

A SPANISH POEM—
Oh, let the soul its slumber break,
Arouse its senses, and awake
To see how soon
Life, with its glory, glides away,
And the stern footsteps of decay
Come stealing on,
And while we eye the rolling tide,
Down which our flowing minutes glide
Away so fast,
Let us the present hour employ,
And deem each future dream of joy
Already past.

Let no vain hope deceive the mind—
No happier let us hope to find
To-morrow than to-day;
Our golden dreams of yore were bright;
Let them, the present shall delight—
Let them, decay.
Our lives, like hasting streams, must be
That into one ingulfing sea
Are deemed to fall—
The sea of death, whose waves roll on
O'er king and kingdom, crown and throne,
And swallow all.

Alike the river's lordly tide,
Alike the humble river's glide
To that sad wave;
Death levels property and pride,
And rich and poor sleep side by side
Within the grave,
Our birth is but the starting place,
Life is the running of the race,
And death the goal;
There all those glittering toys are brought;
The path alone, of all unsought,
That lure us here!
Dreams of a sleep that death must break,
Alas! before it bids us wake,
Ye disappear!

SMALL, BUT GREAT.
The sun can mirror his glorious face
In the downward sod,
And the humblest human heart reflect
The light and love of God.



A GREAT FARMER'S MAXIM,
The successful life of Mr. Jacob Strawn,
the prince of American farmers, is attributed to the close observation of the following maxims, originated by himself:
Make your fences high and strong, so that it will keep cattle and pigs out, if you have brush make your lots secure, and keep the hogs from the corn.

Be sure to get your hands to bed by seven o'clock—they will rise early by reason of circumstances.
Pay a hand, if he is a poor hand, all you promise him; if he is a good one pay him a little more; it will encourage him to do still better.

Always feed your hands as well as you feed yourselves, for the laboring men are the bone and sinew of the land and ought to be well treated.
I am satisfied that getting up early, industry and regular habits are the best medicines ever prescribed for health.

When rainy, bad weather comes so that you can't work out door, cut, split and haul your wood, make your racks, fix your fence or gate, and patch the roof of your barn or house.
Study your own interest closely and do not spend your time in electing Presidents, Governors and other smaller officers, or talk of hard times and spend your time in whittling store boxes.

Take your time, and make calculations; do things in a hurry, but do them at the proper time, and keep your mind as your body employed.
Sugar Beets.—The Department of Agriculture distributed last spring one hundred pounds of French sugar beet seed in different sections of the State, with a view to determining the quantity of saccharine matter they would produce in North Carolina. If a certain per cent. is found, the establishment of sugar manufactories will be secured at once. The Chemist at Chapel Hill, we are informed, is waiting anxiously for samples of these beets and so far, has received only four lots. Surely those who have grown beets at the request of the Department will have interest enough in the subject to send a bushel or so by express to Dr. Ledoux at Chapel Hill, and this ought to be done at once, before the beet loses its sweetness and becomes stringy.

Send up samples, friends, and let the Chemist determine their value. All expenses will be paid by the Department.—*Raleigh News.*
The farmers of Georgia will realize nearly two millions of dollars from their peach crop this year, sold in a dried state.
A fourteen acre field near Georgetown, S. C., has produced 984 bushels of rice, being an average of 71 bushels to the acre.

TWO CLASSES OF OBSERVERS.
There are two distinct classes of acute observers—those who see clearly through the profoundest mysteries, and those who see mysteries in the clearest things. Perhaps the latter class is the more numerous. The invalid, whose diet consists of the richest and most wholesome viands, has been heard to wonder at the strange providence which has allotted to him painful days and sleepless nights. The man who is not diligent in his business, meditates on the unfathomable decree which has assigned to him a life of poverty and disappointment. The proud mother who has exposed her delicate little ones to the changeable weather with insufficient clothing, that white skin and dimples might be admired, wonders at the incomprehensible bereavement, over which she mourns. Life is full of such mysteries.—*Prestonian Banner.*

HOW TO SUCCEED.

