

Original Poetry.

Written for the Monitor.

WHEN WE WERE GIRLS TOGETHER.

When we were girls together, My playmate, Nan, and I, Right gaily passed the hours, In work or pleasure, by...

A FOOLISH FEAT.

From the Springfield Republican.

If there is one occupation more wickedly foolish than another, it is that of the professional walker, as shown on the stage of Goodrich Hall, Pittsfield, Mass., last week.

There will we bow and worship And in his glorious presence Dwell ever more in love.

Miscellaneous.

ENGLISH TEA-MAKING. That the English are pre-eminently a tea-drinking nation is an accepted fact.

What a blessing to a household is a merry, cheerful woman—one whose spirits are not affected by wet days, or fittidic appointments, or whose milk of human kindness does not sour...

Hard and soft coal.—It may not be unreasonable to remind parties who find their coal fires decreasing more rapidly than the present wretched weather warrants...

SEEING MOTHER. A lady was riding one day in her carriage among the mountains, when she came upon an old woman, with a funny little hood on her head...

BE PROMPT. Some folks are always late always in the drag—behind time. They fail to rise in the morning when the bell rings...

Three years ago the mangled remains of a man were found in the Chicago river. No clue to the murderer was discovered until the other day a young man named Daniel Hassett...

An uncle left eleven silver spoons to his nephew in his will, adding: "He knows the reason I have not left him the whole dozen."



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BUSINESS CARDS Neatly and promptly executed at the office of this paper.

Agricultural.

"My daughter keeps my farm accounts, sir; and she is as systematic and particular as ever my own was, who kept them before he left home. I tell you it does girls' (and he might have added boys also) good to give them some responsibility, and set them to watching things about the farm and household. They learn, I find, economy by it, and soon discover that their father is not so far from being a crabbed old curmudgeon, because he does not loosen his purse string whenever they see something they happen to fancy; for they discover the reason why the purse should not be opened."

WASTED TROUBLE. There is no use in manuring land to grow weeds; in buying tools to rust out under a stone wall; in erecting buildings to rot away for want of paint and care; in buying animals and leaving them to the unhindered action of disease; in accumulating manure to fill the air with its exhalations, and the brooks with its leachings; in raising forage to fatten a barnyard with; in buying land to yearly lose its strength and virtue; in growing crops to feed unheeded insects. Yet more than one of these defects may be seen in almost untrained operations on every farm in a country, and the extent to which they lower the average success of our farmers is greater than would be believed.—New York Herald.

DESTROYING CURCULIOS. The following extract has been going the rounds of the agricultural press for some years. Have any of our readers tried the experiment, and if so with what measure of success? Soak corn-cobs in sweetened water until thoroughly saturated, then hang them up to the limbs of the trees a little while after blossoming, being sure to burn the cobs after the fruit ripens, as they will be found full of insects. A good plan is to change the cobs every few weeks. My theory is this—that the insects deposit their eggs in the cobs in preference to doing so in the young plums. The first season I tried it upon one or two trees only, and in the summer was rewarded by a good crop of fine plums as ever ripened, while those on the other trees fell off when they were about half-grown. In accordance with this result, next spring I bought sweetened water, and hung it up to the limbs of all my plum trees, and the summer found them full of delicious fruit.

SMUT IN GRAIN. Corn smut is caused by a parasite fungus, long known to botanists by the name of Ustilago Maize, and has frequently been described and figured in botanical works. Its development, or growth, is pretty well understood. The fungus grows from very minute spores, which are produced by millions, and exactly as to how these spores reach and infest the growing corn, we find nowhere any definite information, nor have I seen any date relative to preventives. We are left to surmise and analogize. Smut in wheat is produced by a similar fungus, similar in its botanical character, and in its results, and this wheat smut fungus is much better known to agriculturists. It is proved that this grain access to the plant through the seed. The spores are sticky, and adhere to the sound grain at harvest, or threshing, and are sown with the seed wheat. As the new wheat plant grows, the fungus develops, in due time, and it, ripening its spores at harvest, the spores may be killed, and the crop saved, by soaking the seed wheat in strong brine, or in a weak solution of sulphate of copper, commonly known as blue vitriol, or blue stone. The proportion used is two to five ounces per bushel of wheat.

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DELIRIUM TREMENS. Sniffles brought his two weeks' spree to a close on Thursday night. He lay on a lounge in the parlor, feeling as mean as sour lager, when something in the corner of the room attracted his attention. Raising on his elbow he gazed steadily at it. Rubbing his eyes, he stared again, and as he stared his terror grew. Calling his wife, he asked hoarsely— "Miranda, what is that?" "What is what, Likey?" "Sniffles' name is Lyengrus, and his wife calls him Likey for short and sweet. "Why that—that—thing in the corner," said the frightened man, pointing at it with a hand shaking like a politician. "Likey, dear, I see nothing," replied the woman. "What you don't see it!" he shrieked. "Then I've got em. Oh, heavens! bring me the Bible, Miranda, bring it quick! Here, here on this sacred book I swear never to touch a drop of whiskey. If I break my vow, may my right hand cleave to the roof of my mouth, and—"

How dreary seems each hour, As it slowly, slowly goes, To the man who sits in anguish With a broil upon his nose!

TO MAKE STEADY MIXED MEAT.—A Boston lady sends for publication in the Germantown Telegraph the following recipe for making mixed meat, which is now in season. She informs us that she has tried various modes, but finds the following to be the best. Take seven pounds of currants, well plucked over and cleaned; finely chopped beef suet, the lean of a sirloin of beef mixed raw, and finely chopped apples, each three and a half pounds; citron, lemon peel and orange peel cut small, each a half pound; fine moist sugar two pounds; mixed spice one ounce, mix well and put in a deep pan. Mix the juice of the lemons and oranges that have been grated together in basin; pour half over and press down tight with the hand; then add the other half and cover closely. This will keep a whole year or longer, and is frequently made one season to keep over for the next.

FOR PRODUCE.—Sims.—Make a strong solution of alum water and bathe the part affected well with it, and in a few minutes the frost will be "soft," and if done as soon as frozen the part will not be sore. "I have tried it in cases where hands have been frozen stiff, and it left them perfectly natural." SAMUEL CUMMER, of Willowdale, in Toronto Globe.