

And as he spoke, a smile of bewitching beauty crossed his features.

'I suppose your tastes are different from those of many people, Signor. I have not such feelings. But may I ask you if you are often here?'

'Oh, Oh, yes, I live here,' he replied, waving his stick around. 'I live here!'

I thought he meant me to understand that his home was on the mountain, where very many villas are situated.

'And I should suppose,' I continued, that you are often on the summit.'

'Oh! yes, I am here always.'

'Always! what a strange fascination it has for you!'

'It has! it has!' said the gentleman. 'Oh! a fearful!—and his voice grew low and hollow—a terrible fascination!'

I was silent.

'I will tell you,' said he, sitting closely by my side, and turning his eyes full toward mine. 'I do not wish you to inform any one. Promise me that you will not.'

I had not noticed his eyes before, but I saw now that within their depth there gleamed a strange sinister light.

I promised him; and at the same time I uneasily drew back farther from the edge.

'Well, then, Signor,' said he, 'I am king here! I rule Mount Ætna!'

'Yes!' I answered, a little alarmed at his words and attempting to smile.

'Yes! I am king here. In me you see the being who causes the lava to pour forth, and overwhelm the regions below. I have lived here for centuries. The spirits of the deep obey me, see!'

To be concluded in our next.

### Agriculture.

#### HOW MUCH SHOULD A COW EAT?

Since the drouth has become severe, the milkmaids bring in light pails of milk, and the butter and cheese diminish in quantity in proportion to the number of cows milked. The reason, as every one knows, is because the cows do not obtain food as succulent and nutritive as heretofore, and also because they do not obtain enough of what there is to eat.

How much should a cow have to eat? According to a series of experiments, carefully tried by persons well versed in the principles of feeding, in Bavaria, a translation of the report on which we find in the Country Gentleman of the 17th ult., furnished that paper by S. W. Johnson, who is at present in that country, it should be one-thirtieth of the cow's live weight. Thus, if the cow weighs 600 lbs., she should have 20 lbs.

The following is an extract from the report:—'Our trials have confirmed the view that cows, to give the greatest possible quantity of milk, must daily receive and consume one-thirtieth of their live weight in hay, or an equivalent, therefore. If more feed be given, the excess goes to the formation of flesh and fat, without occasioning a corresponding increase in the yield of milk; but if, on the contrary, less feed be furnished, the amount and value of the milk will be immediately and considerably diminished.'

We cannot now say what number of pounds of green grass would, as a general thing, be equivalent to one pound or one hundred pounds of good hay, but it is pretty evident that most of the milch cows in our vicinity do not attain it now, in the common pastures.

The same experiments also lay it down that, 'in order that cows may yield abundant and good milk in winter, they must receive a certain quantity of concentrated food, such as bran, meal, or rape cake [the substance left after expressing the oil from rape seed,—similar to oil cake. ED.] One pound of rape cake could not be replaced by two pounds of hay. When the attempt was made, there was found especially a decrease in the amount of butter contained in the milk. The quantity of cake may be increased to two pounds daily, per head, and as, in the remaining fodder, the amount of beets, carrots, potatoes and straw is liberal, a bad taste in the butter will be less perceived.'

**TO CLEAN CHESH FROM WHEAT.**—Take all the screens out, except the lower one; let the wheat fall pretty well back; blow hard, and if the wheat goes over too much, elevate the hind end of the mill a little, and it may be entirely cleaned without difficulty, no matter how foul.

**APPLE DUMPLINGS.**—The best way to cook apple dumplings, is to steam them. If baked, they are too dry and hard. If boiled, they are apt to be clammy and water soaked.

**SAVE THE SEEDS.** Now is the time to look out and secure a choice selection of flower seeds.

### Items of News.

#### MOST EXTRAORDINARY AND AFFECTING INCIDENT

In opening a communication between two mines in Hungary, the corpse of a miner, apparently of about twenty years of age, was found in a situation which indicated that he had perished by an accidental falling in of the roof of the mine. The body was in a state of softness and pliability, the features fresh and undistorted, and the whole body completely preserved, as is supposed, from the impregnation with the vitriolic water of the mine. When exposed to the air, the body became stiff, but the features and general air were not decomposed. The person of the deceased was not recognized by any one present, but an indistinct recollection of the accident by which the sufferer had thus been ingulphed in the bowels of the earth more than half a century, was prolonged by tradition among the miners and the country people.—Further inquiry was here dropped, and the necessary arrangements were made to inter the body with the customary rites of burial. At this moment, to the astonishment of all present, there suddenly appeared a decrepid old woman of the neighboring village, who, supported by crutches, had left her bed-ridden couch, to which the infirmity had for some years confined her, and advanced to the scene with the feelings of joy, of grief, and of anxiety, so intensely painted on her aged face, as to give her the appearance of an inspired person, and with an alacrity which seemed truly miraculous. The old woman gazed on the corpse for an instant, and sweeping the long hair from its forehead, in order to obtain a more perfect view of its features, her countenance became as it were supernaturally lighted up, and in the midst of piercing hysteric cries and sobs, she declared the body to be that of a young man to whom she had been engaged by the ties of mutual affection, and the promise of marriage more than sixty years before! In the intervals of gushing floods of tears, and the fainting fits of her exhausted frame, she poured out thanks to heaven that she had again beheld the object of her earliest affections, and declared that she could now descend to the tomb content. The powers of life were now prostrated by her agitated feelings and exertion, and she was borne homeward by the villagers; but ere she proceeded far from the object of her solicitude, she was in a state to join him. Her spirit if satisfied, had fled, and the affectionate pair, whom misfortune had rent asunder, were now hushed in one grave.—*Sentinel* C. W.

