

Mrs. Barbauld's Childhood.

One can fancy the little and form girl, industrious, impulsive, interested in everything—in all life and all nature—drinking in, on every side, learning, eagerly wondering, listening to all around with bright and ready wit. There is a pretty little story told by Mrs. Ellis in her book about Mrs. Barbauld, how one day, when Dr. Aiken and a friend "were conversing on the passions," the doctor observes that joy cannot have place in a state of perfect felicity, since it supposes an accession of happiness. "I think you are mistaken, papa," says a little voice from the opposite side of the table. "Why so, my child?" says the doctor. "Because in the chapter I read to you this morning, in the Testament, it is said that 'there is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance.'" Besides her English Testament and her early reading, the little girl was taught by her mother to do as little daughters did in those days—to obey a somewhat austere rule, to drop courtesies in the right place, to make beds, to preserve fruits. The father, after demur, but surely not without some paternal pride in her proficiency, taught the child Latin and French and Italian, and something of Greek, and gave her an acquaintance with English literature. One can imagine little Nancy, with her fair head bending over her lessons, or, when playing-time had come, perhaps a little lonely and listening to the distant voices of the schoolboys at their games. The mother, fearing she might acquire rough and boisterous manners, strictly forbade any communication with the schoolboys. Sometimes in after days, speaking of these early times and of the constraint of many by-gone rules and regulations, Mrs. Barbauld used to attribute to this early, formal training something of the hesitation and shyness which troubled her and never entirely wore off. She does not seem to have been in any great harmony with her mother. One could imagine a faulciful and high-spirited child, timid and dutiful, and yet strong-willed, secretly rebelling against the rigid order of her home, and feeling lonely for want of liberty and companionship. It was true she had birds and beasts and plants for her playfellows, but she was of a gregarious and sociable nature, and perhaps she was unconsciously longing for something more, and feeling a want in her early life which no silent company can supply.—*The Cornhill Magazine.*

If it is our purpose in rearing pigs that they shall be fattened and sold on the market for pork, it will not be necessary that the dam is a pure-bred animal. Care in this regard is needed only in case of the sire. If he has come of a well-established pure-bred family of good feeding animals, his progeny from well-formed and vigorous common or grade sows are usually all that can be desired as rapid growers and good feeders. Such sows will generally prove quite as profitable for this purpose as the higher-priced pure-bred animals. In fact, common sows are, with a good show of reason, often deemed the better suited for rearing pigs to be fattened than are the pure-bred sows—first cost being left out of the question altogether. They are believed to be more hardy, from the supposition that their digestive and vital organs are better developed.

In reading your remarks on silos and other methods of curing corn fodder I was reminded of the way in which it is often cured in Maine. After the corn is husked (which is done as soon as the corn is cut) the fodder is put in a mow or on a scaffold—a layer of straw and then a layer of fodder three or four inches thick, or so as to cover the straw, and so on. Usually some salt is scattered over each layer. The cattle eat it readily in winter, straw and all. It is doubtful whether in this climate and with the corn fodder as green as it is usually cut, it could be kept in that way. But if fodder from corn planted for fodder only—to be cut before the corn is matured, or that from corn matured, is carefully cured and kept from the weather it makes an excellent food for cattle or horses. If cut and steamed I doubt not it would be equal if not superior to silo-fodder. When left out in the fields, exposed to the weather, mixed with dirt, dust and sand by the rains and winds, it is of little value. —J. P. S., in *Philadelphia Record.*

A MAN cannot tell what the needs and wishes of women and children are, because he is not one of them. He will remember well enough, however, that he did not run to his father but to his mother for comfort in his infancy; and this will be a sufficient argument, if he be a fair-minded man, to show him that in the management of women and children, women ought to have an authoritative say.—*Toronto Week.*

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Died of a Fall. Byron's good sayings have been in all men's mouths—in the mouths of some who have claimed them as their own. Many were admirable puns, others had a better claim to remembrance. The last time I met him—a long time ago—I sat next him at dinner. "So Poole, the tailor, is dead!" remarked our host. "Indeed! What did he die of?" "Of a fall," said Byron, at once; "what else could a tailor die of?"—*London World.*

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The Formal "Call."