Hon. H. G. Eastman, of Poughkeepsie, lately gave this terse advice to the students of Eastman's Business College:
"My students, you are the architects of your own fortunes. Rely upon your own strength of body and soul. Select some specialty for your life's work, and adhere to Paul's precept: 'This one thing I do.' Let your star be Industry, Self reliance, Faith and Honesty, and inscribe on your banner: Luck is a fool, Pluck is a hero. Earnest effort in one direction is the surest road to wealth and high position. Don't take too much advice. Keep at the helm, steer your own ship, and remember that the great art of commanding is to take upon yourself the largest share of the work. Don't practice too much humility. Think well of yourself; strike out; assume your position. It is jostlings and joltings of life that bring great men to the surface. Put potatoes in a cart over a pough road, and the small potatoes go to the bottom. Turn a raft of logs down a mill-race, and the large logs come to the top. Rise above the envious and jealous. Fire above the mark you intend to hit. Energy, invincible determination, with a right motive are the levers that move the world. Don't drink. Don't chew. Don't smoke. Don't swear. Don't deceive. Don't read novels. Be earnest. Be self-reliant. Be generous. There are two sides to every balance, and favors thrown in on one side of the scales are sure to be reciprocated in the other. Be civil. Be gentlemanly. It is a foolish man who does not understand that molasses will catch more flies than vinegar.—Read the papers. They are the educators of the people. Advise your business. Keep your own counsel, and superintend your own business. Make money, and do good with it.—Love your God and fellow men. Love truth and virtue. Love your country and obey the laws."

THE BEGINNING.

"Give me a half penny, and you may pitch one of these rings; and if it catches over a nail, I'll give you three pence."
That seemed fair enough; so the boy handed him a half penny and took the ring. He stepped back to the stake, tossed his ring, and it caught on one of the nails.
"Will you take six rings to pitch again, or three pence?"
"Three pence," was the answer; and the money was put into his hand. He stepped off, well satisfied with what he had done, and probably not having an idea that he had done wrong. A gentleman standing near had watched him; and now, before he had time to look about and rejoin his companions, laid his hand on his shoulder:
"My lad, this is your first lesson in gambling."
"Gambling, sir!"
"You staked your half penny and won six half-pence, did you not?"
"Yes, I did."
"You did not earn them, and they were not given to you; you won them just as gamblers win money. You have taken the first step in that path; that man has gone through it, and you can see the end. Now, I advise you to go and give him his three pence back and ask him for your half penny, and then stand square with your own honest boy again."

MINISTERIAL MODESTY.

Modesty shines nowhere more beautifully than in the character of a minister. As an ambassador he stands not for himself but for his Lord, and he should ever keep his interest in front. A worthy representative of the Master does not need to proclaim himself; his excellency will shine forth as the sun, and the odor of his virtues become diffused like a precious ointment, the fragrance filling the whole house. How unworthy a thing for such a man to be ever on the alert to obtain conspicuity, to impress the public with his ability, to preach himself rather than the Lord who sent him forth! The modest minister will not have much to say of himself or of his doings; they are, in his view, too poor to be proclaimed on the house-top or in the newspaper. If he preaches a great sermon, or is blessed with an extensive revival, he is reticent on the matter till the work has been proved, and then no trumpets are needed. His works praise him in the gates. In all his modes of expression, too, he is self-oblivious. Cautious in giving forth his own experience, he recognizes the importance and excellency of those to whom he ministers. He never speaks of "my people" or "my Church" or "my services." His own life is merged in that of the flock; he is only one of "our people," only a servant in God's house.—*Zion's Herald.*

"MAMMA, ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?"

An influential lady, wife of a promising lawyer in C—, who had been under deep conviction for several days, gave the following account at our prayer meeting of her conversion:
"Last evening my little girl came to me and said, 'Mamma, are you a Christian?'
"No, Fannie, I am not."
"She turned and went away, and, as she walked off, I heard her say, 'Well, if mamma isn't a Christian, I don't want to be one.' And, I tell you, my dear friends, it went right to my heart, and then and there I tried to give myself up to Christ."
"Mother who reads this, in the language of that little girl: 'Mamma, are you a Christian?'—*Christian Observer.*

WILD BEASTS AND SNAKES IN INDIA.

Returns have reached us from India," says an English contemporary, "showing the numbers killed in the year 1875 by wild beasts and snake bites. It seems that between the 31st of December, 1874, and the 1st of January, 1875, in our Indian Empire not fewer than 21,391 persons and 48,234 head of cattle perished from these causes. Such was the war of savage nature against man. On the other hand, there were destroyed 22,357 wild animals of all kinds, and 270,185 snakes at a cost to the Government of 120,015 rupees, or, without taking into account the depreciation in the value of silver, something like £12,000. We are further told that the losses have been to a great extent tabulated, and that, from the returns that have been sent in, it has been found that elephants have killed 61 human beings and six cattle; tigers respectively 824 and 12,423; leopards, 187 and 16,157; bears, 84 and 529; wolves, 1,060 and 9,407; hyenas, 68 and 2,116; while to other animals, the buffalo, the wild goat, the bear, etc., are ascribed the totals of 1,446 and 4,401.

