And mamma in her 'kerchief and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the mat-

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the snutters and threw up the sash.

The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below; When, what to my wondering eyes shoud appear But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick!

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them "Now, Dasker! now, Dancer! now, Prancer now, Vixen!
On! Comet, on! Cupid, on, Donder and Blixen—
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle mount to the So, up to the housetop the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys—and St Nicholas And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof, The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a He was dressed all in fur from his head to his And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And looked like a pedlar just opening his pack His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry ! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cher His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow; And his beard on his chin was as white as the The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, and the smoke it encircled his head like a

He had a broad face, and a little round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full He was chubby and plump; a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of my-A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his And filled all the stockings; then turned with a

And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whis And away they all flew like the down of a this

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

CHRISTMAS-EVE.

BY L. E. C.

y to-night is Christmas Eve, and, as high ng my stockings on the wall, and left a on each.

ss on each for Him who'll fill my stock me before, but O, I'm sure He wi

bw'll be the day our blessed Chris n earth to pity me, whom many

is they treat me so? indeed I can ove Him next to you, then a looked for Christmas, Mother-

age it is indeed to feel its dawn so w'll be the day I so have prayed to

to sleep and wake, and find what it w in the street, and through the window

watched the little children pass; they seemed so glad and gay! nd gayly did they talk about the gifts they would receive; --

Christmas Eve Mother, on the cold, cold floor I've put my little shoeother's torn across the toe, and things

et my little shoe, Mother, and it for you I know that He'll remember you, while He lay me in my bed, Mother, and hear my pray ers aright, never came before, but, O, I'm sure he will to-night.

The following charming morceau is said to be truer to nature than any poem in the language. Like the sex against which it is projected, it speaks for itself:

> "I heard it!" "Who told you?" "Her friend," (')
> "You don't say!"
> "Tis dreadful!" "Yes, awful!"

"Don't tell it, I pray!" "Good gracious!"
"Who'd think it!" "Well! well! well!

" Dear me!" "I've had MY "Suspicion!" "And I, too, you see!',

" Lord help us!" ' Poor creature!" "So artful j"
"So sly !" "No beauty!"
"Quite thirty!"

" Between you and I !"

I'm going!"
"Do stay love!" "I can't!"
"I'm forlorn!" "Farewell, dear!"
"Good-by sweet!" " I'M GLAD SHE'S GONE !"

It your wood is poor, your ashes will Take good care of your ashes, and one week before the lye is required put them in the leach, pounding them down solid. It is easier done if they are dampened. Then pour on water until they begin to dip, after which let them stand one week to or water on the brain; or, at least, always "rot;" then hang on your kettles, and comprotect the disease. mence running off lye for operations.

AGRICULTURAL.

Wood ashes make excellent manure. Use whitewash to prevent dampness. Hydraulic cement will make dry cellar-Sulphur is the best destroyer of garden

Good cattle have well formed heads, and In drenching cattle, it should be done be-

A quid of common tobacco will cure horses of the bots.

Pick apples on a warm, dry day. The warmer the better. Unbruised apples keep longer than those shaken from the tree.

Chimneys should be constructed small at he throat and large at the top: Kerosene on your perches will rid your

hencry of vermin of all descriptions. Sulphur or lime sprinkled on the frequented spot will destroy the white pine

Allow your wheat seed to become thoroughly matured before cutting. 'Twill relieve it of smut.

Among wild flowers there is none better than the dandelion, as it is an excellent bee flower which comes early, remains until late, and grows plentifully near the apiary.

Several new grapes were exhibited at the last fair of the Pennsylvania Historical Society. Dr. A. P. Wylie, of South Carolina, showed two new hybrids, one of which is a cross between the Clinton and the Royal Muscadine.

Plenty of water should be within reach of the bees. The hives should be placed in a grove or orchard where they will be shaded from the sun. The reason of setting the hives low is, that when the bees come home heavily laden, and fall on the ground, they may crawl into the hives.

Every farmer should have a well arranged poultry house in some well-sheltered nook, with a door opening into the orchard. It the orchard is not very near the dwelling house, the best plan will be to winter the fowls in a warm house in the barnyard and to put up a shed in the centre of the orchard to be occupied by them during summer.

Seedling potatoes can be grown as casy as seedling tomatoes. Early in spring sow the seeds thinly in pots, and when the plants are an inch or two high transplant into pots, one plant in each, and after the weather is sufficiently warm turn them out into the open ground, placed two feet apart. This should be done in February.

