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The Song of the Stream.

O'er the mosses and grasses The white cloud passes, Silent and soft as a dream; And the earth, in her shy embraces, Conceals the traces Of the secret birth of the stream;

POLYGA AND PURIDGE.

When we made an excursion in Southern Utah not long ago we were hospitably entertained by the Mormon bishop at Richfield. He was a Scotchman, and had been brought up a rigid Presbyterian.

A Good Rule.

A man who is very rich now was very poor when he was a boy. When asked how he got his riches he replied: "My father thought me never to play till my work was finished, and never to spend my money until I had earned it."

A wag brought a horse driven by a young man to a stop in the street by the word "Whoa."

"That's a fine horse you have there?" "Yes," answered the young man, "but he has one fault, he was formerly owned by a butcher, and always stops when he hears a calf bleat."

Humility is a virtue all preach, none practise, and yet everybody is content to hear.

The master thinks it good doctrine for his servant, the laity for the clergy, and the clergy think it good for the laity. "My lord," said a fellow, condemned many years ago, to be executed for sheep-stealing, "all I ask is that I shall not be hanged on Friday."

Beware of idleness, the listless idleness that lounges and reads without the severity of study, the active idleness for ever busy about matters neither very difficult nor very valuable.

A female lecturer in Boston said: "Get married, young men, for the sake of the angels. You would look well beside an angel, wouldn't you?"

It is with little souled people as it is with narrow-necked bottles—the less they have in them the more noise they make in pouring out.

The road to fortune is through printer's ink.

Agriculture.

Sensible English Notions About the Care of Cattle.

To guard against chills and colds, with the loss of time, expense, and risk of disease, horse owners require to be on the alert especially at this season of the year.

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A Word about Bees.

A garden bee in the working months, May, June and July, is capable of laying from one to two thousand eggs per day, which will produce queens, workers or drones, according to the care bestowed on the larva or "grub" by the mature bees, and the condition and shape of the cells in which the eggs are deposited.

Use of Cayenne for Poultry.

The cayenne pepper so desirable for fowls is easily raised in the garden with a little care in starting. The seed should be sown either in a hot-bed, or in the house, early in the season, and transported to the garden beds as soon as the ground is warm, and all danger of frost well over.

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