

The Fall Fair.

They are making preparations for the big fall fair, and the farmer and his family are loaded up with care; They are rubbing down the gelding and the big brood mare, and the three-year-old is frisky—you ought to see him rear, and they run him round the pasture when they've got an hour to spare. They make him go full sail, with red ribbons in his tail; Yes, they're making preparations for the big fall fair.

They are combing out the fleeces on the thoroughbred rams; They are picking out the best of the pretty spring lambs; The hired man is working on a wicker-work rig, for the easy transportation of the pedigreed pig; And the boys are all constructing the cutest little pens, for the safety and comfort of the Vere de Vere hens; The aristocratic bull with turnip tops is full—He'll make a great sensation at the big fall fair.

They are making preparations for the big fall fair; There is very much excitement in the circumambient air; Each farmer has a pumpkin that can't be beat, b'gosh; And everybody stands to win upon a certain squash; Not to mention barley, wheat and oats, buckwheat, corn and peas, and the product of the vine and the harvest of the trees; While I hear the housewife mutter, "They'll never beat that butter!" Yes, they're making preparations for the big fall fair.

They are making preparations for the big fall fair; In the barnyard, in the kitchen, down cellar—everywhere; The curry-comb is going and the brush is never still; And the girls are making butter with a flourish and a will, they are glancing at the wall, where diplomas in a frame—The triumph of the past—are a glory and a name. Before each eye arises The vision of big prizes, Yes, they're making preparations for the big fall fair.

—The Khan, in the Toronto World.

"Jest Dyin' for Lub."

FIRST FOR THE COOK, THEN FOR THE CHAMBERMAID.

As I sat in a hotel reading room, close to a window opening out on a veranda, a colored man appeared at the window and looked so wistful that I asked him if he wanted anything of me. He looked all around to see that no one else was near and then whispered:

"I 'ze jest dyin' fur lub o' de gal who cooks fur dis hotel."

"Well, have you told her so?"

"No, sah, but I wants to tell her in a letter. Hain't got de couraige to talk to her."

"And you want me to write the letter?"

"I does sah. Boss, if yo'll write me a letter what will psonate dat lady's heart I'll thank yo' all de rest o' my life. White folks know jest how to talk in a letter."

"You love her as you never loved before or can again?"

"I does, sah. If dat lady wants me to jump off de roof o' dis hotel, I 'ze perfectly willin'."

"And I may add that hand she gives you her heart and und you propose to pine away and die?"

"Dat's it, sah—pine away and die. Come dat night hard on de pine away an' die part."

"You offer her your undivided affections and will put forth every effort to make her life one long and blissful dream?"

"Dat's it—dat's it. Shoo, but how de white folks kin talk in a letter! Yo' jest write one fur me, sah, an' dat cook an' me will be ingaiged befo' night."

In half an hour he returned for the letter, which he said he was going to send into the kitchen by one of the girls. An hour later he returned with it in his hand and said:

"Boss, did yo' 'dress dis letter to Miss Linda Brown?"

"Yes, that's the name right there."

"Would it be too much trubble fur yo' to scratch dat name out an' put in Miss Libby Jones?"

"But what's that for?"

"Kase de cook what I was perishin' fur was dun married last night, an' I has concluded to transfix my ondyin' affeckshuns to de head chambermaid. Jest change de name, an' doan' scratch out dat pinin' away or de blissful dream. Sorry to trubble yo', boss, but if yo'll do dat I'll be ingaiged in de bonds o' wedlock befo' dey gits de soup on de dinner table."

"Why, John, dear," said Mrs. Jarley to her husband on his return from his trip to Washington, "your new coat is worn threadbare."

"I know it, Junnie," said Jarley, sadly. "I gave the colored boy at the hotel a \$2 bill on my arrival, and he brushed it out of existence, nearly."

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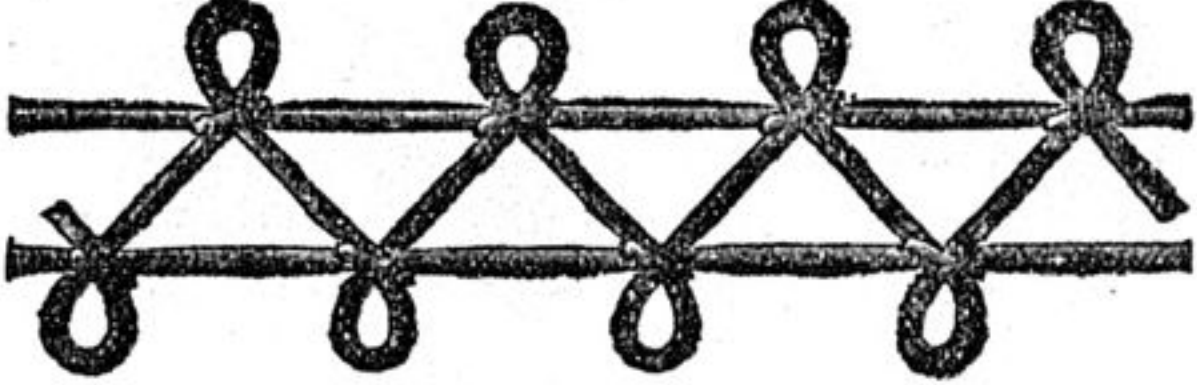
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Gold Storage Rats and Cats.

