

Ladies' Department.

The Price of a Drink.

BY JOSEPHINE POLLARD.

"Five cents a glass!" Does any one think that that is really the price of a drink? "Five cents a glass," I hear you say; "Why, that isn't very much to pay."

The price of a drink! Let him decide who has lost his courage and lost his pride, and lies a groveling heap of clay.

"Five cents a glass!" How Satan laughed, as over the bar the young man quaffed the beaded liquor, for the demon knew the terrible work that drink would do.

Mercy Hides the Future.

[Suggested by a passing storm.]

Oh! the world's so full of pain and sin and sorrow, That I wonder how we ever laugh at all; Could we lift the veil that hides to-morrow, Our hearts would fall before the stroke would fall!

CANNING FRUIT—CHICKENS.

My fingers are scratched and stiff from picking berries, so I don't feel much like writing, I have been canning gooseberries and raspberries; I use jars, bottles, and bright peach and tomato cans, (no rusty ones.) I cook my fruit and fill can or jar, then let boil slowly to make all air come to top, then, after standing awhile without boiling it will settle; fill up again even full.

Make your chickens more comfortable these hot nights by sprinkling the chicken house with cold water; I sometimes add lime and coppers; if clear water they will enjoy having it sprinkled over them.

When my first letter was com leted, Mr. Editor, our boy was in his first trousers. That is a very interesting period in a boy's history. He then begins to show a spirit which will shape his course in all his after life.

when people say he feels big? Did you read his heart as nature prints its feeling on his honest features, when the words are spoken in derision or contemptuously? A boy's heart is a tender thing. The least touch of pleasure or of pain communicates its power to the eyes cheeks and chin in a moment of time.

A boy is a man in miniature. What is in the man was in the boy; and we all know that these little defenceless wards are often subjected to insults that would set men to fighting.

This spirit of self-importance must be nurtured, shaped, encouraged or checked as may be best, but the boy must know nothing of the educating process. Tell such a boy that he is a proud little rascal and he must be dressed down, and his estimate of your judgment is not kind.

At this period, the boy is too young to be a debater. We must learn his inner nature by his expositions in action. By what he does, if he is not hedged about by unnatural restraints, we learn what he is.

Not long since ALUM OR NOT? much against using alum, especially in bread; yet when a nice cake is needed, women nowadays think it cannot be real nice without baking powder.

Then another lady claims that salt does not keep butter. Now, if she will make two rolls and salt one a little and the other real salt (not awful salt) and set them away, I think the one she puts the most salt into will keep the longest; have you ever tried making into rolls and putting them into strong brine?

We are sorry to learn that our kind Editor

is soon to go from our midst to an eastern clime; hope he is not sick of Kansas. Success to him and to all of us. MAGGIE. [Maggie's information is not reliable. The editor of the FARMER left the "Eastern clime" nearly thirty years ago for good. He expects to remain among his Kansas friends, for 10, many years yet.—EDITOR, himself.]

CARE OF BABIES.

After so long I will now finish my letter which I promised some time ago. I do not hesitate to say that more than half of the sickness to which our little ones are subject is in the majority of cases caused, not so much by any intention on the part of the tender loving mother to neglect her offspring, as is due to a want of the proper knowledge of our physical needs and the laws which pertain to our life and health.

We must remember the stomach of a little child is very tender and is easily made sick if once that organ becomes affected. First then I would say to the mother, let your diet be as plain and simple as possible, but let it be wholesome and nutritious, not of an exciting or stimulating nature; next when your little one is large enough to begin to eat, cultivate in it a taste for plain, simple diet; never give it a taste of tea or coffee, and discourage the use of meat almost entirely until the child has at the least teeth sufficient to eat it which usually is not the case until near three years of age, even then I would disapprove of pork, either salt or fresh, but beef, mutton or fish and chicken once in a while, and that sparingly; encourage the use of milk as a food and drink, with plenty of fruit raw and cooked, with graham pudding, oat meal pudding, and gems with plenty of plainly cooked vegetables in their season.

I think we ought to treat our children with the utmost possible consideration at this stage in their lives. We ought to be truthful, never deceiving them. We ought to cultivate a neighborly, respectful feeling, so that the boy will come to us for advice, for information, for assistance and sympathy, as naturally as he does in cases of danger. We ought not to thrust him away when he comes. Let him feel that he is a very pleasant companion for us, that his presence is pleasing to us, and never be false to him. If parents are truthful, kind, considerate and firm with their children, they rarely have trouble with them.

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Stock Interest.

