Farmers' Column.

MARMALADE OF MIXED FRUITS.—Pare equal quantities of peaches, apples, pears and quinces; cut them fine and put them to boil with a pint of water to 6lbs. of fruit; let them cook thoroughly, but do not let them burn; take them out and mash them well; clean the kettle, and put them back with half their weight in sugar; let them cook very slowly for two hours.

QUINCE MARMALADE.—Pare the quinces and cut them up fine; put the parings and cores to boil; then strain them; put in the quinces, and let them boil till soft; then mash them fine, and put in ¾ lb. to 1 lb. of fruit; let them cook gently for two hours, and take them up in pint bowls; when cold, put brandy papers on the top of each, and paste them over; they will turn out whole to put on the table.

SWEET APPLES, BAKED AND DRIED.—Bake as for the table, then dry by fire heat. The old-fashioned, large brick oven is the best place. When wanted for the table they may be soaked in water and heated, and finally the water dried away. The apples return to very nearly the condition of fresh baked apples. If they are stewed in a syrup they make a rich sauce, far preferable to that of common dried apples.—*American Agriculturist.*

RICH SOIL AND GOOD STOCK.

We clip the following from a communication in the *Homestead*, as worth a few minutes thought for the reading farmer:—

In distributing manure, it is economical to give a liberal dressing as far as we go. We must go through the labor of cultivation, and it costs no more to plant or to hoe a field of corn or potatoes that will yield heavily, than one that will give poor returns; the only additional expense being that of harvesting. The same is true in the culture of any other crop.

We are recommended to buy more stock for our farms as fast as we can find means for sustaining it; but what class of stock it is best to buy is less often discussed. In this, too, it may be safely asserted that the proper course is to buy good stock. It costs no more to raise and keep good cattle than poor; and men who buy for the market always make a very great distinction between good and poor animals.

The same remark applies in dairying and wool growing—good cows and sheep profitable, poor milkers and light fleeced sheep eat up their products many times over, and are ever in debt to the farmer.

GREASE SPOTS.

A grease spot on many delicate fabrics is a difficult thing to remove on others it comes away easily. When first made, before the fibres have thoroughly absorbed the grease, soap of almost any kind will often quickly remove it; after a few days, a soap of peculiar quality is required. The hardest and whitest is commonly best, and softsoap is the most powerful, but liable to change the color or weaken the texture of the goods. Turpentine, kerosene, and other carbonaceous liquid, have a great affinity for grease, and desolve it, but are themselves so difficult to remove from cloth that by their use we are apt to only diffuse the grease over a large surface. Ether, chloroform, and to a limited extent, alcohol, dissolves grease, and though they do not remove it any better than turpentine, yet they bring it into a condition to be easily washed away by soap and water. On fabrics not injured by alkalies, ammonia water used to wet the spots, renders them easy of removal. Ox gall is a soap a very delicate, mild character. It will sometimes remove grease, and other spots from silk, and other delicate fabrics, without injury to the colors, when every thing else fails; it is itself easily washed off. Almost any very fine soft substance will absorb grease. The articles most in use and very effective are, potter's clay French chalk, common chalk. These are scraped upon the spot in fine powder, or wet up to paste and laid upon it, and then by application of a hot-iron in close proximity, the grease even though it be wax or spermaceti, is absorbed by the clay and may be washed away, and all removed after a few patient applications. In the absence of clay or French chalk, or on fabrics likely to be injured by them, any bibulous paper (such as will quickly absorb water, like blotting paper) may be laid upon the spot, and a hot-iron being applied, a great part of the grease will be taken up by the paper and the rest chiefly diffused so as not to be seen.

HOOD'S POETIC PUNS.

"Of *course*, a race-course isn't *coarse*,
A *fine* is far from *fine*;
It is a saddening sight to see
A noble *pine*-tree *pine*."

"A kitchen *maid* is often *made*
To burn her face or broil it;
A lady will do little else
Than *toil-it* at her *toilet*."

"A sea-horse is a sea-horse
When you *see* him in the *sea*;
But when you see him in the *bay*,
A *bay* horse then is he."

Odds and Ends.

