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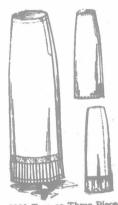
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Autumn Drift.

"I am always sad in autumn," a dear soul said the other day. But why should this be so? Truly, there is something pensive about autumn, but it is so beau tiful, too .- Yes, the winter is coming; but winter has few terrors for those who determine to brave it,-to brave it by flooding the house with fresh air at every opportunity, and muffling up and trudging out to walk, or to work, or to visit, every day. Storms and frost do not dismay when one is dressed for them, and the crisp air is sure to make one a beauty of gray sky, and snowy drift, of snow-laden evergreens and apple or-200 Mountain St. MONTREAL, CANADA, chards rimed with hoar-frost? Why der that they are subject to sore mouths

cannot we look forward to these things instead of spoiling our autumn by anticipating discomforts that are really not so bad at all if met with a will?

What a plentitude of everything there is in autumn, too !- There is something cozy even about contemplating that. And, then, even its pensiveness is broken in upon by two of the happiest days of the year, Thanksgiving and merry Hallowe'en. I hope that this year we have been thankful most of all for any real development we have seen in ourselves,any growth in love, or charity, or principle, or anything else that makes for fine humans. We can surely recognize such real advances, and be thankful for them in all humility. For these unseen things count for so much more than fine houses, or barns, or clothes, or anything else that is merely tangible. It is 'how we feel inside' that makes us happy and useful, or otherwise.

It is very common to think of the approach of old age, which no one can escape, in connection with autumn; but here again, why dwell only on the gloomy side ?

"Grow old along with me, The best is yet to be,"

sang the optimist, Browning. And sure ly, if we live well, old age may be a peaceful and happy time. The other day I passed a fine school. When I first came to the city it was comparatively new, and it looked very bare and raw, with its red walls, up which a few baby vines were just beginning to creep, and its very diminutive shrubs scattered like "potato tops" about the lawn. Now, however, what a change! The rawness of the red walls has all been toned softly by "wind and weather," and everywhere is the grace of mantling vines; the shrubs have grown into fine clumps and borders, and the trees have become really worth-

"Mellowed" is the word that best describes the metamorphosis; and if we must have metaphor, why may we not apply this word and all for which it stands, to the autumn of life as well? When we are young we are hopeful and enthusiastic, but we are crude and overdogmatic, too, in many ways. What is life for if it is not to make us "mellow" as the years go on,-more beautiful, really, as this building is more beautiful, because of the work of the years? Surely an old age that is sharp, and bitter, and intolerant, has got somehow on to the wrong track.—But there is always a

The last of the leaves, mayhap, are fluttering down, but there is a tang about the season, too, that may set the pulses bounding, and hope mounting, and njoying, if one let it; if one will but see, and love, and REFUSE to be gloomy. If one inclines to be over-pensive there is always the chance to do something, and so drive away the megrims even though it be only to take a tramp through fields or woods, drinking in the beauty of it all, and so tasting one of the many "joys of the road,"

"The outward eye, the quiet will, And the striding heart from hill to hill."

There is nothing that keeps the megrims alive like just staying in and thinking about them. . . .

By the way, did you notice an item in the paper not long ago giving an account of the Women Workers' Conference in London, Eng., at which Mrs. Hylton Dale, a woman social worker, stated that she had recently bought up all the baby "comforts" in Bermondsey, and sent one to each Cabinet Minister, with a statement that they were inventions of the devil, and that the sale of them is illegal in France, and should be in England? Afterwards, another speaker, Miss Beever, said that, by analysis, each comfort might contain as many as 7,000,000 germs.

I saw two babies in carriages on the street to-day, each sucking sedulously at a "comfort," and I could not but wonder how many of the 7,000,000 germs they were imbibing. Poor babies,-little won-

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