

For let the bind-weed have its will,
Nor human toil, nor human skill
Can keep the garden fair;
But train the bind-weed in its place,
And larger blossom, fairer grace,
Will straight repay the care.

So if the garden of the heart
Be overcome in every part
By love beyond control,
Life's worthy labor cannot speed,
And flower of thought and fruit of deed
Grow never in the soul.

But train that weak and clinging love,
By sturdy props, to wave above
Life's work, and give it grace;
No longer then a parasite,
Love clothes with garlands of delight
Its own appointed place.

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Cultivation of Flowers.

There is in all of us, whatever our business or occupation, a time which this does not entirely fill—a time which, if not filled in with some change and that an interesting one, will be wasted.

Many are the things resorted to, to take up this space with more or less success, varying with the individual and his tastes. Viewed from all standpoints, perhaps none does this better than the cultivation of flowers. Rare specimens or kinds difficult to manage are not required, but flowers that may be kept conveniently, whose growth may be watched, and which will bloom occasionally, and perhaps render a perfume. They respond quickly to care. Their beauty is restful, and a complete change to one's other duties.

From so simple a beginning one's interest is aroused in these "relics of Eden," and we begin to wish to know more of them? How do they grow? What kinds of soil do different flowers require? How so beautifully tinted. Such questions demand an answer, and lead us to read for ourselves, where we may find more than sought. Even an elementary botany will give us much satisfaction, giving us the different parts of the flower and much information about our familiar friends—the wild flowers. If some morning our plants are frozen, we may also find the way in which it affects them.

Beside being interesting and instructive, the more we study them, the more we see of the wisdom and beauty of the Creator, and these the microscope will further reveal, marvelous to the minutest detail.

FOREST LEAVES.

"He Called Me Whittaker."

Hero worshippers have a better time of it than the heroes who have to submit to their worship. The latter (including all distinguished men) are largely at the mercy of a class of admirers who are too obtuse to see any violation of good manners or taste in their pursuit of interviews and autographs.

William Warren tells a delicious story about a St. Louis man who went East last summer and hunted up the poet Whittier. He found the quiet old Quaker poet trying to hide from civilization in a farmhouse near Nahant. He had gone there to escape just such bores as the St. Louis man was.

At first he declined to see the visitor, saying that he was not feeling strong, but the Missouri man was so persistent that at last Whittier yielded, and he was admitted. He pounced upon the poet, and nearly shook his arm from the socket. He declared that he adored the poet's work—in fact, he read nothing else.

He asked Whittier to write his name a few hundred times on a sheet of note paper that he might distribute his autograph among his friends, and it was all the poet could do to keep the impetuous visitor from cutting the buttons from his coat to take away as mementoes.

"And all the time," said Whittier, pathetically, as he told his adventure, "he called me Whittaker."—*Youth's Companion*.

BOYS, you can make money, canvassing for subscribers to the JOURNAL. Write for particulars.

Jottings.

The 43rd Provincial.—This fair will be held in Kingston this year, from Sep. 10th to 15th. All necessary information may be had by applying to the Secretary, H. Wade, Toronto.

Bargains.—The attention of farmers is directed to the Combined Reaper and Binder, and Fanning Mill (new) offered for sale cheap by Stock Journal Co. See advt. on inside front cover.

Registrations of Jerseys.—During the year 1887 there were registered in the Am. J. C. C. R. 3,608 animals, of which 2,208 were bulls and 6,328 cows, an increase of 308 over the previous year.

Correction.—The statement occurs in the account of the London Shire Horse Show, p. 135 of last issue of JOURNAL, that Prince William (3956), repeated his victory of "1886." It should read "1885."

The Western Fair.—The Western Fair this year will last nine days, from the 20th to 29th September. It will be conducted on a larger scale than on any former year. Entries for live stock received up to 15 Sep., for all other exhibits to 15th Sep. See advertisement.

