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"Take salt with a saltspoon or else with a clean knife, not with that you are eating with, for that will foul the rest.

"Do not laugh at table, much less sneeze, cough or yawn; but if you cannot avoid it hold up the napkin or tablecloth before your face and turn aside from the table.

"When you drink, bow to some one of the company and say sir or madam.

"Never regard what another has on his plate. It looks as if you wanted it.

"If you have occasion to laugh, turn from the company.

"Always look pleased, but not merry unless there is occasion."

Now as to the deportment of a young master:

"Let your feet be placed at a small distance from one another, not too close nor too wide in spreading.

"Put one hand easy and free into the bosom of your waistcoat and the other under the flap of it.

"Do not button more than the three lowest buttons of your waistcoat that your hand may not be raised too high.

"Do not thrust your hand into your breeches as vulgar boys do, but let it fall with ease under the flap of your waistcoat."

To face this page there is a beautiful "copper cut" of a young master in the easy and elegant attitude recommended, and truly "there is a great deal of sweetness in his looks."

This delightful volume was published by R. Baldwin at the Rose in Paternoster row and B. Collins in Salisbury 1765.—Longman's Magazine.

KITCHEN HELPS.

To clean a greasy sink a little paraffin oil, rubbed on with a piece of flannel, will save a great deal of trouble.

Ordinary tea marks on china may be readily dissolved by scrubbing with a soft brush dipped in salt water and vinegar.

If new tinware is rubbed over with fresh lard and thoroughly heated in the oven before it is used, it will never rust afterward, no matter how much it is put in water.

A good way to clean zinc utensils is to dip a piece of cotton in kerosene and rub the articles with it until the dirt is removed. Dry afterward with a clean cloth so as to get rid of all grease.

For stained tinware borax produces the best results. If the teapot or coffeepot is discolored on the inside, boil it in a strong solution of borax for a short time, and all its brightness will return.

Pans and kettles partly filled with water should not be placed on the range to soak, as it only makes them harder to clean. They should be filled with cold water and be kept away from the heat.

Names For Farms.

"We wish that every farm in Maine would be named," says the Lewiston Journal. "This is not a mere matter of sentiment, by any means, but it is strictly business.

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What a Bureau Really Is.

When parchment was used for writing and when bookbinding was in its infancy and a bound book was a costly luxury, it was the custom to place the book on a piece of cloth or a strip of wool in order to prevent the binding from possible damage on the rough wood of the table. Those who had to deal with money also had a strip of cloth on the table or counter so that the coins should not roll. This strip was called "bureau."

In course of time the custom changed, and the same word was applied to the writing table covered with green or other colored cloth and at length descended to the modern table with the center protected by leather. As an office contains one or more of these tables it is not difficult to understand that the name should, in one country, have been given to the room that contained the bureau.—London Standard.

Described.

A schoolmaster was endeavoring to make clear to his young pupils' minds the meaning of the word "slowly." He walked across the room in the manner the word indicates.

"Now, children, tell me how I walked."

One little fellow who sat near the front of the room almost paralyzed him by blurting out, "Bowlegged!"

A Safer Sport.

"There's one respect at least in which fishing is a good deal safer sport than hunting."

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A BUDDING HUMORIST.

Merry Memories of a First Meeting With Artemus Ward.

On going into the Cleveland Plain Dealer editorial rooms one morning I saw a new man, who was introduced to me as Mr. Browne.

He was young, cheerful in manner, tall and slender, not quite up to date in style of dress, yet by no means shabby. His hair was flaxen and very straight; his nose, the prominent feature of his face, was Romanesque—quite violently so—and with a leaning to the left. His eyes were blue gray, with a twinkle in them; his mouth seemed so given to a merry laugh, so much in motion, that it was difficult to describe.

It seemed as though bubbling in him was a lot of happiness which he made no effort to conceal or hold back. When we were introduced, he was sitting at his table writing. He gave his leg a smart slap, arose, shook hands with me and said he was glad to meet me. I believed him, for he looked glad all the time. You could not look at him but he would laugh. He laughed as he sat at his table writing. When he had written a thing which pleased him, he would slap his leg and laugh.

I noticed that George Hoyt and James Brokenshire at their tables were pleased with his merriment and indulged in broad smiles. As I bade him and the others good morning he said, "Come again, me liege." I thanked him, said I would and went my way, thinking what a funny fellow he was.

Within a month thereafter appeared in the columns of The Plain Dealer a funny letter signed "Artemus Ward." The writer said he was in the show business, had a trained kangaroo, "a most amoosin' little cuss," some "snaix" and a collection of wax figures, which he called a "great moral show." As he was coming to Cleveland to exhibit, he made a proposition to the proprietor that they "scratch each other's backs"—the publisher to write up the show vigorously and the showman to have the handbills printed at his office and give him free tickets for all his family. So I found my young friend of the gurgle and hay colored hair to be an embryo humorist just bursting into bloom. Artemus, as from that time he was best known, soon had a city full of friends, myself and family among them.—James F. Ryder in Century Magazine.

FLOWER AND TREE.

Never buy a plant in bloom.

Never water plants in flower from above.

In planting out an orchard do not plant more than can be manured and cared for well.

A yard or lawn always looks barren without some choice ornamental trees and shrubs. On this account every lawn should contain a few choice specimens of these ornamental trees.

Scale insects on plants, such as the oleanders, the fragrant olive, roses, etc., are among the most difficult pests to overcome. A mixture of white hellebore powder with dissolved soap rubbed in is a good remedy.

Keeping all young trees carefully staked leads to the formation of clean, straight stems. These in their turn are conducive to the growth of large, healthy, fruitful heads. One stout stake should be placed by each tree when it is planted.

Crocus must be planted in October to insure spring blooms. It makes a fine appearance if thickly planted upon a lawn. Make a cut with a spade three or four inches deep in the sod, tuck in a couple of bulbs and press the sod back into place with the foot.

Habits of Seals.

The habits of seals are very interesting. The very young seal is helpless in the water until he is taught by his mother to swim. She takes him into the water daily on her fin and dumps him in, and when he gets tired of floundering about places him on her fin again and returns to her camp. When the young seals are well grown, they suddenly disappear with their mothers and the bull seals. No one knows where they go, and their return is equally as sudden as their departure. The bulls are the first to put in an appearance at the camping ground. When they arrive, they commence at once to prepare a camp for their mates, which they stake off, and for which they fight until they die. In the meantime the female seals remain quite a distance from land, floating lazily on the water and seemingly having a good time.

Bound to Sound Their "H."

The English middle classes have had so much fun poked at them for dropping the letter "h" and for carrying it forward and placing it where it should not be, possibly thus to obey the laws of compensation, that they have become sensitive on the subject, and many aspirate the "h" with double force when the letter should be aspirated. Instead of saying "before him," as Americans do, with a light aspiration, they will say "before him," taking a full and deep breath when they utter the second word, shooting it out as if it came from a popgun. Dropping the "h" is not new for ordinary English folk. It is a new trick to aspirate it with double the force required.—New York Commercial Advertiser

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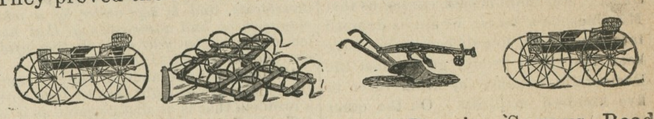

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