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SPRING.

BY RUNE BLUFF.

A bird came flying over the hills, Over bare forests and ice-bound ills; He sanga song so glad and true, It floated up to the sky of blue, And down where the young buds waiting

lay For the wooing sun to come that way,

Then he darted down to a brown old tree, And sang it the news right merrily:
"The grasses will grow and flowers will bloom, For spring is coming, is coming soon!

The sunbeams bright will warmer grow, The rivers and rills will faster flow; Be glad! be glad for the news I bring. And welcome the coming of beautiful

A few snow flakes that lingering slept Where the warm sunshine but seldom crept, Waked up at the notes of the wild song-

Trembling with fear as the song they Then clung to old earth, and weeping they lay, Their heme, to the last, on her bosom of

Hark! there's a stirring among the trees, And a breath of flowers in the whispering

It comes to us from the balmy South, With fragrant kisses in its mouth— Its touch is as soft and warm to me As an infant's dimpled palm could be.

See! o'er the hills in the morning bright, There's a deeper glow and a rosier light! And a fair, sweet show of the coming queen Along the mountain side is seen. Bloom bright, ye flowers, ye wild birds

sing! All hail, she comes, the beautiful spring!

#### PATCHWORK AND OTHER WORK.

'Here is something so apropos to the subject,' said I, looking up from the paper I was reading, 'that I think I must copy part of it for The Household.'

· What subject?' queried Cousin Fannic, looking at me in an amused way.

'Patchwork,' I replied; 'a topic which SCHOOL BOOKS I have been before inclined to touch upon. and here is a sensible woman who endorses my views so emphatically that if any of The Household Band are disposed to find fault with my opinion, I can lay it to the writer who instigated this bomily."

'Rend it,' said Fansie, 'then I shall now what you are talking about."

· Well, this woman mentions seeing in an 'Art Letter' that patchwork is coming in fashion again, and is to be treated as an art, and says that if the letterwriter was accustomed to attend our agricultural fairs, she wold discover that this art has never been out of fashion in the rural districts. Then adds; 'It may be comforting to some of the sisterhood who have been told so often of their foolishness in cutting cloth into bits to sew together again, that their work is no longer foolish.

But for all that,' this sensible woman goes on, 'I must say that I think it decidedly foolish for a woman who is able to do her legitimate portion of the world's work, able to bear her share of life's burdens, to sit down and deliberately cut print or silk into little snips for the sole purpose of sewing it together in some obscure geometrical from. The fact is, we have not time to be artistic : at least not many of us, and if we had, there are many ways that we could use this artistic sense, if we have it, to better advantage.

There are many old ladies who have borne their burdens bravely, but have been forced to leave them to younger and stronger han's; invalids who must bear the cross of isolation and partial helplessness, to whom such light and cheerful work is a blessing that helps enliven many otherwise tedious hours, and it is a nice way to teach our little girls te sew neatly. Then why not leave such work for the little girls, or for the time when 'the grasshopper shall become a burden' to us? For we have so many ways to use our time; there are so many calls that we cannot answer; we must look after the comfort of our households: we must care for the mental, moral, and physical wellbeing of our children; with social demands upon our time which we ought not to ignore, while we need besides, time to take care of

'Just to the point,' said Fancie. ' For my part, I never could see any artist e beauty in the most elaborate patchwork quitt to be used as an outside spread, nor conceive how any woman with a family to care for could waste time and overtask her strength for this same piecing and quilting of bedquitte,'

· Let me read you another sentence,' said I; 'There is a vust number of wom n who neglect to take care of themselves; who employ the leisure from necessary duties to conecessary labor, and leave the mind stunted and starved, as well as makeof their bodies mere muchines to turn out so much work per diem, knowing or heeding little of the world's great work outside their particular domain.

mind, which should have had change and ism myself, as you know, I was obliged if they can't get convict-labor, they don't would is coming to an end in July? My

diversion.' It may be for some, and if that colors being rally a stroke of artistic move away, and that speedily. were the best attainable, far be it from me best?"

have enough cares and responsibilities. without this and other trivial tasks added to their labors."

