

THE FARM.

Sulphur for Lice on Cattle.

Soon after the young cattle go into their winter quarters in the barn, lice will be liable to make their appearance and unless they receive immediate attention they will rapidly increase, and all thrift and growth will soon cease, says our Country Home.

Sundry Suggestions.

A small amount of chloride of lime left in their runway will drive away rats, and is besides in most cellars needed to keep the air pure and free from the dangerous malaria from decaying vegetables.

All carpenters know how soon the butt ends of chisel handles split when daily exposed to the blow of a mallet or hammer.

A mixture of mutton tallow and wood-chuck oil is excellent for keeping boots pliable and excluding water.

There is no mystery about making neat-foot oil. The only thing necessary is to boil in a kettle as many cattle's feet and hoofs as can be obtained and skim the oil until no more rises.

Why the Boys Leave the Farm.

"Why do the boys leave the farm?" asks a writer in an agricultural journal. Well, dear brother, there are several reasons. One is because the boy is not 65 years old at his birth.

About Creameries.

A dairy authority says that a factory which will make the cream from a thousand cows cost, outside of the land, about \$2,500.

No, Ethel; when you hear of a young girl making a good "match" it doesn't signify that she has got something that will get up every morning and light the fire.

Johnny (just after Sunday school)—"Say, Jack, what is a sockdologer?" Jack—"Why, don't you know? It's what they sing in church when they get ready to go home. The minister gets up and says: 'Let us now sing the sockdologer.'"

JOHN GRANT'S, THE SCOTCH HOUSE

AN OLD LANDMARK OF MONTREAL.

BY JOHN FRASER.

"Walk about Zion, tell the towers thereof, mark ye all her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following." Such was the command to preserve and hold in everlasting remembrance the landmarks of Jerusalem.

John Grant's "Inn" or "Tavern"—the name "Hotel" was not known in those early days. This old house is still standing, and bears the number "47 St. Henry street."

"We shall meet at Grant's," was an appointment often made by parties then living at the extremes of the Scotch Counties.

During the troubles of 1837 and 1838, "John Grant's" was the Montreal headquarters of the two Glengarry Regiments then serving on the Phillipsburg and Niagara frontiers.

This old house was the town meeting place of the gentlemen of the Hudson Bay Company, whose headquarters were at Lachine, and old Sir George Simpson's gig or caleche, during his stay at Lachine, could be seen twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays.

On the opposite side of the street, on the corner of St. Maurice, a noted and rising young Glengarronian (brother of the Hon. D. A. Macdonald), had his Montreal headquarters for many years in the front room in the second story, just above the present number, "36 St. Henry street."

Time has changed everything in and around this old house. The dignity and the military bearing of the veteran officers of the Glengarry Highlanders, the dash and the swagger of the young bloods of the Lachine Troop of Cavalry, with their fierce-looking bear skin helmets, and the noisy but innocent revelries of the Scotch lumberers, fresh from their backwoods, are not now heard or seen there.

How changed is all around! This old house, for several years past, until very lately, was the resort and the headquarters of horse-dealers. The Canadian trader in horses and the American buyer meet there. The language in and around the old "Inn-yard" was changed! A frequenter of that old place of fifty years ago, were he to have stepped in there on one of those busy days during the horse-trading season, would hardly have appreciated the "horse slang phrases" that would have fallen on his ears.

This short sketch may meet the eye of many old Scotchmen, now scattered far and wide apart, over the whole Dominion of Canada, who, perhaps, will heave a sigh while they call to mind the times of old and the days of other years when they and we were young! Let us close this by adding: Peace to the memory of John Grant! He was a good man—a good man of the old time—a true Highlander, a loyal subject, and a staunch supporter of the "Auld Kirk" of Scotland.

MONTREAL, QUE.

A playin' man—A homely physician.

PERSONAL.

Judge Travis is erecting a fine two story stone residence in Calgary. He appears to intend to stay there.

A Tallahassee, Fla., despatch says: Sarah McDaniel, a colored woman living on Mr. Fish's plantation, one mile west of that city, has become the mother during her lifetime to forty-two children. She is now a robust, healthy looking woman.

