

that perhaps he showed greater courage in submitting to be thought a coward for his mother's sake than even in making that exciting rush which cost him his life? A hero is only a person who does his duty; no soldier can do more than that. Of course it is not an easy thing, and most heroes fall sometimes. None of us really expect to find a perfect boy. If we did meet a juvenile phenomenon, like the one described in the following verses, we should expect him to sink into an early grave.

"He can't be got to stop up late,
Whatever folks may say;
At half-past seven every night
He puts his toys away.

"He puts his toys away, remark—
He doesn't leave them all
About the floor, where 'grown-ups' may
Trip over them and fall.

"He keeps his collar and his clothes
Immaculately clean;
He wipes his boots upon the mat
When through the mud he's been.

"He learns his lessons with a will,
And never skips them—no!
He never plagues his sisters, and
That's why they love him so.

"When with his trumpet and his drum
He innocently plays,
If he is told to 'stop that noise,'
He instantly obeys.

"A sullen brow he never wears.
He never says, 'I shan't!'
Nor does he ever cry, 'I won't!'
Nor does he whine, 'I can't!'

"He's ne'er been seen to tease the cat,
And when his dinner's o'er,
He doesn't, as he leaves the room,
Contrive to bang the door.

"That I can't quite give you his name
I am obliged to own,
But he is Madame No-one's son,
Who lives in Nolandknown!"

I don't suppose that Billy was quite as angelic

as that, but he loved his mother, and probably showed it by being kind and thoughtful for her in hundreds of ways. She must have missed her boy when he went to the war, and she had to carry wood and water, dig a path through the snow, feed the pig and the cow, and attend to all the other chores which Billy was proud and glad to do for her out of school hours. Would your mother have reason to miss you very much, do you think?
COUSIN DOROTHY.

Domestic Economy.

TO PREVENT DUST.

When sweeping, tear paper into fine bits and soak it in water. Squeeze the water out; then sprinkle the damp paper on the carpet before sweeping. Damp tea leaves may be used on dark carpets, but never on light ones.

WHY IRON RUST COMES ON CLOTHES.

If the water used in laundering contains iron the clothing is liable to become iron-rusted. A common source of rust is the bluing. Much of the liquid bluing contains iron. When the clothing is not rinsed free of soap, the iron in the bluing combines with the soap and causes the rust stain. The remedy is to have the clothing rinsed free of suds, or to use ball bluing.

SANITARILY CLEAN.

To keep a house in a perfect sanitary condition does not mean that you must be sweeping, dusting and scrubbing all the time. Let the air and sunshine into every part of the house; do not allow any decaying matter to accumulate in the cellar; wash and dry all cleaning-cloths, tubs, pails, etc., as soon as you have finished using them. It is not so much the dust that is in full sight, as the dust, dampness and decay in dark places, that makes a dwelling unsanitary. Brooms, brushes, dusters, etc., need frequent washing and thorough drying.

TO REMOVE INK FROM A CARPET.

Of ink stains, as of all other stains, it may be said that the more promptly they are treated the more easily they are removed. Rub the stain with a strong solution of oxalic acid. If the

rubbing does not remove the stain, make the spot quite wet with the solution, place a piece of cloth over it, and then apply a hot iron. It may require wetting several times. This treatment will change the color. Sponge with clear water, then with diluted ammonia water. It is almost impossible to remove the stains made by some inks.

SMALL POTS FOR PLANTS.

It was for several years a wonderment to me how a certain lady always had such a fine display of blooming plants in winter. True, she gave up the best windows in her house to her plants, but, while they had plenty of light, they had but little sunshine. Only for a short time in the morning the rays struck diagonally across the plant stands. One spring I happened to call on her when she was taking her plants out of the windows, and I was utterly amazed at the small size of the pots. Large geraniums, full of bloom, were growing in four-inch pots, or smaller. It was a revelation to me. On inquiring of a florist, I was told that the reason the plants bloomed so freely was because they were "pot-bound." I shall profit by that knowledge in the future.

Another lover of flowers, whose means are not ample enough to justify her in any extravagant outlay in the purchase of pots, always puts her geraniums in tin cans, rather small ones, at that. The plants are covered with blossoms all winter, and are a source of great pride and pleasure to the owner.

A child may often be expected to put his or her heedless little foot in it, as the phrase goes. For instance, a youngster one day begged an invitation to dinner at the house of a little friend with whom he had been playing. At the table, his hostess anxiously inquired: "Charley, can you cut your own meat?" "Humph!" said the youngster, who was sawing away; "Can't I? I've cut up quite as tough meat as this at home." People who are destitute of tact might take warning from such juvenile malaprops, but such does not often appear to be the case, judging by numerous examples to the contrary.

