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THE BRIGHT SIDE BY REV. J. MILTON AKERS.

Now and then a shining pebble, As we walk the wave-washed strand, Smiles upon our passing footsteps, From its lowly bed of sand. Now and then a virgin rose-bud Breathes upon us by the way; And its sweet, delicious tragrance, On the breeze doth round us stray.

And in winter's desolation, While the naked boughs are seen, There amid its bleak surroundings, Smiles the pine-top evergreen. Though the road be rough and weary. Till we reach the mountain height. Then are we repaid our climbing, By the prospect grand and bright.

God hath placed these things to please us, All along our path each day; Emblems faint that just before us. There are better things than they These are green spots as we travel, Oases on " weary " ground, Left there by " our " loving " Father," By the pilgrim to be found.

Happy he who sees the beauty, Leaves the bitter, tastes the sweet ; And enjoys each plasing object, He may on his pathway meet. Thus will gloom be quickly scattered, And the sun will brightly shine, All of sadness Le defeated, And a happy life be thine.

> THE CHRISTIAN ENGINEER.

The following Lecture-Room Talk, by Rev. II. W. Beecher is found in a late number of the Congregationalist :

prayer.

tic form. Our Christian brother runs a morn- would be scared. ing express out of Boston. It is now several years since he became a Christian, and he is one he gave you five, use five. If he gave you one, all over, all through, and all the time, and in don't bury it. Use what you have. every thing. You can't be with him five minutes without feeling that the purpose of his whole life is to honor the Saviour. He is a man without any literary culture, but it pleased God to give him a good heart when he was born, and it pleased him when he gave him a new birth not to diminish that organ.

I was conversant with his earlier history; as soon as he came into the new life, he commenced, as every one should, to put forth his hand something to do with cows. And perhaps I into the Master's vineyard. He saw me in the know as much about cows as any other boy were soon sitting on his engine; he got me on experience with cow's teats. At night I wash the saint.-Chapin. his side, and put me on his cushion. He run the teats with water (prefer to have it warm) his engine, and talked to me all the time. He began by stating to me that he never had so tin basin, have some pure hog's lard melted, much to do in his life; it seemed to him that and give the cracks a good greasing. Then I the Lord was blessing him beyond all measure. teed the cows with something that they like to He gave me a narrative of a man who, some eat, which diverts their attention. I commence years ago, he knew to be very prosperous. stripping down the teats with my thumb and sand dollars saved.

for crows. He had a mortage on them, and he

pose you known that I am master in it. You about seven inches long, driven three inches in have preached long enough.' I saw then that the wood, set four inches apart in diagonal he thought I was a minister, but I kept talking rows around the rol'er; the outer ends to be to him, and by and by he said, 'You had bet- sharp and square.

ter go and preach to your congregation.' Then SCIENTIFIC FARMING. I said, 'I am not a minister, I am an engineer on an express train. If you come down to the Scientific farming consists altogether and Worcester depot, you will see me on the John Lincoln any morning.' He was astonished at solely in deriving the greatest possible profit a laboring man's coming and interesting himself from the soil. Lessen the labor and increase in his behalf, the family were all converted, and the yield, is the sum of the whole. To do this,

every thing must be done at the right time, that led to still other conversions. "I can't make much of a speech," said he. and in the best manner. By draining, the wa-"Do you think think it is my duty to polish up ter must be got rid of; by cultivation, weeds and read books and fit myself better tor this must be destroyed; by manure the soil must be enriched; by rotation of crops, the largest

work ?" "No," said I, " if the Lord had meant you yield must be secured; by improving stock, to be a finished orator, he would have called the feed must be economized and made of more you earlier, and called you through a school," value; and the how-to-do all this is the sum and substance of agricultural science. Books and so he is going on just as he is. on farming relate the experience of successful

because in the first place I thought it was very men, the experiments they have made, and the Now, I have given you this little narrative, noteworthy, and there are some points of application in it. What was there in this man that farmer who, by the use of his reasoning powhe should feel called upon to do this work-a ers, is enabled to raise one bushel of corn per working man, up early and late, and not especially set apart ? He felt unspeakable gratitude, and he longed to see other men redeemed, and the desire begat the opportunity. He has he done a good thing for himself, but the sought out opportunities, and he sought them world at large is, to some extent, better for his through love and personal sympathy. been to that extent fulfilled, and he will leave

