

Dead Leaves.

I heard a sound like the noise of a small stream,
At the ashen end of a bleak November day,
For the leaves, grown old, had come to the end of the dream;
The feast was over and now was the price to pay.

The wind that served them with dew in the year's sweet youth,
And whispered and sighed in the night with the gentlest voice,
Now mastered and drove them on without pity or ruth,
O'er the sludge of the street to the Desolate House of Death.

I sighed for the leaves that had given me shelter in Spring,
But the rose in my heart still blows, and the secret song
A gray bird sings to the rose, that shall always sing;
And the Spring's so near the Winter shall stay not long.

—Pall Mall Gazette.

MIXED FEED.

By A Farmer.

Be not half men, be whole men. Make some little corner of the world richer, wiser, better, happier, or less miserable because you live and learn and earn and expend wisely.

A kicking cow is only paying back somebody in his own coin.

The best corn grows where the sun shines brightest and the best lives grow from a warm heart.

A breachy cow will spoil the entire herd, and an immoral man may corrupt all the boys on the place.

An honest man has no occasion to brag about his virtues.

A kind act to a surly neighbor may be the heaven that softens his heart.

The bees use their long tongues to gather sweetness, but a gossiping woman uses hers to sow thistles.

The hired man's hands may be hard, but that's no sign his heart is not tender.

It is cheaper to pay for the damage your cow has done to a neighbor's crops than to hire a lawyer to defend a lawsuit.

A vicious horse generally reflects the character of the man who broke him.

A man who will tell the truth in a horse trade may read his title clear.

Some sympathy may be extended to the man who buys a gold brick the first time, but he has nothing coming but jibes if he makes a second investment.

Some men have not yet learned that brains count more in farming than long legs and brute force.

The farmer who does not sell off the fertility of his land through the milch cow seldom signs a note at the bank.

The sun shines in the fields, but the cook-stove in the kitchen can make the mercury climb still higher. Make your wife's surroundings just as pleasant as possible.

The woman who does her share of the work on the farm—and she generally does more—is entitled to her share of the profits without having to beg for it.

It don't cost anything to say "Good morning" to your family and it brings big returns.

Prayer may bring rain but the lively cultivator and the persistent hoe will make a dust mulch that will keep the moisture in the ground.

The man who refuses to mix with his neighbor and flocks all by himself has mighty poor company.

Being a good neighbor means a great deal more than merely keeping up our share of the line fence.

A woman often goes about her work with a headache that would send a man to bed and set him to howling so he could be heard a mile.

It pays to be honest with the children from the start, because they are sure to find us out in time—and then respect takes wings.

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