About Polled Cattle.

Hornless cattle are fast coming into favor. The chief reason of the change of public opinion in this respect is, that the losses occasioned by horns in large herds is considerable, and horns are often much in the way in transport-cattle in close quarters.

Of course, there are many persons actuated by motives of coldness in their preference for polled cattle; but there is hardly so much mere fancy in breeding now as there was five years ago. Beauty is often a matter of fancy, and a man may honestly argue in favor of particular points on the ground of beauty, when none but himself can muster courage enough to take the same view of the same subject.

Most of those persons who are raising polled cattle are really trying to improve on value. If horns are for ornament only, then, they are useless for all other purposes; and as ornament in animals counts for little in the long run, we are not any better off for having them.

So that, after all, the question of horns is one of value only, and every good argument is against them. The cattle business is increasing with wonderful momentum in this country, and a good many polled bulls have already been imported. It is an ascertained fact that, in matters of form, these qualities are descended more surely from the male ancestor.

We confess to a preference for hornless cattle, and we agree with our neighbor the Breeder's Gazette. It says: We are heartily interested in the energetic efforts to popularize the polled breeds in this country. The reasonable success of the Angus may be counted assured.

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Whenever explanation may be given, it seems a fact that a hornless dam or sire more certainly transmits this character to its offspring than does a horned parent transmit its horns, when the two classes are crossed.

We have heard that one of the largest beef producers of the west is seriously thinking of introducing polled bulls in his high grade short-horn herd. In the far west a good deal of this crossing has already been done, with the result of producing capital steers.

Testing Yields of Jersey Cows.

Mr. H. M. Howe, of Rhode Islands, writes to our esteemed contemporary, the Country Gentleman as follows: There can be no question that the great value of the Jersey cow consists in her ability to produce large yields of butter, and to continue to do so for long periods of time.

The importance of some system by which butter tests can be made, that will insure for the results the confidence and belief of the public, needs no argument. The plan of having a central testing station in a country as small as the Island of Jersey, or even as large as one of our own States, seems practicable; but in a country as vast as ours, and in which Jerseys are scattered in its remotest quarters, this plan, it seems to me, would have grave objections.

I believe, however, that something should be done to give increased reliability to Jersey butter tests. As there are grave objections in this country to taking cows to a central testing station, I would say that the testing station go to the cows. As Mr. Goodman says, the Jersey Cattle Club is wealth—if not in its funds in hand, it is at least so in the interests it represents—and it should pay for the services of men of unquestioned integrity and skill, whose duty should be to go to farms, where their services are wanted, and superintend the butter tests made there.

Of course this precludes only the making of short tests—say of a weeks duration. If such tests were made under the supervision of experts, at various intervals after calving, and the conditions, feed, quantity of milk and cream yielded, and the butter gotten, were all carefully reported, the results would be entirely satisfactory.

The Best Swine.

Mr. A. B. Allen, in the Stock Journal, thus expresses his views on swine: A good deal of discussion has been indulged in during the past regarding the merits of different kinds of swine, each breeder, as a matter of course, strenuously contending that his sort is the very best. Now as to this word "best," it must be taken with considerable qualification, for all know that what is best for one purpose or locality may be far from it in another.

The nearest approach to the above, in quality of flesh, it is contended, is a very large breed of red swine, existing since the year 1850, and we do not know how much earlier, in Connecticut and the intermediate states, as far south as Virginia, and is now spreading with considerable rapidity in the West.

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The Cheshire is a finer animal in its points, and is almost as large as the above. It has been bred for a considerable time in the middle and northern counties of New York. I presume it is essentially the same as the Large White Yorkshire, for this breed, as is also the Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, and some other Shires are alike in size, color, shape and quality of meat. They are admirable for the production of fat side pork, for salting and barrelling. Some of them make tolerably good hams and bacon, though, as a general rule, there is too great a proportion of fat to suit most people.

