SUNSET SONG.

Is it's dream? The day is done,
The long, warm, fragrant summer day;
Afar beyond the hills, the sun.
In purple splendor sinks away;
The firefly lights her floating spark
While here and there the first large stars Look out, impatient for the dark;
The cows stand waiting by the bars;
A group of children saunters by
Toward home, with laugh and sportive

One pausing, as she hears the high Soft prelude of an unseen bird-

Down from immeasurable heights
The clear notes drop like crystal rain—
The echo of all lost delights.
All youth's high hopes, all hidden pain,
All love's soft music, heard no more
But dreamed of and remembered long—

Ah, how ean mortal bird outpour
Suca human heartbreak in a song?
What can he know of lonely years,
Of idols only raised to fall,
Of broken faith and secret tears?

And yet his song repeats them all-

she had not been true to him, or faithful; but she would be so now. Tears came into her eyes, and as they ran down her cheeks something broke in her breast and melted away.

David's light smiled kindly at her as she opened the door and stepped into it, leaving the fog and gloom.

"Davie," she said simply .- Agnes G. Herbertson, in Black and White,

TEACHING GERMAN CHILDREN.

Using the Surrounding Country as an Object Lesson to Pupils.

An interesting treatise on the education of children in Germany has ust been published by Mr. George indrew, one of His Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, in the course of which he remarks that "the subjects treated at first are the school and its surroundngs, points of the compass, main streets, squares, bridges, public buildings, churches, et cetra. Then the local river (Die Spree), its source, course, fall, island, peninsula, docks, canals, et cetra; next the local heaths and woods-known to most of the children -give the rudimentary ideas of flat and rising ground, hill and valley mountain chains, et cetra. Similarly the street traffic and railway stations are dealt with, while Berlin and the neighborhood suggest the difference between the capital town, town and village, and so the extension to the province of Brandenburg is made. The esson includes also some elementary ideas about the sun moon and stars On the more historical side a begin ning is made with some account of the resent Emperor and his famliy. It is evident that the children have a familiar knowledge of the various members of the Royal House, as the readiness with which they can tell the dates of the various royal birthdays proyes. The lessons then proceed backwards to the Emperor's more immediate predecessors, story and incident being frequently resorted to, to interest the children. In similar fash-ion, some of the most important leval historical associations are touched upon. The whole subject is one which in intelligent teacher can make de lightfully interesting to a class, but it certainly postulates intelligent teaching. A pleasant introduction and concomitant to geography in the wider sense. It conveys to elementary classes impressions much more living than those dreary paper definitions of the obvious river and the self-evident

WORDS OF WISDOM.

The glory of riches does not lead to riches in glory.

A waspish disposition gets no honey from the rock. Nothing cools off a meeting quicker

than a hot scolding. The sense of smartness is sure to

make a man shallow. The Bible, in its wonderful and

varied imagery, is the reflector of all human experiences.-J. S. David.

The kingdom of heaven is heart recognition and heart obedience to a Father's spirit living and ruling within our own.-John Hamilton Thom.

Depend not upon external supports, nor beg your tranquility of another. And, in a word, never throw away your legs to stand upon crutches.-Mar. cus Aurelius.

"I have to work like a slave," said ries, but the answer came from a more way-wise comrade: "Oh, but, my you can work like



DUCTION.

It is generally agreed when among poultrymen that a proportion of the food of fowls in nitrogenous form neys, the immediate cause of death helps in the production of winter eggs. This has also been my personal of the lungs."-Indiana Farmer. experience. When by the reddening of their combs and the pecuair cry indicating the approach of the laying season is in evidence, I they begin the feeding of meat in some form, in slow-growing stocks,—an easy process pretty liberal quantity, as often as ev- with most fruit trees. While the ery other day. The fine beef scraps, so commonly sold for this purpose, I have always had on hand, and have States, there are stocks upon which fed occasionally when out of sweeter apples, cherries, plums and peaches material, but have never liked them can be grown with the same general because of their disagreeable smell, result. Besides this form of mod and the half belief that they flavored ification, there are other methods the eggs, a matier I need be particular | quite as important to the owners of about, as new-laid eggs make part of small areas. Standard sizes may be

my breakfast the year round. don't care much about.

