#### JUNE.

Why should I care to count the time? I know the moments flee too fast; I know the day has seen its prime, And I shall lose it in the past.

What if the whole of happy June
Is full of just such days of bliss?
I would not have them come too soo
I would not lose an hour of this!

The world has made me laugh—and weep; And dreams have been its only boon, I'd give the world away to keep The gold of this one afternoon.

To lose all memory and all care. And lie forever at my ease, Fanned by a faintly-scented air Wandering across such fields as these

Than buttercups and columbine; Nursed by the days that came before, And happy if the sun but shine;

To be as wealthy as the grass,
Gay as you brook (and know not why),
Idle as those white clouds that pass
Across the quiet of the sky.

Why should I care to count the hours?
Too fast, too fast, they glide away;
Too soon to-morrow will be ours, And we shall call this yesterday.

Fade, phantoms of the busy year!
June days shall be my providence.
Pass by me, thought! and leave me here
In the charmed region of the sense.

#### The Icy Sea.

The London (England) Daily Telegraph

has the following speculations as to the whereabouts of the English exploring party in the Arctic region; it says:—When the two vessels were last seen open water lay before them, and they were bearing straight up northward for Prudhoe Land and Cape Isabella. The season was in all respects eminently favorable, and there was every reason for hoping that a very high latitude would be reached. Unfortunately, as the recent voyage of the Pandora abundantly demonstrates, there is nothing more treacherous than Arctic seas and Arctic skies. In the morning there may be a fresh rolling sea, without a glint of ice, and a watery sky stretching round the whole circle of the horizon. By the afternoon the wind will spring up, great floes will drift steadily in, and before night the vessel will be hopelessly beset. It is consequently possible that the Alert may have been stopped at Cape Barow, in latitude eighty degrees, or even as far south as Cape Isabella and Cadogan Inlet. On the other hand, when we remember how Hall, in the little *Polaris*, a mere river steamer of small power and ill adapted for ice navigation, with a company, all told, of thirty men, women and children, including eight Esquimaux, steamed up Smith sound and Kennedy channel in one working season, a distance of 250 miles, we cannot but venture to hope that Capt. Nares may have been able to push the Alert through the hitherto unexplored waters of Lincoln Sea up to the shadowy and far off President's Land, or even, it may be, to the eighty-fifth parallel. The Polaris, without the slighest let or hindrance, reached as high a latitude as 82 deg. 16 min. north, and at this point saw northward of her a navigable sea with a watery sky. She was a mere wooden gunboat of 387 tons, and had been in no way strengthened or specially fitted out for her work; while the Alert was originally a powerful vessel of 1,045 tons, and has been overhauled and fortified for her encounter with ice, and furnished with new and powerful engines and boilers. We know from Mr. Lamont's experience how a steamer, if her bows are properly ironed for the work, can charge and crush her way through ice which would hopelessly stop the progress of another vessel, and there is consequently some reason for believing that the sledging party, which must now be well on its way, has possibly not got more than four, or at the outside five degrees to cover before it reaches that extreme apex of the earth which is, to use Mr. Markham's words. "a spot where the sun's altitude is equal to its declination, and where bearings have to be taken by reference to time and not to the magnet," but which yet is the Ultima Thule of all Arctic discovery and the express goal of the present expedition. Remembering the achievement of Parry in 1827, when he left his vessel on the Spitzbergen coast and made his way over the great polar pack as far as eighty-two degrees forty-minutes north, we can see no cause to despair of the success of the sledging parties which at this moment should be pressing northward. Parry, it may be recollected, found that the vast sea of ice over which he was travelling drifted to the south faster than the sledges were able to move towards the north. He travelled, as far as actual distance went, 172 miles from his vessel, but near the end of his journey perceived that he was losing more by the southerly movement than he was gaining by the day's work. To this difficulty the present sledge company are not likely to be exposed. In all probability the ice between Lincoln Sea and the Pole is no portion of the polar pack, and its southward drift, even if perceptible, will not prove a serious hindrance.