The Pittsburg Dispatch says that in the cold-storage warehouses in that city there were no rats or mice. The temperature in the cold rooms was too low. The keepers soon found, however, that the rat is an animal of remarkable adaptability. After some of these houses had been in operation for a few months, the attendants found that rats were at work in the rooms where the temperature was constantly kept below the freezing point. They were found to be clothed in wonderfully long and thick fur, even their tapering, snake-like tails being covered by a thick growth of hair. Rats whose coats have adapted themselves to the conditions under which they live have domesticated themselves in all the storage warehouses in Pittsburg. The prevalence of rats in these places led to the introduction of cats. Now, it is well known that pussy is a lover of warmth and comfort. Cats, too, have a great adaptability to conditions. When cats were turned loose in the cold rooms they pined and died because of the excessive cold.

One cat was finally introduced into the rooms of the Pennsylvania Storage Company which was able to withstand the low temperature. She was a cat of unusually thick fur, and she thrived and grew fat in quarters where the temperature was below 30 degrees. By careful nursing a brood of seven kittens was developed in this warehouse into sturdy, thick-furred cats that love an Icelandic climate. They have been distributed among the other cold-storage houses of Pittsburg, and have created a peculiar breed of cats, adapted to the conditions under which they must exist to find their prey. These cats are short-tailed, chubby pussies, with hair as thick and full of under fur as the wildcats of the Canadian woods. One of the remarkable things about them is the development of their "feelers." These long, stiff hair that protrude from the cat's nose and eyebrows are, in the ordinary domestic feline, about three inches long. In the cats cultivated in the cold warehouses the "feelers" grow to a length of five and six inches. This is probably because the light is dim in these places, and all movements must be the result of the feeling sense. The storage people say that if one of these furry cats is taken into the open air, particularly during this hot spell, it will die in a few hours. It cannot endure a high temperature, and an introduction to a stove would send it into a fit.

Nihilist Inventions.

The French War Office seems to be the target for all inventors, intelligent and otherwise. Just now it is occupied with the project put forward by M. Turpin, the chemist, for the wholesale massacre of the enemy in the next great war. One luminary, however, soars to greater achievements, and proposes that the Minister of War should subjugate and train squadrons of horseflies. These novel warriors, it is suggested, would be fed on blood smeared beneath a thin skin covering on dummy figures dressed as soldiers of the Triple Alliance. When diplomatic relations were near breaking point, the flies would have the juice of certain poisonous plants added to their daily food, and when war should be declared, the French army would merely have to send them as an advance guard in the path of the enemy. The inventor of this idea seeks to protect it by a patent. A photographer is responsible for the discovery of a project for obtaining plans of the enemy's fortifications. Of course, the invention is exceedingly simple and can, naturally, be easily carried out. It takes the form of a captive shell, made to explode over fortresses, etc., and containing a small camera attached to a parachute. The enemy's fortifications would be photographed instantaneously, the apparatus hauled down like a kite, and the only remaining operation would be to develop the plates. Another inventor thinks that explosive bullets filled with pepper would have the twofold result of blinding the enemy and fostering French trade with its colonies; while a fourth inhuman being, fancied that poisoned needles, sent to the enemy's camp by a sister of mercy, would have the effect of poisoning the soldiers' fingers, thus rendering them hors de combat.—Scientific American.

How Dehorning Originated.

Dehorning cattle did not originate from fashion as did the docking of horses, but from a necessity on the farm, the ranch, the cars and the boat. The goring of cattle costs the stock raiser hundreds of dollars annually. Packing for transit on cars is much safer if animals are polled or buffalo headed, and when it comes to packing cattle on board ocean cattle-boats, the advantage is decidedly perceptible. When one animal with a weapon furnished by nature for protection goes another from pure devilment, as is frequently the case on large cattle ranches, it is natural that the owner should interfere and remove the weapon.—Orange Judd Farmer.

NOTICE.

To the residents of Fenelon Falls. Take notice that any person or persons removing from any village or district infected with diphtheria to Fenelon Falls will be quarantined for a period of 14 days or longer, at the discretion of the Board of Health. The citizens of Fenelon Falls who do not wish to be so inconvenienced will govern themselves accordingly. By order of the Board of Health. A. WILSON, M. D., Medical Health Officer Fenelon Falls, Feb'y 22nd, 1893. 1-t. f.

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