

"IF WE KNEW."

If we knew the woe and heartache
Waiting for us down the road,
If our backs could feel the load,
If our hearts could feel the load,
Would we waste to-day in wishing
For a time that never could be?
Would we wish with such impatience
For our ships to come from sea?

If we knew the baby fingers
Pressed against the window pane,
Would be stiff and cold to-morrow—
Never trouble us again,
Would the bright eyes of our darling
Catch the frown upon our brow?
Would the prints of rosy fingers
Yex us then as they do now?

Oh, those little ice cold fingers,
How they point our memories back
To the hasty words and actions
Strewn along our backward track!
How those little hands reminds us,
As in snowy grace they lie,
Not to scatter thrans—but roses—
For our reaping by-and-by!

Strange we never prize the music
Till the sweet-voiced bard has flown!
Strange that we should slight the violets
Till the lovely flowers are gone;
Strange that summer skies and sunshine
Never seem one-half so fair
As when winter's snowny pinions
Shake their white down in the air!

Lips from which the seal of silence
None but God can roll away,
Never blossom in such beauty
As dooms the month-to-day;
And sweet words that freight our memory
With their beautiful perfume,
Come to us in sweeter accents
From the portals of the tomb.

Let us gather up the sunbeams
Lying all along our path;
Let us keep the wheat and roses,
Casting out the thorns and chaff;
Let us find our sweetest comfort
In the blessings of to-day;
With a patient hand removing
All the briars from our way.



A stock-grower, writing to the New York Club, gives his mode of destroying lice on cattle. He says: "I destroy them with brine. Any kind of salt water will do it. I find two kinds of lice. One is the blue lice, and I think the other is hen lice. Sprayed red precipitate one year; it killed the lice, two yearlings, and a two-year-old. But washing the cattle with brine is easier, and they get in the habit of licking one another, and are more gentle toward each other."

Prof. J. W. Beal, of the Michigan Agricultural College, says in the Detroit Tribune, that "it is, usually, more profitable to feed off a crop of clover, and plow under the stubble, than to plow under tops and all. The stubble and roots have been found to do nearly as much good as the whole crop. If sown with oats the clover will not usually be of much use to turn under the first year. If sown without any grass or seed, use six to ten quarts of seed to the acre."

Feeding Bran.

The question of feeding bran to dairy cows is discussed in the Scientific American by a correspondent, who says: "I maintain, that if more shorts are fed than is necessary to counteract the heating quality and condensed richness of the corn-meal, it deteriorates the butter. During last March I saw this illustrated. Being called upon in Boston to examine some butter from one of the finest dairies in the State, and which was troubling the dealer who sold it, he said it was negatively good; nothing could be said against it, yet mighty little could be said in its favor. It seemed to lack that fine, putty flavor so necessary to fresh butter that commands over forty cents per pound. 'I said at once, upon tasting it, 'too much shorts, and not enough corn-meal.' He answered: 'Just what I thought, but didn't dare to say so until it was confirmed.' In less than ten days the butter from that dairy was improved."

Salt a Preservative of Wood.

In the Salt mines of Poland and Hungary the Galleries are supported by wooden pillars, which are found to last unimpaired for ages, in consequence of being impregnated with the salt, while pillars of brick and stone, used for the same purpose, crumble away in a short time by the decay of the mortar. It is also found that wooden piles driven into the mud of salt flats and marshes last for an unlimited time, and are used for the foundations of brick and stone edifices; and the practice of docking timber after it has been seasoned, by immersing it for some time in salt-water, is generally admitted to be promotive of its durability. There are some experiments which appear to show that even after the dry-rot has commenced, immersion in salt water effectually checks progress, and preserves the remainder of the timber.

We add to this that along the sea-coast of France, Belgium, the Netherlands, North-western Germany, and Denmark, the custom prevails of immersing the logs in salt water before sawing, wherever this conveniently can be done, it being universally acknowledged fact that salt-water-soaked lumber is harder and much more durable than lumber soaked in fresh water. This is especially the case with hard woods, such as oak, elm, ash, etc.—*Manufacturer and Builder.*

There isn't as much fuss made over the inauguration of a boy's first pants pocket as there is over the laying of a cornerstone, but there is more things put in it,

THE COSSACK WOMEN.

