The Fireside.

ONE BY ONE. One by one the sands are flowing, One by one the moments fall; Some are coming, some are going, Do not strive to grasp them all—

One by one thy duties await thee, Let thy whole strength go to each; Let no future dreams elate thee,

Learn what present duties teach—Se A COW BOY'S PLEDGE.

moral impression. In our cynical moods we may smile incredulously at the gamester, who wins all of a man's money one day and generously returns it on the next. We may even restrain our pity from going out to the villain who weeps over the ruin his passions have wrought. Yet, if in our more charitable moods, the contemplation of those recreation of the men and women, in the work of caring for the yard and ornamental features. It should be for recreation. She advised a neat grass plot, a tidy walk, and a rehef of forest trees. with a very few or recreation. contemplation of those portraits makes us hospitable towards the worst sinners, then they put us in sympathy with Him who told the story sympathy with Him who told the story of the Prodigal Son. Any touch that makes us kin with Him who came to seek and save the lost is not to be shrunk from, though it may come shrunk from, though it may come of the year, and offensive most of the time, can well give place to neat, well-kept grass, that looks attractive every day of the year. The flowers and roses we must have, but in the side yard, from a desperado's or a gambler's hand.

The cow boy of the Plains, has dur-ing the past few years behaved so out-rageously, that even the tender-hearted sympathize with Judge Lynch. Yet the story told of a cow boy, who fell under the eye of an Eastern gentleman, while traveling in Montana, shows that even he, bad as he is, is capable of reformation.

Says the gentleman: "I was sitting in the bar-room of a small hotel at Miles City, waiting for at flower heds and rockeries in consmall hotel at Miles City, waiting for the stage. As usual with this sort of a place, half hotel, half saloon, the bar occupied the entire end of the room, crowds of men and boys were coming in and going out. There was coming in and going out. There was a bewildering jargon of noises; the air was heavy with tobacco smoke and blasphemous profanity; every body drank again and again.

cow-boy, in a tone that stopped the copy shall be legible, clean and shall swearing. I watched the young man approach the good copy set before swearing. I watched the young man approach the good copy set before to see how he would carry himself. He behaved admirably. Not a mustrubbishly text on a single line, written cle quivered, as he answered:

didn't'

asked with an oath. ', 'No!' answered the young man, firmly. Then raising from his seat, he said, 'George, don't you know me?'
"The cow boy trembled, his hand fell at his side as he almost staggered

"'You're not Cousin Tom!"

as he stammered out,-

see you here in this way.' "Then there was a scene such as I have often read about. but never saw. tivating knots and bows. She goes to The cow boy grasped his cousin's hand warmly and there followed a long ex- nees, and she doesn't go alone. She planation between the relatives.

Christian character, but George had modern old maid is as good as the sought a life of adventure, and the two modern young maid; she has sense and had not met until this almost fatal meeting.

gether, and the rude earnestness with | why not? which George pleaded his cousin's for giveness touched my heart. Right character awes the vicious, weak and cowardly. It was so now.

After awhile George started up, and in a loud tone shouted,-"'I've drank my last drop of liquor

and here's my pledge for it!' "Walking to the door he emptied the contents of both revolvers into the sign 'saloon,' which hung up over the entrance. The letters were riddled

" 'There, if any one asks what those marks mean, tell 'em it's a sign George Lundy's given up drink!' " I was so interested in this romantic

with the large balls."

incident that a few months afterward I inquired if George Lundy had kept his pledge. I learned to my great pleasure that he not only had, but that he was in business with his cousin, ing a brave, true Christian man had transformed him."-Youth's Compan-

DESERVED COMPLIMENT.

Mr. E Arnold Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Wayne county, has issued in neat style an address on Education. It fills some eighteen pages and is an intelligent, lucid, and well prepared discussion of a question of great importance. It is dedicated to the public school teach-

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Bret Harte's and Joaquin Miller's portraits of the red shirted mining desperado and the gentlemanly gambler, though sensational, may make a moral impression.

Want of narmony and order, which looks as badly as no attempt to do anything. It is not well to attempt to do too much. The tasteful place must be neat, and the grass short and smooth. We cannot on the farm affect or, REV. BENNET SMEDES. A. M. ford to keep a man to attend to the cultivation of the flowers and shrubs on the lawn. We must not overtax the strength of the men and women, in trees, with a very few or no ever-greens. The flower beds and bricks set on edge, and such arrangements that at best look well a small part of and limit them to our means. Too many gay things in a door-way are like too much gaudy dress. It is not in the best taste. The first and last thing necessary is neatness. What-

HOW TO WRITE.

ited means.

It is my firm belief that a child could "In the midst of this bodlam, I noticed a muscular fellow with two retired a muscular fellow with two retrievables in his helt, and a howing knife."

It is my firm belief that a child could learn to write much more easily if afful corps of teachers; pupils prepared for ter being once enabled to make and recollege or business pursuits. Music and Art volvers in his belt, and a bowie knife in his boot, who was trying to pursuade a young man to drink. The suade a young man to drink. The young man refused, saying gravely boy hold the pen as he likes, and make but cooly, 'I never drink, sir!', his strokes as he likes-hurry, of course, juli-2m , "What, not drink!' exclaimed the being discouraged—but insist that his as nobody but a writing master ever For Young Ladies and Small Girls. "No, I don't drink and I think did or ever will write until the world's that you would be a better man if you end. He will make a muddle at first, but will soon make a passible imita-"Well, I like that!' sneered the tion of his copy, and ultimate deve- ing time in June following. cow-boy, pulling out and cocking his lope a characteristic and strong hand, revolver. 'Will you drink now?, he which may be bad or good, but will not be either meaningless, undecided or illegible.

THE MODERN OLD MAID.

Who does not rejoice in her? She is round and jolly, two dimples in her cheeks, and has a laugh as musical as "'I am. But I never expected to a bobolink's song. She wears nicely fitted dresses, and becoming little ornaments about her throat, and cap concerts, parties, lectures and maticarries a dainty parasol, and wears They had been playmates and school killing bonnets, and has live poets and mates: Tom had developed a manly philosophers in her train. In fact, the conversation as well as dimples and curves, and she has a bank book and "I watched them as they talked to- dividend. And the men like her-and

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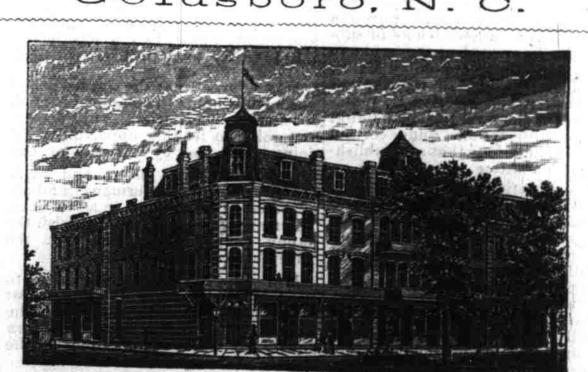
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