formerly cost me fifty cents a dozen, diana Farmer. but now \$1. As the fertilizer manufacturers sell the meat constituent in them at less than 11/2 conts per pound after the cost of manufacturing it into that form, where it must weigh much the lice will be gathering for winter less than in its raw state, I infer that in every hole or crevice. they would make as much on it if sold at a cent a pound as it comes from you must remember it takes warm the animal. If so, why is there not houses. If not in a position to build a good chance for quite a business at present, you can remodel your old for any enterprising, young fellow in building, so it will be fairly comfortaany of the towns adjoining such fac- ble. tories to buy, grind up and sell such keep hens in his vicinity? I should for market fowls are high. suppose he might easily double his same time other poultry supplies, add- feeding. ing also a few well-established medicinal remedies, and, if he be ambitious to make the most of it's business, let him make himself a necessity to the community by knowing health and growth of the young stock. more than they do of poultry ailments and how to treat them,

of meal for the carcass of a large horse, killed by accident. This I cut tuality in feeding up, packed in snow, and fed, with observed. such good result that my little flock averaged through the cold season any other probl three-fourths as many eggs as there ever good the were fowls, one day laying one more care and feet egg than there were fowls, the extra lly do egg, as is always the case in suc

THE BEST FOOD FOR EEG PRO- poisoning in all our cases was an acute dropsy of the pleural and heart sacs, with intense congestion (proba bly secondary) of the liver and kidbeing suffocation from compression

DWARF FRUIT TREES.

Dwarfing is accomplished by budding or grafting robust growers on dwarf pear is the most familiar example of a dwarf tree in the United grown as "bushës" or as "pyramids," I read, however, in a bulletin of the thus mai g it possible to know them West Virginia Experiment Station much closer together. Pruning and that a careful test has proved that the training, used in combination, have beef scraps obtained from Chicago shown the possibilities of restricting are better for egg production than plants to the "espaller," "cordon," and were ground fresh meat and bones. I other styles of training employed in have generally fed my meat in the growing fruits against walls. These form of hogs' harslets, cooked and methods not only allow plants to o chopped up. I have seen them hung grown more closely than is common up in the coop raw, to be picked at in orchard' practice, but they allow wanted by the fowls, but mine will the grower to take advantage of locanot eat them that way. The liver they | tions under which trees could not develop normally. The side of a build-A few winters ago a young fellow ing may be utilized as a support to an drove through the town, once or twice apricot, nectorine, pear or grape, ala week, selling fine chopped meat at though the grape is the only one norquite a reasonable figure. My harslet cally adapted to such a position.-In-

POHLTRY NOTES

It is a good idea to whitewash you poultry house during this month as

To get good eggs in cold weather

It is a very good plan to begin call meat in the cold season to those who ing your flock at present, when prices

Don't neglect to store away some noney and still further increase his vegetables for feeding. They will be income by carrying in his cart at the a good feed for fowls if cooked before

It pays farmers as well as poultry fanciers to change their breeding cockerels each year. It improves the flock and also helps to strengthen the -J. A. R., in Indiana Farmer

When a younger man I gave a bag FROM A SHEPHERD'S NOTEBOO In fattening sheep, es

Feeding in ab

Her Way of Dodging Duns.

The tenants of an uptown flat hous had been greatly annoyed by person who rang their bells and yet neve came upstairs. Usually after a period of waiting it would be decided that the postman had called and there would be a fruitless trip down stairs.

The annovance was finally traced to an apartment two flights up, the call ers invariably going to that door, and a little quiet detective work disclosed that the woman living there neve answered a ring at her own bell.

Later it developed that she was heavily in debt. Those persons she wanted to see rang her bell and some one else's. The second gave the caller admittance. If they rapped on the door the woman admitted them. If there was a ring at her up stairs door bell she knew it was a bill collector, and let him ring on until he concluded that she was not in. Collectors ringing only her bell usually did not gain admittance unless the door were un locked

Not until the other tenants, in re venge, tipped off the collectors, did the annoyance cease.-New York Press.

The British Crown Gold Plate. The Crown gold service, which was purchased by George IV., will dine 130 guests, and his late Majesty also added to the collection thirty dozen plates, which cost 26 guineas each plate; six immense gold salvers, the work of Flaxman; and a silver cooler enclosed with plate glass, for which Rundell & Bridge received 10,000 guineas

Among the other notable pieces is eacock of precious stones, which was valued half a century ago at £30,000 This came from India, and so also die superb tiger's head, with a solid in got of gold for his tongue, and crysta teeth. There are two huge fire dog of gold, which are usually placed or the principal sideboard on state oc casions.

The old fashloned silver coolers, c which there are a great number, are now filled with palms or flowers There is a remarkable collection of centrepleces, most of which were pr ented to Queen Victoria, who left them to the Crown, along with her jubilee gifts. The huge Lincoln cup of pure gold, was won by George IV. who made it over to the Crown There are some pieces taken from the Spanish Armada, and others from Burma and China.

George IV. added a number of splen didly ornamented gold shields, one of which was made entirely from snuff boxes, which were valued at \$,000 guineas.-London Truth.

The English Language. "Would you say a flock of fish? asked a Frenchman.

"No; you would say a shoal of fish, s as the American's reply. ld you say a flock of oxen?" of oxen.

