

The Poet's Corner.

The Bird in the Shutter.
The rain upon the old church roof
Came beating from the west,
And, just outside, the leafless elms
Tossed in their wild unrest.
Within, the house was dim and cold,
And the pastor's theme;
Not one sweet ray of Christian hope
Let fall a cheering gleam.
He spoke of trouble and of death,
Of doubts and woes, and fears,
While overhead the Autumn rain
Fell like a flood of tears.
Our heads were bowed in sullen grief,
The light of love seemed quenched forever,
By bitterness of rain.
Then suddenly a cheerful sound—
A bird-note sweet and clear—
Rang through the hushed and gloomy house,
And startled every ear.
There, in the shutter, cold and wet,
And ruffled by the storm,
A lonely little bird had crept,
And nestled to get warm.
The storm beat close above its head,
And shook its slender perch;
But there it clung, and chirped and sung,
Against the old grey church.
The pastor's voice grew soft and sweet,
His kind eyes filled with tears,
And, looking up, he spoke of Christ,
And the eternal years.
He spoke of heaven, our happy home,
And loved ones gone before;
Of all the joys that wait the blest
On yonder shining shore.
And still the little bird sang on,
A soft, unconscious strain;
It only knew that it was warm,
And sheltered from the rain.

Of Women.
Vanity is the quicksand of reason.—
[George Sand.]
An obedient wife commands her husband.—
[Beaumont.]
The tear that is wiped with a little address may be followed, perhaps by a smile.—
[Cowper.]
She is calm because she is the mistress of her subject; 'tis the secret of self-possession.—
[Beaumont.]
There is anguish in the recollection that we have not adequately appreciated the affections of those we have loved and lost.—
[Beaumont.]
The instruction received at a mother's knee, and the paternal lessons, together with the pious and avowed souvenirs of the friends, are never entirely effaced from the soul.—
[Lamont.]
Love gives no account of itself; acknowledges no higher court; it obeys the summons to no tribunal of reason or conscience, far less of social custom of human law, as above custom or human law, above itself.—
[Bartol.]

A Short Chapter on Barbers.
"The styles of barbers' poles have changed considerably in the last few years," said an old sign painter yesterday afternoon. "I remember the time very well when you never saw anything but the old red and white stripes sort, but now-a-days they paint them all sorts of colors. See there, for instance." A pointed to the corner of the shop, where stood a small pole resplendent in gold and black.
"That pole is for a shop on Ridge avenue," he continued, "and was ordered by a colored man, who said he wanted something 'that would catch the eye of the least observant.' About a month ago I sent one out painted blue and covered with gilt stars. It went somewhere on North Second street, and cost the barber \$23; but as a rule, they don't pay more than \$6 or \$8 for a good-sized red and white pole done up in the best possible style."
"Barbers' poles," said the boss knight of the razor in a leading down-town shop, "are an institution several hundred years old, and in former times barbers acted as surgeons, and the twisted red and white ribbons are symbolical of the winding of a strip of linen about a bleeding arm."
The existence of barbers as professors of the healing art in England can be traced as far back as the reign of Edward IV. In 1461, when they were first incorporated, and from then till the reign of Henry VIII, when they were united with the surgeons, until the time of George II, when they ceased to be anything but barbers as we now understand the term. In the latter reign an act was passed, from the preamble of which it is learned that not until then had the discovery been made that the business or trade of a barber was "foreign and independent of the practice of surgery," and it therefore proceeds to dissolve the connection between the two bodies, and they have been separated ever since, but it was a long time before the barbers gave up cupping and leeching as a part of their work. Now and then a barber will yet be found who carries on the ancient branch of his profession.

Fact Stranger Than Fiction.
It is a fact that Alonzo Howe, of Tweed, had a fever sore that afflicted him for thirty-five years. Six bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him, which he considers almost a miracle. It was but the natural result of the remedy restoring pure blood and perfect secretion.

At a circus at Cairo, Monday an Italian acrobat unfurled an Italian flag. An English officer walked into the arena and seized it amid great excitement. The acrobat soon recovered his flag, and waved it triumphantly, when he was struck by a Frenchman. A melee ensued. Finally some English officers managed to separate the combatants and calmed the tumult. The Italian Consul demanded satisfaction for the insult to his flag. It is hoped that the affair will be amicably settled.

CINGALESE.—A name well known in connection with the Hair Renewer, which restores grey hair to its natural color by a few weeks use. Sold at 50 cents per bottle by James Wilson.

Carter's Little Liver Pills will positively cure sick headache and prevent its return. This is not talk, but truth. One pill a dose. To be had of all druggists. See advertisement.

Average Service of a Cow.

