A GEM.

hat could be more tender in sentiment beautiful in expression than the following lines from a poem of Mary Louise Chit-

If a pilgrim has been shadowed
By a tree that I have nursed;
If a cup of clear cold water
I have raised to lips athirst;
If I've planted one sweet flower
By anelse too barren way;
If I've whispered in the midnight
One sweet word to tell of day;
If in one poor bleeding bosom
I awo--swept cord have stilled;
If a dark and restless spirit
With hope of Heaven have filled
If I've made for life's hard battle
One faint heart grow brave and strong—
Then, my God, I thank thee, bless thee,
For the precious gift of song.

BOILED DOWN.

Grasshoppers are becoming a scourge New South Wales.

cording to the Russian law two brothers cannot marry two sisters.

Oysters R no longer seasonable; but ms have organized a corner in colic.

In Russia a priest cannot marry a second time, and therefore a priest's wife is ntly respected.

The valuation of property in England, clusive of London, was greater by £2,-7 000 in 1876 than in 1875

It is said that Gen. Logan is going to ope for the purpose of accepting a mmand in the Russian army.

Wm. Williams, the wealthiest man in more, divided his property between sons, and left nothing to charity.

It is not the Turks, but the Europeans originated the idea that Mohammed's in is suspended between heaven and rth.

The Cossacks, who may be brought into prominence by the war of Europe, derive their name from the Polish word "which means goat.

Gen. Frederick T. Dent, who formerly attached to the Executive ansion, now commands a detachment of ops at St. Augustine, Fla.

St. Louis newspapers claim that their y is "the fountain head of lager beer," production exceeding that of any ther place in the United States.

Bishop Gibbons, of Richmond, confirmed three hundred and fifty persons in St. ul's Church, Baltimore, last Sunday, ne hundred and seventy-two girls and boys and the others adults

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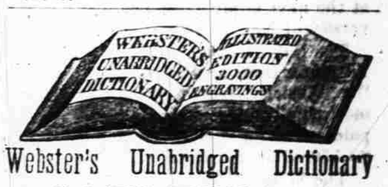

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