

General Debility.

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Test All Seeds Now—Important.

No one can, by merely looking at them, positively tell whether any particular lot of field, garden, or flower seeds have or have not sufficient vitality of germ to start into vigorous growth. Yet it is a severe loss, often a disastrous one, to go through with all the labor and expense of preparation and, planting or sowing, and find too late that the crop is lost because the seeds are defective. All this risk can be saved by a few minutes time all told, in making a preliminary test, and it should be done now, before the seed is wanted, and in time to get other seed if necessary. While there are always circumstances affecting the vitality of seeds (often unobserved), the remarkable season 1881, and the unusual past winter weather have been likely to somewhat affect almost all kinds of seeds. They may not have matured the germ; it may have been destroyed by heat or moisture; minute insects may have, unobserved, punctured or eaten out the vital part of a considerable percentage.

SIMPLE TEST.—Select from the whole mass of the seed, 100, or 50, or even 10 seeds, that will be a fair sample of all.

For larger seeds, as wheat, corn, oats, peas etc., take a thin tough sod, and scatter the counted seeds upon the earth side. Put upon the seeds another similar sod, earth side down. Set this double sod by the warm side of the house or other building, or of a tight fence, moistening it occasionally as needed. If very cold, cover, or remove to the kitchen or cellar at night. The upper sod can be lifted for observation when desirable. The swelling and starting of the seeds within a few days, according to the kind, tell what percentage of them will grow. A box of earth will answer as well as a sod, both for large and small seeds. Small seeds of vegetables or flowers, and even larger ones, may be put into moist cotton, to be kept slightly moist and placed in the sun or in a light warm room. For small quantities of valuable flower seeds and the like, half a dozen will suffice for a trial test.—With any seed, for field or garden, however good, it is always very desirable and useful to know exactly how many or few are defective, and thus be able to decide how much seed to use on an acre, or other plot.

Banging a Blood and Thunder Novelist.

The other day a stout woman armed with an umbrella and leading a small urchin, called at the office of a New York boys' story paper.

"Is this the place where they fight Indians?" she inquired of the gentleman in charge. "Is this the locality where the brave boy charges up the canyon and speeds a bullet to the heart of the dusky redskin?" she jerked the urchin around by the ear and brought her umbrella down on the desk.

"We publish story for boys," replied the young man evasively.

"I want to know if these are the premises on which the daring lad springs upon his fiery steed, and, darting through the circle of the dusky redskins, cuts the captive's cords and bears him away before the wondering Indians have recovered from their astonishment? That's the information I'm after. I want to know if that sort of thing is perpetrated here?" and she swung the umbrella around her head.

"I don't remember these specific acts," protested the young man.

"I want to know if this is the precinct where the adventurous boy jumps on the back of a buffalo and with unerring aim picks off one by one the blood-thirsty pursuers who bite the dust at every crack of his faithful rifle? I'm looking for the place where that sort of thing happens?" and this time she brought the unlucky young man a tremendous whack across the back.

"I think—" commenced the dodging victim.

"I'm in search of the shop in which the boy road agent holds the quivering stage driver powerless with his glittering eye, while he robs the male passengers with an adroitness born of long and tried experience, and kisses the hands of the lady passengers with a gallantry of bearing that bespeaks noble birth and a chivalrous nature?" screamed the woman, driving the young man into the corner.

"I'm looking for the apartment in which that business is transacted?" and down came the umbrella with trip-hammer force on the young man's head.

"Upon my soul, ma'am—" gasped the wretched youth.

"I want to be introduced to the jays in which you keep the boys' stories of the Sierras! Show me the bins full of the boy detectives of the prairie! Point out to me the barrels full of boy pirates of the Spanish main!" and with each demand she dropped the umbrella on the young man's skull until he skipped over the desk and sought safety in a neighboring apartment.

"I'll teach 'em!" she paused, grasping the urchin by the ear and leading him off.

"I'll teach 'em to make it good or dance. Want to stand upon the pinnacle of the mountain and scatter the plain beneath with the bleeding bodies of uncounted slain? Want to say 'hiss' in a tone that brooks no contradiction? Proceed to spring upon the traffiler and with a ringing word of command send a broadside into the richly laden galley, and then mercifully spare the beautiful maiden in the cabin, that she may become your bride? Eh? Going to do it any more?"

With each question she hammered the yelling urchin until his bones were sore and he protested his permanent abandonment of all the glories enumerated.

"Then come along, take his taking him by the collar. 'Let me catch you around with any more rambles and carving knives, and you'll think the leaping, curling restless prairie fire had swept from a crocious roar of triumph across the trem-

bling plains and lodged in your pantaloons to stay!"

Breach of Promise.

(Hamilton, Ont. "Times").

At the Elgin Assizes, this week an action was brought by Bertha Price, daughter of F. Price, of St. Thomas, against Lemuel J. Clark, M. D., formerly of Iona, but now a physician practising in Michigan. Mr. Horton opened the case for the plaintiff, and detailed to the jury how at Woodstock, when attending school, they had been struck by cupid's dart and an engagement was the result.

