

# DESERET EVENING NEWS.

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## THE SAFETY LAMP—WHO INVENTED IT.

An opinion prevails among the "Newcastle folks" that George Stephenson invented the safety lamp before Davy produced his, because the former was seen on one occasion observing "that the flame of the candle did not pass through the small aperture of the lattice fender, and gathering from this fact the rude idea of a safety lamp;" and further, that he actually constructed and tried his lamp at Killingworth Colliery, before any other person had tested one under similar circumstances. In 1818 this opinion of the services of Geo. Stephenson took a tangible and demonstrative form, in the shape of a silver tankard containing one thousand guineas, which were presented to him in the Assembly Rooms at Newcastle, as the "discoverer of the safety lamp." In May, 1818, Sir H. Davy collected and published, in a connected form, all the papers that he had written on this subject; and it must be evident, from the originality of his experiments, that he required no borrowed genius; that the ideas he worked out were his own, and that Stephenson and Davy must have been independent laborers in the same field, probably arriving at similar results by different means, just as Daguerre and Talbot, in the art of photography, reached the same goal by entirely distinct paths.—*Playbook of Metals.*

## HOME POLITENESS.

Should an acquaintance tread on your dress, your best, your very best, and by accident tear it, how profuse you are with your "I never minds—don't think of it—I don't care at all." If a husband does it, he gets a frown! If a child he is chastised. Ah! these are little things, say you! They tell mightily on the heart, let us assure you, little as they are. A gentleman stops at a friend's house, and finds it in confusion. "He don't see anything to apologize for—never thinks of such matters—everything is all right—cold supper—cold room—crying children—perfectly comfortable." Goes home, his wife has been taking care of the sick ones, and worked her life almost out. "Don't see why things can't be kept in better order—there never were such cross children before." No apologies except away from home. Why not be polite at home? Why not use freely the golden coin of courtesy? How sweet they sound, those little words, "I thank you," or, you are very kind." Doubly, yes, thrice sweet from the lips of a love, when heart-smiles make the eye sparkle with the clear light of affection. Be polite to your children. Do you expect them to be mindful of our welfare? To grow glad at your approach? To bound away to do your pleasure before your request is half spoken? Then, with all your dignity and authority, mingle politeness. Give it a niche in your household temple. Only then will you have the true secret of sending out into the world really finished gentlemen and ladies. Again we say unto all—be polite.—*American Presbyterian.*

## CHEWING THE CUD.

Ruminating animals gather their food rapidly, give it a few cuts with their teeth, and swallow it. It goes to an interior receptacle, where it is moistened; this is very essential if it be dry hay. When the animal has filled himself, he masticates the food thus stored away in his stomach, raising it cud by cud. When a portion is completely masticated it passes into another receptacle, and the process of digestion goes on. Thus an ox, if left to himself, will raise and masticate all his food thus stored away in his stomach. If he be pushed and worked hard, and do not have time to masticate, he falls off in flesh, his health is poor, his digestion is incomplete. The horse, on the contrary, however much in a hurry he may be, must masticate every mouthful before he swallows it. An hungry ox let into a meadow will fill itself in twenty minutes, while a horse would want at least an hour and twenty minutes to take the same amount of grass. The ox, the deer, sheep, goat, chamois and rabbit, being the natural prey of ferocious beasts, are endowed with the extra stomach in which hastily to store away the food without mastication; this may perhaps be regarded as a wise provision of nature, enabling them to sally forth where the food is plenty, and in a short time fill themselves, retire to a place of safety to ruminate their food at their pleasure.—*Christian Instructor.*

MIRRORS IN THE HOUSE.—How many a parent has found in his child the glass for his own vice! Happy indeed, if any one be so wise as to see the reflection before it is too late for both himself and child!

A laboring man who was extremely addicted to swearing, was one day at work with his yoke of oxen near his house. The oxen not working to suit him, he began to whip them severely, at the same time uttering volleys of blasphemous oaths. The oxen, breaking loose from their harness, ran away; while the man, in a passion, pursued them, and coming up with them at the house, began to whip them again, and to swear as horribly as before. His little boy, who was just old enough to talk, began to prattle his profane oaths after him. No sooner did the father hear this, than his feelings were powerfully wrought upon. He paused for a moment, dropped his whip, and sat down and wept bitterly. A flood of keen reflections at once rushed upon conscience, which produced such an effect that he found peace where forgiveness only had been at the foot-stool of Mercy.

LITTLE THINGS.—Great virtues are rare; the occasions for them are very rare, and when they do occur we are prepared for them; we are excited by the grandeur of the sacrifice; we are supported either by the splendor of the deed in the eyes of the world, or by the self-complacency that we experience from the performance of an uncommon action. Little things are unimportant; they return every moment; they come in contact with our pride, our conscience, our haughtiness, our readiness to take offense; they contradict our inclinations perpetually. It is, however, only by attending to little things, that a true and constant love to God can be distinguished from a passing fervor of spirit.—*Fennel.*

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