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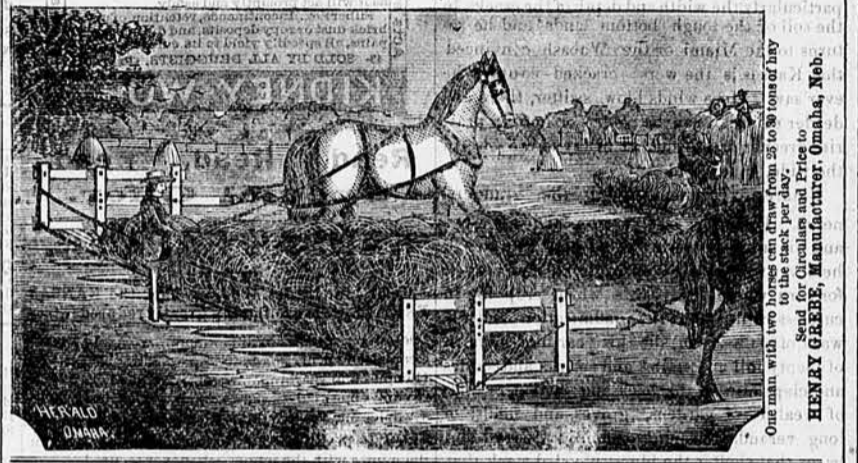
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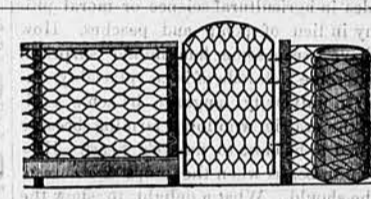
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Opinions of GERALDINE.

As promised last week, we give below some extracts from letters received, expressing briefly and tersely the writers' opinions of the story GERALDINE completed in the FARMER three weeks ago. We do not give the entire letter, except in a very few instances—a line, or paragraph only, enough to show the writer's judgment. We give first the unfavorable criticisms and then those more friendly. We take this opportunity to thank the writers for their promptness and frankness in responding to our request, and to say that UNCLE JOE values their letters very highly.

UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS.

Although founded on facts, it cultivates a taste for light reading. I never read stories at all. Have all of Uncle Joe I wish. Am glad the FARMER has got through with its yellow covered dime stuff. The story was too long. An amiable nuisance, both wasting valuable space and poisoning the minds of the youths. No charges for my opinion. Very good at first, but wore threadbare. A good story of its class, but it does not suit me. Have read but one piece of fiction with satisfaction to myself—that was Pilgrim's Progress. There is something commendable and vice versa, as I read it. I doubt the propriety of publishing any book or journal that has high way robbery, pistols and blood therein. One thing I consider objectionable—that is the use of oaths and imprecations. Some of it is very interesting, but Uncle Joe drifted astray in his chapter 20. He has destroyed his good name by offering a gross insult to the agricultural classes of Kansas, and his story is a campaign document in favor of St. John and corporations.

SOME MORE FRIENDLY.

We relish Geraldine. Uncle Joe is a good one. The story is true to life. The author knows what he is writing about. As good as the best of Dickens or Collins. A perfect picture of human nature. It is an excellent story. Wish it would run all summer. Have read it with pleasure and profit. It is good reading for the young. It has taught my children a taste for reading. Contains a great many good things. Teaches respect for good women. It is of the highest type. Loyalty, truth, virtue, temperance, industry, and intelligence blend so harmoniously in GERALDINE with progressiveness and love of the beautiful in laying the foundation of a state and its farmers' homes as to inspire the humblest with a desire to attain its ideals. It will affect the strongest heart and bring tears to the most steadfast eye. Have fallen in love with Uncle Joe. The style is excellent; the language pure; its aims are high; it prompts to deeds of nobleness. Perfect in the superlative degree. Give us such literature for our children. Its aims and purposes in a high degree commendable. I wish Uncle Joe would give us another story. The story is so good I can't keep from reading it. The boyhood life is so much like our own. Every chapter contains so many good things and such good advice. We won't be satisfied until you tell us who Uncle Joe is. I have read with pleasure and profit the story of Geraldine as it has come to me from week to week in the columns of the FARMER. I have relished it because it has been so true to life; so free from the trashy, sensational stuff of much of our current romances; so full of suggestive, helpful hints to the reader; so true to principle in all its delineations, and so filled with information in regard to real western life and character, it has been to me a truly refreshing story. Uncle Joe has performed his task well, and I sincerely trust the story of Geraldine may soon appear in book form. It deserves a wide circulation and will have it if it appears in print again. The story is a grand, good one, with pointed moral running all throughout. Like it because of the excellent character drawing and true pictures of Kansas life. Geraldine is capital. It has been an interesting feature of our favorite paper to my whole family. Have read the story and like it much. Geraldine has been exceedingly good. The tone, all the way through has been good. The story is the best I have read in a long time, and I have read a good many. It is a No. 1, and not overdrawn. It reads like history. We send our hearty approval. We would like to know who Uncle Joe is; rather guess he is the present editor of the FARMER. Are we correct? [Echo answers—we are correct.] Give us another, Uncle Joe. We were very much pleased with it. I would that we had more of such literature as would, in the charming way of Geraldine, show us what is good and true and noble in life. We all like Geraldine very much. We admire the beautiful character of Geraldine and the character of Uncle Joe. The description of the Whitney farm cannot be beat. Give us another such a story. It is both instructive and interesting. One thing is sure: Uncle Joe knows how the wires are pulled in Kansas. Good results only can come from it. It has awakened an interest in reading among my children that no other matter has been able to do. A good story, but too long for an agricultural paper. We were more than pleased with it. A good representative of Kansas life as it was. Geraldine is prime. I want a copy of the book. It reminds me of my boyhood days. I can see the

