

themselves the foolish ones. For, if sown before or near new moon, the young plants get above ground just at the full, when the tender things need sleep. But if sown just before the full, they come up about new moon, pass their boyhood under the soothing influence of dark nights, and when the full moon comes are sturdy fellows, able to work night and day.—*English Paper.*

**THE NATURE OF WOMEN.**—As my father used to say of women, you must study their nature. When he lived at Sheffield, and his establishment was small, he never rang the bell for the maid, but, when he wanted her, always went out to the street to call her; he said women were never to be found looking out of the window. In the same manner, he always hired the prettiest girls he could find; they waited for the men to run after them, but the ugly ones always wasted their time running after the men; one stay'd at home, and the other didn't.—*The Season Ticket.*

#### ALLITERATIVE POETRY.

Alphabetical Assertions, Briefly Collected;  
Describing Elegant Flirtations, Generally Happening  
In Joking, Kissing, Larking, Merry-making,  
Nutting, (Opportunity Producing Queer  
Spusses), Small Talk Under Volk's Wings,  
'Exciting Youthful Zeal, &c.

Arthur Asked Amy's Affection,  
Bess, Being Benjamin's Bride,  
Bolly Cut Charles's Connection;  
Deborah Dickey Denied.  
leanor's Eye Efficacious,  
Frederick's Fatality Feels;  
Giles Gained Georgiana—Good Gracious!  
Harry Hates Helen's High Heels.  
Jacob Is Isabel's Idol,  
Jenny Jeers Jonathan Jones;  
Katherine Knows Knock Kneed Kit Kriedel.  
Love's Leering Lucy's Long-bones.  
Mary Meets Mortifications,  
Nicholas Nancy Neglects,  
Peter's Odd Observations  
Proves Peter Poor Patty Protects!  
Quaker Quintillian's Queer Quibbles  
Red Rachel's Reasons Resist;  
Simon's Sympathy Scribbles  
Tales To Tall Tabitha Twist.  
Una Unthinking, Undoing  
Volatile Valentine's Vest,  
William's Wild Wickeder Wooing  
Acceds Youthful Zelica's Zest."

**ORIGIN OF VARIOUS PLANTS.**—The annual meeting of the Paris Society of Acclimatation, according to the *Revue Horticole*, the present year manifests a flourishing condition in that respect and useful body. M. St. Hilaire, the President, delivered an interesting discourse, and the Vice President, M. de l'Huys, read a paper upon the most celebrated gardens of anti-

quity, in which he glanced at the origin of the various new plants derived from the East, and, later, from the New World. We translate from this part of his interesting memoir the following facts:

**Cereals.**—Wheat and buckwheat came from Asia—rye from Siberia—rice from Ethiopia.

**Vegetables.**—The cucumber from Spain—the artichoke from Sicily and Andalusia—the cherivil from Italy—cress from Crete—lettuce from Coos—the white cabbage from the North—the red and green cabbage, the onion and parsley from Egypt—the cauliflower from Cyprus—spinach from Asia Minor—asparagus from Asia—the pumpkin from Astracan—the eschalot from Ascalon—the bean from India—the radish from China—the melon from the East and from Africa—the potato and the Jerusalem artichoke from America.

**Fruits, &c.**—Asia sent forth the filbert, the pomegranate, the walnut, the quince, and the grape—Armenia the apricot, Media the citron, Persia the peach, India the orange, Mesopotamia the fig, Pontus the cherry and the hazelnut, Lydia the chestnut, Syria the plum, Mauritania the almond, and Greece the olive.

Among plants of different uses may be mentioned the Coffee, originally from Arabia, Tea from China, the cacao (cocoa) from Mexico, tobacco also from the New World, anise from Egypt, fennel from the Canaries, the clove from the Moluccas, the castor oil bean from India, &c.

**Trees.**—The horse-chestnut came from India, the laurel from Crete, the elder from Persia, &c.

**Flowers.**—The narcissus and carnation came from Italy, the lily from Syria, the tulip from Cappadocia, the jasmine from India, the starwort from China, the nasturtium from Peru, the dahlia from Mexico, &c.

Is it not time to ask—queries M. Barral after the above quotation—if any vegetation at all naturally belongs to the Gauls? He claims, at least, the oak tree, but adds that the success of past "acclimatations" should encourage every nation to try new ones.—*Country Gentleman.*

**TWO MINUTE SERMONS TO THE GIRLS.**—Ladies—caged birds of beautiful plumage, but sickly looks—pale pets of the parlour, who vegetate in an unhealthy atmosphere like the potatoe germinating in a dark cellar, why do you not go out into the open air and warm sunshine, and add lustre to your eyes, bloom to your cheeks, elasticity to your steps, and vigor to your frames? Take morning exercise, let loose your corset strings, and run up the hills for a wager, and down again for fun; roam the fields, climb the fences, leap the ditches, wade the brooks, and after a day of exhilarating exercise and unrestrained liberty, go home with an appetite acquired by healthy enjoyment. The blooming and beautiful young lady—rose-cheeked and bright-eyed—who can darn a stocking, mend her own frocks, command a regiment of pots