

Old and Ends. When can you drink out a flag-staff? When it holds a flag-on. The whole Duty of Man, (by our Bachelor Contributor). Not to hurry!

He who masters his passion, subdues a dreadful enemy. A SAVORY REMARK.—Some one defines ham as the poetry of bacon. We should do well to take counsel from the wise and warning from the foolish.

It is with life as with coffee—he who would drink it pure must not drain it to the dregs. A garrulous barber happening to be called on to shave a celebrated wit, asked him, "How shall I shave you, sir?" "In silence," was the reply.

The son and heir of a man who has risen from poverty to wealth begins where his father left off, and generally leaves off where his father began. We might pardon the ungrateful if they would forget who are their enemies as speedily and as completely as they often forget who are their friends.

The latest kind of hoop is called "small Quaker," and is, as the name indicates, moderate and quiet, leaving the drapery with a far more graceful sweep than the distended, extended, self-asserting framework so often displayed. True good taste adopts the small Quaker, and drapes it gracefully.

Upon a traveller telling General Doyle, an Irishman, that he had been where the bugs were so large and powerful that two of them would draw a man's blood in one night, the general wittily replied, "My good sir, we have the same animals in Ireland, but they are called *Aun-bugs*."

Windows.—They are the very deceits. There's nothing like them. If they make up their mind, it's done. I know one that was terribly afraid of thunder and lightning, and every time a storm came on she would run into Mr. Smith's house (he was a widower), and clasp her little hands and fly around till the man was half distracted for fear she would be killed, and the consequence was that she was Mrs. John Smith before three thunder storms had rattled over her head.

A candidate for a registrarship in Texas offered, if appointed, to register marriages for nothing. His opponent, undismayed, promised to do the same, and throw a cradle in. Of course the latter was successful.

A Dutchman being advised to rub his limbs with brandy, for rheumatism, said he had heard of the remedy, but added, "I do not get so that I drink brandy, and den I rub my legs with it."

"Julius, was you ever in business?" "In course, I was." "What was that?" "A sugar planter." "When was that, my colored friend?" "Der day I buried 'an old sweetheart of mine."

"Mr. Jones, don't you think marriage is a means of grace?" "Certainly, my dear madam, anything is a means of grace which breaks up pride and leads to repentance." [Exit Mr. Jones, under the influence of a mop-handle.]

What are the points of difference between the Prince of Wales, an orphan, a bald head, and a gorilla? The Prince of Wales is heir-apparent; an orphan has no'er a parent; a bald head has no hair apparent; and a gorilla has a hairy parent.

Curious Address.—A letter, bearing the following address, was last week received at the Post Office, Portpatrick: "From Ireland to Scudland care of Elbigal Wilson, Dry Lodger, portpatrick to the Boys Society that lodged with you that played the Fiddle from Ireland To be left at the Corner House till called for."—Free Press.

A GREAT THING.—A Loving heart and a pleasant countenance are commodities which a man should never fail to take home with him. They will best season his food and soften his pillow. It were a great thing for a man that his wife and children could truly say of him, "He never brought a frown or unhappiness across his threshold."

When I was a boy, says Smith, my father ordered a coat for me from an Israelite, and when the garment came home it was large enough for two or three of my size. The perplexed Jew, after vainly trying to gather up the fulness in the back with his hand, so that the front might sit tight, declared at length, boldly, "To coat his gut; it is no fault of te coat, te coat fit good enough, but te boy ish too shlim."

ROYAL LESSONS FOR BOYS.—The present King of Hanover, in his early youth, was remarkable for his candid and open disposition. Playing one day along with the young Count L., in the principal drawing room of the palace, they heedlessly upset and destroyed a very valuable piece of bijouterie, which the duchess had expressly charged them neither to touch nor approach. On her return, her Royal Highness discovered the accident, and demanded how it happened. "I," said Prince George, stepping boldly forward, "I did it, mamma." On being subsequently asked why he had taken the entire blame on himself, when his companion was equally implicated, he replied, "Because I was the oldest, and ought to be punished most; and because," he added, "I looked into L.'s face, and thought he was about to deny it, and say what was not true."

Farmers' Column.

MANAGEMENT OF SHEEP IN WINTER.

A great many farmers think their sheep will do well enough to turn them out to a hay-stack in the winter without any shelter to protect them from the storm and cold. They will find they are mistaken, in the end, for sheep need a good, warm, dry shelter in cold, freezing weather, and you will see a marked difference between them and sheep well cared for. The sheep at the stack will be all curled up, while those under shelter will be straight and handsome. It does not cost but a trifle to build temporary sheds in the field by the side of the stack, and then your sheep are sheltered from the storm and cold, and will do enough better to pay for the trouble. If there is any farmer who does not believe this, let him try it and he will be convinced.

Some farmers appear to think that a flock of sheep will do better if foddered three times a day. Sheep fed three times a day are not as hearty as they would be if fed only twice; besides, they would waste a great deal of hay.

Sheep should not be disturbed until sunrise on a cold frosty morning, and then feed them some good hay and a little grain. Give them all the water they want to drink during the day, and feed them at about three o'clock in the afternoon. By the time it is dark they have cut and drunk enough, and are ready to lie down and rest until the next morning.

TO TREAT DWARF PEARS.

I have them fifteen years in my garden, thrifty, hardy, productive, and bidding as fair to live the next fifty years as any standard tree upon my grounds. The complaints against these pears of the garden, I am fully persuaded, are owing more to neglect and mismanagement, than to any inherent difficulty. Some varieties will not flourish on the quince stock. The fruit books will point them out. Do not plant such. They will not be productive on grass-land, or in hard inflexible soil. Do not plant them there. They want a deep, rich, mellow border, at least eighteen inches in depth. If you cannot afford to prepare a border, do not purchase dwarf pear trees. In addition to being properly planted, they must have care every season. Now they should be staked in, about two-thirds of the last season's growth. This keeps them stocky, and prepares them to sustain a great burden of fruit. They also want a burrowful of stable manure put around them every fall. The quince roots cannot go far in search of food. They should have all they can take up within six or eight feet of the tree. With manure and good management dwarf pears will be a success.—American Agriculturist.

FARM HANDS FOR THE WEST.

We find in the Chicago Tribune a letter from a farmer in Paxton, Ill., inquiring how farm laborers could be got from England. The writer says: "This war has drained this country of laborers, while in England thousands suffer for the want of labor, and would come to this country if they could get money to pay their fare. I have English neighbors who have acquaintances that want to come. As you are acquainted with business men who are shippers, could you not lay this matter before them, and see if they could not bring laborers from England to supply the farmers, who suffer for help? Thousands of acres must be uncultivated, many must suspend business, and many will be obliged to pay more wages than all their produce will sell for, unless some plan can be devised to ship laborers from England." To this the Tribune adds: "The immense drain which the armies of the Union have begun upon the labor of the West is beginning to be severely felt by our farmers. It was difficult for them to get help on any terms in some sections of the State to gather the crops, and in some places, in fact many fields were entirely wasted. While our farmers in the West are thus suffering for labor, thousands in England are on the verge of starvation, and are only anxious to find where they can earn an honest living." Arrangements are making in Chicago to facilitate emigration. There is no reason to doubt that in the West particularly, laboring hands are much needed, and it might be well for our shippers to look into this question, to see if they cannot, by facilitating the immigration of needy but industrious working men, benefit at once themselves and the country.

A CERTAIN CURE FOR COLDS.—

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