

OCTOBER.

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Autumn winds are sighing
Through the forest lone,
Summer flowers are dying,
Summer days are gone.

Forest leaves are falling,
Withered to the ground;
Many hearts appalling
With the lonely sound;

Gone the merry birdlings:
To a fairer clime;
Chilling are the breezes,
Gone is summer time.

Welcome is the fire-glow;
By our own hearthstone;
Happy while the hours flow;
Though the summer's gone.

SCALPED ALIVE—While Amelia Grinnel, a young girl, was working last week in a shingle mill, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, under a shaft, which was going at the rate of two hundred revolutions per minute, her hair, which was very long, caught in the knuckle joint, and in an instant it was torn entirely from her head, taking with it all the flesh and muscles of her head. "From a line," says the local paper, "drawn around from each eyebrow, her skull was left white and bare, without a trace of blood or flesh. The strangest part of the accident is that she felt little or no pain, declaring that when it was being torn off all that she realized was a tickling sensation in her head. She coolly walked out of the room, and waited patiently for a buggy to take her home. Her only regret was the fright it would give her mother. The scalp, with its beautiful long locks of hair, was curled and entwined around the shaft at the joint, and when the mill was stopped it was taken down, but no one had sufficient presence of mind to place it upon her head. It is nearly perfect, and the doctors have determined to tan it with the hair on, so that if the girl recovers it may be used as a wig. The case is one of the most remarkable on record.

An absent minded smoker named Yancy, undertook to whisper something of importance in the ear of old Mr. Reynolds, Saturday, but in his absent-mindedness neglected to remove his cigar, the fire end of which was driven right into the old gentleman's ear. Mr. Reynolds jumped straight up in the air about six feet, and on coming down split Yancy's nose by a well directed blow. Yancy picked himself up, and started for home, declaring in a rage that he'd be hanged before he'd tell old Reynolds what he was going to do.

A new name for tight boots—a corn crib.

HOW TO BREAK OFF BAD HABITS.—Understand the reason, and that the habit is injurious. Study the subject till there is no lingering doubt in your mind. Avoid the places, the persons and the thoughts that lead to temptation. Frequent the places, associate with the persons, indulge the thoughts that lead away from temptation. Keep busy; idleness is the strength of bad habits. Do not give up the struggle when you have broken your resolution once, twice, a thousand times. That only shows how much need there is to strive.

When you have broken your resolution just think the matter over, and endeavor to understand why it is you failed, so that you may be on your guard against the recurrence of the same circumstances. Do not think it an easy thing that you have undertaken. It is folly to expect to break off a habit in a day, which may have been gathering strength in you for years.

A little girl in one of the public schools being asked, in the course of her geography lesson, what a waterfall was, replied, that it was hair wrapped around her dad's old stocking.

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