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RESIGNATION.

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There is no flock, however watched and tended,
But one dead lamb is there;
There is no friend, however fondly fondled,
But one vacant chair;
But one vacant chair!

The air is full of farewells to the dying,
And mourning for the dead;
The tears of Rachel for her children crying,
Will not be comforted!

Let us be patient! These severe afflictions
Not from the ground arise,
But oftentimes celestial benedictions
Assume this dark disguise.

We see but dimly through the mists and vapors
That cloud our earthly days,
What seems to us but dim federal tapers
May be heaven's distant rays.

There is no Death! What seems to be transition
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portal we call Death.

She is not dead,—the child of our affection,
Whose part we call Death,
Where she no longer needs our poor protection,
And Christ himself doth rule.

Is that great cloister's stillness and seclusion,
By guardian angels led,
Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution,
She will not be a dead?

Day after day we wish that she were doing
In those bright realms of air,
Year after year her tender steps pursuing,
Behold her grow more fair.

Thus we do walk with her, and keep unbroken
The bond which nature gives,
Thinking that our remembrance, though un-
May reach her where she lives.

Not as a child shall we again behold her:
For when with rapture wild
In our embraces we again could hold her,
She will not be a child.

But a fair maiden in her father's mansion,
And beautiful, with all the soul's expansion,
Shall we behold her face.

And though, at times, impetuous with emotion
And anxious lips suppressed,
The swelling heart has moaning like the sea,
That cannot be at rest.

We will be patient, average the feeling
We cannot wholly stay;
By silence sanctifying, not concealing,
The grief that must have way.

AGRICULTURE.

HOW TO RAISE GOOD POTATOES.

My object in writing at this time is to give to you my method of growing potatoe free from the rot. I have practiced it two seasons with entire success, and have now six hundred bushels of fine Mercer potatoe in my cellar, and all free from the disease. My method is, to plough the ground late in the fall or early in the spring, harrow it evenly before planting time, then haul out, say fifteen tons rotted manure, spread it broadcast, then take two horses and a plough, and back up two full furrows, the furrows just meeting in the backing; leave a strip of a foot wide, and back up to more; and continue till you have completed the lot. Then turn about and split these double furrows open with a single furrow, then commence dropping your potatoe, (pieces of cut potatoe, containing at least four eyes) in the furrow, six inches apart. After the lot is dropped, take your horse and plough, and throw two good furrows, (one round of the turn to a furrow) just meeting on the top. Cross off the top, clearing the row of stones, clods, &c., then sow broadcast five bushels common salt over the ground, immediately after planting, cultivate well till the plants are in blossom, and you will have a good crop; never cultivate potatoe when in blossom.

When the crop is ready to gather, clear the ground, take your horse and plough, and turn a furrow from each side of the row; let a boy pick up the scattering potatoe; then hoe down the ridge; lastly, harrow over the ground, pick up the remaining potatoe, and the work is finished. The agriculturist must at once observe that by this process, he gets a broad, loose bed for the potatoe to grow in, also a double depth of soil; then you are certain of good dry potatoe.

I would here observe that potatoe ground is the very best for producing a good crop of wheat; and I would advise farmers to grow a greater surplus of this most valuable root. If there is no market, store them, and feed them to your cattle, horses and hogs, feed them in your stable through the winter, and clear out your stables once a week, make as large a manure heap as possible, and you will not be troubled with the potatoe disease, nor that worst malady arising from always taking out of the soil (and never returning any—you will thus come to the bottom.

Clarification.—This is a very essential but neglected part of farming, especially apple trees. Farmers generally think that it is rather out of their line of business, or perhaps this season for grafting comes in rather too busy a time, for them to attend to it.

themselves; hence they depend upon hired help to do what they ought to do, and the consequence is they have their trees grafted with worthless fruit, and often times three or four kinds on a tree. We would say to the farmer that if he would have a good servant he must serve himself especially in this case. In case business is rather urgent it will pay well for you to hire an extra hand by the day while you attend to grafting your trees. The scions may be cut when you cannot do much of any thing else, and stowed away in a cool damp place. If often happens that some trees have been partially grafted; in order to have apples all alike on such trees it will be well to cut your scions from that part of the tree already grafted. By attending to this matter in this way, you save some expense, and it is done as it should be, or as you would have it.—*Moor's New Yorker.*

PURDUE'S STONE FRUIT.—It has been but a few years since the cultivators of fruit have been in the habit of pruning peach trees at the extremities of the branches, instead of cutting off the limbs at the trunk. This system of shortening in, as it is called, is gaining ground, and it is a great improvement. The reason for the mode of pruning are evident on examination. Most kinds of stone fruit grow rapidly, and bear the greatest part of their fruit, on new wood, which is of course, near the ends of the limbs. In this way a tree spreads over much land, and has naked branches near the trunk; and pruning at the trunk causes the wood to ooze out, which sometimes endangers materially the health or life of the tree.

On the contrary, by pruning at the ends of the branches, the tree is confined to a small space, the woods have no unfavorable effect, or only affect the twigs and not the trunk, and much new wood is produced for the production of fruit.