**A SUSPICIOUS STEAMER IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.** The London papers publish a letter from Limerick, stating that on the 6th inst; Capt. Gorman, master of the ship Jessie, discovered about four miles off the mouth of the Shannon, apparently reconnoitering the land, a large, suspicious looking steamer, about one hundred and seventy feet long, with funnel as high as the mainmast of the ship. She did not hoist the English ensign when saluted, but bore off. Judging from appearances she was either an American or Russian craft, but her slow motion, together with a heavy swell prevailing, precluded Capt. Gorman from ascertaining whether she was a screw or paddle steamer. Later advices from Galway stated that the same vessel had been observed lurking off the coast, and that the coastward revenue cutter and a small steamer had been sent in chase of her.

An affecting scene took place at Windsor. G. B. When the 46th regiment was about departing from the Town for service in the East, a motherless child was observed clinging to the legs of its father, who was a private in the regiment. The poor man refused to drive it away when ordered and, by 'one gentle touch of nature,' succeeded in exciting the compassion of Lt. Hutton, who put two £10 notes into the child's hand, and afterwards induced his mother to adopt it.

**THE OLDEST INHABITANT DEAD.**—The Warrington Va Whig says: 'Easter, a negro woman, the property of Mrs. Eliza F. Garter, near Upperville, in Fauquier County, died on the 18th July, having attained the age of one hundred and forty years! This is one of the most remarkable cases of longevity on record.'

In the United States there are 27,000 clergymen and 24,000 lawyers, and the latter from three to ten times the income of former. Query, would not a little more going to meeting save part of the visits to the lawyers?

In a circle of seven miles, in Wayne county, Pa; thirteen families have 165 children! One man of the neighbourhood is the father of 29 of the children.

A Boston preacher divides the females into three classes, viz:—Domestic drudges, — Domestic dolls, Domestic women.

An old gentleman, being asked what he wished for dinner, replied, 'an appetite, good company, something to eat and a napkin!'

### Miscellany.

To please your wife, give her your purse, get an extra servant, let her go to Newport with Mr. Swedepipes, and write her daily that she isn't needed at home.

A German shoemaker, who was from home at the time of a recent fire in Newark, (N. J.) on returning the next day procuring a long ladder and ascended to the top of a chimney which was tottering and ready to fall. While the crowd was looking on with amazement he drew from a crevice in the chimney an old dimer pail, which contained over \$800 in silver and gold. On descending he exclaimed, 'Dat ish all right,' and left.

**THE KNOW-NOTHINGS.**—The secret of the terrible 'Know-Nothings' is out at last according to our exchange. The token of recognition has finally been discovered by a close observer. When one Know-Nothing wishes to recognize another, he closes one eye, makes an O with his thumb and fore-finger, and places his nose through it, which being interpreted, reads—

'Eye—nose—O'

'I—Knows—Nothing!'

**A WOMAN'S MAGNANIMITY.**—A miller's dog broke his chain; the miller ordered the maid servant to tie him up again. She was attacked and bitten by the dog. On hearing her cries, the miller and his people ran to her assistance. 'Keep off!' said she shutting the yard door, 'the dog is mad. I am already bitten and must chain him up alone.' Notwithstanding his biting, she did not let him go, but chained him up, and then retired to her chamber, and with the noblest resignation, prepared herself to die. Symptoms of hydrophobia soon broke out; and she died in a few days.—The dog was killed without doing any further mischief.

**A NEW DODGE.**—Two men lately drove up to the door of a merchant in the vicinity of Cairo, Ill., and requested the privilege of depositing a box they had with them in the house for the night, which was refused, but they were allowed to place it in the store. The next morning the men called for the box but the storekeeper had missed a piece of cloth from his counter, and on further examination he found that he had been robbed of five hundred dollars, and consequently he refused to let them have the box. The storekeeper obtained assistance, secured the two men and opened the box, when lo! out jumped a man, and in the box were found the money, goods, &c., which had been stolen.—*Yankee Blade.*

**SMITH DRUNK VS. SMITH SOBER.**—Smith, the razor-strop man occasionally breaks off from the subject of the very peculiar quality of his strops and gives his audience a short lecture on temperance, in his own peculiar droll way.—Here is a short extract:

**SMITH'S CAT.**—When I drank grog I owned a cat, a poor lean, lantern-jawed thing, that was always getting into a scrape. As I had nothing for to eat, she was compelled to take to the highway; and the neighbours were continually crying out, 'Cuss that Smith's cat, she's drunk all my milk.' Poor thing she had to steal or die; for she could find no pickings at home, for even the poor mice that were left where so poor and scraggy that it took several of them to make a shawdow, and a decent cat would starve to death in three weeks, on an allowance of eighteen per day. But when I reformed, things took a different turn. The kitchen being well provided, the crumbs were plenty; and the old cat grew fat and honest together. Even the mice grew fat and oily, and the old tabby would make a hearty supper on them, and then lie down and snooze, with the pleasing consolation of knowing that when she awoke there would be a few more left of the same sort?

