#### PRICE 15 CENTS.

# JOSH BILLINGS' FARMER'S ALLMINAX

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

# 1872

Dear Girls, this iz Leap Year! The eyes ov the whole world are upon yu! Assert yure rights! Do yure juty!!

It iz better tew leap one rod, and strike on yur feet, than tew leap two rods, and strike on yure hed. This is a well-known fakt.

TORONTO:

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#### ERRATTA.

(See page 9)

I find, upon skrutiny, that this year haz got one day too mutch into it; and what makes the blunder more provoking, the extra day haz got into Febuary, and probbly will be a kondem kold one.

The error waz not diskovered untill this Allminax went tew press.

It iz human tew error.

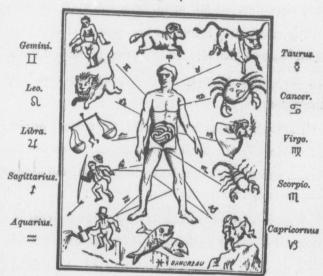
# THE TWELVE SIGHNS

IN THE

# BILLINGS' ALLMINAX

[This being Leap Year the sighns of the Zodiak are all on the rampage.]

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Altho the sighns ov the Billings Zodiak are all on the jump this year, we beg leaf tew state, that there is no kauze for alarm. Once in four years this frolik occurs, and is sed by the doktors to be necessary for their helth.

#### LETTER TO FARMERS.

Beloved Farmers:

Agrikultur iz the mother ov farm produce: she iz also the step-mother ov gardin sass.

Rize at haff past 2 o'clock in the morning, bild up a big fire in the kitchen, burn out two pounds ov kandels, and grease yure boots.

Wait pashuntly for da brake. When day duz brake, then commense tew stir up the geese and worry the hogs.

Too mutch sleep iz ruinous tew geese and tew hogs. Remember yu kant git ritch on a farm, unless you rize at 2 o'clock in the morning, and stir up the hogs and worry the geese.

The happyest man in the world iz the farmer; he rizes at 2 o'clock in the morning, he watches for da lite tew brake, and when she duz brake, he goes out and stirs up the geese and worrys the hogs.

What iz a lawyer?—What iz a merchant?—What iz a doktor?—What iz a minister?—I answer, nothing!

A farmer is the nobless work ov God; he rizes at 2 o'clock in the morning, and burns out haff a pound ov wood and two kords ov kandles, and then goes out tew worry the geese and stir up the hogs.

Beloved farmers, adew.

JOSH BILLINGS.

#### EXTRAKT OV LETTERS.

Fredom Senter, Nov. 17th 1870.

FRIEND BILLINGS:

Thi Allmanax for 1871 was good for the flesh, az well az for the soul ov man; it fatted me distinktly on the ribs. I remane thine Obadiah Broadbrim.

MR. BILLINGS:

We shall hereafter embody yure Allmanaxes in our journal.

Editor of London Athaneum.

DEAR JOSH BILLINGS:

Enklosed in this letter, yu will find 17 cents, for one allmanaxt; i am poor, and this iz all the money i hav got, and i haint got no live mother.

Charley Briggs, jun.

Klamburgh, Oktober 30, 1870.

DEAR MISSER JOSH:

The 'or bles yuse, and yuse allmankasts for 1871; it made dis chile perspire gratuitussly wid bliss.

Yure cullud person friend, Josepheen Johnsing.

MISTER JOSHUA BILLINGS:

I hav both ov yure 2 allmanaxes for 1870 and 1871, and wish yu would send me bi the barrow yure allmanaxes for 1872 and 1873 and 1874, exklusive. I will emit the munny in a fu daze. No more now from yure loveing friend, \*Ferusha Sheldon\*, dauter ov widdo Sheldon\*, near Spraker's Mill, Coshokton pike.

#### HOROSKOPE FOR JANUARY.

The yung gentleman born this month will remane a bachelor untill hiz 16 year, and will have kurly hair. He will finally settle down still, and marry for life. Hiz father will be a grate lover ov phast horses. He will live tew be over 60 years ov age, and die worth about 750 dollars, klear ov awl debt.

The yung lady born this month will kno how tew pla on the pianner, and nit worsted. She will be a blondy, and be near sited, and fall in luv with grate diffikulty. She will finally git wedded tew the man she marrys, and her whole life will be eazy. If she marries the sekond time her husband will be a dentist or an alderman.