It is somewhat singularly fitting, that to the query, "Is pity love?" the anagramic answer is, "positively."

An honest old lady in the country, when told of her husbands' death, exclaimed, "Well, I do declare, our troubles never come alone. It aint a week since I lost my best hen, and now Mr. Hooper has gone, too, poor man!"

TOBACCO.—It is stated that a minister of Ficthburg lectured so power fully a few days ago against the usc of tobacco that several of his audience went home and burned their cigars—holding one end of them in their mouths.

GARDENING FOR LADIES.—Make your beds early in the morning; sew buttons on your husbands' shirts; do not rake up any grievances; protect the young branches of your family; plant a smile of good temper in your face; carefully root out all angry feeling, and expect a good crop of happiness.

OVER EATING.—A celebrated physician, inquiring of a person who was remarkable for the health he enjoyed at an advanced period of his life what regimen he followed, was answered—'I make but one meal a day.' 'Keep your secret,' said the physician; 'if you publish it to the world, you will utterly ruin the practice of medicine.

DID YOU EVER—Augustus—"I say Aunt! Did you see what the newspaper says about the Eclipse?" Aunt—"No! what does it say? read it child! anything relating to that wonderful event is interesting." Augustus—"Why, it says that it is expected to have an extraordinary effect upon the inferior animals! my wig! I'd have you and the girls look out for squalls!"—(*Disgusting Low-Minded Boy.*)

BED.—An article of furniture invented by a benefactor to his species for the rest of his brethren. It is the last thing we think of, the first we want to get out of and the particular thing we have no desire to keep. Why do we all go to bed? was a problem propounded by the Sphynx, and long remained unsolved, until an ingenious Bedouin Arab, after turning three somersaults, found out that it was because the bed would not come to us.

TAKE CARE OF THY MONEY.—Paley, whose mind was so remarkably expert, was particularly clumsy in body. I was never a good horsemen, he used to say of himself, and when I followed my father on a pony of my own, on my first journey to Cambridge, I fell off seven times; I was lighter than I am now, and my falls were not likely to be serious. My father, on hearing a thump, would turn his head half aside, and say, Take care of thy money, lad, take care of thy money; as if I myself were of no consequence.

VALEDICTORY OF AN EDITOR.—The following is the valedictory article of an editor out West:—'The undersigned retires from the editorial chair with a complete conviction that all is vanity. From the hour he started his paper, to the present time, he has been solicited to lie upon every given subject, and can't remember ever having told a wholesome truth, without diminishing his subscription list, or making an enemy. Under these circumstances of trial, and having a thorough contempt for himself, he retires in order to recruit his moral constitution.'

A KISS.—What's in a kiss? Really, when people come to reflect upon the matter calmly, what can they see in a kiss? The lips pout slightly, and touch the cheek softly, and then they just part, and the job is complete. There is a kiss in the abstract? View it in the abstract! take it as it stands!—look at it philosophically! What is there in it? Millions upon millions of souls have been made happy, while millions upon millions have been plunged into misery and despair, by this kissing; and yet, when you look at the character of the thing, it is simply a pouting and parting of the lips. In every grade of society there is kissing. Go where you will, in what country you will, you are perfectly sure to find kissing! There is, however, some mysterious virtue in a kiss, after all.—*Cockton.*

POVERTY.—Bulwer says that poverty is only an idea, in nine cases out of ten. Some men with ten thousand dollars a year suffer more for want of means than others with three hundred. The reason is, the richer man has artificial wants. His income is ten thousand, and by habit he spends twelve or fiteen thousand, and he suffers enough from being dunned for unpaid debts to kill a sensitive man. A man who earns a dollar a day and does not run in debt, is the happiest of the two. Very few people who have never been rich will believe this, but it is as true as God's word. There are people, of course, who are wealthy, and enjoy wealth, but there are thousands upon thousands, with princely incomes, who never know a moment's peace, because they live above their means. There is really more happiness in the world among working people than among those who are called rich.

CELEBRITIES OF THE DAY.

