

With the Current.

Rarest mood of all the year! Aimless, idle and content; Sky and earth and atmosphere Wholly indolent.

IN HARVEST-TIME.

Without, a fierce sun burned and blistered; within, was delightful coolness and greenish bloom.

In the great library two men faced each other, one bent, gray-headed, small of stature, the other tall, and strong as a young gladiator.

"My dear boy, it has been no easy task for me to come and tell you this," Mr. Roche said, speaking slowly.

"When is she coming—home?" Maurice Edgerton asked, quietly, but choking a little over the last word.

"Naturally, this sudden information was a blow to him. To be dashed from wealth to absolute pennilessness, without a profession or the priceless experience of those who have learned what the bare struggle for existence implies, was, in truth, appalling.

"I am not positive," Mr. Roche replied. "It will certainly be some day next week. In regard to worldly matters she must be quite a child, having never in her life been without the walls of that old Belgian convent."

"Next week?" starting slightly. "That seems so soon!" And then he excused himself and went away.

"but not morally. I hold my slender claim secondary to his." The days went swiftly by—the sweet scented summer days.

All people of note in the neighborhood of Silver Cliff called on its young mistress, and voted her charming. She was so fair and graceful, and withal so charmingly original, they said.

September came and passed—October, November, and at last the drear December. But this year there were no blithe Christmas festivities up at the grand house on the hill.

Over the mantel in the library a great portrait of him hung. Occasionally she went in and stood before it, looking up at the grave, kind face with the soulful eyes and firmly-set mouth.

One of the workers had reeled and fallen heavily. They were all around him in a moment—his co-laborers. They fell back and made way for Miss Edgerton as she approached.

"What is it?" she cried. "What is the matter? Is he dead?" "No, miss; it's only the heat. He's a new un—only come this morning. Seems as if how he ain't been used to the business. Seems kind of delicate-like. He's coming to. It's only the heat."

"Maurice!" she cried. "You have come home, Maurice." "But once more his head drooped, his eyes closed. They bore him up to Silver Cliff, and there for many weeks lay almost within the valley of the shadow.

"I could not succeed," Maurice said, with one of his slow, sad smiles. "I tried a little of everything—from teaching in a school to working before the mast. But I tell you a boy who grows up without a profession, trade or course of business training is very easily worsted in competition with those who have been in harness all their lives. I did not dream of stopping here, you know, but happening to be passing through the village, I heard there was a demand for laborers up at Silver Cliff. So, being penniless and—I suppose you have guessed it—hungry, I presented myself. I did not dream of recognition, so completely one year had altered me. I went away a strong lad; I have come back a weary man. I must get strong and try again."

Once, when he had lain silent for some time, he looked up suddenly. "Strange how she, and she only, knew me—wasn't it?" Roche nodded. "God bless her!" he said, huskily. But the day came when Maurice, coated and capped, approached his faithful nurse, and held out his hand in farewell.

"You shall not go!" she cried, passionately. "The place is yours—your home, by God's law! If either must go, it is I." He had fought a battle far more bitter than she could have dreamed. And he had conquered. Now, at one word again, he felt unmanned.

Her face drooped. She spoke no word, but her cheeks had grown brilliant as scarlet poppies. Five minutes later Mr. Roche popped his gray head into the cheery library.

A Lawyer with a Heart.

"Have you ever been in prison?" asked a badgering lawyer of a modest witness, whom he was trying to bully. The witness did not answer.

"Come now, speak up, no concealment. Have you ever been in prison, sir?" "Yes, sir, once," answered the witness, looking modestly down to the floor.

"Where, sir?" "In—Andersonville, sir." The witness hesitated. "Come, own up now, no dodging," screamed the lawyer. "Now where were you in prison, sir?"

"In—Andersonville, sir." There was a moment's painful pause. Then the lawyer, who was an old soldier, put his hand to his forehead as if a pistol shot had struck him, while the tears came into his eyes.

"My God! I was there myself!" The Burmese. In Burmah boys only go to school. They study in concert aloud, and can be heard half a mile. Boys' heads are shaved until they are 15 years old, when the hair is allowed to grow until it is three feet long.

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FOR THE FARM AND HOME.

Farm and Garden Notes. Cabbage worms are said to be destroyed by air-slaked lime. Hoe the cabbage often to make them head well.

It is said that either lime or ashes sprinkled over each load of oats when it is put away in the barn will keep the rats away. Grease is said to be a sure remedy for apple-tree bark lice.

Provide some kind of support or trellis for the tomatoes. It will keep fruit cleaner, and they ripen better by allowing the sun to enter. Seeds of many native perennial plants will not germinate until next spring, if planted now, and one should not be discouraged if they do not appear at once.

When the rowen or second crop of hay is gathered, lay aside a quantity of this article for winter use in the chicken houses. Fowls eat it eagerly in the absence of green grass. Hay that is not sufficiently cured or that has been hauled in during a shower should have salt scattered over it, as it is put away. It helps to preserve it and it is liked by cattle.

It will pay on any farm to clean up the weeds along the side of the road. In many places needed in doing this is allowed as an offset against the road tax, and were it not it would still pay to prevent weeds from spreading seeds over the farm.

The dead leaves on squash vines should be carefully removed and burned. They are usually infested with eggs of the squash bug, and the first leaves that appear are of no use as soon as others form, and are then sure to wither and die.

E. P. Roe says that the best soil for strawberries is a rich, moist, well-drained loam, and a heavy clay is better than sand or gravel. Next to irrigation, which is often impossible, and in most instances expensive, fertility and deep culture are the best means of keeping land moist.

The only certain way to secure seed that will germinate, is at harvest time to select a load or two, or at least a sufficient quantity for next year's seeding, from the ripest or best developed portions of the field, keeping it separate from the main crop when hauling and at threshing time.

Careless planting of corn and potatoes is the cause of serious losses to American farmers. In hills three ft. apart, if one is a few inches out of line it is almost sure to be knocked out by the cultivator, and the use of ground, labor and seed for that season lost.

Probably no better use of potato tops can be made than to allow them to lie on the ground in the winter and then in the spring to gather what remains in heaps and burn them. Much of the manurial virtue of the tops will be washed into the soil by rains, and as the covering serves as a mulch a double purpose is served.

Should a fowl become crop-bound, work the crop well with the hand, and endeavor to force away the obstruction in the passage-way to the gizzard. Should this fail, draw the skin to one side and cut the crop sufficiently to relieve it of the contents.

NEW YORK'S FUTURE.

A Century Writer Thinks the City is destined to be the Final World Metropolis. A striking article in the Century is W. C. Upant's inquiry, "Will New York be the Final World Metropolis?"

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