

Poetry

War and Love. War and Love went forth to fight. War and Love in all their might.

Autism and Instruction.

Lost and Restored. A WORD IN SEASON—HOW GOOD IT IS. A Sketch from Life.

"You have just returned, friend Manson," said Livingston, "from your western journey?"

"Yes," he replied, "I have; and there was a circumstance which will make it the most memorable event in my whole life."

"Indeed; and what was that my friend?" "Ah, it would take more time than either you or I could spare," said Manson, "for me to relate, or you to listen to, the particulars; but I will attempt a very brief sketch of the substance."

"When I went to school in Covington I had a very dear friend and associate, named John McL."

"Ten years elapsed, during which I was called to the Methodist ministry in distant places, as my lot happened to be cast. Not a word concerning them reached my ears in all that time."

"O, sight of me! How altered was the lovely Mary?" "O, Mr. Manson, it is indeed you! We are ruined; John is lost; and the children and I are starving here."

When we returned to the house, the ten years' history of struggle, repentance and reformation recurred. The dwelling was his, and so was the farm. His wife was happy. The beautiful girl, almost a woman now, was the dirty little child that was crawling on the ground in my first visit. There were three more children now.

"To do down the whole," said he, "after I had persevered a year in abstinence, according to that blessed pledge, taken on that awful day, on the spot in the log hut, which rises to me sometimes with spectral horror, after keeping it sacredly a year, I committed myself to the Church, of which my wife, who has been an angelic help to me, was a member. Prosperity attended my business."

"They are passing away." Amid the busy scenes of life we are often made to realize the shortness of this existence by being called to part with some dear friend. To-day, we see a circle of friends in perfect health—made joyous by the prospect of a long life and happiness, and forgetful of the uncertainty of human existence—their only thought is for this world, and the happiness in store for them. But alas! their hopes are vain. To-morrow, death—the great messenger—enters that happy circle, and one of their number with high hopes and expectations, to be seen upon earth, no more. Look upon that happy family, now seated around the hearth; they know not the meaning of the words "care and sorrow" will it ever be thus? Again we visit them; but now they gaze in mute despair upon the inanimate form of their darling. Death has visited that family, and laid the flower of the household, the youngest, from that little flock. Surely now they must realize the force of that short sentence—"They are passing away."

Come with me to the death-bed of the Christian. His family are gathered around him, and are listening for the last time to his words of instruction! Hark! he is imploring them to put no value upon the fleeting things of this world, but place their trust on High. He too, has passed away, and his friends gather around his grave, and hear those solemn words—"Mingle ashes with ashes, and dust with its original, dust; they feel in their inmost souls the solemnity of this truth: "They are passing away."

Agriculture.

Plantation Work for January and February. The plantation should be traversed carefully, every defective point noted, and the whole plotted out on paper. Thus, you have before you, for constant reference, at any moment, a map of your future field of operations. Now drains to be laid out at certain points—defects in the leveling of your rows to be amended,—at certain other points subsoiling,—and again in some other quarter a re-supply of fertilization. These, and innumerable others of similar character, are matters inconsiderable in themselves, but their neglect wasterth the soil, and like moths, devour your crops. Nor are they defects that may be attended to and amended at any time during the year; they require your vigilant and prompt attention now at the very threshold of the season.

Grade-ditch and horizontal fields whereon this all important work may not have been previously done. It is folly to expect to do it at all, or to improve land where rain water either accumulates and remains for any length of time ponded, or where it (rain water) so runs off as to wash the soil. This is the "sine qua non" of improvement. Let me assure you, that however well you may have done everything else, this important step neglected and you have stopped short of the goal of certain success. If we were to write out our system of plantation improvements in aphorisms, the captions should be, allow no rain water to run on cultivated lands! This system of grade-ditching and horizontal culture which we practice, and about which we talk so much and in vain, is simple and sure enough in practice; as intelligent planters in all sections of the country are finding out who try it.

All low, wet places, such as ponds and wet swamps, should be ditched, cleared up and prepared for the plow; these spots being low, are usually the deposit for the vegetable mould that has been washed down from the adjacent higher places by the rains of ages. Undrained, the soil, though rich in all elements of our crops, is sour and in an unfit state for cultivation; uncleaned, they are ugly places in the field; overgrown with briars and other brush-wood, they become the hiding places of all the enemies of our crops, growing on the higher land around. This is the proper time to clear up all such ugly but rich places, and to secure their productivity, it is entirely necessary to ditch them out. If they be springy and supplied with water draining from the adjacent hills, as is often the case, a head or semi-circular ditch will be found necessary at that line all along round the margin, where the water makes its appearance at the surface, into this ditch of the proper depth—which experience will very soon indicate—the water will all be collected, and then may pass off by a main drain through the most convenient locality to the slough or creek. Garden Work for February.

