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IMPROVED FARM FOR SALE.

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Poetry.

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

BY EDWIN ARNOLD.

Yе whose light fingers wander through

Seeking high matters for your melodies.

And finding none; oh, leave the withered

And turn ye to the time that liveth now.

Will ye be looking in the fallen leaves?

For the grove's beauty of the pried spring?

Or will ye seek in last year's faded nest

The speckled eggs it cradled—? Oh ye

Gather from all the golden four cups

That bloom even now? the winter dew

Cometh to thee and them, and shall it

Thy sunbeams slighted, and thy summer

And for the after-noon no honey it

Time hath three daughters: one with droop

ing head

Sits in the shadow she herself doth cast,

Waving a winning shawl; and one hath

charge

Of marriage-robes and wedding coronals,

Wherein his heart's ease, and the hemlock-

bud;

And one the last, doth with averted face

And says that shepots not itself in words

Spin the small wrapper and the tiny band

To warble the yet unbreathing—of the

One is not for thee, one thou seest not,

And one is all thine own—a willing bride

Clave to her like a lover; she will tell

Things that shall sink into thy soul, and

come

Out of the harp-string like a voice that

lives

And holds the hearer with its solemn

tones

Literature.

UNCLE BILL, OR THE MISER

CAUGHT.

Uncle Bill Griffin, or Uncle Bill, as he

was commonly called, with an irreverent

disregard of his patronymic, did not return

from the ship chandlery business till he was

worth something more than a plum. Not

being blessed with a son to continue his

name and inherit his fortune he lavished all

his care and tenderness upon his daughter.

Sweet Molly Griffin, thou wert as unlike

thy papa as a canary bird is unlike a bull

dog. His face was as hard as a Dutch cut-

cracker—his tone as soft as a rose leaf. He

was the wisest miser in all creation—thou

didst spend thy pocket money as the prince

of Wales. In his household management

Uncle Bill was a consummate skin flint;

his infatuation says that he used to soak

the backlogs in the cistern, and water the

lamp oil, and he was aided and abetted in

all his biggery schemes by a vinegar

facéd house-keeper, who was the sworn

enemy of all good beer, and stinted from

a pure love of meanness. Yet pretty Mary

had no right to complain of her father's

penuriousness, as far as she was concerned.

He sent her to the best schools, and gave

her a carte blanche on the most expensive

milliners, and when she walked Washing-

ton street on a sunny day there was not a

more gaily dressed damsel from Cornwall

to Essex street.

Of course, several nice young men in

varnished leather and white cravat, fell

over her, and she was, with her, and there

was a larger number outside of her father's

she attended on Sunday, that darkened

the door of any other metropolitan

"I'm in love with her," said the un-

happy clerk.

"Humbly and Uncle Bill.

"Fact," rejoined Bittles.

"What's your income?"

"Eight hundred," answered the suppli-

cant.

"It won't do, my boy," said Griffin,

shaking his grim locks. "No man on a sal-

ary shall marry my daughter. Why, she's

the finest girl in Boston, and it takes cap-

ital to marry a fine girl. When you have

thirty thousand dollars to begin with, you

may come then and talk with me."

Bittles disappeared. Six months after

that, Miss Mary Griffin received a letter,

with an endorsement of Uncle Sam, ac-

knowledging the receipt of forty cents.

It ran thus:

San Francisco, California, 1852.

Dearest Mary—

Enclosed you will find a specimen of

California gold, which please hand to your

father, and oblige. Have to advise you of

my return to Boston. Please tell your

father that I have made fifty thousand dol-

lars at the mines, and shall, with your

permission, soon call upon him to talk

over that matter, and arrange terms of

partnership.

Yours to command,

SAMPSON BITTLES.

Mary, as in duty bound, handed the

epistle to her father, who was overjoyed.

Some weeks elapsed, and the return of

the steamer to New York was telegraphed.

