

Our Children's Corner.

"By and By."

There's a little mischief maker That is stealing half our bliss...

Which are never seen in this Dashing from our lips the pleasure...

Of the present, while we sigh— You may know this mischief maker...

For his name is "By and By."

He is sitting by our hearthstones, With his eyes, bewitching glances...

Whispering of the coming morn'g, As the social hours advance...

Lolling mid our brain reflections, Hiding forms of beauty neat...

He's a smooth, deceitful fellow, This enchanter, "By and By."

You may know him by his mining, By his careless, sportive air...

By his shy, obtrusive presence, This is straying everywhere...

By the trophies which he gathers, Where his chest is victims lie...

For a bold, determined fellow, Is the conqueror, "By and By."

When the calls of duty haunt us, And the present seems to fade...

All of time that ever mortal's, Then a flash from heaven's glory...

Then a fairy hand seems painting Pictures on a distant sky...

For a cunning little artist, Is the fairy, "By and By."

"By and By," the wind is singing, "By and By," the heart replies...

But the phantom, just before us, Ere we grasp it ever flies...

List not to the idle charmer, Scorn the very species here...

Only in the fancy lives, This deceiver, "By and By."

"N. Y. Observer."

The Chariot of Fire.

In the Fulton Street Prayer Meeting, a few days since, a gentleman from Lawrence, Mass...

gave the following account of a little girl who was carried to heaven as it were in a chariot of fire...

Some time ago I led a little girl in a distant city, from a wretched home, where both parents were daily drunkards...

We had nearly clothed her. In a little time she took great delight in her school...

More than once or twice the unnatural parents sold her clothes from her back for rum...

It cost a good deal to keep good clothes on poor little Mary. But as often as her clothes were sold...

she became very much attached to the school, and loved dearly to sing her Sunday School hymns...

One day she was called to school, and she went to school as usual...

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Agriculture.

A Little Farm Well Tilled.

The words of the heading of this article are worthy of much consideration...

In the meaning of the words, a big farm is not the meaning of the words...

A few acres of good land well dressed and well attended will produce abundantly more in proportion than a large tract of land ill cared for...

To prove this assertion, we need not look farther than a good garden, and compare its produce, its value, &c., to a like quantity of land on the farm...

A small farm, with good care and ample manure adapted to the soil, will vastly more remunerate the farmer for his labor, than sowing to the whirlwind over a territory of as many acres as there are obvious advantages in a small place...

Much more time can be devoted to adorn the homestead to make it attractive—lovely to children. Such a home as the whole household will reverence, by the associations clustering around the spot of early childhood, those strong attachments of which the poet declares—

"The best, his best is ever at home."

There is no allotment in a big farm; all fascination is lost in looking at every point of the compass to see if the "wheel in the wheel" is operating to advantage. A little farm, then, with care, is a mine of wealth, patrimony that kings might envy but cannot possess, because wealth is too poor to buy the solid comforts of the farm house.

"Till little land well, it is a motto that should ever be kept in mind, and if duly practiced will be a sure passport to successful farming operations."

Horticulture in California.

Among the vegetable monstrosities exhibited at the third annual fair of the California Horticultural Society was a huge red beet, weighing one hundred and fifteen pounds...

When it weighed forty-two pounds it was exhibited, and then again stuck into the ground, and in two weeks it gained one hundred and twenty-five per cent. in weight...

If the owner should pursue the same policy for several years more, and it should grow in the same proportions it would weigh three hundred and fifteen pounds in September, 1890, 855 in 1891, 2,300 in 1892, and so on...

It is now about four feet long, and nearly a foot through. One grape-grower sent from San Jose no less than eighty varieties of grapes. The president of the society exhibited fifty-seven varieties of pears, forty of apples, five of peaches, ten of plums, and four of nectarines...

Of flowers several gentlemen contributed fine collections of cut roses, embracing some one hundred varieties. A gardener sent a cabbage three feet seven and a half inches in circumference. There was also exhibited several specimens of the Chinese tea-plant; they were a part of a lot of twenty-four which were brought last summer from Canton in their native air. The transplanting process retarded their growth, but they thrive successfully in their California home, leaving no reason for doubt as to the suitability of the climate for tea culture.

Grindstones.

Perhaps there is no farm implement which is more useful and so little esteemed as the grindstone. It is not used in the kitchen, and is not used in the workshop, and is not used in the mill, and is not used in the mill, and is not used in the mill...

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