Manitoba.—Mr. James Sidey Upper, of Two Rivers, Man., writes: "There is a very large emigration to this country this spring. A large number of horses are being shipped here for sale; the number sold at Brandon alone this spring is over four hundred. Seeding commenced April 16th; somewhat later than usual."

The Industrial Exhibition.—Prize lists for the Industrial Exhibition to be held at Toronto from the 10th to the 22nd of September next, have been issued. The book is very neatly gotten up, and is superior to any of those previously issued by the Association. Mr. Hill, secretary of the Toronto exhibition, will be glad to send copies to any of our readers who may desire them, if they drop him a post card to that effect.

Farmer's Picnic.—We are authorized to announce that a Farmer's Picnic will be held on the Clearville Stock Farm of Mr. J. R. Martin, C. C. A., Cayuga, Ont., on the 21st June. Games and other entertainment will be arranged for. Visitors will be met at trains on the Canada Southern and Air Line railways, and conveyed to the grounds. There will also be an exhibit of farm implements. Addresses will also be delivered on farm topics by prominent speakers. Ladies specially invited. No gate money.

Farmers' Institutes.—Our counsel is repeatedly asked as to the best methods of arousing interest amongst farmers who care for none of those things. In the month of June a good rousing picnic with speakers who can say a good deal in a little time, and controlled by a chairman who can easily bend the multitude to his will, will serve a good purpose. Some adapted to the work should, before the meeting is held, be appointed to secure members on the grounds. None of these picnics should be held later than June 25th, lest they interfere with hay-curing.

Flax Culture.—Editor CANADIAN LIVE-STOCK AND FARM JOURNAL, SIR,—Your article on Flax Culture may be misleading to some, as the price paid by the millers is only \$12 per ton for the straw with the seed on. The average crop of seed is from 10 to 12 bus. per acre and the fibre when well-dressed averages 200 lbs. per acre, and the tow, both fine and coarse, generally pays for the scutching.—J. A. Donaldson, Toronto. (We shall be glad indeed to get any information on the subject that will be helpful. Our aim is to scatter light, let the rays be caught up by whom they may.—Ed.)

Sheep Dip.—Mr. James Cameron, East School, Carmyllie, in a paper on the management of black-faced sheep, gives the following as a very suitable mixture to be used as a sheep dip: 1 gal. carbolic acid, 2 lbs. arsenic, slowly dissolved in about 2 gals. of boiling water, 3 or 4 lbs. of common washing soda added and the mixture poured into about 90 gals. of water. Arsenic is objectionable, as the noses of the animals must be carefully kept from getting a dip into the mixture. But the arsenic may be left out, and about half a gallon of the acid put in instead. The above would do for about 100 sheep.

Jersey Organization.—An Association designated as the Ontario Jersey Cattle Breeders' Association, with Dr. L. H. Yeomans as provisional president and Henry L. Drake as secretary, both of Mount Forest, is under process of organization there. A circular has been issued containing an outline of the proposed constitution and details of organization; also a

form of application to be signed by those who are desirous of becoming members. Suggestions as to any amendments in the proposed constitution are also requested. Any further particulars can be obtained by writing the secretary.

A Question for "Clydesdale."—To the Editor CANADIAN LIVE-STOCK AND FARM JOURNAL, SIR,—Would "Clydesdale" be so kind as to let those who are most interested know, through your paper, one of the vital questions in the breeding of Draught horses, viz., what are the points which make what he styles the *king* of Draught horses or Clydesdale entitled to such high praise. As this is the time of year for horse breeders to select their sires, I, for one wish to gain all the information on this subject I can, and he will, I am sure, confer a favor to very many of your readers by so doing.—D. Messenger, Guelph, 10th May, 1888.

