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Canada vs. Danish Bacon.

The question arises, are we engaging in a hopeless competition, and will not the Danes eventually drive us out of the market? But there is another side of the question which I would like to present. At the time of my visit, the farmers were receiving at the factory a little over six and a quarter cents per pound, live weight, for their hogs, and they were complaining bitterly that the price was not high enough. The best authorities I could find agreed in placing the cost of production at six cents per pound live weight. In addition to this fact, a number of recently-constructed factories in Denmark have failed, and others are running at a loss, not being able to obtain enough hogs to make the business profitable. When these two facts are considered together, the reasonable inference is that as soon as the price of hogs drops to the neighborhood of six cents per pound, the Danish farmer curtails his operations, and fewer hogs are fed for market; and that unless a cheaper method of feeding is discovered, the Danes are not likely to increase their exports of bacon. In other words, it looks very much as though the Danes had very nearly reached their limit in the production of bacon, for the present at least. I need not say that Canadian farmers can make money at six cents per pound for their hogs, and it is right here where we score a very important advantage over the Danes. Against the advantages of uniformity, abundance of creamery by-products (skim milk and buttermilk), and closeness to the market, we have the great advantage of cheaper foods.—[Prof. G. E. Day, in September 1st Farmer's Advocate.

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Rural School Improvement.

The Canadian people as a class are conservative in their habit of thought and action, consequently such changes as establishing consolidated rural schools will come about slowly. In the meantime, therefore, it is a question deserving of immediate and serious consideration, if more systematic and thoroughgoing efforts should not be made to improve the existing rural schools, by improving the buildings and equipment, by employing only the best qualified teachers, and paying them salaries sufficient to make the position held and the profession itself an inducement to remaining in it for such a length of time that a meritorious type of education in the section would be developed. The strictest regard should be paid to the moral standing of the teacher, and the latter, by interesting and identifying herself (or himself) with the home life of the pupils and their general well-being, would become, as they ought to be, a much more potent factor in the condition and progress of the community. We believe this is an ideal worth striving for, and that it is not impossible at the same time with a competent teacher in an ungraded rural school to introduce many of the features of nature study and constructive work now coming into vogue.—[September 1st Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine.

One of the most useful Institutions of this country promises to be The Diabetic Institute of London, established for scientific research into the origin, cause and treatment of Diabetes and the secondary symptoms; got rheumatism, carbuncles, etc. Hardly any disease is so little understood, and at the same time so insidious and dangerous as Diabetes, which, according to the highest modern authorities, is curable after all, when treated in time. If interested, write to the Diabetic Institute, St. Dunstan's Hill, London, E.C., for free information. 51-13t

An Interesting Book.

The inventors and manufacturers are frequently puzzled to know just how to proceed to protect their inventions, and much valuable time is lost in acquiring information required. There is probably no profession in which technical questions are of such frequent occurrence as in patent soliciting, and there is no field of speculation in which greater care should be exercised before deciding upon a course of action.

A valuable invention, when properly protected by Letters Patent, procured by qualified technical experts, means a fortune to its lucky owner, but the same invention patented by unskillful persons may be practically of no value because of failure to properly protect the essential features of novelty which are of most value.

The reason for patent monopoly, possibility of secret use of an invention, nature and policy of patents, time required to procure a patent and the course and treatment of an application in the patent office are interestingly discussed in a recent publication issued by Messrs. Marion & Marion, Patent Solicitors, of Montreal, and called "The Inventor's Adviser."

In addition to giving a summary of the law and practice relating to patent matters, the book contains a large number of court decisions relating to patent law both in Canada, the United States and other countries, and much interesting matter not to be found elsewhere. The book is issued to answer questions of frequent occurrence relating to patents and inventions, and will be of great service to manufacturers and inventors.

The price of the book is one dollar, but we have made arrangements so that our subscribers will be supplied with copies at 25 cents each, provided they name this paper when writing to Marion & Marion, of Montreal, for copies.

The regular weekly issue of the Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine for September 1st contains a rich, varied and practical array of seasonable articles of special interest to the farmer and his household. The illustrations of the number are appropriate and excellent.

THERMOMETERS.

The Bulbs, the Tubes and the Marking of the Degrees.

