

HOME DISCOURAGEMENTS.

The Importance and Influence of a Handsome Door-Yard. One of the greatest mistakes a husband can commit is, in the presence of his family, to be constantly speaking of selling his home.

It is the pleasant door-yard, the climbing vines, the thirty small fruits, that first appeal to the eye of a buyer and make him a possible purchaser; but it is not in human nature, particularly in woman nature, to feel the same interest in fixing up a home attractively, if she knows that William will not let it next month if he gets the chance.

It is in this busy, unsettled American life of ours, a change of residence is a common occurrence, but the sundering of the ties that always bind one to his home, no matter how humble that home may be, can not but be a subject of sadness.

William realizes that his house and lot has grown prettier, and forthwith begins to ponder upon the value of the spot. If he were only wise, he would keep these speculations to himself, but when he says complacently: "Well, Maria, we have one of the most desirable homes in town; if I can make \$25,000 or more out of it, I will sell it; Jones is looking around for a nice property, and I believe it would just suit him"—he is putting a dampener on his wife from which she will hardly recover.

"Oh, that's an easy matter," briskly answers the husband; " plenty of other houses we can get." And so Jones gets the home, and sweet William chucks the money down into his pocket, giving his wife no share of it, and never once dreaming that it was Maria's cunning wiles, and not his own, that shrewdly charmed the Joneses, and which made the property marketable.

By the time this wife has beautified two or three yards, and seen them sold away from her, she will probably begin to feel indifferent as to the appearance of her premises. "What's the use of making flower beds for somebody else?" she argues. "Just as soon as things get to growing nicely, we'll sell the place, and therefore it won't pay to dig in the yard any more, and he posts off to the drug store and buys her a bottle of somebody's celebrated liver tonic!"

Or, we will suppose that he does not actually sell the home, but is constantly talking of doing it, and wishing for a purchaser, the depressing effect on his family will be just the same. If the mother has lost her enthusiasm we can not expect it from the children, who generally follow her lead in such matters and thus the grounds, with all their pleasant possibilities, take on a look of neglect or unsightliness, that conveys a desolate look to the house itself.

Two many husbands place too low an estimate on the importance and influence of a handsome door-yard, and begrudge a dollar of outlay toward its embellishment, forgetting that a one-story cottage, with a climbing rose, a fragrant climber covering a pretty porch, comes nearer the ideal spot of beauty than its big two or three-story neighbor, with its bald windows blinking in the sun, unshaded by the shadow of graceful leaved on the porch, or a twining vine on the door.

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HOME AND FARM.

Bee-hives are better in a shady place in hot weather. It pays to feed meat to the hens two or three times a week, as it takes the place of insect food.

Whole oats, wheat, bran and corn meal form an excellent ration for young stock. The health and complete and symmetrical growth of the body is best secured by feeding a variety of grains.

Stewed lettuce: Stew in milk, properly seasoned with pepper and salt; strain of milk and add a few eggs, well beaten, and pour over vegetables, or stew in a brown gravy or beef stock thickened with arrowroot.

A correspondent mentions the clearest and simplest plan he knows of for testing seeds. Take a piece of cast-off clothing, or an old bag, or towel; wet it, put samples of your corn or other seeds on one end, roll up tight and keep warm near kitchen stove.

As long as land-owners look at the question of forest preservation or tree planting as one of charity for posterity, the great majority of them will go on cutting down their trees indiscriminately, and refusing to plant.

Black shades of hosiery seem to be free from poisoning. Of the colors more likely to contain it is red. Dark gray, light straw, deep maroon and such shades possess less of poisoning than the bright, dyed colors like red, blue, orange, green, violet and garnet.

In a weaving-mill near Manchester, where the ventilation was bad, the proprietor caused a fan to be mounted. The operators, instead of thanking their employer, made a formal complaint that the ventilator had increased their appetites, and, therefore, entitled them to a corresponding increase in wages.

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SABBATH-DAY READING.

THE LILIES. See the lilies, how they grow, Ne'er was King apparel'd so; Ne'er was royal tunic like their robes of glory.

God, who clothes the lilies white In their music has delight; Heeds their pure and whispered chimes, Listens to their silent hymns.

There is no occasion for lamenting that it is somewhat lighter and sometimes darker in human experience; sometimes more joyful and sometimes more sorrowful in the ways of life.

What the great orator sought for in books, the zealous man of business and the faithful man-of-work may find in the periodical rest of Sunday.

Twenty leading physicians of England said: "We say ditto to Dr. Farrer. The managers of large stables, where several horses are kept, say that a horse must have one day's rest in seven, or he will break down."