Whatever may be said, men have good cause to rejoice that they bear no part in that crowning bore of all bores known as the "formal call." That is a feminine institution. It is an invention of the sex, and the sex groans under its yoke. Man smokes his Durham in beatific peace, while the wife and daughters pay tribute to the formal call. He hears the sotto voce prayer that parties will be out, and that the matter can be dispatched with a card. He quietly notes the sigh of relief when the exhausted women return after hours of social distress. He observes the tax of dress incident to the affair, the bad temper it invokes, and the hypocrisy and total absence of any equivalent in the way of pleasure for all this slavish adherence to custom, and then dimly realizes the marvellous felicity of his own escape from such servitude, and it maybe takes comfort in the thought that the whole business falls totally on those who have made him pay the piper for countless other freaks and whims of fashion and caprice. The elasticity of conscience with which the gentle creatures endeavor to mitigate the infliction of the formal call by convenient fibs, furnishes the masculine monster some amusing food for study, and it may be doubted whether he would budge an inch to abolish the formal call. It is diamond cut diamond; woman annoying woman. In such a transaction the wise man holds aloof and lets the dainty belle-figure masquerade as friends manage the hollow and artificial show as suits themselves. It is not often that he has an opportunity of keeping out of a game in which women array their wits against one another instead of against the common tyrant, man. He is at liberty to be judiciously silent and hear the fair prattlers discuss each other in a style utterly unlike the funny pictures of novelists and poets, and he doesn't get some wholesome enlightenment he is hopelessly stupid.—*Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.*

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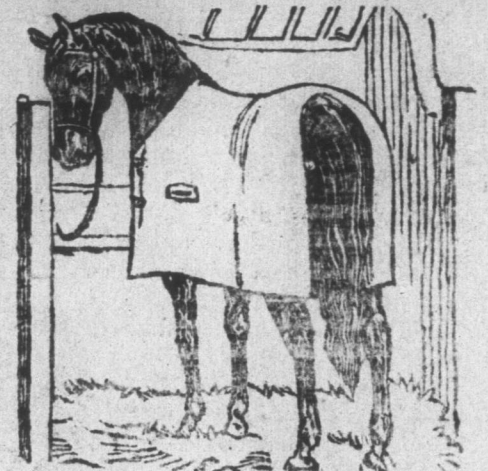
Wildly Improbable.

"I had a delightful dream last night, Alfred." "What was it, my dear?" "I dreamed that I had a director's suit that cost \$150." "You ought to stop reading Rider Haggard." "Why ought I?" "You would have no such wildly improbable dreams, my dear, if you did."

