Poetry.

THE LIGHT OF HOME.

My son, thou wilt dream the world is fair,
And thy spirit will sigh to roam,
And thou must go—but never when there,
Forget the light of home.

Tho' pleasure may smile with a ray more bright
It dazzles to lead astray;
Like the meteor's flash, 'twill deepen the night
When treading the lonely way.

But the hearth of home has a constant flame
And pure as vestal fire,
'Twill burn, 'twill burn forever the same,
Nor nature feeds the pyre.

The sea of ambition is tempest tossed,
And thy hopes may vanish like foam,
When sails are shivered and compass lost,
Then look to the light of home!

And there, like a star thro' the midnight cloud,
Thou shalt see the beacon bright;
For never, till shining on the shroud,
Can be quenched its holy light.

The sun of fame may gild the *name*,
But the *heart* ne'er felt its ray,
And fashion's smile that the rich ones claim,
Are beams of a wintry day.

How cold and dim those beams would be
Should life's poor wanderer come!—
My son, when the world is dark to thee,
Then turn to the light of home.

Miscellaneous.

LET THE BABIES DIG IN THE DIRT.

We once asked an old Winnebago squaw how it was she cured her sick family by simply covering them everyday with fresh earth, leaving only a breathing spot for their noses, and she said "Earth our mother; earth makes she, and earth takes good care to make the papoose strong; squaw mother make the papoose sick; earth mother makes the papoose well again; she can't tell white squaw any more." Now this poor Indian woman was wise according to her light. Without knowing why she saw that the earth was a friend to her children, and therefore gave them to his healing embrace. If the mother be fortunate enough to live in the country, she has the cure for many of children's ills quite at hand. Encourage baby to play in fresh earth preparing it properly for its enjoyment and cure with as careful an eye to the comfort of the little thing as you would if it were to take any other sort of a bath. If it has no old dresses, make it a suit of cheap print, tie upon its head a light hat, that will protect its eyes from discomfort, and give it freedom to delve in the warm, soft earth where the sunshine can comfort and invigorate it. If it is a city child, and circumstances forbid a trip to the country for the sake of the convalescent, have a sand heap made on the warm side of your yard. Instinct will teach it to dig, and digging hardens the muscles and brings strength to the bones, while from the heart of the earth rises a subtle and strong power of healing, that we can neither explain nor understand, though we have both seen and felt its potency.—*The Metropolitan.*

A STRANGE CAUSE OF DEATH.

From the Burlington Hawkeye.)

About one of the most singular cases of death that ever came within our province to mention is that of Milton W. Blair of Louisa county, who died last week in California, of the hiccoughs. Mr. Blair is an old merchant of Louisa county, but has not been engaged in business for a number of years. He has been residing near Morning Sun since retiring from business. Last fall he was attacked with a fit of hiccoughing, while continued for some weeks, with scarcely any intermission becoming alarmed at the long continuance of the spell, Mr. B. came to Burlington to consult with a docter, who after treating him a while, declared he could give him no relief. From this city he proceded to Chicago, and consulted the best medical authorities there, who did all in their power, but could not relieve him. By their advice he went to California, accompanied by his sister thinking that the change of climate would help him, remaining in that State to the time of his death, hiccoughing almost continually, and having but few intervals of rest. The continued strain and distress wore him to a mere shadow of his former self, and last week his sister telegraphed to friends and relatives in this and Lousia counties that he was dead.

THE CROSS.

Quaint throught the construction be of the following poem, yet never has the story of the cross been told with more truthful simplicity:

Blest they who seek,
While in their youth
With the spirit meek,
The way of truth.
To them the sacred Scriptures now display
Christ as the only true and living way;
His precious blood on Calvary was given
To make them heirs of endless bliss in heaven
And e'en on earth the child of God can trace
The glorious blessing of his Savior's grace,
For them he bore
His Father's frown;
For them he wore
The throny crown,
Nailed to the cross,
Endured its pain,
That's His life's loss
Might be their gain.
Then haste to choose
That better part,
Nor e'en dare refuse
The Lord thy heart,
Lest he declare,
"I know you not,"
And deep despair
Should be your lot.
Now look to Jesus who on Calvary died,
And trust on Him who there was crucified.