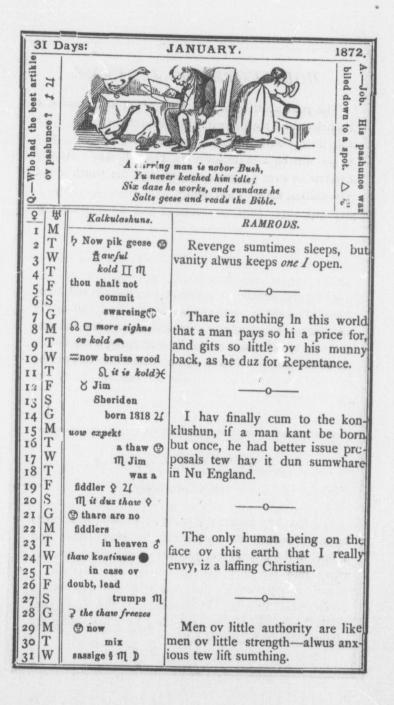
#### ADVICE TEW YUNG KLERGYMEN.

Dont preach the gospel for less than 850 dollars a year, salary payable quarterly in advance.

A congregashun who kant afford tew pay 850 dollars a year, want a missionary more than they do a klergyman.

Be sure and run the church; don't let the church run you.

Az i sed up at the top, git az much ov yure salary az possible in advance, for i dont know ov enny det so hard tew kollekt az a minister's salary, after it once gits kold.



#### HOROSKOPE FOR FEBUARY.

The man born this month will be good looking, but too mutch prone tew toe in when he walks. He will hav 2 wifes, and a small hand, except when he plays whist; then he will hav a big one. Hiz fust wife will be krosseyed, but hiz seckond one will be kross all over. He will hav 4 children, who will all pass through the meazles with grate credit to themselfs and no disgrace tew the meazles.

The yung female born during this month will show grate judgment in sorting her lovers, and will finally marry a real estate agent. She will hav a phew failings; but who cares? she wouldn't be interesting if she didn't. At 28 she will be a widow, and at stated intervals will be inklined tew gush a little. (For the sake of variety, we say, let her gush.)

#### A GOOD FAMILY FOB.

(To kure bed bugs.)

Bile the bed bugs tew a gravy, then take equal parts ov sassyfras rutes and mingle with the gravy; then find a hoel in the ground that aint occupied; then pour the gravy into the hoel; then fasten up the hoel with 2 pounds ov gunpowder; then touch off the hoel with a 10 foot poel; then run like litening. If this don't kure the bed bugs, and the hoel too, they have both got it the natral way, and kan't be healed.

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#### HOROSKOPE FOR MARCH.

The man born this month will be inklined tew blow a little. He will be a domestik man, and will kno how to rok the kradle and pare potatoze. He will marry the only daughter of a widdo, and will be a good judge of mothers-in-law. He will die about the usual time in life, and leave a house and lot, with a small mortgage on it. He never will run for offiss but once, and then will git beat.

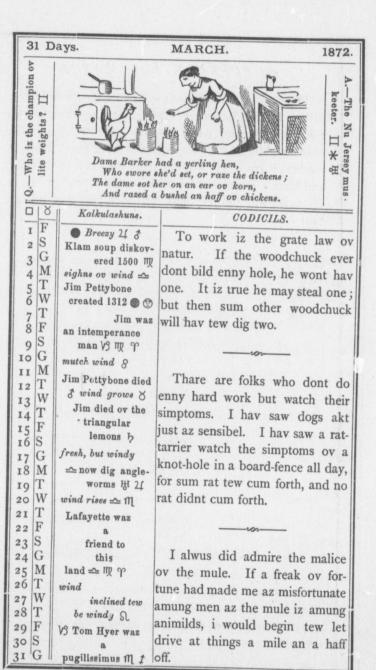
The woman who appears this month will be an old maid till she is 20 years old, and then will sudenly put a stop tew this kind ov bizzness, by investing in a yung man. She will be a good house beeper, and kno how tew make a plum puddin, with the plums left out. She will hang on to her buty till she iz about 45; after that, she will hav to take her chances.