The learned counsel produced a package of love letters, from which he read, to show how the spark had at first been kindled and how feebly it flickered before it finally died out. The first missive he read had as many splints and plasters on it as a man who had been taken out of a telegraph train. It was written with lead pencil, and looked as though the plaintiff and defendant had written on it alternately. In other words it just looked like the billit down the boys on the fifth form used to write to the girls, in the olden time, and which the girls used to chew a bit and fire back into the boys' faces. As becometh a man who is surcharged with love from his ears all the way to his boot toes, and whose heart is only big enough to hold the girl headores, he sends his first pleadings in the language of the pet, or what would pass for such under the circumstances:—

Hast thou a heart to beat with mine, A hand with mine to clasp, A kiss to make the engagement sure And love to make it last?

DEAR FRIEND,—Those lines I wrote while sitting here thinking of you, but if you decline, of course, I dare not insist on further transactions. The poetry is original and from the deep recesses of my very heart.

The plaintiff did not fire this back at the defendant's head, as is usually the case, but thought such poetry evolved out of the deep recesses of a big heart should be reciprocated, and turning up one corner of the missive she wrote the following and sent it back:—

Lem, you say that actions speak louder than words. You must know my heart by this time. Forgive me, but I do love you. Do not deceive me.

BERTIE.

Another letter some time after, which shows how the flame burns, is as follows:—

Think you I dare deceive. Of course you know full well that my heart wanders in other directions, but for satisfaction's sake, and perhaps I have been forward in writing to you as I did, but for all, I do love you and my hope is that it may increase, though for each of us perhaps further consideration would be advisable, yet you I cannot deceive. I never deceived anyone as yet that I know of. I think I know your heart.

L. C.

"True love never did run smooth," since the world and Bertha and Lem had their difficulties; but they proved insurmountable. Lem has gone home to Iona, and while attending to the practice of a physician who is absent, he repents himself of having fallen in love without having considered the matter better. He sits himself down and indites the following to Miss Price:—

"The girls who used to get huggled and kissed Sunday nights and thirty years ago would have mitted the Doctor if he had not shown more gush!—

IOXA, April 8th, 1880.

MISS PRICE—I received your very short note last night and can readily understand your disposition. Cannot say what I had better prepare for when meeting you, but, as an honest person, will at my earliest convenience. The explanation asked for simply is this—I do not think I have misused you, nor have I ever thought of doing so; but you know that engagements very often have to be broken because of circumstances surrounding individuals, and not only that, but I have taken you at your word, viz. that when I got tired calling on you I was to let you know. I did so; what is the result? Only your great frustration. Respecting you meeting me on the market to talk over this serious affair as you call it, I did not think of doing the like, but that I might have the pleasure of walking down home with you and many other things you have told me respecting your welfare which have proven to be moonshine.

LEM. CLARK.

P. S.—All the letters I have written I wish to get, also my ring; you may have yours and your letters so far as I have kept them.

This is how the fair plaintiff gives it back to him:—

ST. THOMAS, April 13th, 1880.

DR. CLARK—Your note of the 8th received last Friday. Your reason for wishing to break off your engagement is not satisfactorily explained, although you seem to think that you have given me the reason. Your letters are those which one might expect from a school boy who is just attempting to write and not from a person in your exalted position, and in your remarks in regard to not knowing where my own home is, and the reason you assign for wishing to meet me on the market, are such as would expect from one who is a fit subject for one of our public institutions. My disposition is that one would not permit me (although I would like to go to one to which has treated me as you have, with tears and on my bended knees, and supplicate a continuance of your esteem and affection, and if I have shown my disposition, you may have to set at some future day very differently from what your mind governs you. You talk about disposition. Take the beam out of your own eye, first, etc. Why, Dr. Clark, do you think one moment that I, a young lady, would take such insolence from you or any other man, and not murder him? No, indeed, I could not. I would not give much to the late Robert Clark and his temper, I mean enough to fight her own way through this world. Your letters I will keep till I have no further use for them and they have served my purpose, but you can have your ring when you return me mine at my own home.

BERTIE A. PRICE.

Under date of April 15th, 1880, the recent lover shows the working of his mind by addressing his lady love as "Bertha Price." There was no taffy or plaster either before or after her name, and the loving maiden felt her heart melt within her as the name "Bertha Price" stood out cold and stiff at the top of the epistle. The first sentence was a stunner:—

I presume you think you have put a climax on correspondence from a trash of a note from you. Your ladyship, if you please, I consider my letters as good as yours any way you please, although I do not re-write mine, as my brain is not so imperfect as yours.

In one corner of the letter is the following:—

If you cannot read it, take it for granted that it means business, and the end is not yet for a few days.

The plaintiff testified that her recent lover was married last fall, and was now practising medicine in the State of Michigan.

The defendant had never had her permission to break off the engagement.

John Clark, father of the defendant, testified that his son was practising medicine in Michigan. He was not aware his son was engaged to plaintiff until last October.

Fred Price, father of the plaintiff, swore that when his daughter received the letter from defendant breaking up the engagement she was made very ill.

There was no defence. Mr. Macdougall would not appear in the absence of his client.

His Lordship summed up the evidence in a brief manner, and the jury brought in a verdict for plaintiff and \$650 damages, after being out nearly three hours.

General Business.

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