

Miscellaneous.

A PLEA FOR OATMEAL.—To say nothing of experience, Liebig, the great chemist, and greatest authority on such subjects, shows oatmeal to be almost as nutritious as the very best English beef; and that it contains a larger proportion than wheaton bread of the elements that go to form bone and muscle. This was proved by a course of experiments carried on for a series of years by Forbes, an eminent philosopher and the discoverer of the Glacé Theory, at that time Professor of Natural Philosophy in the Edinburgh University, and afterwards Principal of the University of St. Andrews. For twenty years or so, he measured the breadth and height, and also tested the strength both of the arms and loins of his students; a very numerous class, consisting of different nationalities drawn to Edinburgh by his fame. These were the results—in respect of height, breadth of chest and shoulders, and strength both of the arms and loins, the bottom of the scale was occupied by Belgians; above them, but a little higher, stood the French; very much above them, the Scotch; the English; while the top of the scale was occupied by the Scotch, and the Scotch-Irish, from Ulster, who, like the natives of Scotland, are, in their early years with at least one meal a day of good milk and good porridge. Nations have their prejudices; but the Scotch measured the height, and the tape that went round the chest of these students, and the machine whereby Forbes tested the power of arms and loins had none. No one might be pardoned, when reading these results, for remembering the remark made to Dr. Johnson's son, when he defines oats in his dictionary as "food for horses in England and men in Scotland," this, namely, And where will you find such horses as in England, or men as in Scotland?—Dr. Guthrie, in *Sunday Magazine*.

INDIA RUBBER SHOES.—The history of the introduction of india-rubber shoes is a curious story. Before 1821 the rubber had been imported only in the form of curiosities, such as crocodiles, turtles, and other objects. A sea captain at that time brought, among other devices, some rubber wrought in the shape of small shoes, and gave them, as a present, to the ladies of the ship. They were over the top, and our hero then they opened to find only some wax within the form of last. His next desire was to put them on his feet, but, as they would not stretch enough, he used boiling water to soften them, and then succeeded in his purpose. To color them, he used red wax, which soon washed off, but finally hit upon the plan of smoking them up in the chimney. He then had complete the first pair of india-rubber shoes ever used in this country, and his success was the beginning of a business which now has immense proportions.

A GOOD CURE FOR FARMERS.—We believe in small farms and thorough cultivation. We believe that soil loves to eat as well as its owner, and ought, therefore, to be manured.

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We believe that every farmer should own a good farmer. We believe that the best fertilizer of any soil is a spirit of truth, enterprise and intelligence—without this, lime and gypsum, bones and green manure, and manure, will be of little use.

We believe in good fences, good barns, good farm houses, good stock, good orchards, and children enough to gather fruit.

IT DOES NOT PAY.—Go with me to every jail and prison throughout the land, from ocean to ocean, and ascertain how large a portion of these crimes and misdemeanors that have taken place in our families and lodged them there in prison walls have resulted from intoxication. And the answer from every jail and prison comes to us to-night, that *Drinking does not pay*. Visit the poor-houses which the charities of mankind provide for those who from compulsion have been reduced to destitution, and learn there the sad lesson, how many of them have ceased to be useful and valuable members of society, and dependent upon the taxes by which we support the poor, in consequence of yielding to the intoxicating power of those poor-house liquors, *Drinking does not pay*. Examine the statistics of the galleys, and learn how many of its victims were induced to take the downward road thither by that intoxicating cup which turned their brains and nerved their arm for the blow, and sent them to the galleys. And the galleys tell us that *Drinking does not pay*. Read history, and learn from it how many of the great and gifted in other lands have commenced at wine drinking and ended in ruin, mental and physical.—*Colfax*.

Deacon Johnson is a great temperance man, and sets a good example of total abstinence, as far as he is seen. Not long ago he employed a carpenter to make some alterations in his parlor. In repairing the corner near the fireplace, it was found necessary to remove the wainscoting, when lo! a discovery was made that astonished everybody—a brace of deacons, tumbler and a pitcher were easily exposed, hidden in the corner of the wainscoting. The deacon was summoned, and, as he beheld the bottles, he exclaimed: "Well I declare! this is curious, sure enough. It must be old Bains left when he went out of this house thirty years ago." "Perhaps he did," answered the carpenter, "but deacon, the ice in the pitcher must have been frozen right hard to stay all this time?"

A SMALL MISTAKE.—As a minister and a lawyer were riding together, says the minister to his friend, "Sir, do you ever make mistakes in pleading?" "I do," says the lawyer. "An' what do you do, w' mistakes?" "I inquire his reverence, 'Why, sir, if I do them, I intend them, if I don't, I don't mean them. And pray, sir, do you ever make mistakes in preaching?" "Ay, sir, I have done soe," "And what do you do with mistakes?" "Oh, I disprove with them in the same manner as you do yours." I rectified the large an' let go the sun's rays. No long since, as I was preaching, I wanted to observe that the devil was the father of a liars, but made a mistake an' said, "the father of a liars." But the mistake was so sma' that I let it go.

Paterfamilias (to enthusiastic son) "And so, Alfred, if I don't consent to your making a fool of yourself by marrying a girl without a dollar, you'll blow your brains out." "I threatened my father that same thing half a dozen times over, and, as you see, never did it."

Sarcasmic son—"I don't know that sir—your conduct to me makes me suspect that you did."

Men's lives should be like the day more beautiful in the evening; or, like the summer, aged with primroses; and, like the autumn, rich with the golden sheaves, where good words and deeds have ripened on the field.

"We're in a pickle now," said a man in a crowd. "A regular jam," said an old lady. "Heaven preserve us," moaned an old lady.

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The 8.00 a.m. train from St. John, connects at Bangor with Night Train for Boston; the 3.00 p.m. train from Bangor connects with Night Train from Boston, the 3.00 p.m. train from St. John connects at Bangor with the Day Train for Boston; the 3.00 p.m. train from Bangor connects with Day Train from Boston.

Connections made at St. John and Bangor with Trains of N. & C. R. R.

Freight to go per 3 p.m. must be delivered before 12 noon.

The Accommodation Trains of Saturday will on Sunday leave at Vancouver.

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