

FLOWERS.
BY OWEN.
Around me now, go where I may,
Nature with flowers seems well arrayed;
Nourished with life 'till I look gay,
Alas, that flowers so soon should fade.
Pride then let every one in bloom,
Enjoying life here whilst they may,
Nor think too often on the doom,
Nature for them has stored away.
And you, my lass, with cheeks so bright,
Where roses bloom with such sweet grace,
Remember though they're your delight,
Time soon will reap them from your face.
But one by one, as they depart,
Let this sweet truth thy soul compose:
True friendship in a generous heart,
Is an undying fragrant rose.
That evergreen brightens here below
When angry storms are over it driven;
And in the darkest hour of woe,
If here it fade, 'till bloom in heaven!

ONLY A BOY.
Only a boy, with his noise and fun,
The veriest mystery under the sun;
As brimful of mischief, wit and glee,
As ever human frame can be;
And as hard to manage as—ah! ah, me!
The hard to tell,
Yet we love him well.
Only a boy, with his fearful tread,
Who cannot be driven, but must be led;
Who troubles the neighbors' dogs and cats,
And tears more clothes and spoils more hats,
Loses more tops and kites and bats,
Than would stock a store
For a year or more.

Only a boy, with his wild, strange ways:
With his idle hours on busy days;
With his queer remarks and his odd replies,
Sometimes foolish and sometimes wise,
Often brilliant for one of his size,
As a meteor hurled
From the pleasant world.
Only a boy, who will be a man
If Nature goes on with her first great plan—
If water, or fire, or some fatal snare
Conspire not to rob us of this heir,
Our blessing, our trouble, our rest, our care,
Our torment, our joy,
"Only a boy."

PLANT CULTIVATION.
In order to obtain good plants, especially those for the vegetable garden, it is absolutely essential to raise them from seed, for those offered for sale in the markets are grown for sale and are neither healthy nor robust. If, however, there are no facilities for seed propagation and the purchase of plants becomes unavoidable, the following instructions will be found valuable:
TRANSPLANTING.
The object of transplanting is to check the growth of the foliage and promote that of the root, and this is best done while the plants are young, so that, when they are finally planted out, there will be sufficient root to support a vigorous upper growth. As soon as the plants are well above the surface of the soil they should be thinned out: that is, the weaker ones should be removed, so that those left may have free access to the air and not be crowded. In thinning out, leave the shortest and strongest plants, keeping them as nearly as possible an equal distance apart and with a small space between the leaves of one plant and those of the next. As soon as the plants have six visible leaves the first transplanting (called the pricking out) should be performed. First the seed bed should be watered, and about an hour afterwards the plants should be removed to another bed, prepared of rich, light soil. In removing the plants from the old bed it is of great consequence to preserve the root-lets, and to this end a three or four pronged fork should be employed, lifting the plants gently and handling them carefully, planting them nearly up to the leaves in the new bed, placing them three or four inches apart, and pressing the earth very lightly about them, and finally lightly sprinkling them with water. The bed in which they are transplanted should be prepared rather dry, and if out of doors just before a shower of rain is the best time. Plants that have been thus transplanted not only grow to greater perfection, but are more hardy and will stand a protracted drought much better.—*Scientific American.*

LIVING CHEAP.
Dr. Dio Lewis assures the workmen of San Francisco that they can reduce their living expenses to very low figures. He contends that for a sum so ridiculously small that he does not dare to mention it, better living can be had than can be found at any hotel, so far as perfect digestion, sweet breath, health, strength and endurance are concerned. He went into a first-class market the other day, and pointing to some beef asked: "What is that worth a pound?" "Two cents," was the reply. He pointed to the corresponding part of a sheep. "One cent," was the answer. One pound of either piece stewed with a few bits or slices of bread, with a pinch of some of the flavoring herbs, would make a capital dinner for two men. Of course, the workmen ask if Dr. Lewis ever lived in that way? His answer is that he has lived in a city whose food material costs more than it does there, and he lived as well as he ever did at a hotel, on 50 to 55 cents a week, and indulged in not a little variety at that. With these figures on his slate, the medical student who professes that he can board himself in New York for 20 cents a day, is convicted of extravagance and riotous living.