I noticed in all his conversation that he was the world better than he found it.-Hearth and a man of incessant prayer. I suppose, that in Home.

the immediate work of bringing people to the Saviour, he is doing more than falls to the lot WHEN TO CUT TIMBER. of one clergyman in twenty. There is no end

Employ the talents God has given you.

We have frequently published article, on the of what men may do if they have the inspira tion which comes through the medium of best time for cutting timber, and still those who are observant in this matter are giving

This man certainly was not fitted by any par- their advice. What is singular is the very geticular knowledge : he is as homely and as plain neral agreement of all the wise men on this a speaker as you can find, but with it all he subject. The time now agreed upon, almost if does a great amount of good. Men say, "No not quite universally, is between the 16th of one will listen to me in my position." Love is a August and 30th September. Timber cut duruniversal master. The love that is breathed ing this time will not be trcubled with worms into the heart by the blood of the Lord Jesus, Timber is generally cut in winter, because far-Some time ogo I gave you a narrative of a makes all men brethren, and if a man has mers have more leisure time, and chopping is short journey that I had on a locomotive, when sympathy for a man he can not talk so brokenly good exercise in cold weather. It can be cut at I engaged in Christian conversation with the but that men will listen. I noticed in all my the right time and worked up during the winengineer. I have had another ride with him, trip that he was the one happy man that I met. ter. The labor of merely felling the trees is and I think it was even more satisfactory and A man that has such overflowing joy in life I not very much. One tree cut during the above delightful than the first one. I shall imperfect- have not met for a long time. I hope he will mentioned time will be worth three cut in the ly relate to you the conversation in its idioma- talk to you in this room some time, though he winter .- Agriculturist.

FAT HORSES.

Mr. George Dobson, of Avondale, desi-es us to publish a receipt for having and keeping your horses fat. He says it has been in use for fifty years and with excellent results :

CARE IN MILKING. Two ounces each of resin. of fenugreek. of Says Daniel Foster in the Maine Farmer. 'salpenalla," of castile soap, and of flour of I began to milk when I was only eight years sulphur, and one ounce each of balsam of sulold, which is sixty-four years ego, and there phur, "etopium," and liver antimony. Mix has not been more than two months in all of the well and administer about one table-spoonful sixty-four years but what I every day had a week or more as it seems to be required.

..... In this world or any other, the same place station-house, and beckoned me to him, and we that is no older than I am. I have had some cannot be the same place to the sinner as to

Gbituary.

MRS. JOEPH ROULSTON.

Died at Carleton, St. John, N. B., on Mon-He owned eighteen horses and drays, and was thriving so well that he had about four thou-round the teat, for by so doing the cracks will and dollars are the area. open and hurt the cow. If the cow is inclin-

Sister Roulston experienced religion during nd dollars saved. "I saw him a few weeks ago," said he. ed to kick do not whip her. I have long the incumbency of the late Rev. W. T. Cardy, "He had three horses left, and they were fit since found it better to pat them on their as Superintendent of the St. John West Cirshoulders and card their cheeks speaking gencuit, at which time she identified herself with



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had drank up his four thousand dollars, and thy to them, than to use all the goadsticks the Methodist church. Her piety though youthhis family were in great destitution. I kept one can get hold of. It takes a little longer praying for him, and one day I met him, and I to milk in this way, as I milk in a long said, 'I want you to let me talk to you about quart measure, with one hand, going around five minutes. I am your triend. I want to see and taking only a quart at a time out of you.' Welt, I talked about fifty-five minutes, each teat. When I get all the milk, I strip into one of my hands and apply to the teats, and he cried, and said he wanted me to talk

with him again ; but he kept drinking. " There were about twenty of them who used to go to a drinking-house, and the one who drank the most they called Captain, and the next one the Lieutenant, and then he gave me a brief history of these men; one of them had made a fortune and drank it all up, and made gri tmills do not have their hands crack. A another and drank that all up. Well," said he. "I used to go up there sometimes, and talk to these man; they would cry and promise me to reform.

