

Humors of the Week.

Dentists are favored with more open countenances than any other class.

THE LAST CURIOUS GONE.—When the conference assembled at Hillsborough, some years since, on the last day of the session, a lad, whose dad entertained a half dozen preachers, entered the room where the ministers were seated, in a terrible state of excitement.

"What's the matter?" asked one, "you seem excited?"

"Excited! I ain't excited; I'm mad all over."

"What are you mad about, Isaac? Do you know it's wrong to suffer yourself to become angered?"

"Wrong, wrong, wrong, it is enough to make anybody mad but a preacher. Here is every thickener on the place eat up, except the old rooster; and just now he happened to see you fellows, and sung out: 'And must this feeble body die,' and dropped over stone dead."

EARLY PLUCK.—Some time ago, a clergyman in a large city, received a letter from a young man, who recombined himself very highly as being honest, and closed with the request: "Get me an easy situation, that honest may be rewarded."

The answer which the clergyman wrote is full of solid good sense. He replied: "Don't be an editor if you would be easy. Do not try the law. Avoid school-keeping. Keep out of the pulpit. Let alone all ships, stores, shops and merchandize. Abhor politics. Keep away from lawyers. Don't practice medicine. Be not a farmer, nor mechanic; neither a soldier, nor a sailor. Don't study. Don't think. Don't work. None of them are easy. O my honest friend, you're in a very hard world. I know of but one real 'easy' place in it. That is the grave."

Pow Whipping.

Mary Ellen (anxiously)—Betsey Jane, is not my chignon coming off?
Betsey J. (pettishly)—No. Can't you move a little further, you are creasing my lace flourishes.

Mary E. (moving a little)—Don't you think Susan Brown looks dreadfully homely? What big feet she has, and how she waddles into her pew.
Betsey Jane—Was there ever—Oh! there's Charley! Isn't he a perfect Adonis? How I do wish he'd look our way.

Mary Ellen (smiling sweetly)—Ah! I see him. He's looking towards us.
Betsey Jane (angrily)—He isn't looking at you, so you needn't act like a fool. The minister's going to pray.

Mary Ellen (sucking lemon drops)—These prayers of his are positively awful, and I shan't try to keep awake.
Betsey Jane (peeping through her fingers at Charley)—Go to sleep, dear, I shan't disturb you.

EVIDENCE OF THE SENSES.—Said a skeptic to a Christian, "How do you know you have a soul? Did you ever see it?" "No," was the reply.

"Did you ever hear it?" said the other. "No."

"Did you ever smell it?" "No."

"Did you ever taste it?" "No."

"Did you ever feel it?" "Yes, always and unmistakably."

"Well, now," said the skeptic, "the four most accurate of your five senses stand arrayed against one,—which shall we believe?"

The Christian answered, "Did you ever see your pain?"

"No," said the skeptic, hesitatingly.

"Did you ever hear a pain?" "No."

"Did you ever taste a pain?" "No."

"Did you ever feel a pain?" "No."

"Well," was the reply.

"You see, my friend, it is palpable that you have no more evidence of the existence of your soul for conscious-

ness than the underlies all other consciousness."

A movement in real estate—An earthquake.

A fact—Courtship is bliss, but matrimony is bilister.

A wag who was asked to buy a bank-note detector, one day, said he would purchase it if it would detect a bank-note in his pocket.

Why is a fast young lady like a steambot? Because she never goes ahead without a swell after her.

WANTED.—A cover for a bare suspension, a veil for the face of nature, buttons for breeches of privilege, binding for a volume of smoke, cement for broken promises.

"Mr. Jones," said Mrs. J., with an air of triumph, "don't you think marriage is a means of grace?" "Well, yes," growled Jones, "I suppose anything is a means of grace that breaks down pride and leads to repentance."

"It is undeniable," says Prentice, "that in America it takes three to make a couple—he, she, and a hired girl. Had Adam been a modern, there would have been a hired girl in Paradise, to look after little Abel and raise Cain."

A calm, blue-eyed, self-composed and self-possessed young lady, down East, received a long call the other day from a prying old spinster, who, after prolonging her stay beyond even her own conception of the young lady's endurance, came to the main question which had brought her hither:

"I've been asked a good many times if you were engaged to Dr. D.—Now if folks inquire again what shall I tell 'em I think?"

"Tell them," answered the young lady, fixing her calm, blue eyes, with unblinking steadiness upon the features of her interrogator, "tell them that you think that you don't know, and that you are sure it's none of your business!"

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Small Farms.

We take our text from the small type column of a daily cotemporary.

"It is lamentable to see sensible journeymen like the Evening Post advising young men to become farmers rather than mechanics. We expect this kind of advice from H. G.; but any writer must be afflicted with mental ophthalmia who cannot see that farming is becoming a very poor business for people of moderate means, while the times especially demand skilled workmen.