The weather is a greatly improved one during this month, and the soil so wet and heavy, that very little can be done in the garden in the way of planting and sowing. In fact, very little, but trouble, loss, and aggravation is gained by sowing seeds as early as February. The principal work is clearing away weeds and trash and preparing for a better month. Whenever the season will admit of working the soil, spread a good coat of manure over it, and work it deeply at once, either with the spade, or a good turning plough, so as to have the hand ready for the crop. In fact the manuring and deep working of the soil can not be too much urged upon. Good vegetables are one of the greatest, cheapest and most wholesome luxuries, which almost every family can raise with little trouble; but it is folly to expect to raise fine vegetables without heavy manuring, deep working, and frequent stirring of the soil.

When ever cabbage plants have been raised in the Autumn under protection, they should now be looked after, and as much air as possible be given them during mild weather, taking care to cover them up again during frosty nights. The best varieties for early use are: Early Wakefield and Early Oakleaf. Early Peas may be planted, though they seldom come to maturity among the best early Peas.

Should the soil be in proper order for sowing, onions (black seed) may now be planted; the seed lies in the ground for a long time and should it come up, it is hardy enough to withstand pretty severe frosts; Portuguese and Red Wetherfield are the best kinds. If Parsley was not sown in the Autumn, it should now be sown in the ground as soon as possible.

South of this, say at latitude 31 deg. and further South, all spring work will begin in earnest, sowing and planting all the hardy vegetables, as cabbage, turnips, beets, Irish potatoes, radishes, lettuce and others.

Flower Garden and Shrubbery. This is a good time to transplant Roses and other shrubbery; also for dividing and transplanting all hardy perennial flowers, except Peonies, which ought to be transplanted in September or October, as they will not bloom when transplanted in the winter.

It is now too late to plant Hyacinths, Tulips, Snowdrops and all others, very early blooming bulbs. True, they will produce a flower, as the embryo-flower is already to be found in the bulb, having already been formed during the summer. But this bloom will be a very imperfect one and the bulbs will suffer very much. All late flowering bulbs, however, as Amaryllis, Gladiolus, Hibiscus, Ferraria, Japan Lilies and others, may still be planted. Be sure to place the bulbs so deep, as to have at least three inches of soil on top of them, and be also sure to surround the whole bulb with pure sand, that rich soil or manure may not come in immediate contact with the bulb.

This is the best month for pruning ever-blooming roses; cut them down freely; in fact, you can hardly prune them too severely. Spring-roses, however, such as Banksia, Yellow Persian, Fortunes Yellow, Moss Roses and all of a similar description, should not be pruned now, but in the Summer, immediately after their flowering.

Very early flowering shrubs, such as Spirea, Deutzia Gracilis and Forsythia should not be pruned now, as it will injure their blooming.

Effects of Coffee on Disease. Dr. Mosely observes, in his "Treatise on Coffee," that the great use of the article in France is supposed to have abated the prevalence of the Gravel. In the French colonies, where coffee is more used than in the English, as well as in Turkey, where it is the principal beverage, not only the gravel, but the gout is scarcely known. Dr. Fair relates, as an extraordinary instance of the effect of coffee in gout, the case of Mr. Deveran, who was afflicted with gout, at the age of 25, and had it severely until he was upwards of fifty, with the exception in the joints of his hands and feet, but for four years preceding the time when the account had been given to Dr. Fair, to lay before the public, he had, by advice, used coffee, and had no return of the gout afterwards.

To Tell Good Eggs. The true way to tell good eggs is to put them in a pan of water, and if they are good they will lie on the sides, always; if bad they will stand on their small ends, the large ends always up; unless, unless they have been shaken considerably, when they will stand either end up. Therefore a bad egg can always end up, never on its side. Any egg that lies flat, is good to eat and can be depended upon.

To Keep Dust from Cream. Hoops USEFUL FOR ONCE.—Take rattans and make hoops a little larger than the pans—stretch thin muslin across, thin enough to admit some air, but not flies and mites. Cover the milk with these as soon as it is cool, and they will prove of great value.