GOSSIP.

John E. Smith, of Brandon, breeder of Clydesdales and Shorthorns, has at present quite a large stock on hand. In Clydesdales stallions, he has seven, five of them between two and three years old, and the others are yearlings. Darling's Prince Charles, sire Prince Charles (imp.), dam Grace Darling 3rd, by Pit-four Darnley (imp.), is one of the oldest. He is a big fellow, thick and heavy made, with lots of bone. Another is the well-known Little Bobs [2792], sired by Rankin's show winner, MacBain, dam Queen of Beresford, by Lord Randy (imp.); grandam Lady Kenmuir (imp.). Little Bobs, as most of our readers will remember, won first as a yearling at Winnipeg in '91, and was described then as being "a blocky, drafty colt, with bone and feather enough for any Scotchman," and the same can be said of him to-day. These colts are all good, drafty fellows, most of them possessing abundance of size. Darnley [3059], Prince Charles 2nd and King Edward were all sired by Prince Charles (imp.), and make a very fine trio. The two yearlings are also promising: one sired by Sherlock (imp.), dam Maggie Beresford, and the other was sired by Raphael (imp.), dam Bessie of Overlaw (imp.), also the dam of Mr. Rankin's MacBain. Mr. Smith has also six Clyde fillies and quite a few mares of good breeding, three of which will be all that we can mention at this time: Princess Charles, sire Prince Charles (imp.); dam Maggie Beresford, by Sir Donald A. Dam of Maggie won at Toronto, in Canadian class, first prize, diploma and silver medal. Lady Minto, sire Prince Charles (imp.); dam Bell Beresford, by Lord Randy (imp.); grandam Lady Kenmuir (imp.), by Kenmuir's Prince, he by Prince of Wales. Bessie Beresford, same sire; dam Lady Overlaw, by Carwath (imp.); grandam Bessie of Overlaw (imp.).

In Shorthorns, over 150 head are at present on the farm, and a bunch of yearling and two-year-old heifers, totaling 30, chiefly sired by Golden Measure, from Lord Stanley dams, are in fine shape. A very even lot, with good constitution and smoothly turned. At

present, over 25 spring calves can be seen, showing that the breeding condition of the herd is in good shape. Golden Measure (imp.), a Duthie-bred bull, is one of the present sires in use. He is a strong, straight animal, noted as a sire of high-priced stock. The other stock bull is Stanley, sire Topsmen, dam Roan Princess (imp.). He is a deep, long bull, with a very masculine appearance, great heart-girth and a strong back.

In the house, there are three very pretty young canaries, lately hatched, which attract considerable attention, not only from visitors, but also from the entire household.

HIGHLAND STOCK FARM.

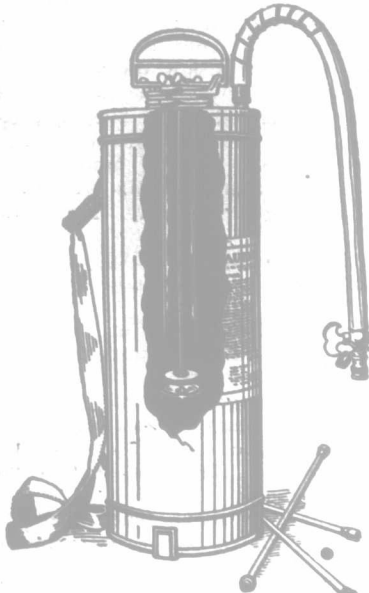
Mr. John R. Campbell, proprietor of the Highland Stock Farm, Utica, Minnesota, recently, in sending us a change of ad., states that he still has twelve young Aberdeen-Angus bulls of select breeding and prime quality for sale. Those interested in Aberdeen-Angus stock will do well to look up Mr. Campbell's ad. and there see the list of choice stock bulls kept at his farm.

TRADE NOTE.

ONE OF THE MOST CONVENIENT DEVICES about the farm is the substitution upon an old wagon of low steel wheels for the high and worn ones. This scheme furnishes a very substantial truck at the very lowest cost. Wheels for this purpose are now being made by the Dominion Wrought Iron Co., of Orillia, formerly of Toronto. About three years ago the company began making these wheels in a small way, but the demand for them was so great that they have had to enlarge their capacity every year. During this month the entire plant was moved to Orillia, where a large force of men in a commodious factory will continue to supply the ever-increasing demand for steel wheels and low, handy wagons.

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