As population becomes denser, we shall pay more and more attention to manufacturing, and less relatively to farming. It must be borne in mind that the race of yeoman, or small farmers, is commencing to die out in the country, and the tendency is toward large farms and labor-saving machines."

We cannot positively say, but it does seem to us that the small farmers of the Eastern and Middle States are hardly going to be snuffed out in the prompt manner which is so clear to the paragraphist above.

There is a great deal of stubborn mental in small farmers, and we do not believe that it will turn on a sudden to dress under the heat of present progress cityward.

It is undoubtedly true that certain styles of farming, such as growing the cereals, or grazing, and possibly dairy farming, may be managed to more advantage in the large way than in the small; not so much because large lands or large capital are essential to good crops, but because labor-saving machines of large cost can be worked more economically upon farms of five hundred acres than upon farms of ten.

But there remain scores of crops and methods of farm practices—particularly those demanding nice manipulation—which may be made quite as profitable in a small way as in a large one. This fact, in addition to the increased independence of feeling which belongs to the country liver who is absolute master of his few acres, will keep alive, we fancy, for a long time to come, the class of small yeomanry in the country.

But such workers upon small parcels of soil must open their eyes widely to the necessities of their position. They must not throw themselves into unfortunate competition by growing crops which large holders can make at a smaller cost. They must aim at a nicely and thoroughness which large cultivators working with grosser material cannot reach.

Large moneyed or landed capital is gaining a power in this country, which, in many of its aspects, is frightful to contemplate. If it is to wipe out all the holders of small parcels of territory, and render all their efforts to secure a comfortable livelihood nugatory, it will assume a more threatening attitude than yet, belongs to it.

We are no foes to those large mechanical improvements which make territorial culture possible; and we welcome gladly that well-adjusted system of tillage without which extended operations upon the land, by one directing mind, are quite impossible. But we should regard it as particularly unfortunate if such progress in mechanics and such enlarged tactics in field culture were to break up the thousand quiet little homesteads of independent proprietors, and turn them adrift upon the towns. No such necessity or probability is apparent.

The denser a population becomes, the greater is the urgency of thorough and nicer tillage. The overstocked countries of Japan and China are cases in point.

We have not the slightest apprehension that the New-England hills will be converted into vast sheep-walks, or that great grazing lords will rule the fertile plains of the Middle States, to the dispersion of the small holders.

The chestnut telegraph poles decayed first, cedar next, and the locust are still standing.

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A correspondent of the Farmer's Gazette, published at Richmond, states that in the neighborhood of Suffolk Va., the peanut crop has proved more profitable than either corn, cotton, or sweet potatoes.

SUGAR IN LOUISIANA.—A. B. B... written from New Orleans: "We are learning much from the North now... our own peculiar crops for your Western sugar mills, the evaporators are revolutionizing, the sugar culture, which it was once thought only the very rich could undertake."

A poor farmer asked how I kept my ploughs so bright. I told him what I did through using them in the fall I cleaned and gave them a good coating of grease. He said the practice "didn't pay." Persevere, parson, does he not know that the oil and lard cost less than the waste of metal rust, and does he not remember that my spring ploughs is half gone before his ploughs are in working order?

CABBAGE CATERPILLARS.—G. Grant, Oceana Co., Mich. We can't tell you a description, which would be that injures the cabbage, trapping it with lime, and plaster it. Break off a cabbage leaf lay it over the head at night; the worms will go under this for shelter, and be destroyed early in the morning. A coop of chickens will help keep them check.

THE ECLIPSE AND THE CORN CROP A good many honest souls really believe that there will be a short crop because there will be an eclipse of the sun next August. We can prove that there will be a good crop and these are facts. The moon cut off the light of the sun partly less than half a day, because it will exactly between the sun and the earth. One in every month the moon ways comes near the same relative position, and almost every year eclipses the sun to some part or surh. The only difference betw this year and any other is that the corn crop, and every other, get perhaps a quarter of a day's sunshine than if the eclipse did not occur. This sun, rain, and other things, also, north sides and storm the weather somewhat. They may not. Somebody guesses that it is no guess-work to say that eclipses will in no way affect the crop for good or ill.

Interesting to Cheese Factors

William H. Constock, Esq., the committee appointed at the annual Dairyman's Convention to report on the condition of the cheese industry in relation to the market, has just issued a report which is well worth a study by those interested in the business.

It is interesting to note that the cheese market is showing a decided improvement, and that the price of cheese is steadily advancing. This is due to the fact that the supply of cheese is becoming more limited, while the demand continues to be strong. It is expected that the price of cheese will continue to rise during the remainder of the season.

It is also interesting to note that the cheese industry is showing a marked increase in its production, and that the quality of the cheese is steadily improving.

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