#### [Advertizement.]

Professor John Spruce (graduate) begs leaf tew inform the citizens ov Pordunk village that he will open a school for male yung men, over Nikodemus Bradley's waggon shop, in which will be taught the nobel art of chawing gum, in all the hier branches.

Private lessons administered tew yung ladiz at their boarding-house. The Professor pledges himself tew teach, in six easy lessons, the gum-chawing science tew a spot.

N. B.—Seckond hand gum alwus on hand, for sale low.



#### HOROSKOPE FOR APRIL.

The man born this month will hav a liquid temprament, but not necessarily inklined tew licker. Hiz grate aim will be tew git married; and he will git hiz bird, bi marrying a butiful and also good-looking wife. They will liv happy az two lambs, and leave one son, whom they intended should be president ov the United States, but who very wisely konkluded tew be a merchant taylor.

The lady born this month will hav blew eyes, and a full set ov teeth. Her heart will be az tender az a porter-house steak. She will keep a lap dorg, who will hav weak eyes, and whose christian name will be Fanny. She will die and leave a bed-quilt, which will go down tew posterity, with upwards of 7 hundred blocks in it.

#### [Advertizement.]

#### FOB SARGENT'S KLENSING SOPE.

Job Sargent, being ov sound mind, and expressly afrade ov the devil, dont hesitate tew say that his klensing sope will take the spots oph from everything.

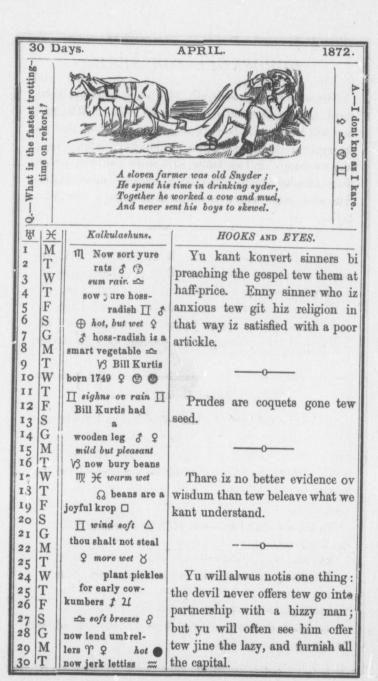
1st. It will remove the spots from a coach dog in 3 daze.

2d. It will take the spots oph from a ten ov dimonds in 15 minnits.

3d. Kan the leopard change his spots?—i answer it kan, bi using Job Sargent's only klensing sope.

4th. Persons ov a spotless reputashun, and anxious tew keep so, will never be without this sope.

5th. Job Sargent never told a lie—so did George Washington.



#### HOROSKOPE FOR MAY.

The gentleman who invests hiz life in this month will be very quick tempered, espeshily when a hornet lights on him in anger. His mother will set a good deal by him, espeshily when he iz in the kradle. He will hav the mumps very light, and will spend most v his life intending tew marry, but will die at last with a half dozen old maids on his hands. The wash wimmin will remember him az the man who never wore paper collars.

The lady born this month will fust be a bud, and afterwards a blossom. Her heart will be az full ov twitter as a kanary bird on a perch. She will hav twilight hair. She will hav menny lovers. She will be reasonabel fond ov silk clothes, but her great joy will be in a bonnet. She will hav az little jealousy as it is prudent for a woman tew hav.

#### CHOICE OLD RECEIPTS.

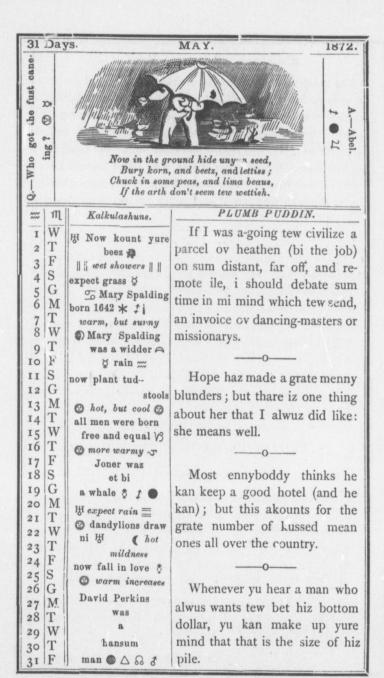
To learn a kat how tew bite-feed her on kat nip tea.

To remove goose pimples (from a goose)—loose the goose.

