

YOUNG FOES CORNER.

THE FARMER'S COLUMN.

The Alphabet of the Animals.

Alligator, Becht, Porcupine, Whale, Bobolink, Panther, Dragonfly, Snail, Crocodile, Monkey, Buffalo, Horse, Dromedary, Leopard, Mud-turtle, Bear, Elephant, Badger, Pelican, Ox, Flying-fish, Kite, Heron, Anasoda, Fox, Guinea-pig, Dugong, A slope, Goose, Humming-bird, Waterfowl, Pickers, Moose, Deer, Rhinoceros, Owl, Kangaroo, Jackal, Opossum, Toad, Cockatoo, Kingfisher, Peacock, Asterop, Bat, Lizard, Icterus, Honey-bee, Rat, Mocking-bird, Camel, Grasshopper, Mouse, Kingbird, Sparrow, Cattlebird, Grackle, Duck, Pheasant, Wolverine, Alter-pew, Ermine, Kestrel, Hawk, Quail, Hippopotamus, Armadillo, Moth, Battalante, Lion, Woodpecker, Sloth, Salamander, Goldfinch, Angle-worm, Dog, Tiger, Flamingo, Scorpion, Frog, Unconquered, Octopus, Nudus, Mole, Viper, Gorilla, Basilisk, Snake, Whippoorwill, Beaver, Centipede, Fawn, Xanthus, Canary, Polypore, Swan, Yellow-bellied, Eagle, Hyena, Lark, Zebra, Chameleon, Butterfly, Shrike.

"If I Only Had Capital."

"If I only had capital," we heard a young man say, as he puffed away at a ten-cent cigar, "I would do something."

"If I only had capital," said another, as he walked away from a drug store where he had just paid ten cents for a drink, "I would go to business."

The same remark might have been heard from the young man loafing on the street corner. Young man with the cigar, you are smoking away your capital. You from the drug-store are drinking away your capital, destroying your body at the same time, and you upon the street corner are wasting your time, and forming bad habits. You can make your mark if you will. But you must stop spending your money for what you don't need, and squandering your time in idleness.

The Two Friends.

In the depths of a forest there lived two foxes who had never had a cross word with each other. One of them said one day, in the salient for language, "Let's quarrel." "Very well," said the other, "As you please, dear friend. But how shall we settle it?" "Oh, it can not be difficult," said Fox Number One; "twisted people talk out, why should not we?" So they tried all sorts of ways, but it could not be done, because each one would give away. At last Number One fetched two stones. "There," said he, "you say they're yours, and I'll say they're mine, and then we will quarrel, and fight, and scratch. Now I'll begin. Those two stones are mine!" "Very well," answered the other, "you're welcome to them!" "But we shall never quarrel at this rate!" cried the other, jumping up and licking his face. "You old simpleton, don't you know that it takes two to make a quarrel any day?" So they gave it up as a bad job, and never tried to play at this silly game again. I often think of this tale, when I feel more inclined to be sly than sweet.

Needle and He.

A preacher in England was once talking along the beaten path, and telling how much they needed Bibles to teach them of Jesus. If the congregation was a bright little boy, who became intensely interested. He wanted to help to buy Bibles for the beaten path. But he and his mother were poor, and he was puzzled to know how to raise money. Finally, he hit upon a plan. The people of England liked polished door-stones for polishing their hearths or scouring their marble floors. These stones are made of marble or fine stone begged from the stone-cutter.

The little boy had a favorite donkey, named Neddie. He thought it would be nice to have Neddie help in the benevolent work, so he harnessed him up and went around calling, "Do you want any door-stones?"

"Please, sir, send this money to the beaten path." And then he went to the ministers and said:

"But, my dear little fellow, I must have a name to acknowledge it."

"I did not know if he did not understand."

"You must tell me your name," replied the minister, "that we may know who gave the money."

"Oh, well, sir, please put it down to Neddie and me; that will do, won't it, sir?"

Words of Wisdom.

The covetous man makes two cents of one, and a liberal man makes a shilling of it.

No principle is more noble, as there is none more holy, than that of a true obedience.

The faith which looks forward is far richer than that the experience that looks backward.

It is good in a fever, and much better in anger, to have the tongue kept clean and smooth.