'Even for recreation,' I rep!y. 'Nevertheless as so many among our House-HOLD Band are girls, and young women, and blooming matrons, some of whom may have been brought up to consider patchwork a necessity, and to think there is economy in saving bits of print in this way, or that there is some charm in a charm quilt worth striving for, it may not be amiss to stop long enough to inquire if, indeed, there is economy in this, and if there is not some more sensible means of diversion, and many more artistic ways of expressing art, than in the most intricate patchwork that can

We talk of wasting time in the making, of numberless tucks and ruff s, and rows of shirring on our clothing-and there is waste in too much of this-but it is not so foolish by any means as patchwork because there is a sense of beauty in adoring and embroidering our apparel. while there is none to be derived in cutting up and sewing together bits of print Then there are so many simple ways in which the artistic faculties may be educa. ted; in pretty appliances for the house, in tasteful drawings, and even paintings at no very great expense, that I cannot conceive how an intelligent woman of correct taste and true views of life can take heart to spend precious time and faculties. in this way-that of making and quilting patchwork !

the rest from new cloth purchased expressly for these same quilts,'

'As for old dresses,' said I. ' If we do can put them together in the easiest posor to quilt in some easy manner for summer needs.' quilts, as they are more comfortable, than blankets for warm weather. And outside a white counterpane is altogether cheaper prettier, and easier to wash than any other covering. Even unbleached cotton eloth knotted with candlewicking, if one wishes a dome-made spread, is very simple and inexpensive, and pretty, too."

'Knit counterpanes,' said Fannie, ' are nice if one wishes a bit of knitting for odd moments, or to take visiting, and pleasant work for old ladies. These knit in parts and afterwards sewed together, make light work, and may serve for handy work for a

. And as the writer I have quoted says, I added, 'patchwork for old tadies may be a real blessing. Old eyes cannot do the fine sewing or fancy work they once could and there is something totax the ingenuity in deviseing a quilt, to be hand d down to grand-children as memeatoes of the past. I not long since selected a nice roll of pi ce of print for an old lady who wished to make a crib-quilt, knowing she would enjoy the diversion and sweet-thoughts it gave her to help cover the little crib of a great-grand-

. What about the little girls?' asked

All right till they have learned to sew neatly in over-and-over seams, as we used to say. Let them cat and make a quilt for dolly's bed, but when it comes to after sewing I think that making dolly's clothes teaches them better to do a variety of sewing which will be useful as they grow up. Patchwork is so narrowing to the faculties, that much of it I would condemn

even for a child to do.' ' And invalid-?' queried Fannie.

'That depends,' said I. 'If a woman has cultivated a variety of tagtes, and has led a life of active sympathy with literature, and the out-ide world, and its many resources, patchwork will not likely amuse her for any length of time, at least, seir particular domain.

Some day the overtasked body and mind. During a period of weary invalidfrom away of, at the wholesale price, and do I care about a kill c dickens of the lungs.

work. But I could do a little embroidery child, and dress it, dress dollies for an for a right good price, but as shore as you On that interrogation point,' said Fan- older miss; do a little pencil drawing; are born, a good many of 'em are buying

true womanbood? I have known women of good natural no time to read. Rag carpets and rugs in little bits, but to any woman of little MRS. LEONIDAS.

# BILL ARP'S REMARKS

and throwing in a set of harness, and **Upon Various Matters Now At**the poor white folks and the niggers tracting His Attention. were abuving of 'em like hot cakes, and a man told me that the harness was made of Atlanta Constitution. leather-shavings, stiched on to pasteboard Six and a half million bales of cotton with a machine and all blacked over and And it sold for \$350,000,000. That's a shined up so you couldent tell it and would power of money, and it looks like the farmcome all to pieces in the first shower that ers were getting rich, but they are not. It come along, and the chaps that made 'em costs some farmers ten cents a pou d to was all copublicans and at every election make it. It costs the majority of 'em would howl around about southern ku klux about eight, and then there is the wear and southern outrages and the way we and tear of mules and wagons, and harness, treated the poor nigg r. You can't take and plows to be considered. Cotton brings up a newspaper that aint full of swindling the money all in a lump, and a fellow feels medicines and advertisments. Now, here so rich and good with it in his pocket he is the Rev. Joseph Inman, Station D., struts around and buys a pice dress for his Bible House, N. Y., and Manhood Lost wife and something all round for his chiland Manhood Restor d,' and ' A Startling drea. He has worked hard, and so has Discovery,' and 'All Sorts of Pads for the old lady and the boys, and it does look Women's Backs and Men's Bosoms,' and like they ought to have something out of vice versa; and 'Shiloh's Consumption it, and the cooking stove is about burnt Cure and Neuralgine,' and 'My Wife less out and Sasan is obliged to have a new been a great Softerer,' and 'Buckingham's bonnet, and Jack wants a pair of Sunday Wisker Dye,' and liver medicine by the boots, and there's lots of things they can't ton and 'Hub Punch,' and pills by the do without any longer, and so by the time quintillion that will cure every disease unthe guano is paid for and the advances and der the sun, and 'Rosada is,' and the bired labor, and so forth, there is mighty Wonder of the World,' and 'Pain killer little left; and the corn is low in the crib, for min and beast, and 'Worm Medicine, and the meat won't hold out for anothe and '\$66 a week,' and '\$777 a year,' and crop. That's about the way with small \$999 and any other number of dollars and farmers all over the country, and they -Wny Will You Die,' and 'St. Jacob's Oil,' make the bulk of the crop. They are the and Prescription Free, and Just Behold, honest reomen of the land, who have famand 'R-ad Attentively,' and 'Benson's ilies dependent upon their own labor. They Plaster,' and 'Chency's Expectorant,' and are the people who keep up the schools and 'Cuticara,' and 'George P. Rowell & Co.' the charches, and support the merchants and mechanics, for they pay a fair profit on what they buy, and if they wasn't willing to do it, they have to do it anyhow, paper and last night I started to read a and a finger wide, spread a thin coating of for they are always just a little behind, and when a man has to ask for credit or indulgence, it doesn't become him to be ed to know it and fix up and prepare and the lard and souff next the skir. Spread over particular about the prices. Big plant- make a will and before I had got fur in the another flannel over it. Growt-up people,