# Look Out, Young Man.

When it is said of a youth, "He drinks, and it can be proven, what store wants him for a clerk? What church wants him for a member? Who will trust him? What dying man will appoint him his executor? He may have been forty years in builing up his reputation-it goes down. Letters of recommendation, the backing of business firms, a a brilliant ancestry, cannot save him. The world shies off. Why? It is whispered all through the community, "He drinks! He drinks!" That blasts him. When a young man loses his reputation for sobriety, he might as well be at the bottom of the sea. There are young men who have their good name as their only capital. Your father has started you out to city life. He could only give you an education. He gave you no means. He started you, however, under Christian influences. You have come to the city. You are now achieving your own fortune, under God, by your own right arm. Now, look out, young man, that there is no doubt of your sobriety. Do not create any suspicion by going in and out of liquor establishments, or by any odor of your breath, glare of your eyes, or by an unnatural flush of your cheek. You cannot afford to do it, for your good name is your only capital, and when that is blasted, all is gone forever.

The Increasing Ravages of Lightning.

That the destruction of barns and other buildings by lightning is of more frequent occurrence than formerly mast be apparent to all who read the newspapers. Scarcely a day passes during the season of thunder-storms but that from one to six or more accidents by lightning are chronicled. But a few days since the Globe gave an account of five barns and their contents being destroyed

by lightning during one thunder-storm, and within a small radius of country.

This increasing frequency of lightning strokes is the natural result of clearing up and improving the country. The cultivation of che soil facilitates evaporation, causing it to proceed more rapidly, by which means a greater amount of electricity as well as vapor is carried into the atmosphere. The lowering of streams is accounted for on the same principle. The electricity, like the vapor, when condensed, will again fall to the earth, but as the air presents very great resistance to it, it seeks out easier paths. Trees, buildings, and other objects rising above the earth into the air furnish paths for its return. As the country is cleared these paths for the meturn of the electricity to the earth are diminished, while the number of buildings are multiplied. Barns are the most frequently selected by the electricity, from the fact that the decomposition of matter accumulated about them, as well as the sweating of their contents produces gases, which, ascending into the air, invites the lightning by furnishing it a path of less resistance than the air. The building, however, being but a very poor conductor presents such resistance to the passage of the electricity that violence usually ensues, and the building is either shattered or set on fire.

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### Cure for Croup.

A Kansas lady gives the following cure for croup, which she vouches for as reliable. She has had much experience with a child always troubled with croup-has tried hive syrup, goose grease and scores of other re-medies, and finds the following better than

Take of honey one teaspoonful, pulverized alum one half teaspoonful, and one half the white of an egg. Beaf all to a cream, and give one-fourth teaspoonful. This will be enough to give relief if taken as soon as the first symptoms of croup appear, which is a realized only by those who have heard it, and have watched night after night with a child sick with the croup. If it has become necessary to vomit the hild, give one teaspoonful, and if the case be a stubt orn one, repeat the dose in half an hour. In an extreme case, when the remedy has not been applied soon enough to cover the throat and ungs well, grease it with lard and wet it with camphor, then warm it and apply. This will relieve the hoarse breathing in very few moments. If given in time, no outward application will be necessary.

# It Takes a Female.

Of course, any great slummux of a man can push a lawn-mower up and down and around, and he can nibble off the grass after a fashion, but when it comes down to artistic work pass the mower over to a young lady. At noon yesterday a lady of eighteen put a mower at work on a strip of grass on Main street, and before she was half through over thirty men and boys were leaning against the fence and applauding. The first few feet were cut on the bias, leaving a strip along the curbstone as a fringe. On the other side of the walk she started out to tuck and ruffle, but inally cut most of the grass on the gore and inished up with a deep flounce along the street. Over by the fence she hemmed up a harrow strip, bound it around with a clean ut, and then performed some of the nicest plaiting ever seen, leaving enough tall grass long the fence-board to serve as an overskirt to the lawn. The boys thought there ought o be more padding around the horse-block, but she was busy falling over the handle of the mower just then and limped into the louss without taking any of their advice.



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