☞ "Did it ever occur to you kind mammas," asks a thoughtful philosopher, "that while trotting your babies on your laps in such a vigorous way, if some giants, about ten times your size, were to trot you in a similar style, the breath would be very apt to be bounced out of your body, and that you would use very bad words at his nursery rhymes of "Giddy, giddy, jolt?"

☞ You and I, as well as Bunyan, have met with Mr. By-ends, and Mr. Facing-both ways, and Mr. Talkative. Some of us perhaps, may have seen Mr. Nogood and Mr. Liveloose, Mr. Hatelight and Mr. Implacable. All us have at times been like Mr. Ready-to-halt, Mr. Feeblemind, Faintheart, and Noheart, and Slowpace, and Shorwind, and Sleepyhead, and "the young woman whose name was Dull." All of us need to be cheered by the help of Great-good old Honest. Some in the Slough of Despond; some have experinced the temptations of Vanity Fair; all of us have to climb the Hill Difficulty all of us need to be instructed by the Interpreter in the House Beautifull; all of us bear the same burden; all of us need the same armor in our fight with Apollyon; all of us have to pass through the wicket gate; all of us have to pass through the dark river; and for all of us (if God so will) there wait the Shining Ones at the Gates of the Celestial City "which when we see, we wish ourselves amongst them."—*Dean Stan'ey.*

The German General Staff has published a report on the trials made since 1871 with regard to the employment of balloons for military purposes. All attempts to direct balloons have failed. It is hoped that means for mounting and descending without throwing out ballast or letting out ballast or letting out gas, and for renewing during the voyage by chemical means the provision of gas, will shortly be discovered. Ballons should not be too large, and the covering should be as dense and at the same time as light as possible. The experiments for discovering the means to direct balloons are being continued. The questions of the most suitable proportion between the diameter of the screw and the height of the balloon, of the best shape to be given to the wings, are also being studied.

An improvement in safety lamps has been devised by Mr Boullenot, of Paris. It consists in replacing the lamps usually employed in mines containing fire-damp by others supplied with air outside the mines, and branches are led into all the workings. Through these compressed air is forsed from the surfaced by air pumps, and the improved lamps are screwed to the air pipes by couplings with stopcocks. The cylinder inclosing the flames is protedted by a cage, and the products of combustion pass off through two pieces of gauze. The match for lighting the lamp is inserted througe a spring clip, ignited within tne lamp, and cannot be withdrawn until it is extinguished.

HOW TO HAVE GOOD EGGS.

There is a vast difference in the flavor of eggs. Hens fed on clear, sound grain, and kept on a clean grass run, give much finer flavored eggs than hens that have access to stable and manure heaps, and eat all kinds of filthy food. Hens feeding on fish and onions flavor their eggs accordingly, the same as cows eating onions or cabbage, or drinking offensive water, impart a bad taste to the milk and butter. The richer the food the higher the color of the eggs. Wheat and corn give eggs the best color, while feeding on buckwheat makes them colorless, rendering them unfit for some confectionary purposes.—*Moore's Rural New Yorker.*

☞ The closing of the Franciscan monastery at Salmunster, in Germany, having been directed by the authorities everything portable within the building was carried off by the monks, not excepting the stoves. One gigantic stove, however, withstood their efforts, and was purchased at the government sale of the property by Prince Ysenburg-Birstein. This mammoth stove, which stood in the refectory of the monastery, is said to have been built in the fifteenth century, and, according to the monks, is the identical stove at which Martin Luther, on his return from the Diet of Worms, warmed himself in the house of his friend Ulrich von Hutten.

