

Laugh and the World Laughs.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
Weep, and you weep alone;
For this brave old earth must borrow
its mirth,

It has trouble enough of its own.
Sing, and the hills will answer;
Sigh, it is lost on the air;
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
But shrink from voicing care.

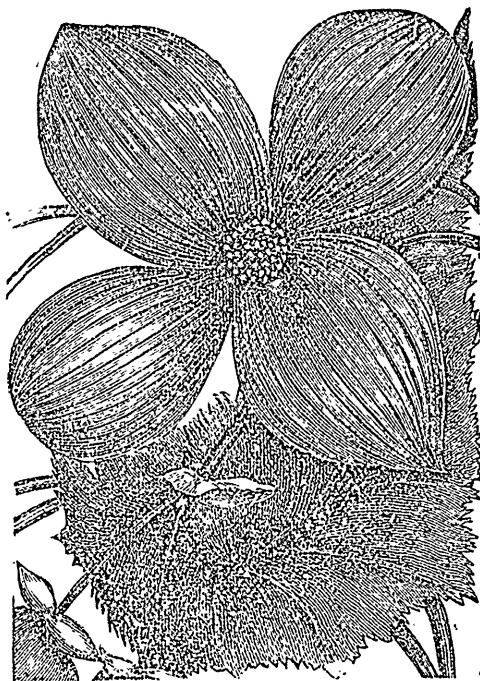
Rejoice, and men will seek you;
Grieve and they will turn and go;
They want full measure of all your
pleasure,

But they do not want your woe.
Be glad, and your friends are many;
Be sad, and you lose them all;
There are none to decline you nectar'd
wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Fast, and your halls are crowded;
Fast, and the world goes by;
Succeed and give, and it helps you live
But no man can help you die.
There is room in the halls of pleasure
For a long and lordly train;
But one by one we must all file on
Through the narrow aisles of pain.

FLOWERS AND HEALTH.

Professor Mantogazza of Pavia has lately discovered that ozone is generated in immense quantities by all plants and flowers possessing green leaves and aromatic odour. Hyacinths, mignonette, heliotrope, lemon, mint, lavender, narcissus, cherry-laurel, and the like, all throw off ozone largely on exposure to the sun's rays. So powerful is this great atmospheric purifier that it is the belief of chemists that whole districts can be redeemed from the deadly malaria which infests them by covering them with aromatic vegetation. The bearing of this upon flower culture in our large cities is also very important. Experiments have proved that the air of cities contains less ozone than that of the surrounding country and the thickly-inhabited parts of cities less than the more sparsely, or than the parks and open squares. Plants and flowers and green trees can alone restore the balance; so that every little flower pot is not merely a thing of beauty while it lasts, but has a direct and beneficial influence upon the health of the neighborhood in which it is found.



TUBEROUS ROOTED BEGONIA.

SUCCESS WITH MIGNONETTE.

Having failed two years in succession to grow Mignonette in the house, and having succeeded perfectly this winter, my plan, which requires no extra pots, may be of help to others. In October, when I take in my geraniums for winter, I scatter some seed of Mignonette over the top of the earth, and cover with a little fine Sphagnum, or other moss, to keep the earth moist. Pots which receive the full hot sun will not grow mignonette, but those which are in shade a part of the day will give as rank growth of leaves and flowers as one could ask. Sweet Alyssum and Candytuft do equally well treated in this way, only to grow well they require the lightest places in the window, and should be exposed to as much sunlight as possible.

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A New York journal says:—"We always did despise those men who never drink, swear nor smoke." To which sentiment the Farmer and Dairyman responds: "We presume the devil feels the same way about it."

How would "Holiness unto the Lord" look inscribed on a rum cask?—*Rev. Baron Stow.*