To kure a weak back—lay still for a weak ahead.

To make yure mark—fall out ov a third story windo.

To ketch a bad kold—lay down on the ground, and watch for it, bi moonlite.



#### HOROSKOPE FOR JUNE.

The male individual born during June will be one of 7 children, but not the only one. He will hav 3 brothers, and one sister, who will marry a hard shell baptist preacher. He will studdy law, and enter the profeshun with gilt edge prospekts, but his fust klient being a counterfeiter, whom he succeeds in gitting clear, and receiving 50 dollars in counterfeit money for hiz services, disgusts him with the bizzness.

The female who appears on the platform this month will always have cause tew wonder why she did it. Her father will be a skool teacher, and he will bring her up in the "distrikt skool bizzness. At 29 years and six months she will marry, and will be well edukated in the dutys ov a wife, for she will understand Daball's arithmetik, and parseing, just az eazy az falling down the cellar stairs. She will hav but one son, and he will be edukated oph from hiz feet at an early age.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRORNARY.

(Advertizement.)

Phelix Phungus (dog dokter), late ov the royal vetenary college, and I2 years in a doggery in the old country, offers his services to the Pordunk people. He kan remove fleas from a dog in 16 minnits; he kan take the krook out ov a dog's tail in 13 minnits; he kan learn a dog tew lie in front ov a fire all day in 12 minnits; he kan tell how fast a dog kan run hitched tew a tin pail in 3 minnits; and kan tell how mutch sassage he will make by just hefting him. Consultashuns free.

P. P. D. D. PHELIX PHUNGUS, DOG DOKTOR.

Who was the weakest man?

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Mary Moore iz a farmer's lass, She's winsum az a pozy; The chap who ketches Mary Moore. Wont be no kuntry josey.

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#### ROOTS AND ARBS.

8 wont go into 6, and hav ennything left over. Menny a yung phellow haz found out this bi trieing to get a number 6 boot on.

Thare iz nothing a man will git so sick ov az too much molasses. (Sweet girls make a note ov this.)

Prudery iz often like the chesnutt-burr: it does seem as tho it never would open, but by and by it yields to the frost, and lets the fruit drop out.

I dont beleave in the final salva-Horace Greely shun ov all men, bekauze there are so menny kases in which i kant see how it iz going tew be made tew pay.

#### HOROSKOPE FOR JULY.

The man mortal who cums tew the scratch this month will be a grate lover ov politikal life, and after menny stormy trips will settle in hiz natiff village a konstable, elekted by 19 majority. He will liv tew be ripe with old age, and hiz posterity will wonder how he managed tew spend a whole life in politiks, and out ov state prizon. (His posterity probably aint aware that a term in state prizon iz a good kard tew run for offiss on.)

The girl born this month will flash like a streak of yello sunshine. She will be sought after like the balm ov many flowers. She will hav poetry for breakfast, and spend the rest of the day on zephyrs and chocalate karamels. The man who gets her for a wife will change into a butterfly, and the two will be seen, sum sweet night this month, flieing away to the song ov the crickets.

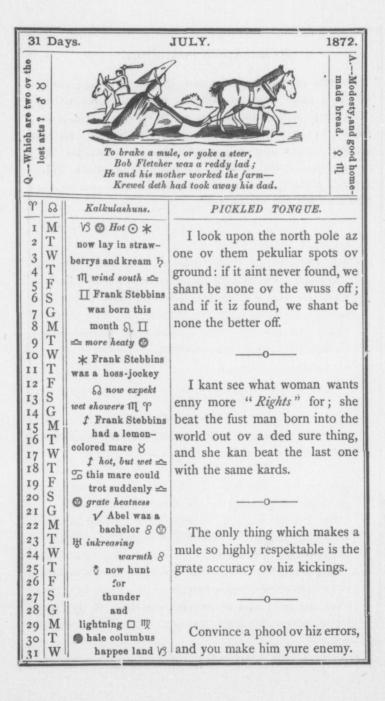
#### ADVICE TEW YUNG MEN.

Dont be diskouraged if yure mustash dont grow; it sumtimes happens where a mustash does the best, nothing else duz so well.

Dont be afraid ov ennything that is honorable, and dont forget that the best friend that God haz given enny one iz hiz conscience.