These alternatives of day and night in ordinary experience also serve to develop the better possibilities of those with whom it is not all light nor all darkness. Some excellences of heart and ornaments of life appear to best advantage in the light of prosperity; while other excellences and ornaments are rarely if ever seen, except in the darkness of adversity.

From these considerations, and others which might be adduced, while the wisdom of God may be seen in the various changes of every human life, there may also be found enough to encourage patient and cheerful submission to whatever is painfully and patiently imposed upon us by the dispensations of Divine Providence.

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THE LENAPE STONE.

A Rock Representing a Fight Between the Hairy Mammoth and American Indians. "The Lenape stone" is a flat stone about four inches long and an inch and a half wide, with a rude picture scratched on the surface representing Indians fighting a hairy mammoth.

The carving is rudely done, and with a few strokes. In front of the mammoth it is broken into two parts, and the story goes that the fragments were found, at an interval of nine years, by a boy working in a field in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, four miles and a half east of Doylestown.

"The Lenape stone" was submitted to Dr. D. G. Brinton, the well-known archeologist and ethnologist of Philadelphia. He inspected it carefully, and says it is modern, basing his opinion on both its design and execution.

The Lenape stone is obviously cut with a metal instrument, making clear incisions, deepest in the center and tapering to points—quite different from the scratch of a flint point. Shrewd fabricators than the ancient makers of this one work of flint points. Some of the western tablets have been so inscribed.

Mr. A. was a driving man of business and a hard worker. He made a fortune, and worked seven days in the week, as he was struggling to gain his first ten thousand dollars.

One day, in the midst of his prosperity, his mental vision being dazed by the apprehension of some coming evil, he took a day's rest in seven, or he will break down. One day's rest in ten, or nine, or even eight days, will not keep him in working condition.

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Following are the estimated values of some of the more noted public properties in New York City: Post office and buildings, \$22,000,000; City Hall, \$9,000,000; Grand Central Station, \$10,000,000; Madison Square, \$4,500,000; Central Park, \$87,750,000.

PLAQUE-STRIKEN PLYMOUTH.

Does a Similar Danger Threaten Everyone of Us?—How Public Attention is Directed to Personal Perils. (Rochester, N. Y., Correspondence Indian-News.)

"Judge," said a young lawyer to a very successful senior, "tell me the secret of your uniform success at the bar."

"I will explain by an illustration: The little town of Plymouth, Pa., has been plague-stricken for several months because its water supply was carelessly poisoned.

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PROSPERITY AND ADVERSITY.

The Wisdom and Goodness of God Manifested in the Various Changes of Each Human Life. Prominent among numerous occasions for thankfulness is the consideration that no earthly state is either perfectly good or totally evil.

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A Wilkesbarre (Pa.) woman fell off a chair and broke three ribs and a collar-bone while trying to hang a neighbor's cat for eating her chickens.—Pittsburgh Post.

It is no secret that Pierce's Compound Extract of Smart-Weed is composed of best genuine French Brandy, distilled Extract of Smart-Weed and Jamaica Ginger Root, with Camphor Essence, and constitutes, therefore, the best remedy yet known for colic or cramps, cholera morbus, diarrhoea, dysentery or bloody flux, or to break up colds, fevers and inflammatory attacks.

The extreme height of misery is a small boy with a new pair of boots and no mud puddle.—Trenton Sun.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE. You send them Electro-Volt, Afto Belt and other ELECTRIC APPLIANCES on trial for 30 days, to men (young or old) afflicted with nervous debility, loss of vitality and all kindred troubles.

A LITTLE fellow who is sure to be found at church on Sunday—Benny Dicton.

YOUNG men or middle-aged ones, suffering from nervous debility and kindred weaknesses should send three letter stamps for illustrated book suggesting such means of cure as Address World's Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

THE swell of the ocean—a dandy midshipman.—Golden Days.

HUMANITY demands that omnibus, hack and team horses should wear the Boss Collar Pad. The man who monkeys around machinery often travels freely.—OH City Derrick.

Interview Your Druggist, As this reporter is doing, and he will tell you some curious things. For instance, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a perfectly genuine medicine; but there are plenty of so-called Sarsaparillas in the market that have no Sarsaparilla about them except the name.

THE BOSS COLLAR PAD. NO MORE SORE NECKS. It will positively prevent chafing and cure sore necks. Harness makers will refund money if not satisfied after 30 days. Be sure to get Pad, Jayne & Co., Boston, Mass.