The first Canadian woman who emigrated to the North-West, Mme. J. B. Legimoniere, whose life has been written by the Rev. Abbe Dugout, has now, in Manitoba alone, 560 descendants, besides a number of others in Quebec and the United States.

John Simmons of Ferrisburgh, Ga., in a sudden fit of insanity, thinking he was pursued by enemies, jumped into the Ocmulgee River, and remained there, with the water up to his neck, until discovered by a duck hunter, twenty-four hours later. He seems to suffer little inconvenience from his bath.

Fifteen years ago Mr. Joseph Aroh was a farm laborer supporting his family on \$4 weekly wages, and he is now a member of Parliament. He is what is commonly called a self-made man, but as his wife taught him to read and write he may be considered a creditable specimen of domestic manufacture.

Will S. Hays, the song writer, made his debut on the minstrel stage in Louisville the other night to a crowded house. He personated Old Ike, the negro character he has made famous through the river columns of the Courier-Journal.

Guida La Chapelle, the female pedestrian, now keeping a saloon in San Francisco, has accepted the challenge of Miss Kate Brown of England, who desires to walk against any lady pedestrian in the United States for \$500 or \$1,000 a side.

There is now living on the Piedmont road, near Charleston, W. Va., an old colored woman named Clara Brown, who is perhaps the oldest colored woman in West Virginia. Of course, she well remembers seeing General Washington. It was in Richmond that she met the Father of his Country.

Sam Small, the converted Chicago journalist, who is stirring up Chicago preparatory to Sam Jones's advent, is described as a plainly-dressed, tall, slender young man. Behind his gold-bowed eyeglasses are small eyes, and above his heavy sandy mustache is a rather long thin nose.

William Guyton was a brakeman on the Evansville and Terre Haute Railway. There was a collision in which he was badly injured, but remembering that a passenger train was due soon he managed to extricate himself from the wreck, and mangled and bleeding, seized a red flag and staggered up the track.

Lord Wolseley's refusal to pay fees to the Herald's College for his new title, and to Ulster King of Arms and his officials for the insignia of St. Patrick, calls up a story of how a similar exhibition of independence was dealt with by George IV.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Thomas A. Hendricks has been considerably annoyed by letters and communications purporting to be from Mr. Hendricks which have been sent to her by Spiritualists. One of them pretended to be an autograph letter written by the dead Vice-President in the spirit land.

The London Canadian Gazette says: "Everyone interested in Canadian matters will turn to Lord Lorne's article in the current number of Good Words, entitled 'Our Railway to the Pacific.' Only the first portion of the Marquis's contribution appears in this number of the magazine, and this for the most part deals with the initial difficulties which attended the undertaking.

THE LIME-KILN CLUB.

As the meeting opened Brother Gardner announced that the Hon. Standoff White, of Montgomery, Ala., was in the ante-room. The distinguished gentleman was on his way to Chicago to see his dying sister, and had taken advantage of the occasion to stop over three or four days and make himself acquainted with members of the Lime-Kiln Club.

Whalebone Hawker arose, not to object exactly, but to enquire if the Hon. Standoff had brought any credentials with him. How did the club know that he was a base impostor?

"Den you kerfey," yelled down into your once, an' de les we h'ar of you fur de next two weeks de better it will be fur all hands round!"

The distinguished stranger was then ushered in. He appeared to be a person about six feet high, lame in the left leg, of sanguine temperament, and to be possessed of great presence of mind.

By saying: "Nobody knows how good it makes me feel to stan' in de shelter of dis famous ole Paradise Hall an' look down upon de 200 faces turned up to de shingles. If my sister hadn't taken a noshun to die, an' if I hadn't got a half fare ticket to come dis way, I might nebber hev sot eyes on dis famous aggregation of wisdom, prudence an' progress."

