

Persons and Things.

"The Americans," says an English writer, "are in their way more Puritan than the English, and their literature is conspicuously free from the characteristics which render that of France objectionable in the family circle."

Ouida is more than forty, and has yellow-taffy hair. London *Truth* makes a mistake in saying that she is little read in the United States. In the circulating libraries here the books of Ouida are taken more frequently than those of Dickens.

Mr. Spurgeon, of the London Tabernacle, is a martyr to gout, and is unable to walk any considerable distance. He is described as being short and thick in stature, and as having a broad face, a large, flat nose, with wide nostrils, and thick lips. There is homely magic in his voice.

James Russell Lowell, American Minister to England, has poems which the *Athenaeum* has read, and that journal thinks that he has a resemblance to Leigh Hunt. He is, however, too much given to detail, a fault which it is surprising to find an Englishman committing. His style is called "deliberate."

Mrs. Stephen, wife of the President of the Bank of Montreal, has received a letter from Queen Victoria, thanking her for the care taken of Prince Leopold during his recent illness, and enclosing an oil portrait of her Majesty. Prince Leopold and the Princess Louise were guests for some days of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen at their summer cottage.

Queen Victoria drove out and visited her pensioners as soon as she reached her Scotch estate, and was received with exclamations and tears by the old men and women. Craithie Church, where the Queen went on the following day, was crammed to suffocation, for not only the natives, but the tourists within ten miles came to gaze upon their ruler.

When Mr. Moody's congregation at Northfield, Mass., the other day did not sing to suit him, he said, "Oh, you can do better than that. I want you all to sing. Now, I want to say right here that you all make fun of my singing, but if you all sing as well as I do, you will do well. I do the best I can, and that is all that can be expected from any one. I make a joyful noise, and you can all do that."

Mr. Ashmead Bartlett, fiancé of Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and her almoner both in Ireland and the East, is said in England, to be entirely English by descent, his grandfather having been born a British subject. The Baroness will probably, therefore, retain her immense fortune despite some of her relations who wished to profit prematurely by the capricious clause in the Duchess of St. Alban's will.

Lord Beaconsfield, when he was the Diarist of only twenty-two years, was a remarkable looking young fellow. He had a pale, almost delicate face, jet black hair, clustered in curls on a marble brow, beneath which flashed strangely brilliant black eyes. His figure was slender and lithe, and he wore a dress coat of black velvet, white kid gloves with draperies of black silk fringe falling from the wrists over his hands, and a waist-coat resplendent with gold lace.

Henry W. Longfellow has returned from summering at Nahant, Mass. The poet has recently sketched with his own hand, at the request of George D. De Vore, Newark, N.J., the Village Smithy and "Spreading Chestnut Tree" immortalized in his poem of the "Village Blacksmith." The sketch is to adorn a Christmas card, and Mr. Longfellow selected as an appropriate accompaniment the first two lines of the poem—

Under the spreading chestnut tree
The village smithy stands.

The Baptist preachers of Philadelphia related their vacation experience and adventures when they resumed their meetings last week. One remark brought tears into many eyes: "I spent six weeks by the bedside of my wife, who was not expected to live. I have not been in the mountains, in the country, or out fishing, but I must confess that I have been drawn nearer to God than I had been elsewhere. Brethren, will you pray for my afflicted home?" Instantly every head was bowed.

Victor Hugo is a celebrated French lyric poet and novelist, born in 1802. His mother was a Vendean royalist, with whose politics he sympathized in early youth. His first poem, published in 1817, obtained for him honorable mention from the French Academy. He was married in 1822, and in the same year published the first volume of his "Odes and Ballads," which quickly raised him to the front rank of French poets. Since then his writings have been numerous, and of the best literature of France. He gave his cordial support to the Republic of 1848, and was elected to the Constituent Assembly by the voters of Paris. He opposed Cavaignac, and in 1849 joined the party of advanced Democrats, of whom he soon became a leader and distinguished orator. For his opposition to the coup d'état of Dec. 2, 1851, he was banished. He retired to the island of Guernsey, where he resided until the death of Napoleon, when he returned to France.