The Late John Chas. Morton.—Mr. John Chas. Morton, the able editor of the *Agricultural Gazette*, London, Eng., died suddenly on May 3rd, at the age of 67. He was a nephew of the celebrated Dr. Chalmers, and like his uncle an indefatigable worker. His career has been singularly useful. The *Agricultural Gazette* is the out-growth of his life. His name and labors are intimately associated with the growth of the Royal Agricultural Society, and with many other movements of great value to British Agriculture. Mr. Morton was energetic, kind, generous and much beloved by the large and influential circle amid which he moved.

Arab Horses for Canada.—The Hon. Louis Beaubien, of Montreal, is showing much enterprise in the line of stock improvement. His agent in France, Mr. E. De Mandat Grancy, we learn from the *Montreal Gazette*, has purchased for him two Arab stallions once in the possession of the Khan of Khiva. They belong to the contingent of fourteen stallions and mares secured from the Khan's stud after the taking of Khiva by M. De Maillay Chalou, who took part in the Russian campaign against that ruler. The Khivan variety of horses is accustomed to a climate where the cold is often extremely severe. In such a case they should be admirably adapted to a country like ours. The very fine Percheron mare Fanchette, by Monarch, has also been selected for Mr. Beaubien's stud.

Assistance to Importers.—We desire to call attention to the advertisement in another column of Mr. E. G. Preece, pedigree live stock agent, Shrewsbury, England. Mr. Preece is one of the best authorities in Great Britain on Hereford cattle and Shropshire sheep, hence his services should be of much value to those who are desirous of making selections in either of these lines. The register of pedigree live stock for sale by private treaty which he keeps, contains full particulars as to breeding, character, etc., of pedigree animals from all the best flocks and herds in the counties of Shropshire and Herefordshire. We can readily see the disadvantage at which an importer must often purchase, as to prices paid, who buys directly, hence the wisdom of securing the assistance of one who is thoroughly posted. Mr. Preece gives for reference the editors of any of the agricultural journals.

The Buffalo International Exposition.—True to the characteristics of this go-ahead people, Buffalo, a city of no less than 250,000 inhabitants, opposite our little village of Fort Erie, is establishing a great International Exposition which will be opened on Sep. 4th, of the present year, and close Sep. 14th. Magnificent buildings are being erected, and cash premiums will be paid amounting to \$100,000, the premiums on horses alone amounting to \$13,450. Accommodation is being fitted up for 800 head of horses and as many cattle, besides sheep, swine and poultry. Premiums will also be offered on pigeons and blooded dogs. Buffalo is a great railway centre; no less than 22 lines converge there, and 248 passenger trains arrive and depart daily. The officers are evidently live men, and the Secretary, C. W. Robinson, is just the man apparently for the position. Its success, we believe, is a foregone conclusion. May our stockmen well sustain the honor of Canada at this exhibition.

The Outlook for 1888.—The bulletin issued by the Ontario Bureau of Industries, May 15th, 1888, does not paint the prospect for the season's crop in rosy colors. It represents the outlook for fall wheat as unpromising, which we feel safe in assuming has very materially darkened since that date. The causes are dry weather last autumn, but more especially dry cold winds in April. Clover will be almost a failure, as much of the seed sown last year failed to grow. The Spring crop went in in fine condition, and may be good, but rains must come soon or it too will be gone. The outlook for fruit is fair. Cherries have suffered much from black-knot in the trees. Peaches, except in the Niagara and Essex regions, will be a failure. Farm supplies are consumed in nearly all parts, so that a surplus, always a safe-guard to a stockman, cannot be held till next year. Let the farmers weigh this well, and grow millet, corn, anything that will furnish good feed. Live-stock are thin owing to a scarcity of feed. The average rate of wages paid to farm laborers is about \$3 per month less than it was five years ago. The present average with board is \$16.39 per month, and without board, \$24.28.

Live Stock Sales in the West.—At the sale of Mr. Luther Adam's, recently held at Dexter Park, Chicago, 24 bulls sold for an average of \$308; 26 females brought \$281 each,