"But the most terrible life-destroyer in India, is the snake. It is a significant fact that the number of deaths due to snake bite exceeds that from all other causes. It amounts to no fewer than 17,070, or in other words, something like 50 people perish every day in India from snake bite alone. The great majority of the victims are of course natives, who go about barefooted. The Hindoo woman is making her way to the well or to the river by her pitcher on her head; the groom is cutting fresh grass; the gardener is plucking flowers with which to decorate the rooms; or the messenger is running by a short cut across the field with a note. Any of these may at any moment tread upon a cobra; and although the cobra is not aggressive, it will turn when attacked, or imagine that it is threatened, with the rapidity of lightning. A sharp, short sting is felt, and the sufferer sees the loathsome reptile clinging to his foot or ankle, for the fangs of the cobra strike so deeply that it is often unable to disengage itself. The brute is shaken off; but the nearest doctor is probably ten, twelve, or even twenty miles away. No remedies are at hand; there is no knife for excision, no caustic or hot iron for cautery; and before a few hours have elapsed death has set in.

"The only way to prevent this terrible mortality is by killing the cobras wholesale, and this again can only be done by offering a small reward per head for their destruction. Unhappily the heathen Hindoo, from superstitions fear, and even veneration, will not put even the most venomous 'nag' to death, and others who have no such scruples are clever at defeating the Government. The enormous reward has consequently been withdrawn, and the result as we are told, and can easily believe, is that the mortality from snake bites has increased to a very alarming extent. It is to be hoped that the reward system, with necessary precautions against imposition, will be adopted again. The remedy may be expensive, but a local rate would meet it, and India might soon be clear of snakes as England once was of wolves.—*Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine.*

AN EMIGRANT'S ROMANCE.

Calvin Lemons and Benjamin P. Tucker arrived here yesterday from White county on their way to Waco, Texas. They started from Teeter's store, near Bradyville, seventy miles from Nashville, just one week ago, and had with them a common wagon, to which was attached a very small mule. Accompanying them were two girls named Margaret Jane Clementine Moon and Cynthia Elizabeth Moon, sisters, who did not apparently look to be respectively more than 12 and 13 years of age.
When policemen Power, Hood and Kline came across them, they asked the men who the girls were, and Tucker said they were their wives. The officers, seeing that the girls were mere children, were convinced that they were not married to the men. Suspecting a case of abduction, they took the parties into custody and carried them before Captain Yater. The captain crossed questioned them, and when he commenced taking their description the men admitted that they were not married to the girls, explaining that their mother, who had gone by rail to Waco, Texas, had requested them to take the girls by wagon and to meet her at that point. They had been out together for a week, camping every night. Tucker offered to take an oath that the girls were as "innocent as the babes in Heaven."

Captain Yater had a conference with Judge Ferris, but as there was no prospect of a prosecutor appearing against the men they could not be held. Some citizen suggested that the best thing the four could do was to marry.
Margaret Jane Clementine said that her mother had given both of them away to Lemons and Tucker, and, speaking for herself, she would say that she would not be with Lemons if she did not love him. Both were willing to marry and this they expected to do. Tucker said that they would not have told the officer that they were married had he not been excited at the time, and knew not what to say. Neither they nor the girls had ever been thirty miles away from home; they had been brought up on farms and none of them could read or write.

Late in the afternoon the men procured licenses, and soon after a double wedding was witnessed in the office of Justice Cassidy by 150 spectators. Calvin Lemons, twenty-four years old, weighing 164 lbs, took for his companion for life Margaret Jane Clementine, aged sixteen and weight 84 lbs, while Benjamin P. Tucker, aged eighteen, weight 176 pounds, vowed to

love and cherish Cynthia Elizabeth, aged fifteen years, weight 73 pounds. In their short dresses the brides looked like children. They, of course, went away happy, taking with them the congratulations of the large crowd that witnessed the ceremony.
Shying a well-worn silver quarter coin in 1877, to Detective Joseph Pierce as a keepsake, on account of his attentions, they departed, the two stalwart men and the two little women, in their rattle-trap of a wagon drawn by a diminutive mule, for Waco.

A little boy entered a fish-market, the other day, and seeing for the first time a pile of lobsters, lying on the counter, looked intently at them for some time, when he exclaimed, "Them's the biggest grasshoppers I've ever seen."

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