

Poetry.

THE WATER-MILL.

Lead to the water mill
Through the live long day;
How the clanking of the wheels
Wear the hours away!
Languidly the autumn wind
Stirs the green wood leaves,
From the fields, the reapers sing,
Binding up the sheaves,
And a proverb haunts my mind,
"A mill will never grind
With the water that has past."

Take the lesson to thyself,
Loving heart and true,
Golden years are fleeting by,
Youth is passing, too.
Learn to make the most of life,
Loose no happy day;
Time will never bring thee back
Moments swept away.
Leave no tender word unsaid,
Love while love shall last—
"The mill will never grind
With the water that has past."

Work while yet the daylight shines,
Man of strength and will;
Never does the streamlet glide
Unless by the mill.
Wait not till the sun
Beams upon the way;
All that thou canst call thine own
Lies in thine to-day.
Power, intellect, and health
May not, cannot last—
"The mill will never grind
With the water that has past."

On the wasted hours of life,
That have drifted by;
Oh, the good we might have done,
Lost without a sigh.
Love, that we might once have saved
By a single word;
Thoughts conceived, but never penned,
Perishing unheard.
Take the proverb to thine heart,
Take! oh, hold it fast!
"The mill will never grind
With the water that has past."

Fur, Fin and Feather.

GREAT SHOOTING AT OMAHA.

At a shooting match in Omaha on April 25, the conditions were as follows: Dr. N.F. Carver of San Francisco, wagered the sum of \$500 against \$800, by John Petty of Omaha, Carver to shoot with rifle and Petty with a shot gun. They repaired to the Fair Ground and shot three hundred glass balls resulting in the following score:

Dr. Carver—First hundred—16, 0, 88, 0, 8
0, 35—97.
Second hundred—32, 0, 8, 0, 23, 0, 7,
0,—96.
Third hundred—97, 0, 2,—99.
John Petty—First hundred—11, 0, 4, 0, 8,
0, 8, 0, 14, 0, 26, 0, 23—94.
Second Hundred—10, 0, 8, 0, 6, 0, 36, 1,
0, 42, 0, 28—94.
Third hundred—31, 0, 19, 0, 6, 0, 18, 0, 0,
16, 0, 4—94.

Mr. Petty becoming fatigued, they retired until to-day, when the remainder of the match was concluded with the following score:

Dr. Carver—Fourth hundred—86, 0, 68—
100.
Fifth hundred—65, 0, 0, 18, 0, 7, 0, 6—96.
John Petty—Fourth hundred—18, 0, 19,
0, 1, 0, 64—97.
Fifth hundred—69, 0, 30—99.

Great interest was manifested in this match, the grand result of which is that Carver broke in all 487 out of 500, and Petty, 475 out of 500. After the result was announced the money was paid over to Mr. Carver by the referee, in the presence of all who witnessed the match.

REMARKABLE SHOOTING.—Last week Mr. Donnell Swan of Baltimore, Md., matched himself to kill 94 out of 100 birds, 21 yards rise, 80 yards boundary, 7 lb. gun, 3 drachms of powder, 12 ounces shot, use of both barrels, plunge traps. He scored 98, the remain-

EQUINE INTELLIGENCE.

A very charming illustration of an animal's intelligence is afforded in the performances of "Nettie," a beautiful trick mare that was recently exhibited at the Aquarium, in New York city. A six-barred gate—no toy gate—but as high as a man's head, is placed in the ring. A horse comes running out and places himself along side and parallel to the gate. At the word "Nettie" goes around the arena at a terrific pace, and takes both gate and horse in her wonderful stride. Another horse comes out and takes his place by the side of number one. Nettie goes about the track once and clears the gate and both horses with a single flying leap. A third horse comes out and takes his place by the other two. Nettie first walks up to the gate and looks over it. It is really higher than her head, as she naturally holds it. What is she looking at? She is counting the horses! Fact. Once Nettie tried to jump over six horses, failed and hurt herself. After that she never could be persuaded to jump if there were more than four, and no art can make her try. She always satisfies herself as to the number before she leaps.

WHAT A BEAR DOG IS.

A Montreal correspondent, who ought to know, thus defines the characteristics of a bear dog, as recognized in that section: "It is no easy matter to furnish particulars of dogs suitable to assist in the capture of the brown bear. Such dogs, so far as I know, are of nondescript class, laying no claim to blue blood. They should possess courage, but tempered by a considerable amount of discretion, and a becoming degree of respect for their own personal safety. This taming down, however, shall not be done at the expense of vivacity. A too tenacious dog would be apt to end his career in the embrace of his bearship. A sustained and sprightly skirmishing attack in the rear generally ends in Master Bruin forming the natural conclusion that he can rid himself of all this annoyance by climbing a tree. When aloft he calmly surveys his tormentors until the rifle arrives to complete the work the dogs commenced. An approved cross is that between a fox hound and a Scotch terrier, recrossed by a collie.

A CAT IN LOVE.

Mr. Frederic B. Balfour, an Englishman, writes to the London Spectator that he has seen a cat give evidence of being in love with a terrier, and that the 'spooning' going on between them was very comic. 'On the occasion,' he says, 'in my presence, the dog (who was seated on a lady's lap) feeling dissatisfied or aggrieved at something or other that was taking place, vented his feelings in a long, low whine or howl. The cat, who was on the hearth-rug, turned her head, and gazed with a wistful, sympathetic expression at her suffering friend for some seconds; at last, unable to listen to his weeping any longer, she sprang upon the lady's knees, put her paws around the dog's neck, and kissed his cheek with her lips. This occurred twice, the second time the dog responding to her caresses by licking her back in the tenderest manner conceivable.'

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