### Che Fireside.

FRA BENEDICT. CHARLES J. O'MALLEY.

The world's heart is not God's heart, nor l His paths are humbler—in the dust of pain.
Ah, may his feet, erewhile he sought the world,
His human feet that walked in human sin
And trod straight through the gates of pain
to health,

May they have rest beside the brooks of peace. The broken spear best suits the Master's use. He gives His gifts, and none know whence

He works our good against our baser selves; For we, we struggle in our ignorance,
Not knowing 'tis His hand that's shaping us.
Half our brief life is spent in choosing ways
Whereby to thrive in profit or in fame,
Regardless that the Master bath last choice,
And chooseth best, although we know it not.

Just here a legend comes across my mind Which showeth how it stands 'twixt God and There was a potter once who, while he worked, Said to the clay he kneaded, half in jest, "What wouldst thou, jug or mug?" "Jug,"

quoth the clay,
"So shall I bear cool water unto Toil."
"Nay, mug," its fellow near, upon a board,
"So shalt thou kiss joy's lips, and hold her Such shall my choice when I have leave to

"Yea." then the potter, "joy is very good, But humbleness is noble." Then forthwith He set the knead upon a simple shelf, And turned the wheel, and shaped it with h So swift it shrieked in pain of being made; Shrieked—and fell finished at his feet, a vase. Thereat he filled it full of rarest flowers And placed it, white, upon a sacred shrine Unto God consecrate in worthiness.

Thus the Great Potter makes us mugs or jugs, Not as we strive, but as He willeth us— Although, mayhap, we shriek of being made. And he had striven before he came to us (Fra Benedict, who wrote that hymn you Although, offimes, while in the world he heard (Or thought he heard) God call him in the

And often in the strife was he beat down Where others failed not—yet he failed in all. Where'er he turned he walked on Failure's And beat his face against the Actual's cliffs,
Until the last great failure drove him here.
Whoso loves calm has ever least of it;
Whoso seeks rest, God plagues him with unrest
Until such time as he fulfills His will.
His life was one great search for rest; he

His life was one great search for rest; he Oftimes for it with all his soul. Myself Once saw him weep in speaking of the same; And once, when "Agnus Dei" was sung low With "Dona Nobis Pacem," during mass, He wept again. "It was my prayer." he said. "I saw the Master through the clouds of song."

Song was his curse; his very soul was song, And unto this he toiled for wealth and fame. Three dragons tearing at the souls of men. This in the world: with us he sat for days Like one who bleedeth inly of a wound, And over him God hung his curse, unrest. Brother Aloysius," spake he sad one day, Divided in itself which way to turn? God help me, brother, I am torn by flends, Even mong you, although you know it not! Who will cast out these devils from my soul? They drive me mad; they tear me in the night, And day or night they feed upon my mind! Ah, God! dear God! I am accursed by Thee! Thou gavest me mind and heart and soul too

They tear each other, gnashing gory teeth So sharp I feel their whiteness in the dark!" And then his lids grew heavy, speaking on: "Rather, O Lord, I was Thy instrument, Tuned with Thy hand to sing Thy melodies, Even to the voice of simplest outcast wind-But the world touched me, and my song is not. It is gone out; the light hath touched the dark, Dank-foul and poison with the charnel damps There is a flaw somewhere; the music jars; God pity me! the world hath played too long.

And one day in the garden thus he spake: "Brother, I wish my heart a tuft of grass, One humble tuft that lay beside His way That night He entered in Gethsemane, So His dear feet might tread upon it there, And crush those devils that afflict it so. In humble homes when embers are thrown

Behind the back-log, ere they go to bed, Ofttimes one ember on the hindmost log Alights, and, if it hath sufficient strength (indleth anew, or weak feeds on itself Till perishing in silence desolate. That little coal am I; I could not burn; What heat I had touched not the sodden wood. So lo! my heart is ashes, and in vain!

