incident that occured on an open Grove Hall car a while ago. An old lady sat on the front seat, and wishing the car to stop, began pulling on the tail of the driver's coat. He turned, and in a very deprecatory tone said: 'The bell rope is overhead, ma'am.'"

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A gentleman once saw a boy peeling the bark from one of his choice trees with a hatchet. The gentleman tried to catch the boy, but the latter was much too quick for him, so he changed his tactics.

"Come here, my little son," he said, in a flute-like voice, and with counterfeited friendliness, "come here to me a minute. I want to tell you something."

"Not yet," replied the youngster; "little boys like me don't need to know everything."

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Tommy was a little rogue, whom his mother had hard work to manage. Their house in the country was raised a few feet from the ground, and Tommy, to escape a well-deserved whipping, ran from his mother and crept under the house. Presently the father came home, and hearing where the boy had taken refuge, crept under to bring him out. As he approached on his hands and knees, Tommy asked: "Is she after you too?"

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A Sunday school teacher told the pupils that when they put their pennies in the contribution box she wanted each one to repeat a Bible verse suitable for the occasion. The first boy dropped in a cent, saying:

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

The next dropped his cent into the box, saying:

"He that giveth to the poor lendeth unto the Lord."

The third and youngest boy dropped his penny, saying:

"A fool and his money are soon parted."

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"Two men got into a fight in front of the bank to-day," said a local tradesman at the family supper-table, "and I tell you it looked pretty hard for one of them. The biggest one grabbed an iron bar, and I felt he was going to knock the other fellow's brains out, so I jumped in between them."

The family had listened with rapt attention, and, as the head paused in his narrative, the young heir, whose respect for his father's bravery was immeasurable, proudly remarked:

"He couldn't knock any brains out of you, could he, father?"

The head of the family gazed long and earnestly at the heir, as if to detect evidence of a dawning humorist; but as the youth continued with great innocence to munch his tart, he gasped, and resumed his supper.

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The extract which follows is the latter portion of a Third Standard lad's essay on "Cleanliness": Then do not go and say that you are feared of making yourself clean, just becose it is cold, and it hurts to get the dirt off, or becose the suds get in your eye. For when you are clean, people do not edge away from you, never mind about your clothes, but they say unto you, like our teacher, that it is next to godliness. Be thankful becose your mothers can afford soap, and becose they make use of it. Also, when your mother puts her finger down your coat-neck afore breakfast and peeps to see if theres any black there, and then sends you back to the sink again to wash yourself better, say unto her, yes, mother, also smiling. On Saturday nights say also unto her, mother, don't forget to get my bath-tub reddy for me, and a new peace of soap, for I love to wash myself 'count of cleanliness for it is next to godlyness. Do not be same as them there Blacks, and Amerikens, and Ingoos, which just splashes their faces with water and no soap, and never gets inside of a tub, only paddlin' about bits of rivers. When you say to a dirty boy "Dirty Dick wants the stick," only say it about once, so as he can't say as you are wickid. Say unto him, look at the thoteful cat, which spits on its pores just to get a bit of larther for a fair start, and then wipes its nose, and into its eyes, also behind its ears, not counting over. They say unto him as it will actshelly lick itself where it can't get its pores, rather than be hitching anywheres round. Tell him to look at the necks of masters and superintendents and preachers, and he will never find a ring, which is allways a sine as you have not gone far down.

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