CALENDAR FOR 1858. MONTHS JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF EASTERN MAIL. Arrives daily at 4 1/2 P. M. Departs daily at 6 1/2 A. M.

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House & Lot for Sale. The subscriber offers for sale a House and Lot in Statesville, near the Female College.

WILSON & NEWHAR, WATCH-MAKERS & JEWELERS. STATESVILLE, N. C. KEPT constantly on hand a large assortment of Watches and Jewelry of all kinds.

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Valuable Land FOR SALE. On South Yedden, seven miles North of the town of Statesville, Iredell County, N. C. I also offer, my tract of 200 acres more or less, formerly known as the lands of James Baley, together with the elegant buildings such as Dwelling House, Kitchen, Negro houses, Barns, Shops, &c. I would say to those who wish to purchase Land, that they would do well to call and view my possessions, before purchasing elsewhere.

Printing Press Materials FOR SALE CHEAP. Having supplied our office with a new Press and Types, we offer for sale, the Press and Types on which the "Asheboro' Balleter" was printed, having no further use for them. They would be sold low, and would be very suitable for issuing a medium sheet. E. B. DRAKE & SON, Dec. 17, 1858. 3-4

FOR SALE. The subscriber offers for Sale the Plantation and improvements where he now resides. It is located just below the mouth of Little Creek, in Catawba county, near Lemmie Ferry on the Catawba river, adjoining Henderson (Sheri), and containing 515 ACRES, 140 of which are in cultivation, and about 50 acres of that in good Creek and Branch Bottom. The improvements are a comfortable Log Dwelling, a first rate Barn, Stables and stalls for 20 head of horses, Cow shed, and good Fence. There is upon the place a good CRIST MILL, running a pair of Flour and a pair of common Stones. The W. N. C. Railroad passes through the Farm and the Depot is located upon it. It is the most valuable farm in this section of the State.

There are also on the place large orchards of peach and apple trees of the best quality, and good springs of water abound. Will be sold for Cash or exchanged for Negroes. A. W. WILSON, Oct. 15, 46f. Hillsboro' Recorder, Fayetteville Observer & Wadesboro' Argus Will please copy this bill.

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Purchased with great care as it regards price, Quality and style, in the Cities of Philadelphia and New York.—Consisting of: LADIES' DRESS GOODS, Blk. Gao De Rhine, Fancy Dress Silks, Paris De Laine, Kot a Leg, Vests, Trimmings, do do Sp's Vests, do do High Col'd Cashm's, de Case, Boy'd de Cheue Rube a Laz, French Merino, assorted Colours, Plain and Fig'd, all wool De Laines, De Briges, Alpaccas, Gingham & Prints, White and Col'd Brilliant, Whigs, Muselines & Trimmings, Tulle, Auction and Victoria Lawns, Swiss, Mull and Jaquet Muslins, Ladies' Embroidered Collars and sleeves, do' Mending, do' Linen 'Hdk's (very Cheap) Lace and Lova Veils, Handsome Head Dresses, Latest style of WIGS, BONNETS, do' Mending, do' Ladies' Spices and Bridal Wreaths, Ladies' Cloaks and Mantillas, Printed Cashmere Shawls, Brucha bordered do' Beautiful Plush do' Braid'd and Cannel's Stella do' (round cor'd) Chimble Scarfs

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J. W. Stockton. P. S.—I have the Genuine "Het Anchor Botting Cloth" For Sale. FRENCH BURR MILL STONES, sold to order, and warranted good or no sale. J. W. STOCKTON, Statesville, Oct. 8, 1858. 45f

RAIL ROAD NOTICE! TO Country Merchants. New, Cheap, and Expeditious Route for Freight for the Interior of N. C. MERCHANTS and others about purchases, are requested to notice, that with the completion of the North Eastern Rail Road from Charleston, S. C. to Cheraw, the advantages of a CHEAP and EXPEDITIOUS Route from the Seaboard has been opened to them.

All freight consigned to the care of the Agent of the North Eastern Rail Road will be forwarded FREE OF COMMISSION. No charge will be made for storage at Cheraw. All goods will be taken care of in the Company's Warehouse until sent for. A schedule of charges for transportation of freight will be found at the Post Office. S. S. SOLOMONSONS, Eng'r and Sup't. Dec. 3, 1858. 11f

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