diversion in the midst of its labor, gives in rather early life to endure, I found give much for any other, and they make kidneys are all right and if they ain't I out, and life may be forfeited, or the body many ways of diversion without resort- their own advances, and do their own gin- reckon they will run me three or four or mind enfeebled for the after years of its ing to patchwork, or even to think of ning and blacksmithing, which is all well months anyhow. I tell you, Bill Arp, them that for a change, only as I pieced some enough for them, but if I was a merchant fellers up there beat all creation for inver-But, sayr one, the same patchwork you bright bits of silk transsomely for an otto- or mechanic, and had to depend upon them tin' ways to get our money and live withhave been talking about is for rest and man cover, the arranging the different sort for a living, I would either quit or out work. A few years ago two fellers come along here with a passel of apple The farmers in my neighborhood made a grafts and they had samples of the applet to say aught against it : but is it the very sometimes, could make a rag-baby for a good crop of cotton last year, and sold it with em and books full of beautiful pictures of all sorts of fruit, and they talked so confidin and affectionate I let em cut my nie, hangs a question which each woman now and then a water-color sketch with corn right now, and buying it on a credit, old trees all to pieces and they stuck in a CAL I presume, answer for herself better some other light work, either fanciful or and paying 25 per cent more for it than hundred grafts at 20 cents a piece and I than we can answer it for her. And if we useful as the case required. With this they could buy it for cash. Fodder has paid em and they went on to the next may judge anything by the numbers inquir and reading for short intervals, writing a been bringing three dollars a hundred ever house and done about the same thing, and ing for patterns for patch-work, and little, translating a few fines, and with since Christmas, and those farmers who I found out afterwards that they brought asking for bits of print, with others telling letting the mind and heart be kept in have got corn and forage to sell are the my grafts from Mack Crawford's old trees how to piece this, or that sind of a quilt, sympathy with the progress, and needs, only independent ones I know of, and and carried some they cut from my trees it is evident that the patch-work fever is and doings of the great world outside the those who didn't run heavy on cotton are over to my next nabors and so on and so somewhat prevalent, even among those who sick room, there was no need of patchwork the only ones who sowed any wheat to forth, world without end, and here they go,