Larn tew wait!—this iz a hard gate for a yung man tew travel, but iz the surest way tew git thare.

If yew hav got some wild oats (and a phew wont spile yu) git them in arly, and sow them deep, so they will rot in the ground.



#### HOROSKOPE FOR AUGUST.

The gentleman born this month will hav one eye to the main chance, and the other eye on the collatterals. He will be sharper than good cider vinegar, and will go at a transackshun like a skotch tarrier at a rat hole. He will be az honest az a hornet, and make az few blunders. He will live tew be old. Hiz wife will die young—tired out trying tew keep up with him.

The feminine creashuns ov this month will be grate admirers ov the sterner sex. They will fall in luv easy, but will make az phew blunders as enny other wimmin. They will be guided bi the impulses ov their naturs, which in most wimmin iz a safer card than their judgements. If i hadnt got one ov the best wifes that the world haz yet produced, I should be inclined to ask (humbly) for one ov the August-as.

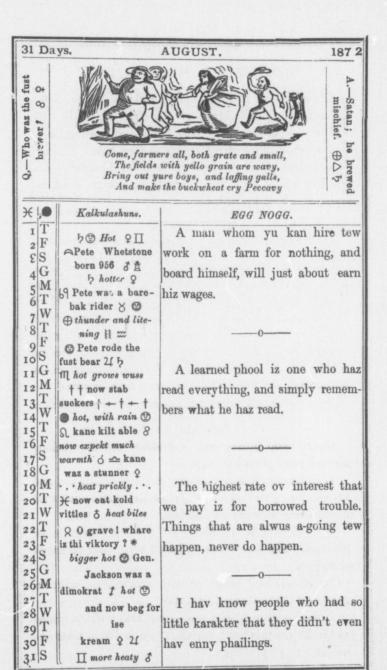
#### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONSARN.

(Advertizement.)

Adam Dipthong (chicken champion) invites a discerning world tew peruse hiz egg-dispensing poultry.

His "Hail Columbys," crossed on his "Star Spangled Banners," iz a hen who, for purity ov step, swavity of plumage, and modesty ov deportment, kant be beat.

His "Last Rose ov Summer," hiz "Merry wives ov Windsor," and hiz "Love lies bleeding," az a style ov poultry, haz no competitors in the whole horizon. His "Kiss me Quicks," chastised with a delikate sprinkling ov his "Meet me bi moon lite alone," as pullets, hav alwus stood the test; and az roosters, are alwus reddy "tew fite it out on this line" (or enny other) "if it takes all summer."



#### HOROSKOPE FOR SEPTEMBER.

The man born this month will be what iz called a wit. He will be as phull ov wit az a bottle ov ginger-pop. He kant hardly wait to hav the cork pulled out, and when the cork iz pulled out it will take a 2 quart bowl to hold a haff pint ov the phizz. He will make jokes which will be az natral az blunders, and will keep hiz whole family (inkluding the hired girl) betwixt a suprise and a guess. He will hav a house phull ov children, who will be the best jokes he perpetrates.

The lady born this month will be mistress ov the situashun. She will hav menny admirers, but will lead them a dusty chase. After a while she will marry, and bekum az serious az a white mice in a wire trap. Her husband will be az proud ov her az a third lutenant ov hiz fust epaulettes. Her children will be brought up to toe the mark, and, tho different from all the other wimmin in the naborhood, she will be admired more than reproved.

#### ADVICE TO HOSS FOCKEYS.

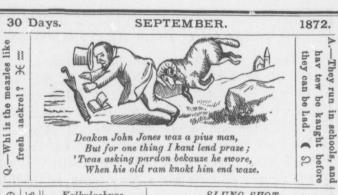
Never swop hosses with a deakon—not if yu belong tew the same church he duz.

If yu hav got a hoss that you ask 200 dollars for, and are offered 75 dollars for him, always sell him; don't spile a good hoss trade for 125 dollars.

If yu should, bi acksident, git hold ov a sound hoss, git shut of him az soon az yu kan, for yu wont be happy with him.

If, in swopping hosses, yu git cornered, and kant lie, postpone the trade until next day.

Noboddy ever expects tew buy a hoss without gitting cheated; tharefore, if a hoss jockey dont lie, he loses one ov his blessed privileges.



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#### SLUNG SHOT.