"He is a fool who giveth wheat for chaff; And yet I gave my soul unto the world And asked its chaff of fame, which it withheld And then, in famine, tried to sell my soul, So that, O God! I might have bread to live! And buyers came and stared and passed it by Or mocked me that I offered worthless wares My God! my God! Our human souls are cheap When buyers mock them in the market place Because, most-like, they're clad in flesh and

One day the abbott took him by the hand And talked with him, and bade him trust in "You have sung much for fame, now sing for The abbott said, "and cast those devils hence

For since His passing, each is his own Christ, Casting out devils by his truth of soul! Cast first the world and then appeal to Him.
Who sings one truth our Lord remembereth;
And, though his heart be dust, his soul shall live."

With this it seemed his mind grew quieter: Blue as the mist upon the convent wall.
"I think I could grow calm here doing such Heart-easing, lowly, simple, earnest toil Day after day," he said to me one eve, "Saving His gifts which he hath loaned to

It brings me closer to Him in His works, It gives me back my simple morn of youth: Perhaps I shall tend garden here next year." Naught more. Yet he stayed on and worked

And gathered sheaves, and tended our few For years thereafter, with a simple care. He seemed awaiting something, and at last Our Lord let down His quiet unto him,

And he went hence to glean eternal sheaves. That was his hymn you heard them chanting At sundown; hear it! 'Tis a prayer for rest. God grant him rest. Oremus—let us pray. —Southern Bivovac for July.

### THE HOUSE-KEEPER.

without breaking the skin. Boil them for thirty-five minutes in fast boiling Mr. Savage to sather my crop of peas the comtirely cover them. Then scrape off the skin, cut the beets into slices, and the slices into strips. Melt an ounce of butter, add to it a little salt, pepper and a teaspoonful of vinegar. Pour it over the beets and serve.

MILK AS A SUMMER DIET.—A very important element of summer diet is milk, but it must be taken in moderation and carefully. Drink it slowly in small mouthfuls, and if there is any tendency to dyspepsia, beat the milk a few moments to break the butter globules and reander it easier of digestion. Skimmed milk of fresh buttermilk are infinitely preferable to icewater as cooling and refreshing summer drinks. Ice-water dyspepsia is a complaint which is very general, though its cause is but little under-

EATING FRUIT.—An exchange says: It is a mistaken idea that no fruit should be eaten at breakfast. It would be far better if people would eat less bacon and grease at breakfast and more fruit. In the morning there is an acid state of the secretions, and nothing is so well calculated to correct this as cooling subacrid fruits, such as strawberries, apples, peaches, pears, etc. This brings to mind an old Span ish proverb: Fruit is gold in the morning, silver at noon, and lead at night.

BROILED CHICKEN .- Do not attempt to broil an old or full-grown fowl; take a young chicken, split it down the back always, wipe the inside dry after removing the giblets, and place it on the gridiron with the inside down; the gridiron with the inside down; keep it so until it begins to grow very brown, then turn it, but the moment the skin threatens to burn, reverse it again. To find how it is cooking insert a sharp knife to the thickest breast, if the flesh is pink at all, return it to the fire; when well done and browned,

lay it on a platter, inside down; but-ter, salt and serve.

How to Disinfect Carpets.—If any article of household furniture requires disinfecting occassionally, it is a carpet; especially if it has been used a considerable time. The following is a method recommended by a lady housekeeper, both as a disinfectant and a preventive of moths: Add three tablespoonsful of turpentine to three quarts of water. Saturate a large sponge with this mixture, squeeze it about two thirds dry, and go over the carpet carefully. As often as the sponge becomes dirty, cleanse it and take in a fresh supply of water.

ICED DRINKS.—Hall's Journal of 1886

ICED DRINKS.—Hall's Journal of Health, speaking of the over indulgence of iced drinks at this season, says: Few who are suffering from the heat will stop to consider that the taking of refreshements into the stomach is the worst possible thing to do for the health. The increase in kidney troables, notably in Bright's disease, during the past few years. There are physical serious properties of the stomach is the stomach in the past few years. There are physical serious properties of the stomach is the stomach in the past few years. There are physical serious properties of the stomach is the stomach in the past few years. There are physical serious properties of the stomach in the stomach is the stomach in the past few years. There are physical serious properties of the stomach in the stomach is the stomach in the past few years. There are physical serious properties of the stomach in the stomach is the stomach in the stomach is the stomach in the stomac ing the past few years. There are physicians that hold that the use of ice cold drinks immederately are produc-tive of these kidney diseases. Whether their theories be true or nor, it will be well to observe the laws of nature in this respect.

