

THE TELEGRAM.

"Is this the telegraph office?"
Asked a childish voice one day,
As I noted the click of my instrument...

The golden curls on his forehead
Shaded eyes of deepest blue,
As if a bit of the summer sky
Had lost in them its hue...

"Is this the telegraph office?"
"Is it, my little man?"
I said; "I pray tell me what you want,
And I'll help you if I can..."

"Nurse told me," he said, "that the
lightning
Came down on the wires, some day;
And my mamma has gone to heaven,
And I'm lonely since she is away..."

"I've printed it big so the angels
Could read it quick, the name,
And carry it straight to my mamma,
And tell her that I'm sorry..."

"Thank you," he said, then scanned the
sky,
"Does it think it will funder to-day?"
But the blue sky smiled in answer,
And the sun shone dazzling bright...

"But the blue sky smiled in answer,
And the sun shone dazzling bright,
And his face, as he slowly turned away,
Lost some of its gladness light..."

THE HOME.

Economy.

From time immemorial men and women
have been in the habit of laying
mortgages on their backs, making hands,
muscles and nerves do the work that
money ought to do...

How has such a state of affairs been
brought about? Oh, by economy, saving
the pennies at the expense of health,
strength, and soul expansion...

It is a greater wrong to be extravagant
with money. It is poor economy to
save pennies at the expense of a great
deal of strength and time...

False ambition is one prolific source of
false economy, and it is truly pitiable to
see the woeful ignorance that exists
regarding true economy...

The greatest of all difficulties with
poultrymen is that of providing green
food in winter, but within the last few
years it has been discovered that it
may be had in winter...

the ribbons are unfit for use or beauty
before they are worn six weeks. It
is among this class that we find the most
shameful, wicked, extravagant waste of
strength, time, and money.

A lack of a knowledge of true economy
keeps many a family in a squalor
and filth. True economy consists in a
proper adjustment of time, strength, and
money...

THE FARM.

The Selection of Seeds.

Carefully conducted experiments do
not always justify long-established and
settled opinions. Here is a case in
point, which we find in the Weekly
World:

The idea prevails to a considerable extent
that great improvements may be made
in the productiveness of agricultural
plants by the careful selection of the
largest and plumpest seeds for planting...

Table with 4 columns: OATS-VARIETY, No. of plants, Weight of seed, Yield per acre.

During the growing season many who
visited the plots believed those which
were planted with the selected seeds to
have stronger and more vigorous plants.

Now, the necessary effect of alcohol is
first to quicken the action of the stomach,
irritate and inflame it, affording no
possible relief to the patient...

Wood Ashes and Their Value.

I have an opportunity to buy un-
leached wood ashes at ten cents per
bushel. Will it pay me to draw it two
or three miles, for use as a fertilizer?

Like farm-yard manure, poultry droppings
or other manure substances, different
samples of wood ashes vary very
greatly in the percentage of their mineral
constituents...

Learn to entwine with prayers the
small cares, the trifling sorrows, the little
wants of daily life. Whatever affects you
—be it a changed look, an altered tone,
an unkind word, a wrong, a wound, a
disgrace—you cannot meet a sorrow you
cannot disclose...

TEMPERANCE.

Intoxicants as Medicine.

While it is true that luxurious living is
a prominent factor in the production of
intemperance, particularly when there
is an excess of animal food—swine's flesh
being the most objectionable—it is be-
lieved that the present custom of freely
pressing intoxicants into the most pro-
lific in the position which they occupy
presumed to understand the laws of
health, they cannot but exert a potent
influence for good or evil...

Little Bessie dropped an armful of
playthings. "Did you break anything?"
asked the mother. "Nothing but the
quiet," she replied, "and that's mended
already."

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The sick are more or less nervous and
dreadful and need to be sick and
encouraged, which alcohol can never do.
The direct tendency of this is to paralyze
the extremities of the nerves, rob them
of their power, and, through them, to
impair muscular force, inducing weak-
ness. Dr. Richardson says: "I have
learned by experiments that the true
action of alcohol is to paralyze nerve
power." This it does, in part, by col-
lecting in the brain, the tendency to
which is far greater than in any other
organ while the injuries inflicted are
very distinctly marked. The sick are
the last persons who can afford any such
influences, needing the full play of their
muscles, the purest blood, the clearest
perceptions, the most natural nerves,
the best digestion, a good appetite,
which they cannot have if alcohol pre-
parations are employed as medicine.
(I will add that, during about forty years
of medical practice, I have never re-
commended intoxicants, or known a
case in which I supposed that they were
needed.)—Dr. J. H. Hanford.

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