A gentlman residing a few miles north of Toledo, Ohio, has been experimenting in the cultivation of cranberries. He had four acres under cultivation this season, yielding 380 bushels. These he sold at the rate of \$1 50 per bushel, the total proceeds of the four acres amounting to \$1,330, or \$332 25 PUBLIC AUCTION, per acre. It is quite probable that the marshes in the vicinity of the lake can be made valuable for the cultivation of the

Three hundred and sixty-eight imported fowls were sold in New York, August 18, for a total of \$3,0770, averaging \$8 25 each. The highest price paid was for three partridge cochins, \$80. Three houdans brought \$55. Three dark brahmas, \$52. The highest price paid for buff cochins was \$46. Three gray dorkings brought \$38. The lowest price paid was for a pair of white bantams, \$3. A fine pair of Toulouse geese sold for \$26. A fine pair of Embden geese, \$17 50—being less than the amount of freight and duties would have been if imported alone.

In Normandy where the Creve Caurs are Built by the U. S. Government at a cost of principally raised, they have a curious way of hatching the eggs. As the hens of this breed are not much inclined to set, and at best are only ordinary mothers, the peasant women have a fashion of pressing young hen turkeys into the service. This they do in the following way : Take a hen turkey of the preceding year that has never laid, and put her in a basket containing plaster eggs. Cover this basket with a strong linen cloth. It will be from four to six days before she will overcome the natural disinclination to set, and become attached to the eggs, or, as the French have it, " take an affection for them." When the prejudice is entirely overcome, they place the real eggs under, she easily covering eighteen or twenty of them.

An epidemic ot coal oil lamp disasters seems to be prevailing of late. An experienced correspondent, speaking on the subject says: "Is there a law in other States which imposes a penalty of two hundred dollars for selling oil of less than 110 gravity and no such law is ours? Full twothirds of our people fill their lamps with what they buy for coal oil, and they receive an inflammable mixture more dargerous than gunpowder. Try the experiment; put your finger into the lamp you burn, then pass the finger through a flame. Should the oil take fire throw the balance away. We have at least fifty explosions of lamps a week. The public only know of those that burn little girls. We have not one explosion with oil at 110 gravity." Such being the case, it seems to us that there must be unpardonable negligence somewhere—either in those who make the laws, or in those whose business it is to enforce them-that accidents of the kind referred to are so frequent. Of course, legislation cannot prevent idiotic people from burning themselves to death by filling lamps while lighted, or by kindling fires with coal oil. Such people deserve their fate. But for the innocent victims of cupidity, or official neglect there must always be sympathy, and that sym pathy should so shape our legislation that cases of burning to death by coal oil shall be few and far between, hereafter.

Fourteen Follics. First. To think the more a man eats, the fatter and stronger he will become. Second. To believe the more hours the children study at school, the faster they

Third. To conclude that if exercise is good for the health, the more violent and exhausting it is the more good done. Fourth. To imagine that every hour ta-ken from sleep is an hour gained.

Bifth. To act on the presumption that the smallest room in the house is large enough to sleep in. Sixth. To argue that whatever remedy causes one to feel immediately better is "good for" the system without regard to more ulterior effects. The "soothing syr-

of children, does not arrest diarrhoea, only to cause, a little later, alarming convulsions, or the more fatal inflamation on the brain or water on the brain; or, at least alarming convergence of the Book will pay a liberal to his off to his Seventh. To commit an act which is felt

in itself to be prejudical, hoping that some-how or other it is done in your case with

Eighth 1'o advise another to take a remove which you have tried yourself, without making special inquiry whether all the conditions are alike.

Ninth. To eat without an appetite, or to continue to eat after it has been satisfied, merely to gratify the taste. Tenth. To cat a hearty supper for the Pleasure experienced during the brief time of a whole night of disturbed sleep, and a weary waking in the morning.

Eleveuth. To remove a portion of the clothing immediately after exercise, when the most stupid drayman in New York knows that if he does not put a cover on horse the moment he ceases work in the winter, he will lose him in a few days by pneumonia:

Twelfth. To contend that because the dirtiest children in the street or highway are hearty and healthy, therefore it is healthy to be dirty; forgetting that continuous daily exposures to the pure out-door air, in joyous, unrestrained activities, is sucn a powerful agency for health that those who live thus are well in spite of dirt and

Thirteenth. To presume to repeat later in life, without injury, the indiscretions exposure, and intemperance which in the flush of youth were practiced with impunity.

Fourteenth. To believe that warm air is necessarily impure, or that pure, cold air is necessarily more healthy than the confined air of a crowded vehicle; the latter at most can only cause fainting and nausea, while entering a conveyance while walking briskly, lowering a window, thus still exposed to a draught, will give a cold infallibly, or an attack of pleurisy or pneumonia, which will cause weeks or months of suffering, if not actual death within four days.

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