I dont know how it iz with my brother-man, but with me the fall ov the Roman empire iz a grate deal eazier tew bear than a fall on the ice when it iz wet.

Face all things; even adversity iz polite to a man's face.

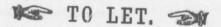
Poverty kant be wuss, and may be better; riches kan be better, and may be wuss. The difference iz in favour ov poverty.

Whenever i see a man anxious tew git into the middle ov a fite that dont belong tew him, i am alwus anxious to hav him, for i kno he iz sure tew be the wust whipt man in the party.

# HOROSKOPE FOR OKTOBER.

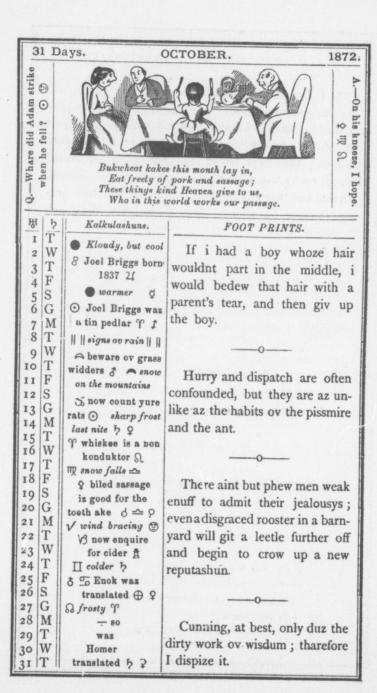
The male man ushered into existence this month will be ov an enquiring mind. The fust thing he will enquire for will be some good cider. He will studdy divinity at fust, but will quit that and bekum a konduktor on a hoss rale-rode; this pays better, and haz more perquisites. He will marry the woman ov his choice, which iz good, provided the choice iz all right. His hair will turn grey before he dies, but after he dyes he will hav black hair the rest of hiz days.

The woman born this month will be short ov statue, and acquainted with grief. She will want a grate menny things, in this world, that aint handy tew be got. She will marry just about the right time, and undertake tew liv with her mother in law, which iz a diffikult kontrakt tew fill. The wimmin born this month are like a rhode island greening, ripen slew, and are most delightful away long in the winter.



Enny person having an easy pill to take, that will restore a shattered reputashun, without charge ov diet tew the pashunt, kan hav this advertising space hily reazonable.

Enquire of J. B.



#### HOROSKOPE FOR NOVEMBER.

The gentleman born this month will be a hard worker, but phond of old wine. He will forgit tew pay sum ov hiz debts, but will hav a blue eye, and be a good singer. He will marry between 18 and 45, and be an excellent judge ov hash on toast. He will live a grate length, and reach deth by a cirkuitous route.

She who cums tew see us this month will be az welcome az a dandylion in the buzzum of winter. She will be a dutiful dauter, a warm-hearted sister, a tender mother, and a handsum wife—(Kind Heaven! send us az menny ov this sort az convenient.)

## ADVICE TEW YUNG DOKTORS.

Hire an offiss on the main street of the village, and stay in the offiss.

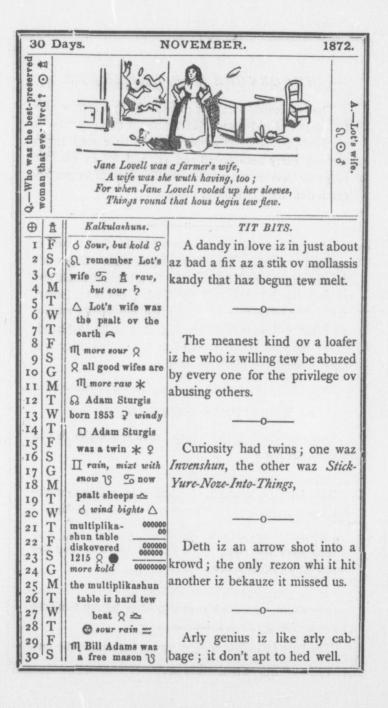
When yu do go out, alwus go on the jump.

Dont never talk mutch on enny subjek, but alwus look kussid misterious.

Seldum go tew church, but when yu do, alwus leave pefore the church duz.

Charge everyboddy like thunder and litening.

If yu pholler theze rules clussly, and don't suckceed, yu kan kum tew the konklushun that the doktrine bizzness ain't so good as it waz last year.