Griffin was on the qui vive on purpose to

see his future son-in-law.

On the day of his expected arrival, he

met a Californian who had returned home

in the ship.

"Where's Bittles?" he enquired.

"Oh, you will see him before a great

while, replied the Californian.

"Has he been lucky?"

"Yes; fifty thousand dollars at the low-

est calculation. But he's going to try a

game over you. He means to tell you that

he's been robbed of all his gold on the way

home, to see if you have any generosity

disinterestedness; to see whether you would

send your daughter to him, gold or no gold."

"Sly boy!" chuckled old Griffin. "I'm

much obliged to you for the hint. I'll act

accordingly. Good morning."

Now it happened that the Californian

was a good friend of Bittles, and that the

story of Bittles' misfortunes was absolutely

true, he having been robbed of every ounce

of his hard earned gold dust on his way

home. So it may be supposed he called

on Griffin with a very lugubrious and wo-

begone air.

"My dear boy," said Uncle Bill, "I am

delighted to see you, and pleased to hear

of your luck. I welcome you as my son-

-in-law. But what the deuce is the mat-

ter with you?"

"Alas, Sir," said Bittles, "I made

\$50,000 at the mines."

"Very hard luck?" interrupted the old

gentleman, chuckling.

"But on my way home I was robbed of

every ounce, and now how can I claim

my daughter's hand?"

"Sampson Bittles," said Uncle Bill, very

cunningly, "if you haven't \$50,000 you do

COULDN'T! COS HE SUNG SO!

Leaningly over a fence a few days

since, we noticed a little fair year-old bird

of the creation, amusing himself in the grass

by watching the frolicsome flight of birds

which were playing around him. At length

a beautiful bobolink perched himself upon a

drooping bough of an apple-tree, which

extended to within a few yards of the place

where the robin sat, and maintained his

position, apparently unconscious of the close

HARVEST PROSPECTS.

Since our last, we have had an uninterrupted succession of the finest weather, most favorable to the filling of the grain and the ripening of all kinds of crops.

The general weather of the past week has had the most beneficial influence on the grain crops in the west, and the wheat harvest has commenced in many parts of the West under the most cheerful auspices.

On the 5th, in the Excelsior market, some prime samples of this year's wheat were exhibited. If the present fine weather should continue, there is every probability of the harvest being a most abundant one.

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the heavy expenses of freight, they will be in a position to judge of the spirit of these gentlemen in a largely important for the purpose of improving the breed of sheep in Canada. Mr. Gordon seems to have the Leicester home, and should they arrive early, will have the satisfaction of having the best breeds of sheep in this country.

In addition to this importation, Mr. Gordon has also sent out seed wheat, and also the best description, procured from the Leicesters, seedling to the Royal Agricultural Society of Scotland—the sample is really splendid.

We take great pleasure in thus briefly noting this importation. Messrs. Gordon have neither spared pains nor expense to procure the finest breeds of sheep that are to be found in England, and deserve the great credit for their enterprise.—*Paris Star.*

ARRIVAL OF THE ARABIA. New York, Aug. 23. The Arabia from Liverpool, Aug. 21, arrived at 7 this morning. She reports seeing a large steamship ashore on Nantucket shoals, supposed to be the Pacific.

Our latest intelligence from Nantucket is by the steamer which left there at 9 A. M. for New Bedford, and which makes no mention of it. The next news, up to 9 this morning, will reach Boston late this evening, which we doubtless shall have full particulars.

The "Franklin" was out off Cowes on the night of the 10th. The Great Britain sailed for Australia on the 11th, and sets are pending on her passage and the clipper ship Sovereign of the Seas.

Nothing definite has transpired on the Turkish question, but the belief is that it was terminating peacefully. Definite news was expected from St. Petersburg to reach London on the 15th or 16th. The London Morning Post asserts that the Principals will be reached the first week in September by Russia, and soon after the British and French fleets will leave the Turkish waters.

