

without *deeds* are but sounding brass. *Deeds*, must renovate the world. The life—the daily walk is the only really effective sermon. We must purify and elevate ourselves before we can exert an elevating and purifying influence on society. Sacrifices and burnt offering—the awful manifestations of Sinai—the law graven on tables of stone, and the verification of prophecy, could not suffice for the world's redemption. A *perfect life*—an exhibition of immaculate virtue and human trials and sufferings, alone was sufficient. When will men learn, that only *virtue can create virtue*. Parents, would you have your homes the abodes of all that enobles and happiness mankind? Be yourselves noble and happy. Be yourselves whatever you would have your children become. What culpable carelessness is shown in the selection of teachers for common schools. Remember that what is contained in the books you place in your children's hands, is not all they learn. Every word and act of the teacher, is forming the young minds around him. Is he coarse and brutal? They are learning coarseness and brutality. Is the impress of dissipation upon him? It will stamp itself upon their plastic minds. And in conclusion, be it remembered, that the influence of no rational being is indifferent; and therefore, only the truly good can exist without exerting an influence positively baneful upon the world, however loudly others may *talk* of reform.

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POETRY.

James Russell Lowell has written a great many pretty things, and among the many is the following, which for suggestiveness and beauty, equals some of Hood's pathetic lures:

"Hark! that rustle of a dress,
Still with lavish costliness;
Here comes one whose cheek would blush
But to have her garments brush
'Gainst the girl whose fingers thin
Wove the weary 'broidery in.
And in midnight, chill and mure,
Stirred her life into her work;
Bending backward from her toil,
Lest her tears the silk might soil;
Shaping from her bitter thought,
Heart's ease and forget-me-not;
Saturizing her despair
With the emblems woven there!"

Reviews, &c.

The Anglo-American for Oct., Maclear & Co. Toronto

The present number of this interesting miscellany is fully equal to its predecessors. It contains a large and well executed engraving of Cronstadt, from the narrow channel nearest St. Petersburg, and a plan of Farm Buildings, which we recommend to the attention of our readers.

Chambers' Journal for August and September; A. H. Armour, Toronto.

The latter numbers of the Messrs. Chambers' world-renowned periodical, fully sustain the high character which this miscellany has enjoyed for a long term of years. A work of this kind is indeed an invaluable boon to a family.

Norton's Literary Gazette; New York, C. B. Norton.

This fortnightly publication contains all necessary information about books, libraries, and literature in general. It is carefully and ably edited, and cannot fail to be highly useful and instructive to all who are in any way interested in literary matters. To such we strongly recommend it.

RECIPES, &c.

WOUNDS.—An effectual cure for a cut, bruise, or burn, is the inside coating of the shell of a raw egg; apply the moist surface to the wound; it will adhere of itself, leave no scar, and heal a wound without pain, more speedily than any other plaster or salve whatever.—*Medical Almanac.*

SODA CAKE.—Take one pound of flour, half a pound of sugar, three quarters of a pound of currants, two eggs, a few drops of essence of lemon, and a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, which should be previously mixed with the flour; the whole to be mixed with half a pint of warm milk.

RECIPE FOR THE WHOOPING COUGH.—Take a large handful of garden thyme, pick it from the larger sprigs, and boil it well in a pint of the best white wine vinegar, strain it through a cloth, and add to the liquor a pound of sugar; then boil it again gently, keeping it well stirred, until it becomes a syrup; when cold put it into a bottle for use. A large teaspoonful, night and morning, is a sufficient dose for a child.

WASH FOR TREES.—Heat one pound of sal soda to redness in an iron pot, and dissolve it in a gallon of water. This wash, will take off all the moss and dead bark, and kill all the insects on all fruit trees or grape vines, and make them as smooth as though polished, and make old trees bear anew. Never whitewash a tree.

TO THAW OUT A PUMP.—Take a half inch lead pipe, put a funnel in one end and set the other on the ice in the pump. Now pour boiling water in the funnel, and the pipe will settle rapidly down through the ice. Now having drilled a hole through the mass, hot water will soon enlarge it so that your pump-rod will move and raise the water from below which will melt away the obstruction.

GALLS FROM THE HARNESS OR SADDLE.—Maj. Long, in his valuable account of his expedition to the Rocky Mountains, says that his party found white lead moistened with milk to succeed better than anything else in preventing the bad effects of the galls on the horses' back, in their march over the plains that border the mountains. Its effect in smoothing or soothing the irritated and inflamed surface was admirable.—*American Farmer.*

The value of ammonia to growing plants arises from the fact that it is composed of the same materials that plants require, viz, hydrogen and nitrogen.