The average actual life of a cow is eight years. The possible productive life of a cow is twenty years. The writer's best cow is the twenty-third calf of her dam. An Ayrshire cow once gave in the writer's presence thirty-seven quarts of milk in one day with her thirteenth calf, and at the time she was too old for her age to be indicated by her horns. A Jersey cow dropped her best calf, now a cow, when she was 19 years old, and the Centennial prize Jersey now Niebe was a very old cow then. Now, what a loss there is in wearing out cows at 8 years old! A cow properly cared for is then at her prime, and may compare with a man at 40 years in that respect. At such an age a man has twenty years of vigorous life at least before him, and by husbanding his powers, ten years more may be added. A cow may just as well add six years more to her eight, and will beyond a doubt, if she is well used, and still yield a better profit to her owner than a four year old cow. Thus the productive life of a cow may be actually doubled by good care and usage. But how is this lengthened period of usefulness to be gained? In the first place, longevity is a hereditary characteristic, and careful selection and breeding are required to secure it. Then constitutional vigor favors it. This is secured through breeding and early training. The sound, healthy calf must be well cared for, well fed, and when she becomes a cow the training and care must be continued, and the cow's vital forces well nourished and husbanded. Exposure and irregular feeding, not to mention actual semistarvation during the winter seasons, which is far too common, tend greatly to shorten the useful and productive life of a cow. It pays better to preserve a good cow than to rear a second one; and if one lives sixteen years and has thirteen productive years she will have been worth more to her owner at the end than three cows eight years old have been, for there will be fully productive years in the old cow's life against ten partially productive years in that of the young ones.

Curious Facts About Water.

The extent to which water mingles with bodies apparently solid is wonderful. The glittering opal, which beauty wears as an ornament, is only flint and water. The snow capped summits of Snowdon and Ben Nevis have many millions of tons of water in a solidified form. In every plaster of Paris statue which for sale, there is one pound of water to every four pounds of chalk. The air we breathe contains five grains of water to each cubic foot of bulk. A potato, turnip and turnips which are boiled for our dinner have, in their raw state, the one 75 per cent. the other 90 per cent. of water. If a man weighing 10 stone were squeezed flat in a hydraulic press, 51 stone of water would run out, and only 2 stone of dry matter remain. A man is, chemically speaking, forty-five pounds of carbon and nitrogen, diffused through five and half parts of water. In plants we find water thus mingling no less wonderfully. A sunflower evaporates one and a quarter pints of water a day and a cabbage about the same quantity. A wheat plant exhales in a hundred and seventy-two days about one hundred thousand grains of water. An acre of growing wheat, on this calculation, draws and passes out about ten tons of water per day. The sap of plants is the medium through which this mass of fluid is conveyed. It forms a delicate pump, by which the watery particles run with the rapidity of a swift stream. By the action of the sap various properties may be communicated to the growing plant. Timber in France is, for instance, dyed by various colors being mixed with water and poured over the root of the tree. Dahlias are also colored by a similar process.

A Favorite Everywhere.

Wherever introduced Hayard's Yellow Oil finds friends. It is the old reliable household remedy for external and internal use in all aches, pains, lameness and soreness of the human flesh. A. L. Geen, a prominent druggist of Belleville, says: "It is a great favorite here, and has a good sale."

Many farmer's wives and daughters have an instinctive sense of beauty in regard to the adornment of their homes, yet feel that their income is too limited to do anything. But if they will look around for what nature will freely supply they will be surprised at the transformation which can be easily wrought in rooms that before seemed dull and plain. Ferns gathered in summer, and leaves in autumn, pressed and pinned on the walls in irregular arrays, beginning at the cornice, looking very graceful. Let white tattered, costing eighteen or twenty cents a yard, be cut in stripes about half a yard wide and tacked over parlor and sitting room windows for lambrequins. On these pin some brilliant autumn leaves scattered here and there carefully, with perhaps a border of ferns, and you will be astonished at the fairy-like appearance presented. I remember gathering great quantities of ferns while staying one summer at a New England rural home, and the satirical remark of the farmer, that "he wished he could turn all his field and have them pull up all the 'brakes.'"

Home Testimony.

Many hundred recommendations similar in character to the one given below have been received, and give proof of the great value of Polson's Nervine as a pain remedy.

ARIZONA.—Feb. 20.—We hereby certify that we have used Nervine in our families, and have found it a most reliable remedy for cramps in the stomach, also for headache, and externally for rheumatic pains. No house should be without this valuable remedy.—LUCKY CORN, J. P.

Buy a 10 cent sample bottle at James Wilson's drug store. Large bottles 25 cents.

The Night Man.

The complaint that Villard was too big a man to understand the details of railroad management, and that he really never knew anything of Oregon Transcontinental outside of making mortgages, brings to mind the case of an Ohio road. It had president after president, and each one cocked his feet on the office desk and let her rip. He had ridden until the directors finally got together and decided that the right man must be found pretty soon or the road must go to the wall. They were consulting in a room looking out into the passenger depot. A train came in eighteen minutes behind time, and the train dispatcher booted the conductor out of the door, fired the engineer out of another, and ran the fireman under a freight train. He then backed the train out, and was coming back from the yards when the directors met him, and one of them asked: "Mr. Thomas, can you accept the presidency of the road?" "Wait a minute," was the reply, and the man shut the door, and, and the switchman, drove two loafers out of the yard, and returned and said: "Why, yes, I suppose so; and the first thing I shall do is to fire you all out of here. Don't let me see you around here for six months."