Count Tolstoy says: "The Cossack looks on women as the tools of his prosperity (a girl only has the right to amuse herself); he makes his wife work for him from youth to old age, and looks on woman with the eastern demand of obedience and labor. In consequence of this view, the women—who are strongly developed, both physically and morally—although externally obedient, have everywhere in the East incomparably more influence and weight in home-life than in the West. Their separation from social life, and their habit of heavy manual labor, give them more weight and force in home affairs. The Cossack, who before our eyes considers it unbecoming to speak affectionately or unnecessarily with his wife, always feels her superiority when left face to face with her. His whole house, his whole property, his whole fortune, have been got by her means, and are kept up only by her labor and efforts. Although he is firmly assured that labor is shameful for a Cossack, and is suitable only for a Tartar workman or for a woman, he feels, in a confused way, that all that he enjoys, and calls his own, is the product of that labor, and that it is in the power of the woman—his mother or his wife, whom he considers his slave—to deprive him of all that he enjoys. Besides this, the constant masculine heavy work and labor put upon her have given an especially independent and masculine character to the Cossack woman, and have developed in her in an astonishing way physical force, sound sense, decision, and firmness of character. The women, for the most part, are stronger, more sensible, more developed, and finer looking, than the men. The beauty of the Grebna Cossack woman is especially striking by the union of the purest type of the Circassian face with the broad and powerful frame of the northern woman. The Cossack women wear the Circassian dress—Tartar shirt, gown and drawers; but they tie up their heads in kerchiefs, in the Russian style. Elegance, neatness and beauty in their attire, and in the arrangement of their cottages, form a habit and a necessity of their life. In their relations to the men, women, and especially girls, enjoy complete freedom."

AFFECTED DEAFNESS.

A stranger dismounted at the door of the River Hotel, and gave his horse to the officious waiter. The barkeeper opened the register to take his name.

"You are right," said he, "a single room would be more agreeable, and he walked into the supper room to which the crowd of boarders were passing. The barkeeper ran after him, screaming in his ear:

"What name did you say?"

"Thank you," said he, "I can find the way; don't give yourself any trouble."

On his return to the barroom a waiter took up his saddle bags and told the deaf stranger he would show him to his chamber.

"My friend, who will spend the evening with me, prefers pale cherry," said he. "You may send up a bottle and a few cigars."

"I did not," said the barkeeper, "exactly understand your name."

"I think a little ice would improve the wine," was the answer. "And now I think of it you may put the bottle in a wine cooler."

His friend now joined him, and they walked to his room together. The deaf lodger patronized the house to the extent of another bottle before he slept. The waiter who brought it up ventured once more to inquire his name.

"Nothing more," said he, "except a slice of cold ham, a pickle and a little bread and cheese."

The next morning, after breakfast, when the stranger's horse was at the door he asked for his bill. He was told it was six dollars and three quarters.

"You are very kind," said he. "I had expected to pay you; but if this is your custom, to charge nothing for the first visit, you shall lose nothing by it—all my friends in Spongetown will certainly give you at least one call when they come into the city. Good morning."

"I would thank you to pay your bill before you go," screamed the bar-keeper.

"I am obliged to you," said the deaf gentleman. "I can put them on."

And he took up his saddle bags and departed. As he mounted the by-standers began to laugh immoderately at the awkward embarrassment which afflicted the barkeeper, who was in anguish and despair, while he bawled after the delinquent, who continued bowing and repeating the assurance that he would certainly remember the accommodations, civility and liberality of the house, and recommend it to all his friends who might pass through the city. The gentleman who so well affected deafness won the wager he had staked on the success of his scheme, and paid his bill the next time he visited the city.

The late Mr. Justice Byles had a most shrewd and ingenious manner of adapting stern and unyielding facts to the most clever theory of science. We recollect the conviction before him at Exeter of a lady who was perpetually stealing trifling articles from the shops she patronized. Being "called upon" for judgment, her counsel argued that she was the victim of *Kleptomania*. "Kleptomania?" asked the judge, in the most innocent manner; "what is kleptomania?" "A disease, my lord," said her counsel, "the subject of which is uncontrollably addicted to larceny." "Oh, I see," said the judge; "and a disease, sir, which the judges are sent on circuit, as physicians to cure. My prescription on the present occasion is twelve months' imprisonment, with hard labor!"—*Leisure Hour.*

THE THREAD USED.

