

THE DEAD CHILD.

A lily broken by the rain Before a single earthly stain Has on its velvet whiteness lain;

A snowy bird that close caressed By the soft brooding mother breast, Dares yet forsake the sheltering nest;

And straight, before its silver wings Have ever stooped to baser things, Flies up to heaven; and flying sings:

These and all other pure and mild And lovely objects undefiled, Are types of what thou wert, my child!

FALL PLOWING. From the Farmer and Mechanic: Our previous article under this heading was to impress the importance of keeping the idle capital in our teams employed, &c.

Now we wish to show the great value of the work itself. The light sandy land farmers we believe lead in this work of early plowing. Yet it would seem to us they have the least reason.

A large per cent of the fertilizing agents that the land contains yields absolutely nothing to the crops. And again when the volatile matter is dissolved it is more liable to be, by evaporation, carried back into the atmosphere again.

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 maxim:—originated by himself:

What a mockery our spring preparation would seem to an advanced farmer accustomed to see his land plowed and re-plowed and harrowed and rolled until it is really a seed bed, where each and every particle of plant food is ready to combine with its neighbor, at the first appearance of moisture.

THE FARM. The Place to Make Men. In glancing over the list of successful business men, the larger portion of them will be found to have received their early training for life-work on the farm.

on the farm during the summer months, go to school five days in the week in the winter, and work at home on Saturdays, think their lot a hard one, in comparison with that of their city cousins.

Boys yet verging into manhood in the city feel that they have more requirements than those in the country, and therefore spend more, and acquire habits diametrically opposed to success: When once bred in the bone, it requires but a few generations to spoil the stock, and new importations have to be made from the country before business or professional life can regain its strength.

Let not the sons of farmers, therefore, deplore their lot or look with wistful eyes on the imaginary advantages of their city cousins whilst their own chances of success are many per cent. higher than those of city boys.

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