"What' war de cull'd people of dis kentry twenty y'ar ago? Let your memories run back to de close of de war. We war men in statoo, but chil'en in intellect. On de day dat peace was declar'd had you put me down in Cincinnati wid a \$20 bill in my pocket I should hev bin helpless. Your wise President here couldn't hev told whether a shotgun loaded from in front or behind. Had you asked Sir Isaac Walpole who Shakspeare was he would hev crawled under de bed in confusion.

De tones of de fiddle war mo' to us den dan de voice of Progress an' now. If we had hoe-cake an' bacon we war content to let de rest of de world hev poetry, science, art an' wealth. Our religion might hev bin all right, but de rest of us war all wrong.

Here the orator paused to wipe his brow and straighten up his wilted collar, and when he got his second wind he continued: "Now, fur whar we are. Take de finest fle paintin' in de land an' walk into any barbar shop in de kentry an' you'll find dem to criticise it. Dey'll pint out de fak dat de foreground has skipped a cog, or dat de perspective corkscrews too much. Dey'll light down on a bad sky like a hawk on a chicken, an' you kin trust 'em to diskiber anything wrong wid a waterfall or a side hill."

"White men who come to us an' look wise an' talk about de sciences am astenished to find dat dey am barkin' up de wrong tree. We has got dar! Sewer gas keeps just as fur away from de cabin of de black man as from de palace of de white. De science of government am disscused ober our dinner-pails as often as in de halls of legislation. Nat'ral philosophy has to keep dodgin' to get out o' our way. [Prolonged applause.] De cull'd race was a long way back when de last gun was fired, but dey has bin trabblin' on a run ober since."

"I should like to talk to you fur two hours, (cheers) but de ocasshun am not propitious. If anybody among you has any doubts dat our race has not passed de three-quarter pole let him sot out and trabble a few miles. I shall now pass on to see my dyin' sister, and I shall always remember dis event wid de moas' malignant pleasure. In wishin' you farewell, permit me to use de words of Socrates to de Egyptians: 'Cum dig Solis.'"

Giveadam Jones moved that a vote of thanks and the freedom of the city be tendered to the orator, and added that he hadn't had anything do him so much good since water melons went out of market.

"I hope dat moshun will not prevail," said the Rev. Penstock, as he bobbed up. "I claim dat de greater part of dat speech was stolen bodily from one I delivered in Richmond bix y'ars ago!"

"It doan' seem possible," replied the President. "But I am suah of it, sah. I worked fur three weeks on dat speech, an' I remember almost ebery word of it."

On motion of Waydown Bebee a committee of two went out to find the Hon. Standoff and bring him in to face the music, but he had gone. Also, Elder Raffie's plug hat, Samuel Shin's overcoat and a lantern belonging to Antimony Johnson.

Sir Steven Pompdour then called up the case of Prof. Pulpadour. Some weeks since the Professor was charged by a white man with stealing a wheelbarrow, and the charge was given to the Interior Department to investigate. Sir Steven would like to inquire why the committee had not reported. The Chairman replied that he was waiting for an opportunity to report that the white man had found his wheelbarrow two days after making his charge.

"In de alley in rear of his house. It was brought back in de night."

"I see. Furtseer de charge again' you am dismissed, an' you stan' fo' th' as innocent as a lamb. Nobody saw you return de wheelbarrow, an' dar ain no 'casshun to be gin yerself away."

GREAT SCHEMES FOR SOUTHERN ASIA.

The complete annexation of the Indian Government has been proposed by the Chinese railway commission. Messrs. Colquhoun and Hallett are in the scope of early practical engineering's question; and, pressed by branches of English trade at that time, we cannot but feel glad that they of them at least there is a prospect of considerable relief. Indeed, we would limit our congratulations to the most est provinces of China will not be in its beneficial effects to any other branch of industry. These must be throughout the whole of our island class.

Before proceeding to deal with the formulae, we may, with advantage, refer to what has already been accomplished to railway construction in which the constituted British Burmah, from the capital of that territory, Rangoon, are now open and working in a westerly direction; the one communicating with Prome, and the other with Tamu, of these lines is severally 162 miles long, and the latter was only completed in the course of last year.

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