

AROUND THE HEARTH.

**FOR THE PINE KNOT.
POLITICIAN AND SON.**

SON:
"What do the papers mean, Father,
Oh, Father, tell me pray,
By saying the canvass will open
On such and such a day?"

POLITICIAN:
"My child, their simple meaning
Is this,—'tis very plain—
That party ships will spread their sails
And tempt the raging main."

SON:
"Will there be wind, my Father,
Strong wind to make them go,
From the mouths of loud-voiced spouters,
Who stand on deck and blow?"

POLITICIAN:
"There will be wind, my darling;
'Twill blow both hot and cold,
And again the 'ensanguined garment'
Will flap, as it has of old."

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE.

The November number of Lippincott's Monthly Magazine opens with a complete novel, by Virginia W. Johnson, entitled "The Terra-Cotta Bust,"—an art romance, a picture of Italian life, delicately and gracefully painted, and full of poetry and pathos. The series of undergraduate sketches of life in the principal colleges of the United States is brought to a close by R. S. Rounds' "Social Life at Amherst College." Felix L. Oswald's article, "A Modern Spartacus," detailing the adventures and exploits of a bandit, who for several years back has defied the Mexican authorities and encountered many thrilling adventures, is a biographical sketch of the utmost interest. Another valuable article is by Prof. John Johnson, Jr., "The School-Boy as a Microcosm," in which the customs and morals and economic principles of the average school-boy are shown to reflect those of semi-civilized and savage periods of the human race. "The Story of a Stanza," by John R. Tait, is one of the bits of literary autobiography for which this magazine is famous. "A Sketch in Ueber," by Arlo Bates, is a story of unusual power and insight. The most important of the poems is contributed by Walt Whitman, and is entitled "November Boughs." Excellent verses are also contributed by Mary Bradley and Willis Boyd Allen. The departments are interesting as usual.

A TWENTY-ONE OUNCE LEMON.

Dr. M. E. Robison showed us a lemon that weighed twenty-one ounces. It was raised by Mrs. R. E. Davis, of Lenoir county, and was sent to the Doctor to have exhibited at the State fair. The Doctor informs us that Mrs. Davis allows her lemons to grow in the open air during the summer, and places them in a pit during the winter. One of her trees has one hundred and twenty lemons growing on it. He says that this tree, hanging with yellow lemons and covered with green leaves, is a beautiful sight, and we can easily credit the assertion. Truly is North Carolina a great State.—*Goldsboro Argus.*

COAL IN STOKES COUNTY.

An informant told us this week that they have cut one vein of coal three feet thick and taken out some good anthracite. Get out the coal, this section can furnish iron ore of any kind and quantity you want, and manganese; and we will have some furnaces and rolling mills in Stokes which will start the country on a boom and result in building an iron manufacturing city within its borders.—*Danbury Reporter.*

THANKSGIVING DAY.

A Proclamation by the President of the United States.

"The goodness and mercy of God which have followed the American people during all the days of the past year claim their grateful recognition and humble acknowledgement. By His omnipotent power He has protected us from war and pestilence and from every national calamity. By His gracious favor the earth has given a generous return to the labor of the husbandman, and every path of honest toil has led to comfort and contentment. By His loving kindness the hearts of our people have been replenished with fraternal sentiment and patriotic endeavor, and by His unerring guidance we have been directed in the way of national prosperity.

To the end that we may with one accord testify our gratitude for all these blessings, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 24th day of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by all the people of the land.

On that day let all secular work and employment be suspended, and let our people assemble in their accustomed places of worship and with prayer and songs of praise give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all that He has done for us, while we humbly implore the forgiveness of our sins and the continuance of His mercy. Let families and kindred be required to attend worship on that day, and let their hearts, filled with kindly cheer and affectionate reminiscence, be turned in thankfulness to the source of all their pleasures and the Giver of all that makes the day glad and joyous; and in the midst of our worship and our happiness, let us remember the poor, the needy and the unfortunate, and by our gifts of charity and ready benevolence, let us increase the number of those, who, with grateful hearts, shall join in our thanksgiving.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed. Done at our city of Washington, this, the 25th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1887, and of the Independence of the United States, the 112th.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President.

Thomas F. Bayard, Sec'y of State.

A USEFUL INVENTION.

An editor has invented an infernal machine that he places in an envelope and sends to those who "refuse" the paper, after taking it for years without paying for it. The machine explodes and kills the whole family, and the fragments that fall in the yard kill the dog. Glory certainly awaits that editor, and when he gets into the sanatorium waiting for him above he will have an upholstered chair and be allowed to sit with his feet on the table.—*Lancaster Examiner.*

DEPOSITS OF RED HEMATITE.

Mr. J. T. Patrick, Commissioner of Immigration, writes to the Raleigh News and Observer as follows:

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