

Youth's Department.

RIP VAN WINKLES DREAM.

This is an old Engraving that we have procured to bring before our readers the idea of a greater care of manure. Can any one of us deny the fact that we have not every year we are allowing our cattle, sheep, hogs, crops and sometimes even the farm itself to fly away, as represented in this engraving. The scorching sun causes much evaporation, but there is a greater loss by far caused by the drenching rains, the drop of the eaves of barns and sheds. Can we not all endeavor to prevent the waste of manure more than we have done.

This picture may cause some of our readers to think more about the subject, and many a little child will laugh at the idea of

the turnips jumping over the fence, and flying away, and some will remember it to their advantage.

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure.



LIQUID MANURE.—In every one hundred pounds of cow's urine there are sixty-five pounds of water, five pounds of urea, five pounds of phosphate of lime, twelve pounds of sal ammoniac and muriate of potash, and ammonia—while the solid excrements obtained from one cow are estimated to manure three times the amount. Our dairy farmers will see therefore, how important it is to have tanks connected with their stables, in which to deposit this material, or a good supply of sawdust, dry earth, or muck, for absorbing it in the gutters of the stable. Urine is more efficient on light soils than on clay lands and strong loams; on the latter much of its carbonate of ammonia is evolved before it can penetrate into them. —[Utica Herald.

When a cow or ox gets choked it is said that immediate relief may be obtained by strapping up a fore leg and compelling the animal to jump. This causes the obstruction to fly out.

A COMICAL PICTURE.

This picture is intended to represent a lot of donkey's heads. It will afford some amusement to the young, and to some old ones also, to decide which is the greatest donkey.

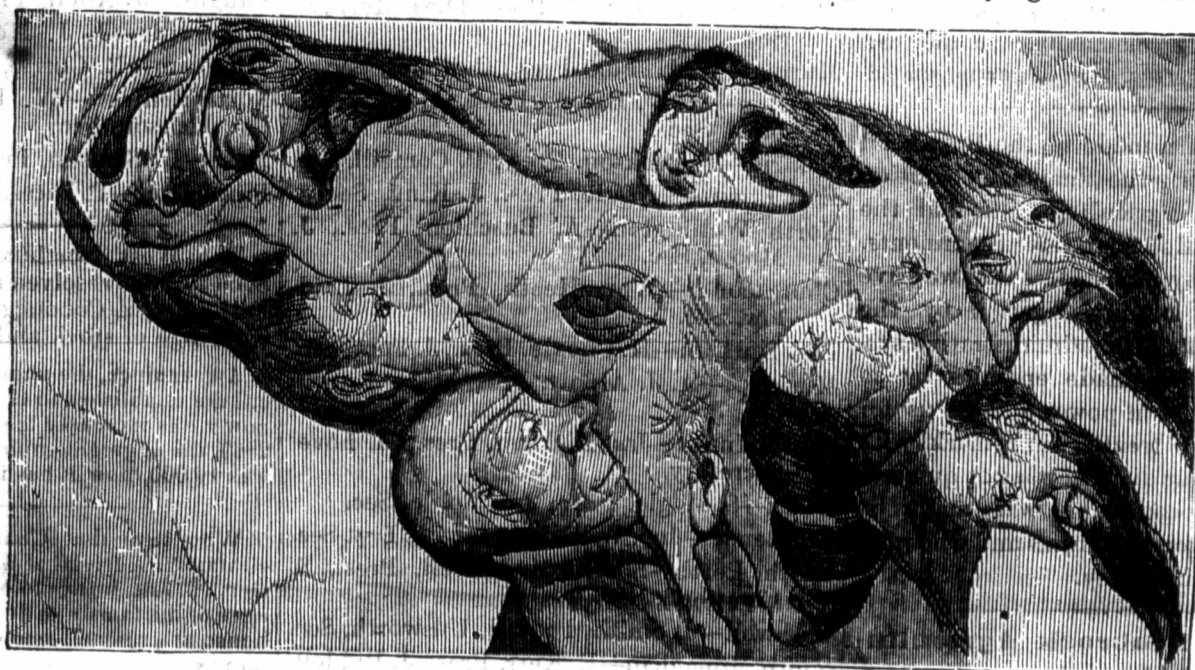
The person that cannot see the picture, and make out what it represents, must not give it up at the first glance. If you cannot make anything out of it, show it to some one that can.

The Cypress of Somma, in Lombardy, Italy, is the oldest tree on record. It was known to be in existence at the time of Julius Caesar, forty-two years before Christ, and is, therefore, 1,901 years old. It is 106 feet in height and 20 feet in circumference at one foot from the ground. Napoleon when laying down his plan for the great road over the Simplon, diverged from a straight line to avoid injuring this tree. Superior antiquity is claimed for the immense tree in Calaveras county, California. This is supposed, from the number of concentric circles in the trunk, to be 2,565 years old.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

A School Boy's Composition.

Corns are of two kinds. Vegetable and animal. Vegetable corns grow in rows, and animal corns grow on toes. There are several kinds of corn; there is unicorn, capricorn, corn dodgers, field corn and toe corn,



which is corn you feel most. It is said, I believe, that gophers like corn, but persons having corns do not like to "go far" if they can help it. Corn have kernels, and some Colonels have corns. Vegetable corn grows on ears, but animal corn grows on the feet at the other end of the body. Another kind of corn is acorns; these grew on oaks, but there is a hoax about the corn. The acorn is a corn with an indefinite article, but the

corn is a very definite article indeed. Try it and see. Many a man when he has a corn wishes it was an acorn. Folks that have corns sometimes send for a doctor, and if the doctor himself is corned, he won't do so well as if he isn't. The doctors say corns are produced by tight boots and shoes, which is

probably the reason why when a man is tight they say he is corned. If a farmer manages well he can get a good deal of corn on one acre, but I know a farmer that has one corn that makes the biggest tacher on his farm. The bigger crop of vegetable corn a man raises the better he likes it, but the bigger crop of animal corn he raises the better he does not like it. Another kind of corn is corn dodger. The way it is made is very simple and is as follows. You go along the street and meet a man you know has a corn, and is a rough character, then you step on his toe that has the corn on it, and see if he don't have occasion to dodge. In that way you will find out what a corn dodger is.