'And again: When I was a beer-guzzler, mother cried, father cried, Bill cried, Tom cried, Moll cried, and the cat cried. But when I signed the pledge, father sung, mother sung, Tom sung, wife sung, the cat sung, and the kettle sung, and I bought a new frying pan, and put a nice piece of beef steak in it, and placed it on the fire, and that sung, and that's the kind of singing for the working man.

'And a third: the difference between Smith sober and Smith drunk is rummy, ragged and riotous—Smith sober is joyful, jovial, and jolly. Smith drunk was stuttering, stupid, and staggering! Smith sober is cool, clearheaded, and cautious. Smith drunk was sick, sore, and sorry; Smith sober is hearty, healthy, and happy. Smith drunk was ill-read, ill-bread and ill-fed; Smith sober is well saved, well-behaved, and well-shaved.—*Islander.*

### Our Chip-Basket.

Whatever is just is equal; but whatever is equal is not always just.

A man cannot help what is done behind his back—as the loafer said when he was kicked out of doors.

We may live without a brother, but not without a friend. In order to deserve a good friend, we must become one.

Some malicious persons assert that the letters M. D., which are placed after physicians' names, signify 'Money Down.'

'Pleading at the bar,' says a western editor, 'is trying to persuade a bar-keeper to trust you for a three-cent nipper.'

A lady was dreadfully affronted the other day because a gentleman accosted her as an old acquaintance.

**FIDDESTICKS.**—A word strongly expressive of contempt. It crushes all reply. When a lady once says 'Fiddlestick,' he is a bold man who utters another word.

A rowdy, intending to be very witty, thus accosted a lady in the street:—'Madam, can you inform me where I can see the elephant?' 'No, but if I had a looking-glass, I'd show you a very large monkey.' The rowdy slid.

'Grandfather,' said a saucy little representative of 'Young America' the other day, 'how old are you?' The old gentleman who had been a soldier, and was much under the ordinary size, took the child between his knees, and said, 'My dear boy, I am ninety-five years old, but why do you ask?' The poor little fellow, with the importance of a Napoleon, replied, 'Well, it appears to me that you are remarkably small of your age.'

**UNANIMITY.**—A Scotch parson in his prayer said:—'Laird bless the grand council, the parliament, and grant that they may hang together.' A country fellow standing by replied, 'Yes, sir, with all my heart, and the sooner the better—and I am sure it is the prayer of all good people.' 'but, friends,' said the parson, 'I don't mean as that fellow does, but pray that they may all hang together in accord and concord.' 'No matter what cord,' replied the other, 'so 'tis but a strong one.'

**ENGLISH RETICENCE.**—An Englishman and a German were travelling together in a diligence, and both smoking. The German did all in his power to draw his companion into conversation but all to no purpose; at one moment he would, with a superabundance of politeness, apologise for drawing his attention to the fact that the ash of his cigar had fallen on his waistcoat, or a spark was endangering his neckerchief. At length the Englishman exclaimed, 'Why the duce can't you leave me alone? Your coat tail has been burning for the last ten minutes, but I didn't bother you about it.'

**SEVEN FOOLS.**—1. The Envious Man, who sends away his mutton because the person next to him is eating venison.

2 The Jealous Man, who spreads his bed with stinging nettles, and then sleep in it.

3 The Proud Man, who gets wet through sooner than ride in the carriage of an inferior.

4 The Litigious Man, who goes to law in the hope of ruining his opponent, and gets ruined himself.

5 The Extravagant Man, who buys a herring and takes a cab to carry it home.

6 The Angry Man, who learns the ophocleide, because he is annoyed with the playing of his neighbor's piano.

9 The Ostentatious Man, who illuminates the outside of his house most brilliantly, and its inside in the dark.—*Punch.*

**LEARNED ELEPHANT.**—'That's a werry knowing hanimal of yours,' said a cockney gentleman to the keeper of an elephant.

'Very,' was the cool rejoinder.

'He performs strange tricks and hanties, does he?' inquired the cockney, eying the animal thro' the glass.

'Surprising!' retorted the keeper, 'we have learnt him to put money in that box you see away up there. Try him with a dollar.'

The cockney handed the elephant a dollar, and sure enough he took it in his trunk, and placed it in a box high up out of reach.

'Well, that is werry hextraordinary—hastonishin' truly? Now let's see him take it out, and hand it back.'

'We never learnt him that,' retorted the keeper with a roguish leer, and then turned to stir up the monkeys and punch the hyenas.—*Spirit of the Times.*