

three pounds to a square rod, and about the same of salt, which produced the largest possible sized fruit and dark heavy foliage. He adds that for potatoes this will be found to give the very best satisfaction, producing a strong, rapid growth of vine, great productiveness, and freedom from rot.

JONAH'S GOURD.

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"Came up in a night, and perished in a night."—JONAH IV. 10.

The Assyrian sun's perfervid heat
Upon the prophet's temples beat,
And well nigh scorched his brain :
When lo ! at the Almighty's word
Forth sprang a most luxuriant gourd
To ease him of his pain.

But scarce had he enjoyed one day
Exemption from the solar ray,
And rest and shelter found,
When some foul "worm" from earth-bound haunt
Approached, and ere next morn the plant
Lay withered on the ground.

So have I seen some petted flower,
My garden's pride, at evening hour
Uplift its gorgeous head ;
But "when the morning rose next day,"
That flower—its glory passed away—
Lay worm-cut on its bed.

And thus, too, when our hearts beat high ;
When with too fond idolatry
We cling to aught of earthly mould,—
Wife, husband, children, rank or gold,—
Forgetful that the Hand that gave
Can take away :—'tis then we brave
The wrath of Him whose treasury
Has "worms" as well as "gourds" laid by
To test His children's love.
The heart, elate at night, by morn
Grief-struck, lies bleeding and forlorn,
God's chastening hand to prove.
And if we read aright, we see
The "uses of adversity"
To waft our thoughts above.