Farm and Garden.

HINTS FOR OCTOBER WORK.

American Agriculturist for October. WEEDS IN GRASS LAND may be very easily seen and destroyed this month by the use of the "spud," a broad chisel-blade attached to a handle like that of a spade or long-handled shovel, having a spur upon it for the foot to aid in thrusting it into the ground. A boy with an instrument of this kind can rapidly clear grass land of buttercups, daisies, and a multitude of other biennial and perennial weeds.

TOP-DRESSING.—Bone dust or "tankings," or some fertilizer in which the nitrogen is not in the form of ammonia, and not soluble, is the best for late autumn application to grass or grain. Such a manure has some immediate effect, yet is not washed away in solution by heavy rains, but shows its potency in the spring.

POTATOES.—The sooner they are dug now the better. It is best to keep them a while either in protected heaps in the field, or on some unused floor. They throw off much moisture within a few days, and will heat if in large heaps or too deep in the bins. When thoroughly dry, they may be placed in secure pits or in the cellar. Potatoes are injured at once by frost, and gradually by sunlight, or even by diffused light. They should, therefore, be kept from the light as much as possible and decayed ones carefully culled out before they are put away.

ROOTS are now making their best growth. Moderately warm days and cold nights seem to have a great effect upon them. As the time for heavy frosts approaches, secure the mangels and sugar-beets. Top by rubbing the leaves off, not by cutting, as the wound often starts decay, which spoils the beet. Carrots secure attention next after the beets, and turnips next, leaving the Swedish turnips longest. Always protect piles of roots against frost by some covering. Turnips will survive severe freezing, but they are never so good for feeding.

PLOWING FOR SPRING CROPS.—This may be done at any time now, where the soil is not too light, and not likely to wash during the winter. The ground should be left rough to be subjected to the fullest action of the weather, freezing, thawing, wetting, drying, etc. Should a crop of weeds come up, it will very likely pay to harrow and plow again.

RIDGE PLOWING of stiff clays is often of great benefit. It is done by turning the furrows two and two together, so as to leave the land uniformly ridged. The ridges must run up and down the slopes; otherwise, in heavy rains, water will be held by the ridges until it breaks through somewhere, when there will be danger of a "wash-out." This system of winter fallowing involves plowing again in the spring, but shows its good effects in the crops.

WATER.—If pure water does, not flow at the barn, look into means for securing it. Barn-yard wells are convenient, but often dangerous to the health, if not of animals, certainly of men, who may drink at them. If the water from some spring can be led to the house and barn, by all means bring it down—use plain iron pipes or enamelled ones—not "galvanized" pipes. Zinc is a slow poison, but not quite so bad as lead. A well on higher ground will often furnish flowing water, conducted by a siphon, at the level of the buildings. No well should be dug at a less distance than 300 feet from a barn-yard, cesspool, or privy vault.

BUILDINGS.—This month offers the most favorable time usually for the painting and repair of farm buildings, and putting them in order for the winter. A great part of this work may be well done during this month by the farmer and his boys.

IMPLEMENTS, put away for the winter, should be painted or protected in some way from the action of the air and moisture. Paint or varnish for the wood-work, and a varnish of two-thirds rosin and one-third mutton tallow is excellent for protecting iron and steel.

LIVE STOCK.—A little extra feed brings cattle and horses to the beginning of winter in good order. The tops of carrots, beets, and turnips may be fed to good advantage, and there is a great deal of sweetness in the October pastures. Where much corn is planted, there will always be soft ears and "nubbins" which are best fed to horses and pigs.

SWINE.—Pigs will fatten nearly as fast on potatoes this month as on corn next. They do best on cooked feed, and the grain ought to be ground.

SHEEP.—This month we speak for March lambs. Half-fed sheep are often run into market from sections where food is scarce, and it pays well to secure such to feed for the winter, turning them off fat in the spring. The feeder should be satisfied if, by so doing, he works up his wheat straw and corn into manure, getting pay for his gain and cash outlay, and that only.

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