Don't Wait.

Why suffer a single moment when you can get immediate relief from internal or external pain by the use of Polson's Nervine, the great pain cure? Nervine has never been known to fail. Try a 10 cent sample bottle. You will find it just as recommended. Neuralgia, toothache, cramps, headache, and all similar complaints disappear as if by magic when Nervine is used. Large bottles 25 cents. Test bottles 10 cents, at J. Wilson's.

A New Pleasure Resort.

A new proposition has just come to the surface, which will be of considerable interest to the people of Niagara. It is said that the United States War Department propose to discontinue the military station at Fort Porter, near Buffalo, and other military posts in that neighborhood, and concentrate twelve companies at Fort Niagara, near Youngstown, N. Y. This will bring with it a regimental band and a large number of officers and their families thus materially helping to make the place a pleasure resort. This being contemplated it is proposed to build a large hotel at the mouth of the river close to Fort Niagara, and to run a railway line from it to the site of the proposed new bridge at Lewiston, and thus make an attractive pleasure resort with an easy access by rail from all surrounding points. It is said that no less persons than Secretary of War Lincoln, General Sheridan, and other high officials have been enlisted in the scheme, which so far promises to be successful.

What it did for an Old Lady.

COSHOCTON STATION, N. Y.,
Dec. 28, 1878.
GENTS.—A number of people had been using your Bitters here and with marked effect. In one case, a lady over seventy years had been sick for years, and for the past ten years has not been able to be around half the time. About six months ago she got so feeble she was helpless. Her old remedies, or physicians, being of no avail, I sent to Deposit, forty-five miles away, and got a bottle of Hop Bitters. It improved her so she was able to dress herself and walk about the house. When she had taken the second bottle she was able to take care of her own room and walk out to her neighbors, and has improved all the time since. My wife and children also have derived great benefit from their use.

The Indians Cowed.

Regina, N. W. T., Feb. 26.—Yellow Calf and the ringleaders of the Indian troubles are on their way to Regina in the custody of the Mounted Police. A story scene ensued on the arrival of Yellow Calf. Rifles were drawn on the police, with threats of shooting—one brave, in fact, was just in the act of shooting at Major Herchmer, and but for the prompt interference of one of the men would have killed that officer. Had he done so a general massacre would have followed. The settlers are still very much excited, but the Indians are quiet.

Diphtheria and Cough.
E. B. Russell, of St. Theresa, P. Q., had an attack of diphtheria which was succeeded by a cough. This cough is described as "dreadful," settled on his lungs. For months his sufferings from it were intense, in fact, until he began using Dr. Wilson's Pulmonary Cherry Balsam. The Balsam calmed his nerves, put an end to his cough, and restored him to perfect health. The action of Dr. Wilson's Pulmonary Cherry Balsam on the nerves is very remarkable. The consumptive is calmed and strengthened by it and put on a fair way to recovery.

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Call at Geo. Rhynas' drug store and get a package of McGregor & Parke's Carbolic Cerate. It is composed of Vaseline, Carbolic Acid and Cerate, and has never failed to remove Pimples, Blisters, Ulcerated Sores, Rough Skin. It cures when all others fail. Try it.

In the history of medicines no preparation has received such universal commendation for the alleviation it affords, and the permanent cure it effects in kidney diseases, as Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure. Its action in these distressing complaints is simply wonderful. Sold by J. Wilson.

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Wm. Johnson, of Huron, Dak., writes that his wife had been troubled with acute Bronchitis for many years, and that all remedies tried gave no permanent relief, until he procured a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which had a magical effect, and produced a permanent cure. It is guaranteed to cure all diseases of Throat, Lungs or Bronchial Tubes. Trial bottles free at J. Wilson's drug store. Large size \$1.00.

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Cured Free.
Any reader troubled with Dyspepsia, Costiveness, Headache, Liver Complaint, etc., should call at Geo. Rhynas' drug store and secure a free trial bottle of McGregor's Speedy Cure at once which will convince you of the merits of the medicine. It cures permanently where all other medicines have failed. As a blood purifier it has no equal. Remember, it costs nothing to try it. Regular size, fifty cents and one dollar.

Nine Physicians Outdone.
Mrs. Helen Parviz, No. 331 Dayton St., Chicago, Ill., is now in her sixty-eighth year, and states that she has suffered with Consumption for about ten years, was treated by nine physicians, all of them pronouncing her case hopeless. She had given up all hope of ever recovering. Seven bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption completely cured her. Doubting ones, please drop her a postal and satisfy yourselves. Call at J. Wilson's drug store and get a free trial bottle.

Seeing is believing. Read the testimonials in the pamphlet on Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure, then buy a bottle and relieve yourself of all those distressing pains. Every Druggist can tell you all about it. Sold by J. Wilson Goderich.

The use of Pills, Salts, Castor Oil, &c., and other nauseous, griping Cathartics is unnecessary, as a pleasant substitute is found in Dr. Carson's Bitters, which act as a Cathartic without griping or causing nausea. All druggists sell it 50 cents a bottle.

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