It takes seven million miles of thread to hold the people of the United States in their clothes. If each person has three sets of clothing a year—and certainly that is a low average—there is created in consequence a yearly demand for more than twenty million miles of this little strand, which, by itself and on the spool seems so insignificant that it is only by taking an aggregate view that we realize the importance of the thread-making industry. It is one of the oldest occupations of the race; indeed, there is no record of when spinning-wheels began to turn, and the complete story of the development of the fine six-cord spool-cotton of to-day from the old-fashioned hand-made yarn, involves a large part of the romance of human invention and almost the whole history of mechanical progress. It could not be given without a sketch of cotton, in its political as well as physical relations; nor without accounts of the inventions and improvements of the cotton-gin, the spinning-jenny, the "mule," the water-wheel, the steam-engine, and countless other contrivances for quick and accurate work.—*Scribner.*

A mule's hind legs has only one season. It is always a bountiful spring.

A man who is good company for himself is always good company for others.

The woman that maketh a good pudding in silence is better than she who maketh a tart reply.

There is no good substitute for wisdom, but silence is the best that has been discovered yet.

Tell us not in mournful numbers
That this life is but a dream;
When a girl that weighs one hundred
Gets outside a quart of cream.

Apes, which crowd the tropical regions, almost always die of pulmonary consumption when they are exposed to the coldness and humidity of English climate, while the reindeer, formed to support the rigors of a long and rude Lapland winter, suffers from heat even at St. Petersburg, and in general sinks quickly under the influence of a temperate climate.

A miller near Coleford, England, beat his wife and threatened his children when summoned for not sending the latter to school. Forty women of the neighborhood met, flogged him soundly, and would have ducked him in the parish pond had he not in his knees protested his penitence. They threw buckets of water over him and thus allowed him to rise and depart.

SWINE ON A BENDER.

Mr. R. B. Wallace, of Crab Orchard has lately been making molasses, and the other day he told one of his men to take the skimmings and feed them to the hogs. This was neglected at the time, and when they were finally taken to the animals, after standing for three or four days, they were old and sour. Shortly after the hogs had drunk them somebody passed by the pen and went to the house with the report that the hogs were behaving themselves in a most remarkable manner. Mr. Wallace went down to see about it, and found the brutes as drunk as lords, falling around and looking very exceedingly foolish. One would get up and start to walk, when it would be found that he had no control whatever over the last half of his body, which would flop around from one side to the other in the most ridiculous manner. Two pigs would get into a drunken fight, and the old sow would start up with great dignity to set them straight and fall down before she got to them. Another would start for an ear of corn and fall clean over it. Their appetites, however, were unimpaired, rather sharpened in fact by their dissipation, they finally ate themselves sober and perhaps paid the penalty for their fun with a headache.—*Charlotte Observer.*

[It is said hogs will never get drunk but one, and in this respect show more sense than men.] *Watchman.*

PEPPER-SAUCE TOMATOES.

Schneider is very fond of tomatoes. Schneider has a friend in the country who raises "garden sass and sich." Schneider had an invitation to visit his friend recently, and regale himself on his favorite vegetable. His friend Pfeiffer being busy negotiating with a city produce dealer on his arrival, Schneider thought he would take a stroll in the garden and see some of his favorites in their pristine beauty. We will let him tell the rest of the story in his own language: "Vell, I walks thru a liddle while rount ven I sees some of dose dermatoses vot was so red und nice as I refer dit see any more, and I dinks I vill pnd myself outside about a gouble a tezen, shust to geef me a liddle abbelte vor dinner. So I bulls off von der reddest and best lookin' of dose dermaters, und dakes a booty goot pite out of dot, und vas chavin' it up pooty quick, ven—by chimney! I dort I had a peese of red-hot goles in mine mont, or vas chewing out two or three papers of needles; und I felt so pad, already, dot mine eyes vas ook of dears, und I made vor an 'old oaken bucket' vot I seen hanging in der vell, as I vas goomin' along. Shust den mine vriend Pfeiffer came out und ask me vot make me veel so pad, und if any of mine vaine vas dead. I told him dot I vas der only one of der vamlid dot vos pooty sick; und den I ask him vot kind of dermaters dose vas I had shust been pickin'; und mine gracious how dot landsman laugh't, und said dot dose vos red peppers dot he vas raising for pepper sauce. You pet my life I was mad. I radder you gif me feefy tollars as to eat some more of dose pepper-sauce dermaters."

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