

A HEART'S DECEMBER.

On a drear December day, In the twilight's deep and gray, Thinking thoughts I can not utter, Faint I hear a breeze like flutter...

A GHOST STORY.

(A true one of the days of 1862 by the Madison (Ind.) correspondent of the Sentinel.) There has been so much written about phantoms, which has proven to be nothing more than imaginary...

stances is added to, but its productive functions are not completed or set in action. For this final purpose of a living creature, whether a plant or an animal, full and sufficient nutriment must be provided.

JOHN BROWN'S EXECUTION.

Unwritten History Regarding It Related by a Living Virginian.

A Reminiscence of Slavery Times Recalled by a Picture in Harper's Weekly—Brown's Trip Through Virginia Shortly Before the Harper's Ferry Uprising and its Object.

(Richmond (Va.) Special to the New York World.) "There is not an item of truth in the picture representing John Brown on his way from jail to the place of execution, as published in the last number of Harper's Weekly," said Colonel W. C. Knight-to-day, as he viewed the illustration representing John Brown, of Harper's Ferry, as an old gray-haired man taking a farewell kiss from some negro babies held up to him by some weeping negro woman.

He talked about everything in the world except Kansas, and yet he came directly from there; and what was remarkable about the man, he had the mildness and appearance of a clergyman and possessed a very large fund of intelligence. He appeared to be sixty years of age. His beard and hair were just slightly tinged with gray. He said he was traveling through the country, and the funny part of the thing was he talked together until a late hour at night, I supposing all the time that he was a traveling minister, for he spoke a great deal of the different churches and gave an interesting history of his visit to Nauvoo, Ill. Joe Smith, the leader of the Mormons, was living there then. It was not until next morning that he told me his business was selling patent trusses. I remarked, "I am very much mistaken in your calling, for I took you for a minister of the gospel." He smilingly replied, "I do preach sometimes."

innocent plant, and is a great hindrance to its general culture. Hogs also will destroy them if pastured in the growing season. They will produce from 400 to 1,000 bushels per acre. They produce more hog food per acre than any other crop I am acquainted with, and the hogs will harvest the crop themselves.

Dairying vs. Wheat Growing.

The farmers of Iowa were among the first to break away from the one crop system and to diversify their grain growing with dairying. There are now 400 creameries or cheese factories in that State, and their patrons do the industry much more profitable than raising wheat at sixty to seventy cents a bushel on land that is worth from \$15 to \$100 per acre.

A sheep-shearing machine in Australia is worked by steam. It is made of brass, somewhat in the shape of a trowel, moved by a turbine wheel three inches in diameter, geared on another wheel, on which is a crank. In front is a large iron cylinder against which the sheep is pressed. The steam is conveyed through a tube of India rubber, inserted in a second tube the inner tube being the channel for injection, the outer for ejection. The machine works as do shears, but cuts the wool in one direction, and injures neither animal nor fleece.

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A Bad Omen.

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