for whiling away the time. But in saying speak of, and it does look like our people and if they cant beat the world the flesh this I condemn nothing which another in ought to learn something from experience and the devil a lyin and swindlin then I the same place may find diversion; for the and make cotton the secondary crop instead am mistaken, that's all. I used to think very triviality of patchwork may make it of the first. The cotton exposition will our people were a good strong healthy peothe best of recreation. It is women in their expose a good many things I reakon, and ple, but these feller have got about half basy round of cares who have no time or if it will expose to our small farmers how the men and most all the women to bestrength which ought to go to such useless little they make in raising the great staple lievin they are busted up and broke down employment who are to be considered here. it will do a world of good in this up coun- in the lines or got heart disease, or Bright's The taste may be cultivated far better by try. I am hopeful, very hopeful of the disease of the kidney, or a tape worm, or more artistic fancy work, when something exposition. It is going to bring the right internat suggestions and they go to dosin of the kind is desired, while a busy sort of people together and it is obliged and dosin with patert medicine tell they woman's leisure ought to be made subser to result in substantial good Toinking get shore enuf sick, and then go to bed vient to her own higher needs in life. To men, ingenious men, industrious men and send for the doctor. I've been thinking be intelligent, she must read and understand haven't got time to be fooling around about all this business and at the next current events to keep pace with her grow- spending money and wasting time. Those session I'm goin to introduce a bill that a ing children she must keep in sympathy who come from the north will learn some- fuller shaut sell his medicine nor advertise with their studies, their pastimes, and their thing from us, and we will learn some- it in a newspaper until it has gone through social requirements; and to cultivate her thing from them. We are willing to mix the sweat box and been pronounced a own mind she needs beside this to have it up with that sort of people, for it will harmless thing by a board of medical exonstantly nourished and strengthened by all be honest business, and concerns our aminers of this state. We make the guano amiliarity with the best that is in our great staple that clothes the world and men go through the buro and get certifiliterature, of various kinds, both solid and keeps the south respectable, notwithstan- cates, and that concerns property only, but the lighter of the better class. To do this ding the outrages. John Branson says our health and our lives is concerned in besides real cares and duties, has a woman the jollifications among the bloods and these pisen medicines, and ought to be protime left to make a quilt of 7942 pieces, as politicians don't do any good, but he is tected.' is given in a newspaper paragraph, now hopeful of the exposition. Says he went My friend John seems sorter demoralbefore me, which one smart woman pieced? up to Cincinnati last year, and they wined ized, but he had got sense, he has, and I,m Or another quilt pieced of 1056 pieces, him and dired him and had a lovely teast a bettin on him. The credulity of our peono two alike ? Can women be proud of and while the champain lasted they hugged ple is most amazin. When they get sick such records, and is it a work worthy her and kissed and slobbered all over one an- they experiment with all sorts of humbugs other, and after the jubilee was over they that's got certificates, forged or genuine, went off to slander us as usual and waved with Alek Stephens' or Alek anybody abilities to whom you might mention new the bloody shirt and we came home and clse's name to em, and if they don't get well books and they never heard of the works, went to hatin of 'em all same as before some of em go to conjurin. Some of em carso little interest did they take in litera- Says he : "I tell you what, Bill, they are ry buckeyes in their pockets, and now ture; you might ask them to join a read- the curiosest people in the world." We are they've got to carrying an Irish potate as ing club or take some good publication, the best customers they have got, and they an antidote for rumatism. I was a won-The mention of its being thought by and the plea would be they had no time for get all we make one way or another, and a derin what made potstoes so high and some to be out of fashion reminds me, reading, and could scarcely more than body would think they would honey us up scarce, and a man told me in Roam the look over the weekly newspaper or read and be kind, but they cuss us, and prosecute other day that about half that population

when visiting in Stocktown last year. One a little Sur days. But these same woman us, and keep on a trading with 'em and buy carry one in the breeches pocket and that woman showed me at least six, which she could find time for patchwork, and rug every dogou thing they put at us. We Polk county was infected in the same way had pieced and was going to quilt, having making, and rag carpets, and other work make sugar and sell it to 'em, and they In fact, the remedy was discovered by Colmade a share from half-worn dresses, and that could easily be dispended with; but adulterate it and sell it back to us. We one! Stab Jones down there, for he had obmake cotton seed oil an sell it to 'em at served for 40 years that Irishmen didn't have are not, to be sure, as senseless as quits 40 cents a gallon, and they work it over rheumatism, and consequently Irish potatoes and brand it olive oil and sell it back to us was the remedy. Jesso; you must carry not care for them for kitchen aprons, we leisure, and with moderate means to pur- at 50 cents a pint. They adulterate coffee one till it dries up or sprout and then take chase new carpets, all such labor is time and candy and butter and baking powders another. I saw a big fat man in Roam sible manner, either to tie for comforters, and strength taken from her higher and flour and syrup and every thing else the other day with a sprout six inches long sticking out of his pocket. Sich is life. they can. They are a nation of adulterers. I saw a fellow at Montgomery a selling

Yours, BILL ARP P. S-It looks like our people run after Cincinnati buggies for forty dollars apiece the furriners just as bad as they do after the Yankers. Sal Bernhardt come down here and tooled'em in French, and now I see that Sal Veny she is coming to fool 'em in Italian. And they'll go see if they don't, and after a while Sal somebody else will sing to 'em in Portugee, and they will never stop going till they get sel-livated I reckon. Lord belp us, I'm afeerd we are a

> The Baptist church at LaFayette, Ala., has decided that raffling is gambling.

In the North Alabama conference there are 368 preachers and 35,000 members-

An eighty-year old counterpane and a fifty-six-year old broom are still in use in

A firm in Madisonville, Kentucky, shipped 5,000 coon and mink skins to St. Louis a The military companies and college cadets

at Lexington, Ky., will murch to the toma of Henry Clay and fire a salute on the 12:4 of April, the anniversary of the great statesman's birth.

The First African Baptist church congregation of Richmond Va., has paid of every dollar of the debt mearred in remod eling their house of worship, which am uuted to over \$20,000.

CROUP REMEDY .- Parents would do well to cut out this remedy for croup, and preserve it for future use, in case any of and here's one seaded 'Thieves,' and I the family should be afficted: Take a don't know how many more in one single soft flanuel cloth, a quarter of a yard long whole column about the world coming to laid over it and sprinkle yellow souff over an end in July for if it was coming I want. the entire surface. Lay it over the chest, ers and rich men are worth mighty little to reading of the durn thing branched off into as well as little folks, will had it an it-