Miss Rose Peterson, Secretary Parkdale Tennis Club, Chicago, from experience advises all young girls who have

pains and sickness peculiar to their sex, to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. How many beautiful young girls develop into worn, listless and hopeless women, simply because sufficient attention has not been paid

to their physical development. No woman is exempt from physical weakness and periodic pain, and young girls just budding into womanhood should be carefully guided physically as well as morally. If you know of any young lady who is sick, and needs motherly

advice, ask her to write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., who will give her advice free, from a source of knowledge which is unequalled in the country. Do not hesitate about stating details which one may not like to talk about, and which are essential for a full understanding of the case."

Miss Hannah E. Mershon, Collingswood, N. J., says:

"I thought I would write and tell that, by following your kind advice, I feel like a new person. I was always thin and delicate Menstruction was irregular.

"I tried a bottle of your Vegetable Com cound and began to feel better right away. I con tinued its use, and am now well and strong, an menstruate regularly. I cannot say enough it what your medicine did for me."

How Mrs. Pinkham Helped Fannie Kumpe,

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - I feel it is my dut write and tell you of the benefit I have derived from your advice

* Sing Me to Sleep * ***********

HE little fishing village lay | Jane; a harshness had crept into her enwrapt in a gloomy mist. | tone. Over the sea it hung like purplish, giving thick velvety outhouses unaccustomed shapes.

But there was one man in Kesion canna have the while of Kesion talkin who did not see the fog or feel its about my son's wife " moisture. David Greet swung open of that dull stare he pulled the door | wedded a year. roughly to behind him and strode down the street.

The sound of his footsteps fell ered face sharply in the silence. The fishers darkness a little yellow eye of light, day she spoke. That eve looked askance at any person foolish enough to leave a comfortable home on such a night; for its glance did not travel far. The fog covered long; mayhap it will take so far and It with an eyelid of dusky gloom.

as if he were formulating some speech she heard him begin to sing. That was

first footstep took him into the lighted room in the house, for the cont door gave upon it.

It was occupied by two women-one slight and bent as a withered bough, looked up from the fire and the compound she was stirring to greet the tall figure in the doorway; the other did not raised her head from the work at which she sewed.

She was quite a young woman, tall rather than otherwise, dark skinned and dark eved. About her was a regal air that seemed to fill the small room and dwarf all it contained.

The man's gaze was upon her, but she showed no consciousness of the fact. She went on sewing, sewing, pulling the needle out with a deliberovement that in some subtle way passionately of spoke of nerves all awry. Her lips news co said, in their settled curves, that the ne might remain unbroken forbefore she would break it. After bear

"I have already told you. I shall

a gray curtain, but in the find something to do; and I am not village it was dark and going back," said the younger woman "If you are not going back, you shall lines to the bedges and lending to the find nothing to do. You must stay here with me," said Jane Greet.

And so things went on. Margot the door of his house and looked out; worked for her mother-in-law only; but the cloudy street might not have and her passivity ate into her very existed for all the impression it made soul. But she would not go back to upon his brain. After a few seconds the man to whom she ha not yet been

> There came a day when Jane Greet met her with an odd look on her with-She had not mentioned the name of

were all in, so were the laboring peo- the girl's husband since that dark ple. Each tiny house turned upon the night, deeming it better so; but to-"He is going away-my son, and you man," she said, fiercely. "Mayhap the cruise will take him far, and keep him

keep him so long that he will never re-Keston might have lain in the glare turn. And to-morrow he goes." She of the sunlight for all the difference went away, trying to hide her tears; it made to David Greet, but the ing but the lad's wife spoke never a word. was more in accord with his mood. Jane zever knew that that night With a sure foot he traversed streets Margot went to look at her old home and turned corners. When he found For a few short moments she stood in the house he wanted he paused just the darkness, looking at the windows a moment at the door. That was not of the little house which had seen her the pause of hesitation. On the man's greatest happiness and her passionate dark face no wavering showed itself, rebellion. There was no light in it, only a dull fereboding. His lips moved and she thought David was out until

of which he wished to make himself an old trick of his-to sing in the dark; word certain before entering. Final- and on the old harmonium he could ly he turned the handle of the door and pick out just the few notes he needed. How well she knew the song! He

sang it with a little break in his voice; and she knew who had put that break there: Love, I'am lonely, years are so long,

I want you only, you and your song; Dark is life's shore, love, night is so deep; Leave me no more, love, sing me to sleep. For a moment after the deep voice had died away she stood there, one hand pressed close upon her breast. shaken with the conflict between pride

and passionate regret. But pride won, and she moved at last only to go back to his mother's house. He was gone long, and Margot grew pale and thin, but she uttered never a

"Girl, you have n cold as a stone!"