

HOW LITTLE LAND WILL KEEP A COW.

The following, from a correspondent of the American Stock Journal, is well worthy the attention of all interested in keeping a cow:

On the 1st day of June last I commenced cutting clover for one cow confined in a yard inclosed by a high tight board fence, with a stable attached, in which she has been fed. She has had no feed but freshly-cut clover from the 1st of June to the 15th of October, and all taken from one-fourth of an acre of ground. She has averaged eighteen quarts of strained milk per day, from which my wife has made eight pounds of butter per week, during the four and a half months. The cow is five years old, and a cross of the Ayrshire and Durham. She has given more milk, more butter, and of a better quality, than she has ever done on pasture. On another fourth of an acre, by mowing four times, I have secured two tons of good hay. On one-eighth of an acre I have raised 150 bushels of sugar beets and carrots, which with the two tons of hay will keep her handsomely through the balance of the year. The labor of cutting clover for the cow is less than that of driving her three-fourths of a mile to pasture; besides, the manure saved is quite an item. In the dairy districts, the usual estimate is four acres to the cow, on the hay and pasture system, whereas by soiling and raising roots five-eighths of an acre is found to be sufficient. I will state farther, what I believe from nearly thirty years' experience in farming, that there is no crop so valuable for soiling as clover, no crop, so many pounds of which, and of equal value for milk and butter, can be produced from an acre of ground. Sweet corn is a good crop for late feeding where clover will not grow, but not profitable for winter feeding.

A RELUCTANT DANCE.—The Evansville Journal relates that a number of young men, residents of Daviess county, returning from a dance just before daylight a short time ago, thought it would be funny to make those whom they might meet perform a double shuffle, or pigeon wing, for their amusement. Accordingly they executed orders to two or three wayfarers, and saw them executed, to their delight. Just about daylight they met a horseman coming toward them, and appraised him of the rule they had made, and refused to listen to him when he politely declined. The stranger dismounted with great apparent reluctance, and tied his horse to the fence. "Now boys," said he, "I want to furnish my own music," and drawing a large revolver, pointed it at the head of one of the disciples of Terpsichore. "Now, you rascals," said the traveler, "dance!" The boys looked at each other in dismay, and then commenced. Heel and toe, double shuffle, essence of old Virginia, break down, hornpipe, and every other variety of the terpsichorean art known to the rustic jokers, was performed for about an hour, when the grim equestrian mounted his horse and rode off, leaving the young jokers tired and covered with perspiration, dust and humiliation.

SURGEONS AT THE SCENE OF WAR.—"A Surgeon" writes: The greatest event of the war, in the matter of saving life, was, perhaps, the tying of the carotid artery in the case of a wounded soldier, bleeding to death on the hideous day of Sedan, by a surgeon amidst a hurricane of bullets; that was an American volunteer surgeon. The soldier was recovered, snatched from the jaws of death. The American was helped by an Irish surgeon. This is one of the most desperate operations in surgery, requiring the steady, minute precision of a watchmaker mending a Geneva watch; steady fingers, exquisitely accurate eye, chloroform to still the patient, minute dissecting away of nerves and fibres to get at the artery. Yet our American and Irish friends did not flinch, though the hospital itself was smashed by cannon balls!

TO TRAIN A HORSE TO STAND.—The American Stock Journal contains the following directions: "Take your horse on the barn floor and throw a strap over his back and fasten it to his right fore foot; lead him along and say 'whoa,' at the same time pull down on the strap, which throws him on three feet and makes him stop suddenly. This is the best way known to teach whoa, though you can put on the war bridle, and say whoa, and give him a sharp jerk that will stop him about as soon as the strap to his foot. Then put him in harness, with the foot-strap, as directed under the head of 'training to harness,' and drive him up to the door. The moment he undertakes to move take his foot and get out again; rattle the bells, make all give him to understand, and out you can; give him to understand, by snatching his foot each time he moves, that he must stand until you tell him to go; and after a few times you can put the whole family in the carriage and he won't stir out of his tracks."

THE RED MEN ARE COMING.—Fifty-one Indians have lately been naturalized as citizens of the United States at St. Paul, Minnesota. It strikes us that this naturalization of native Americans is a superior omen, but at all events, the red men are coming to the ballot box with the black men and the white men. Next we shall have the Mongolians, "the heathen Chinese," or, in other words, the yellow men. And why not? White, black, red and yellow men, let them come. But the women? Let the women "larry at Jericho till their beards be grown."—N. Y. Herald.

A fantastical correspondent of a French paper proposes the following way to bring about peace. He wants the Provisional Government to issue a decree which should confer to every Prussian soldier, who will no longer bear arms against France and declare himself in favor of the Republic, aid and protection, and when he has returned to his country an annual pension of 300f.

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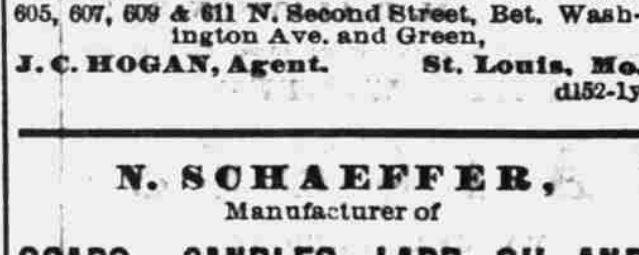
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