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RIVERDALE.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weir treated the young people to a party on Friday evening of last week, when the evening was very enjoyably spent in games, music and dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Atkinson of Holstein visited the former's parents here on Friday, and took in the party at Mr. Weir's in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McClocklin visited the former's brother, Mr. Fred McClocklin, at Holstein, on Saturday last.

Misses Susie and Blanche Bell, and Miss Ella McFadden, took in the party given by Mr. and Mrs. S. Langrill, Hutton Hill, on Thursday evening of last week.

Miss Mary Hamilton spent a couple of days last week with Miss Lizzie Weir.

Mr. Wm. Williams of Edge Hill visited with friends in this part recently.

Mr. Dan. McArthur of the Glen was in this part last week dehorning cattle. Mr. Robt. McFadden and Mrs. John Bell each had their dehorned. Owing to the rule that the cattle buyers will put into force in the spring, the dehorning of cattle is made almost imperative, or the farmer will lose \$2 per head.

Miss Annie Aljoe of town spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Weir.

Messrs James and Thos. Weir and John and Thos. Brown and Mr. Farr Lawrence, of North Egremont, attended the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weir on Friday night.

Mr. Wm. Jaques is busy putting the wood in at the school here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Aljoe spent Tuesday with the latter's parents at Vickers.

CLIPPING THE HORSE

Judgment Should be Used on Animals Who Suffer

There are horse blankets and horse blankets, all classes of horses and every kind of weather and condition in which to use them, but horses often are forced to suffer through their use, or rather misuse.

The common practice of blanketing horses along in the fall, when their winter coat begins to come in, to keep the animal looking "fine," is a source of, to say the least, discomfort to the animal; to keep a horse in a warm stable, heavily blanketed, and then work him throughout the day, without this "wrap," shows lack of judgment. No doubt a sleek coat can be maintained in this way, but it is rather hard on the horse. The use of heavy blankets under normal conditions cannot be condemned too much. Their place is for use in severe weather, where horses have to stand outside or in open sheds during the winter. For stable use a light sheet only should be used. Even during fall months, the horse, unless very hot, should receive only a light covering.

The heavy blanket, while it is invaluable to protect the horse in certain conditions, and should always be in a handy place on the farm ready for use, can be greatly abused and indiscriminate use can cause the horse as much or more discomfort than if it were taken away entirely. Blanket the horse for protection, and not for show.

An American Senator, J. Ham Lewis, bitterly assailed Britain's policy in Mexico.

Temperature of the Body.

The heat of the body varies at different ages and different times of the day. Except when you are suffering from fever you are never so hot as when you are born. The temperature of a newborn baby is about 102 degrees, but during the first day it rapidly goes down to 97½ degrees, rising again to a little above the average temperature of a grownup person, which is about 98½ degrees. The heat of your body varies as much as two degrees in twenty-four hours. The minimum is reached about 4 o'clock in the morning, when your vitality is at its lowest, and the maximum about 4 in the afternoon. People who work by night and sleep during the day, however, are coldest in the afternoon and warmest in the early morning. It is a remarkable fact that we nearly always die if our blood varies more than a few degrees either way. A temperature below 95 degrees or above 106 degrees is generally fatal.—Pearson's.

Criminals and Crime.

Is the criminal so because he wants to be so? No more wicked fallacy was ever foisted upon a credulous world than this. Nobody at any period of the world ever wished to be criminal. Every one instinctively hates and fears crime. Every one is honest by nature. It is inherent in the soul. I have never met a criminal who did not hate his crime even more than his condemners hate it. The apparent exception is when the man does not consider his act a crime. He has killed because his victim exasperated him to it. He has robbed society because society made war on him. The offender hates his crime.

But he is not ashamed of it? Now, that is true. He is not ashamed of it in the current sense. He hates it, he fears it, but it does not fill him with a sense of sin.—H. Fielding Hall in Atlantic Monthly.

Why Not Schools For Men?

No man ever feels the need of education so much as the man who sees opportunity for advancement open before him, but who does not dare to take it for fear that he can not rise to it. It is useless to say anything to such a man about neglected opportunities, and it is equally futile to say the same thing to the youth who is neglecting his studies. The first cannot go back and live his boyhood over; the latter cannot comprehend his danger, nor will he believe in his own possibilities, nor can he really study intelligently things for which he is not sufficiently mature. The few who mature early enough in life to go through technical schools or colleges are provided for. Can we not provide men's schools for those who mature normally?—American Magazine.

A City That Was a Failure.

Of all the seven cities of Asia perhaps Sardi has the most interesting and romantic history, and yet, with all its natural advantages, its wealth, its famous rulers, its wise counselors, its victorious armies, it was the greatest failure of them all, says the Christian Herald. The richest man in the world, Croesus, was king of Sardi; the wisest man, Solon, was her guest, and yet, through overconfidence and lack of watchfulness, time and again it was surprised, conquered and all but destroyed, until at last the disintegrating rock and soil from its own citadel, loosened by the winter rains and hurled down by destructive earthquakes, buried the city thirty feet deep from the sight of man. It became a dead city, and it was buried by the forces of nature.

