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## EDITORIAL RAMBLES.

Experience has pretty thoroughly taught us the value, not only of a holiday now and then, but of a yearly vacation. All busy people are the better of occasional relaxation, and the busier they are, the more they need the reinvigoration afforded in this way. To those whose daily duties are chiefly or wholly in the line of brain work, such relaxation is a necessary of life. Many a fine intellect has been quenched in premature death for want of it, while not a few gifted minds have been crippled and stunted by that unwise economy of time and labour which has led them to shun play and scorn recreation. When Theodore Parker was on his way to the ship which bore him off on the voyage from which he never returned, he said to a friend in the bitterness of regret, "If I had bought a saddle-horse twelve years ago, or had taken real repose in the summer time, I should not have come to this now." His case was by no means a singular one. Many instances in various walks of life of the same final crash of strength and earthly hope, have taught the folly of incessant work.

It is not practicable for us to indulge in total cessation of toil. The luxury of having "nothing to do" has long been unknown to us. The best we can achieve is change of place, change of air, change of scene, and mayhap change of work. Wherever we go we see visions of printers, of compositors clamorous for "copy," and subscribers expectant of their periodical visitant. The months are inexorable, and will not wait for a tired editor's convenience. What our demand may be staved off, that for "copy"

must be met with some sort of supply. So even in vacation time, the agricultural journals must be read, and the editorial pen and scissors brought into play.

For several years past we have been accustomed to take a trip of two or three weeks—perhaps a month—to the United States, timing our tour so as to visit some of the agricultural fairs. This year, circumstances conspired to start us a little earlier than usual, in fact just in advance of the fairs, rendering it doubtful if we can see any of them the present season. This we regret, since much useful information can always be obtained at such places, and repeated visits result in acquaintances which it is pleasant to renew once a year.

## NIAGARA FALLS.

We have had an annual glimpse or two of the Falls for some years past, when passing over Suspension Bridge in the cars to and from the United States, or waiting to make a train connection. To have "only this and nothing more" is tantalizing. For once therefore, we resolved to "do" the Falls as the English phrase is, and took a whole day to it, including a splendid moonlight evening. Many years have passed away since we visited Niagara in this thorough manner, in fact we have not done so since boyhood, and we find the influence of the mighty spectacle far more overpowering now than it was in early youth. The sense of grandeur and magnificence grows upon one with successive visits, while age and experience bring enlarged qualification and sensibility wherewith to appreciate the sublime. Nobody should see the Falls hurriedly. It is as you behold them from dif-