A New Poison in Tobacco Smoke.—Dr. Otto Krause, of Annaberg, has discoved an additional ingredient in tobacco smoke, which is said to account for the pernicious effects of the weed that are so apparent to those who do not use it. This is carbonic oxide, an excessively poisonous gas, and which cannot be prevented by the most skilful smoker from descending to the lungs. The more inexperienced the smoker, the more energetic are its effects upon the system, and Dr. Krause thus explains the deplorable effects of the first attempts which are usually attributed to nicotine. These researches cannot fail to lend additional force to objections against one form of using tobacco.

☞ The Anti-Chinese folk of San Francisco, held a meeting on the 3rd instant, and one speaker said that an organization existed in the City of 29,000 persons, strongly pledged, in case the present attempt to remedy the Chinese evil by legal means should fail, to take the law into their own hands and crush out the evil by fire and steel. The Chinese are demanding protection.

☞ A wonderful shower of flies is said to have fallen in the neighborhood of Riviere du Loup covering a space of two acres. The statement that Judge Taschereau has forwarded a number of specimens to Laval University, as well as the fact that Professor Larne is said to vouch for the story, would appear to leave no doubt of its correctness.

Humble Enough.—A couple of neighbours became so inimical that they would not speak to each other; but one of them, having been converted, on seeing his former enemy, held out his hand, saying, "How d'ye do Kemp? I am humble enough to shake hands with a dog."

How to Ensure a Pleasant Look.—A Yankee photographer presented a revolver at the head of a gentleman who was sitting for his photographer, with the cheering remark: "My own reputation as an artist is at stake. If you don't look smiling I'll blow your brains out." He smiled.

☞ Under the new Nebraska constitution, the people are allowed to express their preferences for U. S. senator at the regular States elections, but such expression is not binding upon Legislature except morally.

☞ Neal Dow has started petitions to the Maine Legislature, asking for severer punishment for liquor dealers, the aim being to get a law by which the seller of intoxicating drinks shall be imprisoned for the first offence.

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Agricultural.

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4. No can of milk should stand where it will absorb the barnyard or stable odor, or any other scent.
5. The milk should be strained and well aired, immediately after having been drawn from the cows.
6. Some arrangement for effectual cooling is at all times very desirable, and when the milk is kept at home over night, is indispensable.
7. Scalding all vessels used about milk at least once a day with boiling water, and rinsing them with cold water at night, is essential.

ORCHARD AND NURSERY.

Planting.—Set the trees as early as possible. A good tree will have abundant roots and well-ripened wood. If there is a nursery in the vicinity, it may be cheapest to arrange with the proprietor to allow you to go and select and dig the trees personally, the first cost may be somewhat more, but the care in taking up, and time they are out of the ground is so little, that it will be found profitable.

Grafting.—Many trees which now bear fruit only for cider, would in a few years, if grafted, produce crops of good marketable fruit. The present month is a good one in which to do this.

Cions should have been cut earlier, but it may be done now if the buds have not started; store them in sawdust in the cellar until wanted for use. Most of the larger nurseries offer cions of the standard varieties for sale at very cheap rates, and as they can be sent by mail, it is very convenient way for securing choice sorts.

Insects.—Take especial pains to destroy all eggs found on the branches and trunks of fruit trees. Examine the ends of the smaller twigs for eggs of the tent caterpiller, which may be readily seen before the leaves appear, in the form of broad rings glued up on the branches. Scrape off all dead bark from the trunk and large limbs, and wash with a strong solution of soft soap. Bark-scale is a most destructive insect in many sections of the country, and if only a few young trees are affected, it will be best to dig them out root and branch, burn them, and set others in their places.—*American Agriculturist.*

Corn will talk to us, if we listen, better than most men,—what sermons in the ripe ears that have sprung out of a seed that had looked dead; what poems in the blue corn-flour that grows among the wheat like the poetry that springs through the busy lives of men; wheat rebukes in the brave, patient lark that builds so boldly, though the reapinghook may cut her body in two.

DOMESTIC ITEMS.

Kerosene and powdered lime, whitening, or wood ashes will scour tins with the least labour.

The best way to cook codfish is to strip it of skin and cut it in pieces about the size of one's hand; place it in water and allow it to simmer on the stove unt it becomes tender. It should never be allowed to boil. Boiling hardens and darkens the fish, and deprives it of its flavor.