"One day they were drinking, and a watch they rub against the teats when the cow is trawas missed; then they shut the door and said velling. In using these prescriptions it don't evey body must be searched. The Lieutenant effect the taste of milk or butter, as oil and was placed at the door, the man who had the watch gave it up and tried to make his es- The flour acts as a kind of paste on the cow's cape. The Lieutenant had a knife in his teats. Now there is a good deal ot fussing hand cutting tobacco. and in his endeavors with cows, but what other animal can we betto keep the man inside, cut him badly, he ter afford to fuss over than the cow? We are was put in jail for this, and the next morning down they came to my house in great in the year on the farm. When she does not trouble, to see if they could get him out. give milk she is breeding, and her manure is 'Now,' I said to them, 'you must tell me the on the farm and not wasted on the highway, as truth." I looked into the matter. I knew the is that of oxen and horses.

Judge, and I told him the facts and got the man out. The next day I went up where they were drinking, and as I came in sight they said. 'there he comes.' About eighteen of them had got together, and they said, 'Where is your pledge? I want to sign the pledge.' I sent a man down for a pledge, and I told them they must all go to meeting with me. It was Friday night, and they had better come to the prayer-meeting. Then, I remembered afterwards that our pastor was gone, there was not a deacon at home either, and I did not know what was to be done. It would not do to have a bad meeting with all these men here. I told Jenkins that he must preside, and I would sit back and pray as hard as I could. I told the peoday. ple that these men had come here to sign the pledge. There were seventeen of them, and the man who had drank the two fortunes got of rivalry. up and said, 'I want you to do me a favor. 1 I want to sign first; and then the Captain and hausting. Lieutenant signed it, and so the whole seventeen, and, brother Beecher, they are all doing well but one or two. We are going to have them all yet."

Then he went on to tell me that he had to

me glancing at it, and said. "That is my find he can mow or rake much easier on lands With wonder and joy she asked, "Am I on praying list, I pray for all these men every that have been rolled down. On dry land it earth or in heaven?" son came to him to sea it he would not go and and of uniform surface. It is sometimes made waking there," were often repeated on the see a certain man, a very hard case. He went of stone, and when made will last an age. The night previous to her death. When once again

talking about Jesus," said our brother. "At- pose of making the grass more thritty. The daughter. ter a while he got a little angry, and said : " I spikey roller is merely a wooden roller with suppose you know I own this house, and I sup- iron teeth or spikes driven into it. They are Yarmouth North, March 5th, 1872.

ful was decided; it was practical without being ostentatious, earnest though not repulsive. As a wife, a mother and a friend she was faithful, affectionate and kind. Visited by an attack of paralysis a few years before her death she was admonished thereby to set her house in order, and in obedience to leaving them quite soft and moist. Then I

have a two-quart tin wash dish with a hanthat, to her, Divine intimation, lived as one dle, with about a pint of flour in it, and press having her conversation in heaven from whence the dish on to the bag with the teats enclosed ; also she looked for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus shake the dish, and the flour will adhere to the Christ.