Potatoes require less manure than other garden vegetables, but will repay an application of 500 pounds per acre of wood ashes or sulphate of potash.

SCIENCE.
For some time past attention has been directed towards steel-wire cables; and experiments recently made in Portsmouth Dockyard have clearly demonstrated their superiority over hemp and iron. Steel, as is well known, is more and more used in the building of ships, and because of its tenacity and lightness, in their rigging; and now it seems likely to supersede the unwieldy hawsers and chain cables everywhere in use. With a chain the safety of the ship depends on the weakest welding; and when a single link parts, either from inherent defect or from a sudden jerk, everything parts, and the vessel drifts. A wire cable, on the contrary, gives notice, so to speak, of an approach to the breaking point. First one strand, then another, gives way, and still the cable holds, and it may happen that it will hold long enough to save the ship. Now that experiment has proved that a steel-wire cable is as flexible as the best hemp, that it is three times as strong, and does not cost more, the change from one to the other may be made with confidence. Another advantage is the lightness, for by making use of steel, about two-thirds of the usual weight of the cable is got rid of. Evidence of the strength is seen in the fact that a three-inch steel hawser did not break until the strain exceeded twenty-two tons, and that a strain of more than a hundred tons was required to break the six-inch.

LET GIRLS LEARN.
To be pure in mind and heart.
To be modest in demeanor.
To be helpful at home.
To be followers of Christ.
And then there are less vital things that they should learn; as
To sew neatly.
To do simple cooking.
To buy with economy.
To dress with taste.
To read aloud well.
There are many other useful and ornamental accomplishments within the reach of most girls, but those which have been given are indispensable.—*Our Monthly.*

A REMARKABLE "FIND."
About six years ago, while a party whom J. W. Wadsworth had employed to clean out the well on his livery stable lot was engaged in the work, he found far down under the water not less than seventy copper coins, of almost every imaginable variety or various denominations. Yesterday a colored man was again cleaning out the same well when, near the bottom, but concealed in a crevice between the rocks, he found about thirty copper coins and medals, of different ages and representing many different nations. Of the medals one is nearly a half inch thick and another of about the thickness of three ordinary copper cent pieces. The thicker has upon it characters connecting it with the vice-consul of Norway and Sweden, at Charleston.

How these coins got in the well is the thing which "no fellow can find out." There being found together and not scattered about in the well, would seem to give ground for the belief that they were concealed there for safe keeping; but by whom, is another question, and why he has never taken them out, is still another. They must have been put there during the war. They are an interesting collection, and their history, so far as known, is an interesting one.—*Charlotte Observer.*

Mr. Horsfall, the celebrated English dairy authority, feeds his herds as follows: Each cow receives nine pounds of hay, six pounds of rape-cake, one pound each of malt combs and bran, with twenty-eight pounds of roots or cabbage. The food (except roots and hay) is given in a mixed, cooked state, and whilst warm. In addition to this food, a cow in full milk receives two pounds of bean meal daily, and cows not in full milking order smaller quantities of this article.

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The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's idea that there is no hell is bad for newspaper publishers, as many subscribers may now utterly refuse to pay up, if they have the most remote suspicion that Beecher knows what he is talking about.

The experienced editor can always tell at sight the man who comes in with his first attempt at original poetry. He walks on tiptoe, and looks as though he had just passed a counterfeiter or strangled a baby.

This shows the value of putting the comma where it will do the most good: "Lord Palmerston then entered on his head, a white hat upon his feet, large and well-polished boots upon his brow, a dark cloud in his hand, his faithful walking stick in his eye, a menacing glare saying nothing."

"I expect to contribute my proportion to the campaign expenses," says Hayes, "and should be pleased if others holding office would do the same." The venerable is rapidly peeling off of the civil service reform shawl, says the New York Sea.

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