## HOROSKOPE FOR DECEMBER.

The man born this month will hav a sanguine temprament. He thinks he iz in luv with every woman he meets, and won't git married till late in life. When he duz git wedded, he is a-going tew wed a woman who haz been playing the same game he haz—falling in luv with every man she meets. They are both ov them going tew git cheated the wust way.

The girl born this month, tho late in the season, is a-going tew ketch up before she gits through. She won't remane single, and is a-going tew be a leetle diffikult tew manage double. She will see Naples, but iz too smart to die right off on that account. She will admire menny men, but will love but one, and that iz her husband. If her husband iz smart enuff to know this, they will travel through life like 2 pigeons.

#### SIMPLE REMEDIZ.

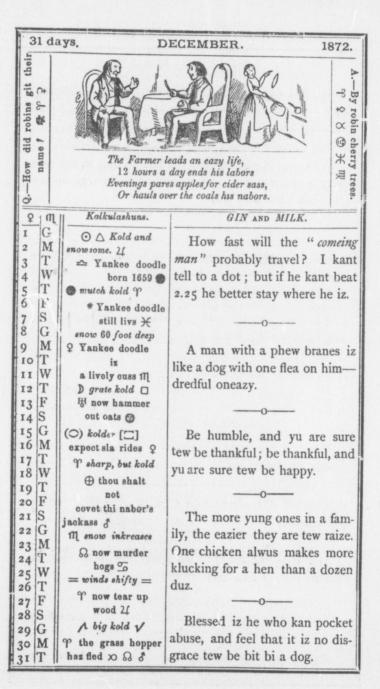
Tew kure the bight of a krab, soke the krab's feet in bileing hot water.

Tew find the kontents ov a gallon ov whiskee, multiply a pint ov fusil ile by 8 pints ov Venice turpentine.

Tew kure the gout, liv on Boston krackers, and saw wood for 25 cents a kord.

Tew make a goose good eating, bring her up tenderly-

Tew keep kats from being et up bi rats, muzzle the rats.



#### AGRIKULTIBUSS.

1st. Skarsity beets are the hardest kind ov beats to beet; their grate skarsity makes them beet all other kind ov beats.

2d. Turnups should be planted near the top ov the ground, if yu want them tew turn up good.

3d. Egg plants iz good, but eggs sot under a stiddy hen will produce more chickens than they will tew plant them.

4th. Potatoze are generally a healthy krop, but they are liable tew hav weak eyes.

5th. Cowcumbers do the best in a lot bi themselfs; it aint best tew cumber up a kitchen gardin with cows.

6th. Oats will gro on sum warm land, but tew yield well they have got tew be thrasht; it iz jiss so with beans, only beans has got to be poled fust, and thrasht afterwards.

7th. Rye duz the best on a dry and thirsty sile, espeshily old rye; too much water will drown out old rye.

8th. Tud stools will do well on a wet earth; so will tuds; but woodchucks must have a gravelly sile.

#### REGULASHUN OV TRAINS ON POR-DUNK RALE ROAD.

No. 1. Leaves Pordunk at arly kandle light, takes wood and water at lickskillet stashun, and carrys a blood bay light on her starboard gunwhale. An experienced surgeon accompaniz this trane.

No. 2. Iz an express trane to pork and beans stashun; after that, a leetle mixed. She carries a chestnut sorrel light on her kow ketcher, and a wet nuss.

No. 3. Iz a chain lightning trane. She carrys a koal blak lite on her smoke stak; haz a pattent ventilated kow ketcher; leaves Pordunk at 10 o'clock, runs tew huckleberry hill, and thare switches oph, if thare iz a hed wind. This trane carrys a jib sail, also a nuze agent. All persons are warned ov the danger ov hitching their hosses tew this trane while she iz at the stashuns.

No. 4. Iz a milk trane with a kow ketcher on each end and each side ov it, with a pattent milking attachment on each kow ketcher. This trane carrys a cream coloured lite on her aft gangway, and a portable hydrant for reducing milk to proof.

No. 5. Iz a frate trane, with a junk-shop attached, whare dogs, mullatoze, and indifferent whites are allowed tew travel. No combustible matter taken on this trane, such az hack-drivers, kerosene ile, and members ov the Nu York legislature. This trane carrys a number one tallo kandle, for a lite, stuck in the engineer's hat-band.

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