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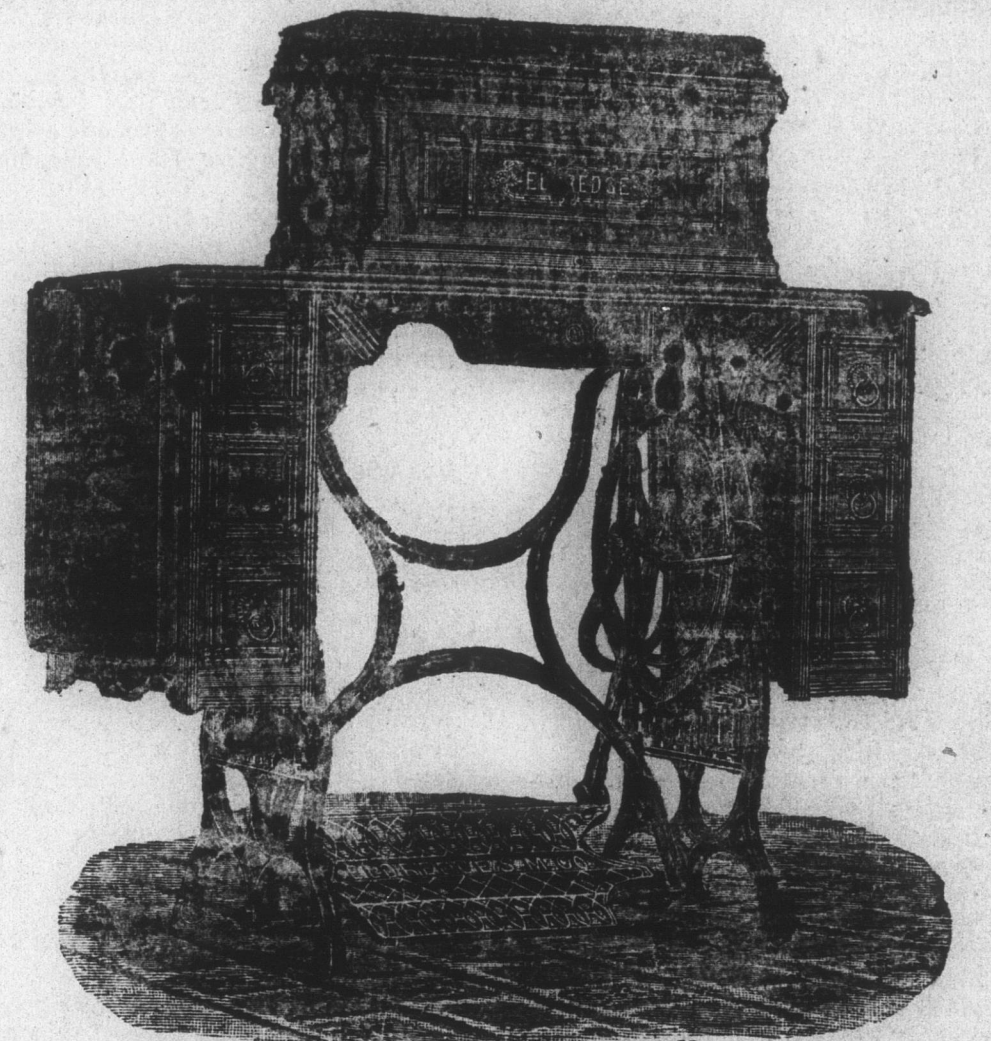
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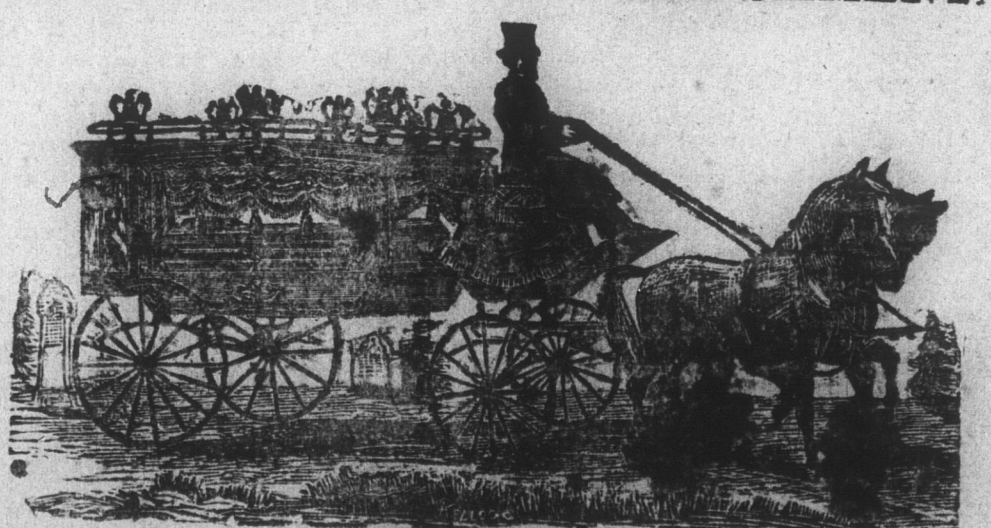
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