Funds have materially improved, but market continued dull. The great annual review by Queen Victoria, at Portsmouth, had taken place. Nothing definite from France. The wheat crops were in and averaged only a two-thirds crop.

The Missionary (King's) affair, at Greece, was drawing to a satisfactory conclusion. The overland Mail was telegraphed. The steamship Annonciation City was wrecked on her passage from Port Philip to Sydney, and 35 passengers perished.

The King of Ava was more peacefully disposed towards the British. Chinese Imperialists were preparing to invade the province of Yunnan. A private telegraph says they had beaten back an Imperial force near Nankin and had concluded not to attack Canton till September.

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THE GRAVEL ROADS &c.

On Monday the 12th September instant the By-Laws framed for the purpose of raising \$30,000 for graveling the Huron layfield and London roads, and for raising \$20,000 for erecting a court-house well situated to the rate payers in the several town and township municipalities. The people will then have an opportunity of deciding whether they will continue to travel the muddy, rough, corduroy and hilly roads as at present, for an indefinite period yet to come, or whether the boon to be obtained and the improved circumstances and prospects of these United Counties, will warrant them in making exertions towards removing the difficulties which have hitherto prevented agreeable and profitable locomotion and have so long kept these five counties far behind what they ought to be. We believe if the honest unprejudiced opinion of all the rate payers in these Counties could be recorded there would be no difficulty in obtaining a decided vote in favor of these By-Laws. But it is a well known fact that while much apathy exists among the friends of improvement the enemies of the good work are making unwearied exertions to the low every possible obstacle in its way. We are not afraid of the result at the Township Meetings, if those friendly to the proposed improvements do their duty, by disseminating correct information upon this subject among their neighbors and also take care that they are themselves present early at the place of meeting. NO BUSINESS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO KEEP THEM FROM BEING PRESENT ON THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION. The object to be attained is worth at least this much of their exertion.

The gravelling of the leading roads through our Counties is certainly an object next only in importance to our Railroad. It has been urged by the opponents of improvement that the Railway precludes the necessity of gravel roads and that the latter would be useless and unprofitable after the completion of the former. We on the contrary believe with the friends of the project, that gravel roads are absolutely necessary to enable the Counties to enjoy the full advantages offered by the Railroad. It is true that a small portion of the road from Clinton to Garrobbrook is somewhat parallel to the railroad, but even that short piece of road, which in many places is naturally bad, is certainly much in want of improvement and if gravelled, would, besides greatly facilitating the approaches to the railway stations at Clinton and Harpurley, afford a desirable connecting link with the gravel roads of Perth now in progress of construction. No man of sense will deny the vast benefits which must undoubtedly accrue from the gravelling of the other portions of the road, these are incontrovertible and we are fully persuaded that by economical and prudent management the roads will not only pay their own expenses but even prove a source of profit directly to the Counties. The indirect profits are too numerous and important to be calculated here, but they will suggest themselves to every reflective mind. As to the burden, of toll which is so continually presented by selfish and ignorant individuals as the great bugbear of gravel roads, we trust our intelligent yeomen will not suffer it to weigh for a moment against what they will gain in valuable time in proceeding to market, increased loads and decrease of wear and tear, besides the advantage of devoting the state labor now expended on the leading roads to other lines which in want of improvement. With regard to the Court House By-law, we presume there can not be two opinions. We doubt not the good sense of

the ratepayers will cause them to assent to it unanimously. The amount to be raised for this purpose is very small in comparison with the object to be gained and we hope on the score of common decency that no rate payer will be found, however much inclined to economy, who will oppose it. The Court House must be had—or the Courts must be held in some other locality. It also is a well known fact, that it would be more economical to the Counties to build the Court House with suitable offices connected, than to have resort to the miserable shacks which have hitherto been adopted. We trust that the great TWELFTH will settle these important questions in a way suitable in every respect to the growing requirements of a thriving and prosperous County. The