CHEESE MAKING.—We will suppose the rennet reduced and get ready, and the cheese to be made to weigh 26 or 30 lbs., will be made of the night's and morning's milk. The night's milk being set, and cooled if necessary, must be skimmed in the morning. The done, and the milk of night and morning mixed together, all must be warmed to 90 deg. of Fahrenheit, or thereabout, and the cream which was taken off returned to the milk. When the milk is warm enough, a gill, or a little more of good rennet is to be added, and thoroughly stirred in. The whole is now let alone still it becomes curd, which will be in an hour if the rennet is good. With long wooden knife it is cut through and through at right angles, so as to make squares of about an inch in size. A strainer is now thrown over it, and the whey dipped off as long as it can be done. The curd is then again broken up, and the whey more completely dipped off than before. Some of the first whey is to be heated as soon as dipped off for the purpose of scalding the curd. Great care must be taken not to scald the curd too much. Two pailsful at 130 degrees will scald a cheese of 20 lbs.; but the weather and the quantity of curd must be considered to determine correctly. When the hot whey is poured on, the curd should be broken up and mixed by hand, that all parts may be equally treated, and made as fine as it can be broken. It is now removed to a strainer and basket, and when the curd is drained, it is returned to the tub for salting. Half an ounce of good salt to a pound of cheese, will prove a good rule; but the taste of the dairy woman is perhaps as good a regulator of this matter as any. The salt must be pure and fine, and thoroughly mixed with the curd, or it will not ripen equally, and the unsalted places will acquire a bad flavor.—*Practic Farmer.*

THE HOG CROP.—The following table shows the total number of hogs exported last year from six of the Western States: Ohio..... 586,000 Illinois..... 396,000 Indiana..... 390,000 Missouri..... 260,000 Kentucky..... 185,000 Iowa..... 90,500

Total..... 1,908,500
Crop last year..... 1,581,000

Excess over last year..... 327,500

DAY GOODS.—The following incident occurred, as we learn from good authority, in one of our stores the other day. "Buy any butter here I said a country customer, who walked into a dry goods store on Market Square, and looked much like a character who knew a great deal more about himself than he cared to tell. 'No sir,' replied the merchant, we don't wish to buy any.' 'Want to buy any eggs?' 'No sir, we keep a dry goods store here.' 'So! What then maybe you would like to buy some chickens—fat as pigs and a mighty sight nicer to.' No, sir. I tell you we don't deal in any thing but dry goods.' 'Could you sell me a pair of shoes?' 'No, sir, we don't deal in shoes either.' 'What you give for dried peaches?'—*American paper.*

YOUTH is a glorious invention. While the girl's chase the hours, and you chase the girls, the months seem to dance away with down upon their feet. 'What a pity summer is so short!—before you know it, lovers become deacons, and rumps, grandmothers.

THE MEMBERS of the Legislature of one of the western States, attack each other with chairs and thus break up their sittings.

WHAT CAN be more uncertain than the females' sighs a jilted lover. 'The mails' replies Horace Greely.

An affection, something too common among young ladies, of thinking this world altogether too good a place for such dainty, frail, nymph-like and sylph-like creatures as themselves, is thus pungently ridiculed in the following bit of irony from the canonic pen of Douglas Jerrold:—'You're too good for this world, you are, indeed, girls. Take it in the lump, and see what a lot of it is beneath your notice. What a little of it is really respectable. If it wasn't unmanly, I could swear to think that my superfluous sisters lived in the same wretched vulgar world that makes black puddings and sella cats' meat.'

POWER OF STRAM.—'Is it stam?' said an Irishman. 'By the saints St. Patrick, but it's a great thing intirely for drivin' things, it put me trough nine States in a day!'—dive a word of a lie in it?—'Nine States?' exclaimed a doctor in astonishment. 'Yes, nine of them, bejapers, as easy as a cat can lick her ear! D'yez see, now—I got married in New York in the mornin' and writ my wife Biddy to Baltimore the same day. I hold your whist, now, and come the States. There was the state of matrimony, which I entered from a single state, and a sober state, in the State of New York; and I went through New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware to Maryland, where I arrived in a beautiful state of justification! There is nine, by the rod of Moses—count 'em if yez like, Och! but stam's a scrounger!'

TERRIFIC DISASTER IN FRANCE.—THREE HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

In a previous number of our paper, among the foreign intelligence, we have stated the facts, as they had reached us, of the awful accident at Angiers—the breaking down of the suspension bridge. The best account seems to be given in the *Journal du Maine et Loire*, and is as follows: At eleven o'clock in the morning (April 16, 1850,) a squadron of hussars, coming from Nantes, had crossed over the suspension bridge of the Bass-Maine without any accident, although the wind blew very heavily from the west, and the river was very agitated. The last of the hussars had scarcely crossed the bridge, than the head of the column of the third battalion of the 11th light infantry appeared on the other side. Reiterated warnings were given to the troops to break into sections, as is usually done, but the rain falling heavily at the time, it was disregarded, and the battalion advanced in close column. 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