There are many different uses for thermometers and as many different styles as uses. They range from the tiny half inch tubes attached to Christmas calendars to the enormous twelve foot instruments used in experimental work by meteorologists.

Perhaps the most difficult part of the manufacture of thermometers is that of fitting the tube with a bulb of exactly the right capacity. The size of the latter must have an exact relation to that of the former. If it is too large for the bore the mercury or colored alcohol, whichever is used, will not rise high enough in the tube; if too small, it will rise too high. In the little clinical thermometer on whose story the physician depends so often for his decision the bore is so fine that a human hair can hardly be inserted. As these thermometers must be regulated to record minutely the temperature, the person on whose judgment depends the size of the bulb to be attached must be a highly skilled workman. The men who do this part of the work have to be highly paid.

The marking of the degrees on the hollow tube is the step next in importance in the making of the little curse and blessing. The process is so simple that one can prove the accuracy of a thermometer for one's self by the same method. The freezing point is secured by immersing the bulb in a box of melting ice and the boiling point by attaching it to a steam pipe or immersing it in boiling water. Scratches are made on the tube at the points reached by the mercury under these two tests, and the space between is then marked off into 100 spaces for a centigrade thermometer and 180 for a Fahrenheit instrument, the marking beginning in the first instance at zero and in the second at 32. This makes the boiling point in one case 100 and in the other 212 degrees. Thermometers are apt to deteriorate in value as they age, owing to a contraction of the glass of the bulb. The amount of the error can be determined by immersing the bulb in melting ice and making a mark for the new freezing point. To insure the accuracy of thermometers the manufacturers usually store them for a year, testing them from time to time.

WHAT THEY READ.

Hogarth was fond of joke books and farces and enjoyed them immoderately.

Mario, the great tenor, read anything he could obtain relating to sports or hunting.

"Papa Haydn liked stories, and he said, "The more love there is in them the better."

George III., for many years of his life, read nothing but his Bible and prayer book.

Swift made a special study of the Latin satirists and imitated their style and language.

Da Vinci read Pindar and thought him the noblest poet who ever wrote in any language.

Heine seldom read anything but poetry, but he read that with the most scrupulous attention.

Bold Court Jesters.

"You are ready enough to point your satire at other people's faults," Queen Bess once said to Clod, one of the court jesters, "but you never say a word about mine." "Ah," exclaimed Clod, "why should I waste time in reminding your majesty of your faults, seeing that they are in everybody's mouth?"

Patch, one of Henry VIII.'s fools, once sought permission to demand an egg from every husband who was dissatisfied with his wife. No sooner had the king granted his request than Patch proceeded to demand the first egg from him, saying, "Your grace belongs to the class of husbands on whom I am entitled to make levy."

Japanese Myths.

Japanese believe in more mythical creatures than any other people on the globe, civilized or savage. Among these are serpents 800 feet long and large enough to swallow an elephant, foxes with eight legs, monkeys with four ears and fishes with ten heads attached to one body. They also believe in the existence of a crane which, after it has lived for 600 years, has no need of any sustenance except water.

Talleyrand's Sharp Tongue.

When Mme. de Stael published her celebrated novel, "Delphine," she was supposed to have painted herself in the person of the heroine, and M. Talleyrand in that of an elderly lady, who is one of the principal characters. "They tell me," said he, the first time he met her, "that we are both of us in your novel in the disguise of women."

The Difference.

Little Rodney—Papa, what is the difference between climate and weather? Mr. Wayout (of Dismalhurst-on-the-Blink)—Climate, my son, is what a locality has when you are buying a home there, and weather is what it has afterward.

Debts of Honor.

Johnny—Pa, what is a debt of honor? Pa—It is a debt that is incurred in a dishonorable way, Johnny.

Naturally.

Van X.—Why are you going into the soap business? De Q.—To clean up some money, of course.

The man who is miserable and makes a bluff at happiness is a benefactor for keeping his sorrows to himself.—Baltimore American.

ORIGIN OF "KICKERS."

Supposed to Come From an Occupation In Cornish Mines.

"I believe that the origin of the expressive bit of slang 'kickers' may be found in the very lowest form of occupation any member of the human race follows," W. M. Robinson states.