TAR IN THE POULTRY HOUSE -The Poultry World says: "Poultry dealers seem to have failed to discover the value of tar. Some people tar their poultry yard fences instead of white-washing them, though we do not like to see it done, for it gives the surroundings such a gloomy, forbidding look. It undoubtedly contributes large- MISS MARY J. BALDWIN, Principal ly to the durability of the wood, protecting it from the ravages of storm and time. It is in the poultry house, however, that the value of tar is the teachers, Unrivalled advantages in Music, greatest, for it conduces greatly to-ward healthfulness. When the scourge of the poultryman, cholera, makes its appearance, we would advise, first, a thorough cleaning of the house; next, a generous application of Carolina tar on all the joints, cracks and crevices of the inside of the building, and then plenty of fresh white wash properly applied. The tar absorbs or drives away the taint of disease, and makes the premises wholesome. The smell is not very offensive, in fact, many people like it, and it is directly opposite to unhealthy.

ting back the ends of the tomato vine as soon as the fruit is sufficiently set to insure a plentiful crop, the ripening season can be pushed to good advan-Charlotte Home Democrat says: "By cutseason can be pushed to good advantage. Not only will the fruit ripen sooner, but it will be of finer size and more perfect development. If possible, the fruit should be ripened on the vine; the flavor is so much richer when so ripened, that it is worth while to take extra pains in order to protect it so that it may ripen in the natural state. A most effectual scarecrow to frighten away poultry, from the ripened neck summer squash, so it will resemble a hawk; put a stick through the

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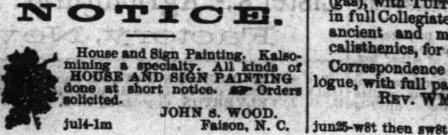
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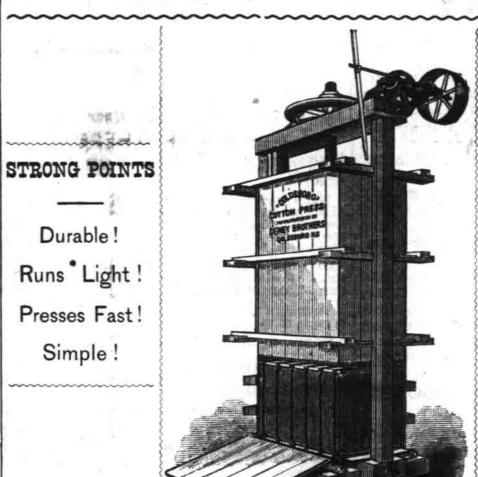
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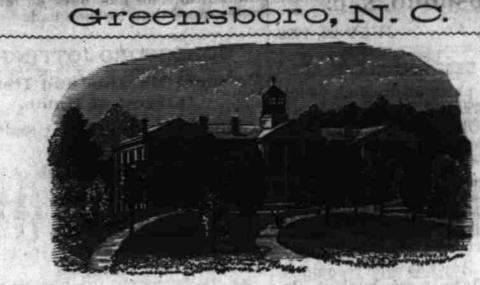
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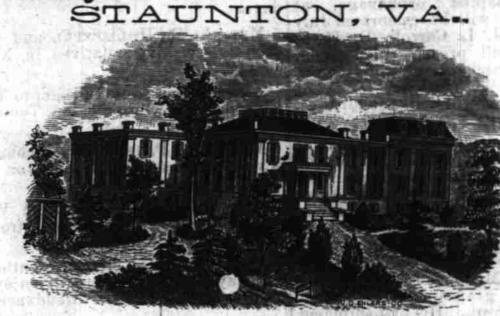
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