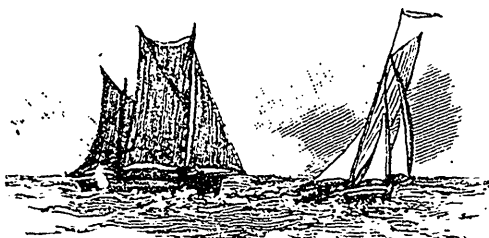


ORIGINAL FABLES.

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ALL THE DIFFERENCE.



"HOW slowly you do get on, to be sure!" said a trim little yacht, scudding before the breeze, to a heavily laden fishing boat returning to anchor in the bay. "I have been watching you for ever so long, and I'm sure I've done double the distance in the time."

"Very likely," said the fishing boat; "but you seem to forget that whilst you have everything in your

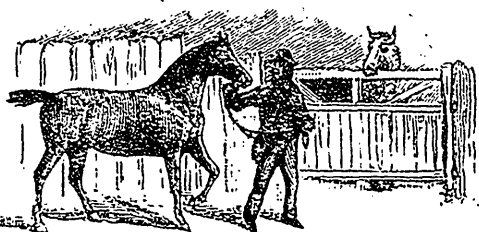
favour, I, with a heavy load on board, have to struggle against wind and tide."

A COMMON ERROR

"I'M so nervous, I don't know what to do," said a young horse, as he was being led on to the show-ground.

"There's no need, my dear," said an old mare, who was fastened to a gate-post outside: "take it quietly."

"It's all very fine to talk," said the young horse, "nobody's thinking of *you*; but the moment I get inside they'll all be making remarks about *me*."



"Don't disturb yourself, my boy," said the old mare. "I made the same mistake when I was your age, but I soon found out I had disquieted myself unnecessarily, for instead of thinking of *me*, they were all thinking of *themselves*."

GARDEN WORK FOR OCTOBER.

Kitchen Garden.

PLANT out lettuce sown in August in sheltered positions. Cauli-flowers in frames should have plenty of air in fine weather, but they should be protected from cold and wet weather. Thin winter spinach and loosen the earth round the roots with the hoe, keeping the beds also free from weeds. Earth up celery, keeping the hearts clear of earth. August sown cabbage will now be ready for transplanting into the beds where they are to remain. They may be planted in rows one foot apart, so that a portion of them may be used in April or May, and thus leave plenty of space between those left to grow. Before planting out the ground should be well dug and dressed with rotted manure. Dig up potatoes, also carrots and parsnips. These require to be kept dry and protected from frost.

Fruit Garden.

Gather winter pears and apples. In doing so care should be taken that they do not knock against one another, as if bruised they will not keep very long. They should be gathered in dry weather. Store them in a dry place where the frost cannot penetrate. Towards the middle of the month prune and transplant all kinds of fruit trees. Cut out all the old stems of raspberries which have borne fruit, and leave from four to five of the strongest of the new shoots in a clump for next year. Cut off the tops about eight or nine inches, and tie each clump to a stake.

Flower Garden.

Bulbs of all kinds should now be planted in dry weather after the beds have been properly dug and prepared. Divide perennials, and plant out biennials in the places where they are to remain. Dig borders, and clear away all refuse.



JOHN BRIGHT.—John Bright's favourite authors were Milton, Whittier, Longfellow, and Byron, and he loved to read their works aloud evening after evening to his children. He explored the bypaths of literature for undiscovered poets. His memory was stored with poems, which he would repeat as he drove along in his quiet journeys with his sisters or children through Scotland or Italy. "There is nothing," he used to say, "which gives so much pleasure as poetry, except little children."