Meat boiled for table use should be plunged at once into boiling water, as the heat contracts the outer surface and coagulates the albumen, thus preventing the escape of the juices. Prepared for stock or broth, it should be placed on the fire in cold water, and fastens paper very firmly.

Calf's Liver Broiled.—Cut the liver into thin slices, wash it, and let it stand in salt and water for half an hour to draw out all the blood. Season with salt and pepper, and broil, basting frequently with butter. Either fried or broiled liver is more delicate if, after it is cut in slices for cooking, it is parboiled in salt and water.

Richmond Batter Cakes.—Two cupfuls of sifted flour and one of cornmeal, three eggs beaten separately, made into a batter with buttermilk or milk, in which a teaspoonful of soda has been thoroughly dissolved. Pour upon a greased griddle from a spoon, and allow the cakes to have the thickness of good buckwheat cakes.

Love Apple.—If you want your tomatoes to be particulary nice, put in a little white sugar while cooking. An old bachelor's palate was so tickled the other day with some sauce of that sort that he immediate made honourable proposals to his landlady. The real name of the tomato, by the way, is "love apple."

For damp closets and cupboards which generate mildew, a trayful of quick-lime will be found to absorb the moisture and render the air pure, but of course it is necessary to renew the lime from time to time as it becomes fully slaked. This remedy will be found useful in safes and storage-rooms; the damp air of which acts frequently most injuriously on the valuable desks and documents which they contain.

A very dusty carpet may be cleansed by setting a pail of water out by the door, wet the broom in it, knock it to get off all the drops, sweep a yard or so, then wash the broom as before and sweep again, being careful to shake all the drops off the broom, and not sweep far at a time. If done with care, it will clean a carpet very nicely, and you will be surprised at the quantity of dirt in the water.

Charlotte Russe—(Superior.) One quart rich sweet cream, four eggs, half package Coxe's gelatine, quarter of a pound of powdered sugar. Beat yolk and sugar together. Add whites beaten stiff. Whip the cream light and smooth; flavour with vanilla. Stir altogether, and strain in the gelatine thoroughly dissolved. Serve in glass dish; ornamented with lady-fingers or macaroons, or pour into a dish lined with sponge-cake.

A good receipt for apple bread is the following:—"Weigh one pound of fresh juice apples; peel, core, and stew them into a pulp, being careful to use a porcelain kettle or a stone jar, place inside a kettle of boiling water; mix the pulp with two pounds of the best flour; put in the same quantity of yeast you would use for common bread, and as much water as will make it a fine, smooth dough; put it into a pan, and place it in a warm place to rise and let it remain for twelve hours at least. Form it into rather long shaped loaves, and bake in a quick oven;"

Jokers' Corner.

What do young ladies look for when they go to church?—The hymns, (hims.)

It is said that some people have what is called "spontaneity," and some haven't; but nobody ever sat down on a pincushin yet without manifesting something surprisingly like it.—*Brooklyn Argus.*

HIS PRESENT.

He said he wanted to deal directly with the proprietor of the jewelry store, as times were hard and he must have hard pan prices. He looked at a silver tea-set, at a gold-headed cane, at a set of jewelry, and finally at a gold watch. Then he said:

"I did think of making my wife a Chrismas present, but she is always prowling round and finding fault, and so I'll lick her slide."

"Won't you take the cane for your son, as you proposed?" asked the jeweller.

"No I guess not. Jim loafs around a good deal, and only the other night he told me to shut up and go to thunder. If he wants anything in his stockings let him behave himself."

"Well, about the watch?"

"I guess I'll buy the watch and make myself a present. I never had much of anything in my stockings, and I feel that I havn't been used right. What's your lowest figure?"

"Two hundred dollars."

"Can't do it. You must remember that these are hard times."

"Well, say $190."

"Can not do it. Times are awful.

"I'll make you this watch for $180, and not one cent less," said the dealer.

