

Answer to Anagram in Last No.

Beautiful custom was that of old,
When the Hebrews brought with a joy untold,
The earliest ears of the ripening corn,
And laid them down at the altar's horn.
When the priesthood waved them before the Lord,
While the giver of harvests all earth adored;
What gifts more suited could man impart,
To express the flow of his grateful heart?

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Answer to Enigma in Last No.

ELIZABETH FINCH.

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Miscellaneous.

FEAR OF LIFE INSURANCE.

The following dialogue between an insurance agent and a well-to-do Irishman is related:

"Pat, you are making plenty of money; why don't you insure your life?"

"And what is that?"

"Why don't you take out a policy of insurance on your life?"

"Because I don't see the policy of it. Shure I must die, policy or no policy."

"You don't understand. If you insure your life now, when you die the company will pay your wife enough to keep her and your children from want and suffering."

"And that would be insuring my life! Shure I am after thinking it would be insuring Bridget's and the childer's. And how much would they give her?"

"That would depend upon the premium. Say a thousand dollars."

"A thousand dollars? Holy mother! Whist man! Don't mention it. Ye don't know Bridget O'Reilly. Wuns't she heard of it, not a wink of shlake should I get till I done it, and thin bad luck to Pat! She'd murder me with kindness, and dhrink herself to death with the money."

The following epitaph is often met with in rural churchyards:

"Behold and see, ye who pass by,
As you are now so once was I.
As I am now, so you must be,
Prepare for death and follow me."

Some wag once wrote under it:

"To follow you I'm not content,
Until I know which way you went."

A THOUGHT.—Along this path of life which we are travelling, there are so many crooks and abrupt turns; so many branches and dimly defined courses; so many rough ascents and precipitous declivities; so much of human happiness or misery depending upon whether we turn up this broad street or down that other lane, that it is folly to say, after having journeyed so far, we would have been more happy had we chosen some other way. We may never know the happiness or misery that lies along and at the end of the rejected paths of Life. Let us rather feel

grateful for the little happiness we have enjoyed, and the possible innumerable ills we have escaped in the path we have chosen to travel, or in which the Fates have directed our steps.

WASTE.—According to a statement made by the Agricultural Department of the United States the annual waste of seed wheat occasioned by bad sowing and improper preparation of the soil amounts to ten million bushels—\$15,000,000 a year lost by carelessness.

The value of pond mud depends much upon the amount of animal matter which has been washed in. If the mud has been washed from a clay bed, it will be of value to sandy soil, and retain animal matters better.

M. A. McMasters, of Wisconsin, raised this year, sixteen beautiful apples of paradise—a species of large Siberian crab, on a tree only six inches high. This is vouched for by responsible parties.

Mr. Burgess of New York has produced a variety of the Arbor Vitæ called the Commodore Nutt, which grows only six inches high. As a border for flower beds it will be very beautiful.

The total number of cattle in the various European States is not less, it is said, than 91,700,000.

The committee on diseased cattle at Chicago examined 1,720 head of cattle, and only three of the number were condemned to the rendering tank. The most successful remedy for the disease yet found is flax seed tea—two pailfulls daily to each animal.

SCOTLAND.—The Highland Agricultural Society, chartered in 1787, held their annual Fair at Aberdeen the first week in August. The aggregate of animals on exhibition was 1,631. The gate receipts were about \$8,000.

At Huntingdon, L. I., on the 13th inst., a thunder storm occurred, during which five blood horses, the property of Henry G. Scudder, were killed by a single stroke of lightning. They were valued at \$2,500.

A Yankee, becoming incensed at the boastfulness of an Englishman in the train of Sir Morton Peto, as to the superiority of British inventions, exclaimed:—"Pshaw! they are of no account. Why, a house painter in my neighborhood grained a door so exactly in imitation of oak, that last year it put forth leaves, and grew an excellent crop of acorns; and another man up in Iowa has taught ducks to swim in hot water, and with such success that they lay boiled eggs!" The Englishman from that time forth exhibited a more modest and subdued air.

"I do not say," remarked Mr. Brown, "that Jones is a thief; but I do say that, if his farm joined mine, I would not try to keep sheep."

A PERSON was boasting that he sprung from a high family. "Yes," said a bystander, "I have seen some of the same family so high that their feet could not touch the ground."

President Timothy Dwight of Yale, was the first man in America to cultivate strawberries.

A single orchard of 200,000 peach trees has been planted at Ridgeway, N. C.

The sales of wool in Chicago during the months of October and November, amounted to 1,885,711 pounds. The stock on hand on the 24th ult. was 900,000 pounds.

If you prefer eggs to fresh beef in the winter, give the latter to the hens and eat the former yourself. Beef will make the hens "shell out."

A GLEEGYMAN observing a poor man by the road breaking stones, and kneeling to get at his work better, made the remark: "ah, John, I wish I could break the stony hearts of my hearers as easily as you are breaking those stones." "Perhaps, master, you do not work on your knees," was the reply.

MRS. PARTINGTON says that Ike, having become enameled of a syren in Boston has led her to the menial halter. He didn't appear the least decomposed. On the back of his wedding cards were little cubits with wings.

A VERY modest young lady, who was a passenger on board a packet ship, it is said, sprung out of her bed and jumped overboard on hearing the captain during a storm, order the mate to "haul down the sheets."

A SPORTING man remarked of a belle in the habit of wearing low-necked dresses, who carried off a matrimonial prize in the shape of a rich old widower, that "won the race by a neck."

As the Rev. Dr. Dwight once passed through a region of very poor land, he said to a farmer: "Sir, I perceive your land is very productive." "No Sir, said the honest farmer, "Our land is just like self-righteousness." "Ah? how is that?" "Why the more a man has of it, the poorer he is."

CHARCOAL FOR FATTENING TURKEYS.—Four turkeys were cooped up and fed with meal, boiled potatoes and oats; four others of the same brood were treated in a similar manner in another pen, but with a pint daily of finely pulverized charcoal, added to the food and an abundant supply of lumps of the coal. All eight were killed the same day, and those with the charcoal were found to weigh about a pound and a half each more than the others, and to be of much better quality.

The Iowa Homestead describes a pear tree which was grafted on the hawthorn in 1808, and which is now about fifty feet high, trunk five feet, nine inches in circumference. It bears about fifty bushels of pears annually.

An American exchange says that a tomato vine at West Deerfield, Mass., has this year borne 1,330 tomatoes.

The peach trees are in blossom at Talahassee, Florida.

Australia as well as California has large trees. One was recently cut down there, that measured nineteen feet in diameter, and was 330 feet in height.

The press says that the secret of the acknowledged excellence of Philadelphia butter, lies in the fact that the makers have plenty of cool spring water to use, and exercise the utmost cleanliness.

ATTN.—Close stables may be warm, but without ample provision for ventilation they will be unhealthy.—The stock will be found "of their feed" and ailing in various ways. With sufficient ventilation, which is easily secured, warmth and healthfulness are entirely compatible.