"Between Wormsley's and St. Helen's, in Cornwall, is an underground canal connecting the lower levels of the coal mines at Wormsley's with the surface station at St. Helen's which saves a great deal of money for the mine owners in handling the coal, which is simply loaded on the barges in the mines and transported by the canal under the mountains to the harbor at St. Helen's. When the canal was devised, however, how to provide for locomotion for these barges was a problem.

"Mules couldn't be used, and there were circumstances which made steam impossible, but an inventive genius finally solved the riddle by suggesting that cross pieces of timber be placed along the roof of the canal, which was very low, and men could lie on their backs on top of the loaded barges and 'kick' the vessel along. After the barge was once started this was found to be feasible.

"The men could easily keep the load in motion by the means suggested, and it has ever since been in use. There is no question about the low grade of this sort of work, and even the men who follow it are constantly 'kicking' around the villages where they live. They were known at the mines officially as 'kickers' because of their work, and their vocal complaints, continually indulged in, caused every one at Wormsley's or St. Helen's, no matter what their station or employment, who indulged in complaints to be called 'kickers.' I presume that the origin of the word, as we use it, is just what I have suggested."

DUTCH SUPERSTITIONS.

If the fire goes out on New Years eve trouble is foreboded.

If you walk backward, the errand you are bound on at the time will fail.

To prevent cramp wear an eelskin garter about the left leg below the knee.

To cure warts rub a black snail over them, but the snail must afterward be impaled on a rose thorn.

The first person to enter your house on New Year's day will, if he be light haired, bring bad luck to you; if dark haired, good luck.

To test your sweetheart's humor make him stir the fire. If he stirs it to a hearty blaze he is good humored. If he makes it smoke and fade he is hard to live with.

If a lock of your hair burns bright and long you will have a happy life of seventy years or more, but if it burns weakly and soon goes out your life will be both sad and short.

EXERCISES FOR HEALTH.

A Little Shaking Up Before Breakfast Is a Good Thing.

For almost every person under fifty, and for a great many people over fifty, exercise is the nearest approach to a panacea for bodily ills that has yet been devised. Causing the body to move and stretch and push and pull makes the blood circulate, the liver do its work and the nerves pick up their dropped stitches. An excellent time to exercise is before breakfast. Neither man nor beast, as a rule, goes to sleep hungry. During sleep there is little waste of energy. On waking there is no immediate demand for replenishment of lost tissues. Furthermore, the long sleep has left the nerves and the digestive apparatus dull and leadened. To sit down to a heavy breakfast within fifteen or twenty minutes after getting out of bed means that the stomach receives food which it does not need and will not readily digest.

A little shaking up before breakfast arouses the vitality and consequently makes the appetite and digestion better. That means better work done during the day. If a man can get away from work in time to take additional exercise during the afternoon he will have a better appetite for the evening meal and more power to digest it. That will mean better sleep at night. Many a man has succeeded in the world without paying any attention to his body—Joseph Chamberlain, for instance. But such men would probably have succeeded more easily and certainly with more pleasure to themselves if they had taken care of their bodies. A strong mind is certainly stronger and more enduring in a healthy body than in a sickly one. The best way to keep the body healthy is to use it.

Temper.

A great source of cruelty is temper. When it is considered what a vast sum of misery temper causes in the world, how many homes are darkened and how many hearts are saddened by it; when we remember that its persecutions have not even the purifying consequences of most other calamities, inasmuch as its effects upon its innocent victims are rather cankerous than medicinal; when we call to mind that a bright face and a bright disposition are like sunshine in a house, and a gloomy, lowering countenance as depressing as an Arctic night, we must acknowledge that temper itself is only another form of cruelty, and a very bad form too.

A Family Problem.

Teacher was explaining the meaning of the word recuperate.

"Now, Willie," she said, "If your father worked hard all day he would be tired and all worn out, wouldn't he?"

"Yes'm."

"Then when night comes and his work is over for the day, what does he do?"

"That's what ma wants to know."

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A new factor has arisen in Irish affairs by the outspoken declaration of Irish Reform Association for local self-government in unity with the Empire.

THE CHILD.