old rope works, and the great oak trees under which we sketched the fax, and the old farm I helped to clear sixty years ago Long life to Uncle Joe and Geraldine. It is just splendid. I began to read it on account of the history in it. We think a great deal of the good moral it carries with it. I consider it the best story I ever read. True to Kansas life. It was a grand success. The best we ever read, and think Uncle Joe would make a good governor. Very interesting, but part of it is overdrawn. Very good. Put me down for a copy of the book. Hope the publishers of the FARMER will be encouraged to continue bringing out more of the same high standard.

Made up of good morals and good advice. Geraldine is good. Shows how much good we may do in the world if we keep our eyes open and look for work. I like Geraldine very much. Such literature is elevating and ennobling; it enables us to bear our every-day burdens with more patience and fortitude, and also encourages us to look forward more hopefully to the life before us. Its tendency is to elevate woman and benefit society generally.

Have not read a continued story for fifteen years until I read Geraldine, and that was so good I could not help reading it. The boyhood life back in Pennsylvania is particularly interesting. Would be glad if Uncle Joe would give us another story.

Its aims and purposes are in a high degree commendable. With it could be continued all summer. It is perfect. Its style is excellent and the language pure; its aims are high; it prompts to deeds of nobleness, to virtue, benevolence and charity. We have fallen in love with you, Uncle Joe; would like to see you and Geraldine.

Give us and our children such literature every time. Go on, dear friend, in your work of reform. Saw my 64th birthday the—inst. In our opinion and that of many friends the story is perfect in the superlative degree. It is of the highest type and deserves much praise of true man and womanhood. In thank you for Uncle Joe's story, would like to have more such.

Want it when published in book form. I have read a great many books, but Geraldine is the best of all. It is history and romance together. I have read a great many stories, but never found one that was at once so interesting, instructive and elevating in its tendencies as this one.

We are pleased with the moral sentiment it expresses and the many useful lessons, and the information it gives. It is so sensible and so perfect that a libel suit would almost lie in many cases. It is Kansas miltum in parvo. The description of the mound country of the Verdigris is perfect.

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How much we shall miss Uncle Joe's good sense, and Geraldine seems like an old friend. Intensely interesting from beginning to end. It seems so natural and real that you feel every word to be true.

God bless Uncle Joe and his noble Geraldine. Thanks for Geraldine. Your efforts in behalf of temperance and morality are appreciated by all who read your story in these parts. As for myself, I say it is the best story I ever read. No one can read it without resolving to be better in the future. The language is choice and chaste, and every subject treated is shown in its true light. The whole story shows a careffulness on your part worthy the imitation of everybody.

Much may be learned from the moral it teaches. It reminds me of the days of yore. For honesty, generosity, good judgment, presence of mind, and undaunted courage, Uncle Joe can hardly be equaled. I want the book.

I would like very much to see it continue. Your story was very good, and I hope to have more of them. Have read every chapter. Enroll my name for a copy.

The story is rich in good sentiment, full of lessons of instruction. Am very much pleased with the story. Put my name down for one volume. It has done much good to the readers of the FARMER. I want a copy of the book.

A very well written story indeed, and very interesting. [But we must stop somewhere, and this is as good a place as any. What letters we have left are in the same strain.—EDITOR.]

The Friend's Sixteenth Annual Conference of Western Yearly Meetings on Bible schools recently held at Thornton, Ind., passed a resolution declaring in favor of prohibition and woman suffrage, and pledging all possible lawful means to submit the same to a

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Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, of Lafayette, Ind., editor of Our Herald, has been having a lively controversy on woman suffrage with the editor of the Tipton Times, in which the masculine editor has got decidedly the worst of it. Mrs. Gougar demolishes him with the force of wit and logic.

The painting of Mr. R. B. Hayes, presented by the temperance people of the country, has been assigned a permanent place on the wall of the green parlor. It seems a little out of place now, but "there's a good time coming."

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