The London *Times* has been reviewing a volume of the photographic portraits comprising the leading men among the Confederates and Federals. Here is the result:—

Turning to the volume of portraits, the eye is first arrested by Mr. Lincoln, sitting, in company with an ink bottle, at a table, which does not conceal the foot he is so often said by the newspapers "to put down" on various questions—an odd, quaint face, sagacions notwithstanding the receding brow, and kindly despite the coarse heavy-lipped mouth, but with such capillary arrangements that, in combination with the long-limbed narrow body and great extremities, there is a guerilla expression produced by the *ensemble.* Next is Hannibal Hamlin, who is chiefly interesting on account of what he might become. Turn over and Mr. Stanton gives a sitting for his head alone, the lines of which do not stand in comparison very well with the clear, keen outline of Mr. Seward's features next to it. Why did not Mr. Brady give the full face of Mr. Seward, so that one could see his eye? In other respects, the likeness, though it does not convey that air of "cunning and deceit" which Prince Napoleon's *attache* attributed in his *feuilleton* to the Secretary of State, is characteristic and true. Pass over Mr. Bates and we come to Mr. Chase, who is standing with one hand outside his coat, over his breeches pocket, and the other on a plaster of Paris pedestal, looking as if he were waiting for some one to lend him a little money, and expecting it, too. He was one of the best heads among the Cabinet, though one cannot help remarking he has a defect in his eyes, and, oddly enough, so has General Butler, and Mr. Jefferson Davis. It is not too much to say, that any stranger would be struck by the superiority of the heads and expression of Mr. Davis, of Gen. Polk, of Beauregard, of Stonewall Jackson and Lee to most of the Federal chiefs, of whom few are at all striking in any way. McClellan looks small and anxious, and unhappy; Blenker stands like a soldier, and has the air of being one; and Burnside seems calm and self-possessed, and capable; Halleck's head is intellectual, but the face is dreamy, and the lower jaw feeble; Pope, a stout, florid, sanguine-looking man, is like a German bass singer in fine condition; and there is no other to speak of, excepting perhaps, Meagher and McDowell, in the list of soldiers worth looking at a second time, after we have passed Banks, the unhappy recipient of Stonewall Jackson's favors. The new naval men in the book contrast advantageously with many of the soldiers, but some of the best of the latter are not here. Stonewall Jackson's is like that of Ney—a remarkable head, but without the bettle-brows, shaggy, and overhanging the full eye, attributed to him. From the Confederate soldiers to the Federal journalists there is but the thickness of a cardboard, of whom the most remarkable thing is that they all seem to be above the age for liability to conscription. After literary men follow a group of clergy, and the fine faces of Longfellow and Motley are among the best in the collection. Jefferson Davis, who comes after a batch of Federal politicians, is back to back with Gerritt Smith, and Mr. Stephens the Vice-President of the Southern Confederacy, supports Mr. Charles Sumner. The portrait of Chief Justice Taney attracts one, not merely on account of the venerable old man, but because it is the likeness of the Judge who will in all probability be the last that ever sat on the bench as head of the Supreme Court of the United States, and in whose person was signally demonstrated the complete worthlessness of that boasted palladium of the American Constitution when the storm arose and the sword was unsheathed by violent and unscrupulous men. *Place aux dam's!* In the photograph of Mrs. Lincoln, the loyalty and skill of Mr. Brady are as conspicuous as his gallantry in adapting the focus of his subject, but he has treated the wife of the President, who is, of course, the first lady in the United States, much better than he has Miss Lane, who did the honors of the White House for President Buchannan, and who won much praise for her discharge of them.

A mischievous boy having got possession of his grandfather's spectacles, privately took out the glasses. When the old gentleman put them on, finding he could not see, exclaimed, "Mercy on me, I've lost my sight!" but thinking the impediment of vision might be the dirtiness of the glasses, took them off to wipe them, when not feeling them, he still more frightened cried out, "Why, what's to come now? Why I've lost my feeling too!"

LOGIC.—Granger, who was a remarkable ugly man, contended that he was the handsomest thing in the world. He proved it thus: "The handsomest part of the world," said he, "is Europe; of Europe, France; of France, Paris; of Paris, the University; of the University, the College of ——; in the College of —— the handsomest room is mine; in my room I am the handsomest thing,—ergo, I am the handsomest thing in the world."

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