My little son, who looked from wistful eyes,
And moved up and spoke in quiet and grown-up wise,
Having my law the seventh time disobeyed,
I struck him, and dismiss'd
With harsh words, and unkiss'd,
His mother, who was patient, being dead.
Then, fearing that his grief should hinder sleep,
I visited his bed,
But found him slumbering deep,
With darken'd eyelids, and their lashes yet
From his late sobbing wet.
And I, with moan,
Kissing away his tears, left others of my own;
For, on a table drawn beside his head,
He had put within his reach,
A box of counters and red-vein'd stones,
A piece of glass abraded by the beach,
And six or seven shells,
A bottle of bluebells,
And two French copper coins, ranged there with careful art,
To comfort his sad heart.
So when that night I prayed
To God, I wept, and said:
Ah, when at last we lie with tranced breath,
Not reving thee in death,
And Thou remember'st of what toys
We made our joys,
How weakly understood,
Thy great commanded good,
Then, fatherly not less
Than I whom thou hast molded from the clay,
Thou'lt leave thy wrath and say,
"I will be sorry for their childishness."

—Coventry Patmore.

THE TEACHER AND PEACE.

Relation of Education of the Young to a Great Question.

"The teacher in relation to the peace of the world" was the subject of a paper by Andrew Stevenson of Stratford, Ont., at the recent Friends' Convention in Toronto. The present adult generation were not properly educated in their youth, he said, or there would not have been the recent outbreak of military fever in the British Empire and the United States. Little was being done now in the schools to educate our youth against such an outbreak in the future. The tendency was unfortunately rather the other way. The proper inculcation of peace principles required no new text-books or no special class periods for instruction. The only requirement was a teacher who knew the evil of war and was enthusiastic for reform. The classes in geography, history, literature and composition offer opportunities for incidental instruction in peace principles. Though such literature as the writings of Homer and Virgil and Caesar inspired warlike feelings and was so far evil, yet many of our standard works were from one point of view peace tracts of a powerful kind. The boy who had properly worked through the speech of Mark Antony in the play of "Julius Caesar" could never afterwards be stirred up to warlike fervor by the cunning flattery and falsehood of jingo orators or journalists. Scott's "Lady of the Lake" was an exposure of the folly and wickedness which brought on war, and of the tragedy and pathos involved in it. In "The Courtship of Miles Standish" they have a description of the un-Christian spirit which set agoing the series of Indian wars in America. Kipling's "Recessional" was an effective antidote to the national self-conceit which made many wars inevitable, and it was as much needed in the United States as in Britain. Much good could be done in the teaching of English composition by occasionally assigning a subject which would involve in its treatment some application of peace principles. Some such subjects were "True national greatness," "What we owe to other nations," "Peace and War."

The Death of Belz.

Oliver Belz is dead. This boy was attracted to Toronto Island to see another Toronto lad leap the gap on a bicycle, and when the youth advertised to perform the feat was persuaded by his own tardy sense, or the expostulation of friends, to back out, young Belz, in a spirit of daring, volunteered. He succeeded so well that he was made much of, and went to Buffalo to repeat the performance there, says The Toronto Star. His career, all told, did not cover a fortnight. Courage is a virtue entitled to encouragement, but the unnecessary risking of one's life does not so much denote courage as bad judgment. It shows one to be the victim of selfish and unsound advice. Those who urged this boy to risk this feat, those who applauded his fool-hardiness, contributed to his death. Poor young Belz was not old enough to know better, and he was slain by the public to afford them a spectacle.

Why should people crowd to witness a feat that has no merit except the risk to which it exposes the life of a fellow-creature? Why endorse with the payment of money and the tribute of applause a performance that induces men to risk and find violent deaths? Spectators are horrified when they witness a fatality, although it is their money that hired the man to assume the risk. They bought his life, and took it.

It has been found necessary to have the law interfere to prevent men jumping off bridges, and going over Niagara Falls in the chance of coming out alive and notorious. There are other dangerous deeds that the law should no longer countenance.

ODD FACTS ABOUT COLOR.

One of Them Is That There Is No Food That Is Blue.

Did you ever notice that there is no blue food? We eat things green, red, yellow and violet; flesh, fish or plants in all the colors of the rainbow except blue.

Many deadly poisons are blue in color, such as bluestone or the deadly nightshade flower. The color stands in our slang for everything miserable and depressing.

But this is only one of a thousand queer facts about colors.

Heat a bar of iron and the particles of the metal are set in motion, shaking violently one against another.