Regulating His Sleep.

John Wesley recognized the evils of oversleeping and gave a recipe whereby one may find out how much sleep he really wants. It was derived from experience. "I waked every night about 12 and lay awake for some time, and I readily concluded that this arose from my being longer in bed than nature required. I procured an alarm, which waked me next morning at 7 (an hour earlier than I rose the day before), yet I lay awake at night. The next morning I rose at 6; notwithstanding, I lay awake the second night. The third morning I rose at 5, nevertheless lay awake. The fourth morning I rose at 4, as I have done ever since, and I lay awake no more."—London Chronicle.

No Matter Who.

A party of women were being escorted through the state house the other day by a bowing and scraping guide. The women were of the enthusiastic type and raved over this and that and said, "Oh, simply too gorgeous." Finally they were shown the portrait of a former governor.

"Oh, superb, isn't it?" said one of them, "and an excellent likeness too. A portrait of whom did you say it was?"—Boston Traveler.

The Fishless Fisherman.

"So you took a day off from your work and went fishing?"

"Yes," replied the man who insists on being cheerful.

"Have any luck?"

"Certainly. A day off is luck enough."—Washington Star.

A Wafer.

"What," asked the teacher, "is the meaning of the word 'wafer'?"

"A wafer," replied Maurice, aged nine, "is a kid without any father or mother."—Chicago News.

But Which is Which.

Willie Paw, what is the difference between firmness and obstinacy? Paw—Merely a matter of sex, my son."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Secret of a Sign Painter.

Sign painters do not usually achieve fame, but there was one in the last century who did achieve a curiously long lived bit of work. This was the man who painted a station sign at Harpers Ferry, shortly after the completion of the railway line to that point. The sign is in possession of a western society of engineers.

For a long time the society endeavored to ascertain who mixed the paint and applied it to the sign, which was placed in position at the Harpers Ferry station about forty years ago. Summer's heat and winter's storms in no way dimmed the luster of the paint used to make the words "Harpers Ferry." They stand out as boldly as the day they were formed by the painter's brush. The wood around the letters has been worn about a sixteenth of an inch by sand beaten against it by fierce winds, but the letters have withstood the elements. It is asserted that no paint manufactured nowadays is equal in durability to that which was applied to the old sign.

For a long time, but without success, the society tried to learn the identity of this humble artist.—Boston Post.

Her Angel Child.

Mother's darling, aged four, was not to be like other boys and learn to use naughty and slangy words. He was not allowed to play with the older boys in the neighborhood for fear his sensitive nature might be shocked at the language they used. One day while mother was busy he slipped over into the next street and played for half an hour with a crowd of older boys. In that half hour he took a complete course in modern language.

On his return mother said: "Where has my precious been?" "You should worry and get a wrinkle," he cheerfully replied.

"Dearest, tell mother where you learned such horrible language!" mother exclaimed.

"Aw, good night, shirt," came sweetly from the cupid bow mouth.

Then mother commenced to weep, for she realized that her angel child was just a boy after all.—Kansas City Star.

Bathyan's Black Pearl.

There is a curious story of the precious black pearl which Count Louis Bathyan, the Hungarian revolutionist, wore in his scarfpin. Sentenced to death for his part in the rising of 1849, he gave the scarfpin to the valet who attended him in prison. The valet bequeathed it to his son, and the son decided to sell it. It was taken to Budapest to be valued, and there exhibited in a jeweler's shop window. Crowds assembled to stare at it, and the suspicions of the Austrian police were aroused. They instituted a rigorous inquiry and discovered, to their amazement, that the pearl had been stolen from the crown of England 150 years before. The British government bought it back, but no one has been able to discover by what means it had passed into the possession of the Bathyan family.

Madame Nordica, ill with pneumonia in Australia, is improving.

CORNER CONCERNS.

The mild weather since the storm is much appreciated, both by stock feeders and bushmen. Most people think that little should be said against those few cold days, considering the very favorable winter weather we have had.

Miss Jane Mathews of Durham, visited old acquaintances in this part last week.

Rev. Mr. Hartley has inaugurated a Home Department of the Sunday school in St. Paul's church and makes monthly examination of the work. Next Sunday is the day for giving in their reports.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tucker are over at Belgrave this week attending the marriage of the latter's sister, Miss Esther Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dodson returned to Palmerston last week, after a fortnight's visit with old friends.

Cattle King Brown was up this way Monday looking for beef. He reports cattle very scarce, few and far between, but says the phone is a speedy way of hunting them up. If prices keep up, we may all be able to have it put in our homes.

Mr. A. McCabe, our efficient mail courier, is away in Welland county attending his father's funeral. He has the sympathy of all who know him, but more especially on his route, as he has endeared himself to all by his faithful, painstaking attention to duty and courteous manner. It has been a most satisfactory year for his patrons, making rural free delivery a great boon, and we all wish he may some day step up to a higher position in the service. Mr. Wm. Long is attending to his duties in his absence.

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