Will petitioners that do not move the heart of the supplicant move the heart of omnipotence?

There are few occasions when clemency may not be easily dispensed with, kindness never.

Treasure is always present; it only needs to lift the iron lid of the mind's eye to read its oracle.

A good constitution is like a money box; its full value is never known until it has been broken.

Taking a penny that does not belong to one removes the barrier between integrity and baseness.

The raven is like the slanderer, seeking to bring up to feed upon, and delighted when a feast is found.

Humility is the Christian's greater honor, and the higher men climb the further they are from heaven.

HOTEL ST. JAMES, GALT, ONTARIO.

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"All Among the Barley,

Who wouldn't be a chapman
In a hollow tree,
Eating oats, and wheat, and truck,
And tarts,

With thistles down all for your bed,
Quilted properly,
And a staff to force to make
Old bates.

But I'd hate to be a chapman, tho'
I'd rather far be me,

If the farmer was not mad about

His tarts,

And come along with his shooting gun,

My hiding place to see,

And then me all so little bits,

Like berries.

Hens That Eat Eggs.

The best way to break hens of egg-eating is to twist their necks, and re-stock with birds that have not acquired the habit. Fowls that are expert in egg-eating first attack the shell with their bill. If it is a thin shell a few strokes will break it, and the rest is an easy job. If, however, the shell is a thick one, they generally fail to break it with their beaks; then they begin to scratch in the nest, and with their feet throw the egg against the hard side of the box until it is broken. First of all make hens lay hard-shelled eggs—so hard that they cannot be readily broken by a hen's bill. This can be done by feeding freely with cracked lime, ground or broken bones, oyster shells, etc. To prevent breaking against the sides of the box the nest should be high and lined upon the sides with cushions filled with hay or other soft material. Their only chance then is that they may throw two eggs forcibly against each other. To prevent this, take the next egg away and gather the eggs several times a day. It is a good plan to leave a few china eggs near the nest for them to work at, which will make their bills so sore that they will strike the real eggs with less force.

Pruning Fruit and Ornamental Trees.

We read a great deal about the proper time for pruning trees, and especially the apple tree. Some prefer fall some mid-winter, some early spring, but scarcely any one recommends the very least time in our humble opinion—midsummer. Doubtless some old fogies will open their eyes and hold up their hands at such an innovation, and denounce it as absurdity; but we think we will be sustained by a majority of the live men of the day. If we desire to improve the form of a fruit tree and get rid of some of the superfluous wood, we should prune in winter, but if we desire fruit and a perfectly headed stump, we should prune from the 15th of June to the 20th of July. We have done this often with the happiest results. The fruit buds form after this, and the operation in suddenly cutting off its growth produces buds, while the winter or early spring pruning will produce only wood.

In pruning ornamental trees in mid-summer, the bark, instead of receding from the stump, grows over it, and in a few years will completely cover it, and make a perfect amputation. We have noticed that upon our own premises as well as upon those of others, many times. This pruning is done when the tree is taking its midsummer sleep, and then wakes up, refreshed for another start, and the bark gradually steals over the stump as if ashamed of the shabby-looking exposure.

When the tree is in full leaf and presents its full form to us, we can see exactly where the pruning should be done in order that, while the organization may be removed, the symmetry of the tree may be preserved. Especially is midsummer pruning to be preferred—first, to produce buds on fruit-bearing trees, as before stated; and second, when large limbs are to be removed.

So that burns, cockles, etc., are cut down in fields where the sheep run during this season. The quality of their fleeces will be much deteriorated if full of this foreign matter. A little care in this particular will be money in hand next spring.

Extravagance.

There is nothing prettier than a bit of extravagance. The man who takes care of his earnings is far more respected than he who squanders all. So with the young lady. Although she may spend her last dollar in the purchase of a new dress or costly shawl, and follow the whims of fashion as closely as does the fashionable young lady in society, who has thousands at her own disposal, she cannot even make people believe she is richer than she really is; and is more likely to incur suspicion, and keep away such men as make good husbands from her society, than if she lived prudently and dressed plainly.

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"Ma," said a little boy, looking up from an illustrated paper, "I wish I was a little South African boy."

"Why, Georgia!" asked his mother, "Why, because their mothers don't wear slippers?" he replied.

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