Presently the surrounding ether is set in motion in large, slow waves through the air, like the waves of the sea, until they break upon our skin and give us the sensation of heat. As the iron gets hotter other waves are set in motion in immense numbers, traveling at more than lightning speed, and these break upon the eye, giving us the sensation of red light.

The redhot iron, getting still more heated, throws out other sets of waves, still smaller and more rapid—orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet, all the colors of the rainbow. The eye cannot tell one from another; the whole bundle of rays mixed up gives us an impression of white. That is the glow from white hot iron, and such is the light from the still greater brightness of the sun. Sunlight is a bundle of rays of light—red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet all mixed together. The mixture of all colors is white light. The absence of all color is utter darkness.

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Concentration.

The weakest living creature, by concentrating his powers on a single object, can accomplish something. The strongest, by disposing of his overmany, may fail to accomplish anything. The drop, by continually falling, bores its passage through the hardest rock. The hasty torrent rushes over it with hideous uproar and leaves no trace behind.—Carlyle.

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If you question the attendants in the first Egyptian room they will shake their heads and say nothing. But there is a famous professor in the museum who knows that the facts are true, though whether they be a coincidence or a manifestation of supernatural power who can say? He says

"For three months I have been gathering the tangled threads of evidence. I have now in my possession proof of the identity of all those who suffered from the anger of the priestess Amen Ra. But for the sake of friends and relatives I have been requested to suppress the names.

"About the middle of the sixties of the last century a party of five friends took ship in a dahabeah for a trip up the Nile. They traveled to Luxor on their way to the second cataract, and stayed there to explore the ruins of the great and wonderful city of Thebes, with its avenues of sphinxes and rams, its vast hall of columns and its temple to Amen Ra, which is unequaled on earth in the sublimity of its ruined magnificence.

"One night an Arab sent by Mustapha Aga came to one of their number, Mr. D., as we may call him, saying that he had just found a mummy case of unusual beauty. What became of the mummy the man did not explain. The next morning Mr. D. bought the case. Both he and his companions were impressed by its remarkable beauty and by the curious face of the woman portrayed, a face that was filled with a cold malignancy of expression unpleasant to witness.

"They had agreed that, being all interested in Egyptology, they should apportion their finds by lot, and so, though Mr. D. had been the chance of its discovery, he lost the mummy cover, which passed to a friend, whom we will call Mr. W.

"It was on their return journey that the series of misfortunes commenced. Mr. D.'s servant was handing him a gun, when without visible cause it exploded, the charge lodging in his arm, which had to be amputated, a second died in poverty within the year, a third was shot, while Mr. W., the owner of the mummy case, discovered on his arrival in Cairo that he had lost a large part of his fortune. He died soon afterward. The priestess of Amen Ra had signified her displeasure in a very convincing manner.

"From the date it was shipped on board the steamer Mr. D. lost sight of the mummy case for several years. He did not at the time in any way associate the misfortunes that had occurred to the party with its discovery, but when he next heard of it and had full information of the disasters which had been subsequently associated with its possession he began to suspect that it was not merely chance, not merely a coincidence, that had brought so sinister a fate on all who had dealings with the priestess of Amen Ra.

"On the arrival of the case in England it was given by its owner, Mr. W., to a married sister living near London. From the day the case entered the house misfortune followed misfortune. The family suffered large losses and the end came with painful troubles which need not be specified.

"The lady while in possession of the case received one day a visit from Mme. Blavatsky. The great theosophist became very disturbed on entering the room, and after a few minutes' conversation told her hostess that there was something in her house possessed of a most malignant influence. She asked to be allowed to search the house and on discovering the coffin lid appealed to her hostess to send away an object which she described as of the utmost danger. Her hostess, however, refused, laughing at what she imagined to be an example of foolish superstition.

"Some time afterward the lady sent the case to a well known photographer in Baker street. Within a week the chief of the firm came down to this lady's house in a state of great excitement. He had, he said, photographed the face with the greatest care, and he could guarantee that no one had touched either the negative or the photograph in any way, yet it was not the cardboard features that looked out of the photograph, but a living Egyptian woman staring straight before her with an expression of singular malevolence. Shortly after the photographer died suddenly and mysteriously.

"It was about this time that Mr. D. happened to meet the owner of the coffin lid and begged her upon hearing her story to get rid of it at once. She agreed, and a carrier was found to convey it to the British museum. The carrier died within a week."—London Express.

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