

Miscellaneous.

Remarkable Rescues by St. Bernard Dogs. Particulars have been published in the Swiss papers of a brave rescue effected on Mount St. Bernard on the night of the last Sunday in November. While a violent snow storm was in progress, Grand, the manager of the hospice, noticed that his own special dog that was along with him in his room became very restless, and made signs to him to go out. He took the lantern and dog horn and went out on the Mountain, the dog leading him. In a very short time he heard a call and growling, and, helped by the dog, dug out of the snow an Italian whom he carried on his back into the hospice. The rescued man stated that his father, two brothers, and another Italian, all journeying home with him over the pass, lay buried in the snow. He had pushed on to obtain help, but had been overpowered by the storm. Grand made ready and went out again. This second search was more tedious and led him farther away, but at last the barking of the dog announced a discovery. It was the Italian stranger who was now saved and carried up to the hospice. A third time Grand and his dog sallied out into the tempest, and after a quarter of an hour's search found the others, near where the second man had been discovered. They were quite buried under the snow and almost insensible. He took the most feeble on his own shoulders, and with difficulty conducted the others to the hospice. It was not past midnight, and his toilsome task had occupied Grand over four hours, in a blinding snow storm.—London Times.

Hot Water for Plants. It is a fortunate circumstance that a plant will endure a scalding heat that is fatal to most of its minute enemies. Water heated to the boiling point, poured copiously over the stem of an infested peach tree, and allowed to stand about its collar, will often leave the happiest restorative effects. Trees showing every symptom of the yellows have often been rendered luxuriantly green and thrifty again by this simple means. The heat is presumably too much for the fungus which had infested the vital layers of the tree, immediately under the outer bark. The London florists recommend hot water, up to 145° Fahr., as a remedy when plants are sickly, owing to the soil souring—the acid absorbed by the roots acting as a poison. The usual resort is to the troublesome job of repotting. When this is not necessary for any other reason, it is much simpler to pour hot water freely through the stirred soil. It will presently come through tinged with brown. After this thorough washing, if the plants are kept warm, new root points and new growth will soon follow.

Encouragement. Hardly had the parents left, ere the wood-work near the stove pipe was discovered to be on fire, and out of the children's reach; but with wonderful activity and energy, the eldest climbed upon the table and put out the flames. When the father and mother returned, they shuddered to see the danger to which their dear ones had been exposed, and with thankful hearts praised them for their courage.

Why? said Tommy, "I pushed the table up to the wall and got upon that."

"And did you help brother, Jimmy?" to the next.

"Yes, sir; I brought him a pail of water, and handed him the dipper."

"And what did you do?" said the proud father to his pet, the youngest of the group.

"Well, papa," said Artie, "you see I was too small to help put out the fire, so I just stood by and holded 'Amen.'"

There can be found no higher virtue than the love of truth. The man who deceives others must himself become the victim of morbid distrust. Knowing the deceit of his own heart and the falsehood of his own tongue, his eyes must be always filled with suspicion, and he must lose the greatest of all happiness—confidence in those who surround him.

A QUESTION for newsboys—Does your mother know you route?

Humorous.

MAN loses faith in the eternal fitness of things when his wife makes his shirts.

BECAUSE we pronounce "would" good, it does not follow that we pronounce "Gould" good.

AN old lady was asked what she would do with all the corn if it could not be made into whiskey. She replied, "I would make it into starch to stiffen the backbone of the temperance people."

A GASTOR oil trust has been formed to force the article up, which is plainly contrary to the best interests of the people. What castor oil most needs is a bear movement to force it down.—Omaha Bee.

A MAN may be a good husband, a kind father and a regular attendant at the right church, and yet not able to carve a turkey without arousing angry feelings and unholy thoughts in every one present.

"FATHER," said the editor's little boy, "is the new Emperor of Germany an editor? I see when he speaks of himself he says 'we.'"

In the Island of Sumatra a flower grows which is nine feet in circumference and weighs fifteen pounds. When a cracked voiced prima donna sings in Sumatra at \$5 a seat the people can pelt her with flowers.—Omaha World.

A YOUNG lady, visiting for the first time in the country, was alarmed at the approach of a cow. She was too frightened to run, and shaking her parasol at the animal, she said, in a very stern tone: "Lie down, sir! lie down!"

An old law is extant in Virginia which imposes a fine of fifty pounds of tobacco on a man if he absents himself from church for one month without a valid excuse.—Richmond Whig.

"Now, Willie," said the Sunday school teacher, "what is the lesson to-day about?" "Daniel in the lions' den." "That's right; and how did Daniel come to be in the lions' den?" "I reckon he wanted to get away from the fella that make jokes about him and the President."

A NOVEL and very successful method of raising fun is practiced in the negro Sunday schools at Hayvenville, Ala. The scholars were told that if they couldn't bring a nickel they might bring an egg or two instead. The next week that Sunday School bore a striking resemblance to an infanting establishment, and the farmers for forty miles around began to complain at the scarcity of eggs.

One of our Western exchanges says that a practical revivalist requested all in the congregation who paid their debts to rise. The rising was general. After they had taken their seats, a call was made for those who didn't pay their debts, and one solitary individual arose, who explained that he was the editor, and could not because the rest of the congregation were owing him their subscriptions.

The editor of the Free Press of Quitman, Ga., is a happy man. This paragraph tells the whole story. "Last Saturday was a big day for the editor of this paper. He had a present of potatoes from Nath Gornto, turnips from John Darracott, squirrels from Friend Toole, fish from Jack Tyson, beans from John Hampton, sugar cane from Jasper Peacock, and West Hendry was fool enough to pay his subscription for the Free Press."

Secretary Lamar was asked by Senator Voorhees to give a certain office to an Indiana man. He inquired: "Senator, has your man had any practical experience in work of this kind?"

Mr. Voorhees replied that his friend was a good politician, a most deserving man, but that he could not answer the Secretary's query in the affirmative. Mr. Lamar then said:

"I'm sorry I can't appoint him, Senator; but to tell the truth, I must have a man with a business experience for this place. It's bid enough to have a Secretary of the Interior who don't know anything about practical affairs. I have made up my mind that the man under me must be practical to even the thing up."—Philadelphia Times

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