

## FRUITS.

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The roses are bright, in their summer days' light,  
With their delicate scent and their exquisite hue :  
But though beautiful Flowers claim many a song,  
The Fruit that hangs round us is beautiful too.

When Mid-summer comes, we see cherries and  
plums  
Turning purple and red when the glowing sun  
fairs,  
They hang on their stems like a cluster of gems,  
In ruby and coral and amethyst balls.

How delicious and sweet is the strawberry treat,  
What pleasure it is to go hunting about,  
To raise up the stalks all besprinkled with dew,  
And see the dark scarlet eyes just peeping out.

Don't you think we can find in the nectarine rind  
A color as gay as the dahlia's bloom ;  
Don't you think the soft peach gives an odor as  
fine  
As the hyacinth, petted and nursed in the room ;

The apricot, yellow, so juicy and mellow,  
Is tempting as any fresh cowslip of Spring,  
And the currants' deep blushes come through the  
green bushes  
Or hang in white bunches like pearls on a string.

The mulberry tree is enchanting to see  
When 'tis laden with autumn fruit, pulpy and  
cool,  
And those other rich berries so guarded by thorns—  
Oh, who loves not the flavor of gooseberry-  
fool ?

The woodbine's fair leaves and clematis that  
weaves  
Round the window, are pleasant to all that  
pass by,  
But I'm sure the full clusters of grapes on the vine  
Are as lovely a sight for the traveller's eye.

The apples' round cheeks, with their rose-colored  
streaks,  
And the pears that are ready to melt on the  
spray,  
I am sure we must own they have beauties that vie  
With the daisy and buttercup spread in our way.

Then the brown nut that drops as we push through  
the copse,  
Till busy as squirrels we rest on the sod,  
Oh ! I think it has charms for our gathering hands  
To match with May blue-bells that sparkle and  
nod.

So though poets may sing of the blossoms of Spring,  
And all the bright glory of Flowers may tell,  
We will welcome the berries, the plums and the  
cherries  
And the beautiful Fruits shall be honored as  
well.

WEALTH, accumulated by fair competition  
in honest pursuits, is the right of every man ;  
but that which is derived from advantages  
which the law gives one over another, is  
*legalized plunder*.

## GREAT EXHIBITION.

ICE PRODUCED BY STEAM POWER, AND  
STEAM CONVERTED INTO SNOW.—That ice  
can be produced by mechanical means  
many may have heard ; but that steam may  
be used as an auxiliary for the purpose will  
seem hardly creditable to anybody ; and  
that steam itself may be converted into snow  
by the aid of steam, is a phenomenon of  
which but very few have heard. Yet these  
are facts, and are now being daily demon-  
strated at the Great Exhibition, in the refresh-  
ment room adjoining the department of ma-  
chinery in motion. Mr. Thomas Masters,  
of the Royal Polytechnic Institution, Regent-  
street, the inventor of various ingenious  
machines for freezing, has adapted one of  
them for being put in motion by steam-pow-  
er, and which is now in operation daily in  
the western refreshment room. This appa-  
ratus is capable of freezing upwards of 100  
quarts of dessert ices (six different sorts are  
produced in the one machine) every fifteen  
or sixteen minutes. An unlimited supply of  
dessert ices can thus be obtained, and of a  
perfectly smooth quality. The economy of  
time, labor, and expense, thus insured  
must be immense. A more perfect and sim-  
ple contrivance for producing a perennial  
supply of these delicacies, in a crowded  
place like the Exhibition, could not be con-  
ceived, and the invention is undoubtedly one  
of the most ingenious novelties in the section  
devoted to the machinery in motion. The  
machines, however, are not limited to mak-  
ing dessert ices ; they are made to produce  
cylinders of *solid ice*, sufficiently large to  
hold decanters of water and many bottles of  
wine. These cylinders are made in the  
form of castellated towers, and have a very  
novel appearance. They not only cool the  
wine and water placed in the centre, but  
diffuse a most agreeable coolness through the  
atmosphere. The converting steam or vapor  
into snow is effected by forcing it  
through the machine, and in this way a  
whole room may be easily cooled down in  
the hottest weather. These are very singu-  
lar effects. They are, however, easily to  
be understood by an examination of some of  
the patentee's smaller machines, of which  
there are several exhibited in class 22 ; and  
which are calculated for use in a small  
family or bachelor's chambers. The cost  
of turning pure water into ice for sherry  
cooler, cooling wine, and other purposes, is  
less than what it can be purchased for at  
the ice stores. The machines are well wor-  
thy the attention of the curious and scien-  
tific. Mr. Masters, the patentee, is, we un-  
derstand, the contractor for the supply of the  
confectionary and dessert ices to the eastern  
as well as the western refreshment rooms in  
the Exhibition, and visitors have thus every  
opportunity of informing themselves of the  
merits of these singular inventions.