cracks. I have been told that these who tend As a member of the Methodist church sister Roulston was diligent, conscientions and conwash made of milk and molasses of equal parts sistent in the use of the means of grace. Her life was a silent rebuke to some amongst us is good to keep the teats moist while milking, and to be applied before the dish of flour is apwhose manner is to forsake the assembling of plied. To prevent the teats from cracking, I

means of grace peculiar to ourselves. Despite grease inside of the cow's legs with lard, where physical debility, she could, and did find her way to the House of God when others not less able thought themselves unequal to the duty. some other ingredients used by some people do. Her last sickness, caused by a severe cold contracted at the funeral of a neighbor, at whose bedside she had frequently 'been found ministering, and who passed over the river only a week or two before herself was short but sederiving some benefit from the cow every day vere. During that period she gave repeated and explicit testimony to her firm trust in Christ, and the hope of a blis ful immortality. The larguage of one of our own beautitul ly-

rics, selected by herself to be sung at her funeral, fitly expresses the confidence in which she fell asleep in Jesus. D.

RECENT DEATH

There are several reasons why farmers are healthier than professional men, viz., 1. They work more and develop all the mus

HEALTH OF FARMERS.

THE ROLLER.

cles of the body.

On the 16th of February after a brief illness, Mrs. Mary Richards was numbered with the 2. They take exercise in the open air and " dead in Christ."

breathe a greater amount of oxygen. She was born at Cheboque in 1812, and 3. Their food and drinks are commonly less about thirty years ago under the successful mindulterated, and far more simple. 4. They do not overwork the brain as much istry of Rev. Charles Churchill was converted to God, and united herself to the Methodist s professional men church, then in its day of small and feeble 5. They take their sleep during the hours

of darkness, and do not try to turn night into things. Greatly tried in life, early bereaved of her husband, feeling keenly the responsibility which the care of children, to be trained for 6. They are not ambitious and do not wear

both worlds devolved upon her, often feeble in themselves out so rapidly in the fierce contests health, she patiently, unselfishly and bravely 7. Their pleasures are simple and less ex- persued her course, and having served her

generation by the will of God tell asleep." On the afternoon of the day previous to death, her articulation was indistinct, but she seemed rapturously happy. We could just The Mirror and Farmer thinks it strange make out such words as "Jesus, the angels,

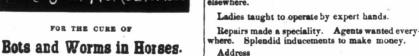
that so few cultivators use this labor saving in- Hallelujah " without being able to trace any get a little money here and there to get them strument. The roller has long been favor- connection. On the evening of that day I was started. When they were drinking they did ably thought of in Great Britain. and consider- delightfully surprised to find that lips which to not want much to eat, but now they had stop- ed very necessary in an improved state of hus- all appearance had been sealed, were opened Will cure pain wherever it may exist. To be taken ped drinking they must eat. "Now," said he, bandry. It cannot be used to advantage ex- to bear dying testimony. All indistinctness of internally and externally. pretty much all of these men are saved, and cept on lands that are freed from stumps and utterance had passed away, she seemed on the the work is more than I really know what to stones on the surface. They are useful in verge of heaven, faith looked within the veil. do with." I took out some money and gave breaking the lumps of baked earth in a clayey Her vision was that of the dying martyr; an him to help him in his good work. I saw a long soil, and for passing over newly sown land that open heaven, Jesus waiting to receive her list of names which he had with him; he saw is to be laid down to grass, and the farmer will and holy angels with their welcome home.

day, and as they are converted I strike them presses down the soil and makes it less dry. Stanzas of well known hymns, "Jesus lover A wooden roller should be about six feet long of my soul," "Jesus can make the dying bed," He gave me four or five histories. A per- and about twenty inches in diameter, round, "I'll praise my Maker," "O what a joyful

on Sunday afternoon, and found him a man spikey roller is much recommended by some articulation became indistinct, and the golden full of argument; he began to talk with him, English writers for mellowing clayey soils. It bowl broke and the silver cord loosed, no one and saw very soon that he wanted to trip him. is also said to act beneficially in passing over doubted that the sainted one passed to "The "He kept talking about Judas, and I kept old meadows that are grassbound, for the pur- palace of angels and God," for she was a King's

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