

[FOR THE TRUE WITNESS] JANUARY, 1889.

Oh, bright and fair New Year, How radiant thy dawning seems; How beautiful the sober sun From the whitened house-tops gleams.

We glance o'er field and wood, Where clover sweet and daisies grow— We miss the glad birds in the grove, We miss the blossoms and the dew.

In spite of piercing winds, That search the meadows and the plain, In spite of hoar-frost, ice and snow, Youth loves thy rude, wild sign.

The time to dig the grave Of bitterness, and hate, and wrong, Of needless jealousies—the blessed time To look up hope-ful and be strong.

The time to mend our ways, To take up stitches in the web of life That have been dropped in carelessness or sloth By man or boy, by matron, maid, or wife.

The time to stave the mind, And hungry heart with mental food, To lay up stores against the time of age, Of all that's beautiful and good.

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assumption and contempt of others, and then, whether it is vulgar or not, it is something worse—a sin; or else it is used in the sense in which people use it when they say—I take a pride in bringing up my children well, or in making my garden pretty.

A NUN DECORATED WITH THE CROSS OF THE LEGION OF HONOUR. Two ladies are down in the list published of the recipients of Crosses of the Legion of Honour on occasion of the New Year.

MEN AND MANNERS. The Khedive of Egypt has a great fondness for cats. He is not the unfeeling man in his sympathies he is sometimes painted.

NEGRO SUPERSTITIONS. Barn old shoes and the snakes will squirm away from that place. Shoes must never be put on a shelf higher than the head of the wearer.

A POSSIBLE REVOLUTION IN MEDICINE. Most people have read of the bacteria and of the discoveries concerning them made by Pasteur and Koch.

GLEANNINGS. The street vendor's business is not a trade; it is a calling. The fruits of dissension are no doubt put up in family jars.

FAMILY PRIDE. Family pride means one or two things—either it is bona fide pride, which produces arrogant

THE LAND BELONGS TO GOD.

The following is the most ancient statute concerning land. It was given to the children of Israel by Moses at the command of the Lord: 23. The land shall not be sold for ever; for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

24. And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. 25. If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.

26. And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it; 27. Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus to the man to whom he sold it; that he may return into his possession.

28. But if he be not able to restore it to him, then let the year of jubilee be unto him; and he shall return into his possession, and he shall not return into his possession.

29. And if a man sell a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; within a full year may he redeem it.

30. And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be established for ever to him that bought it throughout his generation; it shall not go out in the jubilee.

31. But the houses of the villages which have no walls round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country; they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee.

32. Notwithstanding the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any time.

33. And if a man purchase of the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in the year of jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel.

34. But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it is their perpetual possession.

35. And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fall in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him; yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.

36. Take thou no usury of him, or increase; but fear thy God; that my heart may live with thee.

GOSSIP.

The craze for gold and silver handles for canes and umbrellas is beginning to lessen. The author of "The Story of an African Farm" (Miss Olive Schreiner) has a new novel in hand which will appear within two months.

The tendency of fashion in evening dress for ladies is toward square shoulders instead of the sloping Queen Anne curve which has been in vogue.

Sir William Pearce, the great English ship-builder, left an estate valued at \$6,250,000. The property will soon be divided between his widow and son.

It is asserted that most of the members of the English Parliament suffer from dyspepsia. Long sittings and the irregular sessions of the House is the cause.

Mr. Besant made a funny mistake in his last issue of "The Faith and Freedom." He described one of his characters as going "on board a steamer bound for New England in 1887."

A new form of library has been started in Austria. A traveller may select a book at any railway station by depositing a small fee with the price of the book; and the book can be returned at the end of the journey.

When he first became Prime Minister, Disraeli was advised by a friend "always appoint moderate men to bishoprics." "Moderate men" echoed the illustrious statesman; "ah, I see! You want me to appoint nice men without convictions."

Men in society must now wear gloves on all occasions except at dinner. One of the reasons is that in case of dancing, the rich and delicate fabrics the ladies are wearing may be soiled by contact with the hand.

Ski-running, a Scandinavian sport, is becoming popular in Minnesota. The performer slides down hill on long wooden skates, or foot boggans, and as a prepared jump makes a leap into space. Ninety-five feet is the longest ski-jump on record in Norway.

Taizo Nuyomi, the senior judge of the Appellate Court of Tokio, Japan, is visiting America. He will devote himself to a study of our system of laws. There are twenty judges in this court in Japan, and three of them sit together upon each case.

No college student ever so far forgets himself as to refer to his fellow students as "boys" they are all "men" But about twenty years after his graduation, when he meets his former companions at some college anniversary, he never gets tired of referring to them as "boys."

Carl Lumboltz, the Australian explorer, is on his way to America, where he will lecture before the New York Geographical and other societies. He spent four years among the cannibals of Australia, and he described his life there in a book which has been published in several languages.

FARM AND HOME.

HOT BED. An amateur gardener in Milwaukee warns his hot bed from a heating stove in the house. From the bottom of the bed a heating pipe is done by a simple hot water system.

PERENNIAL ONIONS. These are something new in onions, as they never form a large bulb, and their value lies wholly in the special adaptability for producing green onions for fall or spring use, particularly the latter; being attaining a marketable size, they are immensely productive and are easily hardy.

WHAT ABOUT SHEEP. Now is the time to think this matter over. Dairying is just now the leading farm industry in New England and beef business promises to improve, but there is and always will be a good opening for the sheep.

MILK FEVER. It should be known by every farmer that milk fever is a deadly poison and must be handled with great caution. Within the past three weeks a valuable horse in this vicinity died from administering doses of acouita.

ENERGIES FOR COWS. This matter of exercise for dairy cows in winter is a myth, but unfortunately it is not a myth so far as interference with the profits of dairymen is concerned. Who ever saw a cow take exercise when turned out of a warm stable on a cold day, beyond going to the brook to get ice-water, while her owner was drinking coffee?

PRACTICAL NOTES. This is the advice of Theodore Lewis, an Indiana Stockman. He says he couldn't think of cutting off the tails from his pigs. The tails, he says, are the thermometers which indicate the animal's condition.

A GRAND DUCHESS AND HIS HOLINESS. Recently the Pope received in private audience the Grand Duchess Catherine of Russia, who accompanied her daughter, the Princess, and a Grand Chamberlain, and M. Tswolski, the Russian agent to the Holy See.

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birds it is hard. If the feet of the duck or goose are red and stiff the bird is old. Lock out for black poultry and poultry where the skin is rubbed off.—(Lewiston (Me.) Journal.)

Among the reasons why butter will not come is given in an exchange as follows:—1. "Because of some disorganized or unhealthy condition of the cow." 2. On account of the unwholesome food and water supplied.

The importance of keeping farm accounts cannot be estimated. They are often like the rudder of the ship, preventing great efforts and investments from wreck. If you have never kept any accounts begin now, with the New Year.—(New England Farmer.)

The most disagreeable thing on the farm in winter is mud, and, although it cannot be entirely avoided, yet some of its disadvantages may be overcome by carefully draining every location that is liable to become muddy.

There are men who, given a pint of paint, a brush, and a little spare time, will paint until there is nothing left on the farm to paint, save perhaps, the stock. And when the paint is a "dirty yellow," a glaring red, or a sickly green, how the men will revel in it, until all taste and decency have been outraged beyond remedy.



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