"Wall, I guess I'll take 'er, though it looks like a big price."

The jeweller placed the watch in the box, stuffed cotton around it, and as he laid it on the show-case the stranger said:

"You kin charge it."

"Charge it!" I don't know you!" exclaimed the dealer.

"You don't?"

"No sir."

"Don't know a man who has lived within twenty-eight miles of Detroit for thirty-seven years?"

"No sir."

"Never have heard of me in your life?"

"No sir."

"Well, I won't take the old watch," said the man as he backed off. "You don't seem to have much git up and go ahead about you, and I always make it a rule to patronize live firms.

"You'd better subscribe to some newspaper and get to know what's going on."

"You are no gentleman, sir!" said the irritated dealer, who had lost a full hour's time.

"Can't help it—won't patronize no such slow man—no use talking!" replied the stranger, waving his hand and he paced out to visit some other firm who did not know a man who had lived within twenty-eight miles of Detroit for thirty-seven years.

HENRY GETS BREAKFAST.

Mr. Henry Archibald, of Easton, Pa., was over in Phillipsburg Pa., the other night, and somebody told him about a model husband who lived on the hill and got up every morning at four o'clock and did up the house work and got breakfast for his wife before going to his work; also how he got up extra early on wash mornings and disposed of the week's washing.

Mr. Archibald thought over this matter a good deal. He took two drinks on it, and it "rush him in a more favorable light." Then he took some more drinks and leaned up against a post of the bridge as he came over to chuckle to himself.

"I'm blamed if I don't 'stonish the ole ooman seefe-don't."

The idea pleased him to that degree that he laughed to himself after he got to bed and provoked from Mrs. Archibald the sententious remark:

"Yes, you've been prowlin' around agin till all hours of the night; and got a chill, have you? You pesky old fool if you don't quit ashakin' this bed I'll just kick you out, you dissipated old demijohn;" and then she went to sleep.

The first streak of daylight was peeping over the eastern hills when she awoke from an uneasy dream. See thought the old man had brought home a new hired girl, who insisted on frying her best $4 switch in butter, and had set the butter on fire.

"Phew! bless my heart! What an awful smell; I just wonder if I am dreaming yet. What a horrid smoke. Why, the house is full of it. Where'n sin's the old man?"

Just then she heard a distant smash of crockery, and the family dog yelp. Out of bed she bounced and ran to head of the staire.

"Henry! Oh! Henry, dear! You blamed old fool, where are you?"

"What is it, my love?" says Henry, poking a very red and smutty face in at the stair-foot door.

"What in the world are you up to?"

"Only gettin' breakfast, honey."

"Why, you've got the house on fire."

"No I hain't. Things will smoke when they're cookin' won't they? You just come down and see how nice I've got it fixed."

Quicker than the man of the house drops the hot stove-lifter, she was down in the kitchen, where you could hang your hat on the smoke and drive ten-penny nails in the smell.

She threw open both windows, and rubbed the smoke out of her eyes, while the dog bounced out into the yard and nearly sneezed his head off and ran around in a bewildered kind of a way, trying to feel the top of his head with his hind foot. Then she took one glance at the ruins, gave a shriek, threw her apron over her head, missed the chair, and came down on the floor in a way that moved the stove four inches off its bearings.

"Oh! Henry Archibald," she sobbed, "I allers knowed you was a fool," and she twisted her nose in the depth of her wretchedness. "But it ain't that that worrits me. Gracious heavins, just think of it; that I could ever have been such a born idgit as to marry a man that had no more sense than to roast ingyins on the hot coals, and put red herrin' in the bread toaster. And if he hasn't gone and kindled the fire with my hair-keeping full of combings, and boiled all the sugar, and coffee, and tea, and milk in the house together in the tea-kettle, and put the eggs to draw in my best britannia tea-pot. Oh! soul of my body, this is too much. Henry Archibald, you miserable——"

But Henry saw her eyes glare balefully around in search of the rolling-pin, so he quietly followed the dog through the window and took his breakfast up town.—*Easton Free Press.*