

SIGNS OF SPRING.

J. H. Beadle furnishes a Very Seasonable Letter. Special Correspondence. NEW YORK, March 21.—It is the fashion to say that in the sweet springtime the advantage is all on the side of the countryman. I merely rise to remark that it is the city man who generally says it. In the spring, says the most artificial of all English poets, the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. I will bet you it doesn't if he is a young countryman. It turns heavily to thoughts of grubbing out fence corners, and of hauling up the weed lot, and hauling out manure, and "tending to" the lately born lambs, calves, pigs and colts, and opening drains and mending things generally to get ready for plowing.

But on Sundays? Oh, yes, if the day is fine, and he isn't too tired, he does take a sort of animal comfort in stretching out and doing nothing. No, the verdict of the working farmer was made up when Hiccup Greeley was a "child," and he puts it thus: Late in the fall and winter the farmer has his fun. Spring and summer are for hard work. The country boy would enjoy the boisterous spring if they would let him, but they won't. In one hour on this city's streets I will find you a hundred business men who dream of going back to the "old country" to live, but not one who dreams of going back to the work he did there when a boy.

When I was a farmer boy in the Wash valley there was a local idea that I had it easier than the average. From April 1 to Nov. 1 I only had to work from sunrise till 11 a. m. and from 1 p. m. till dark, and even in May and June this rarely exceeded thirteen hours a day. The average was perhaps eleven. And whenever two or three neighbors met the old fellows always told us how much harder they worked when they were boys—a diaphanous statement of men have been repeating ever since. Then made fun of Noah. My father "joined drives" with an old Virginia neighbor, as together they had boys enough to "trim a machine." After I got old enough to think I would listen to these daily plaints that "one boy then done as much as three do now," and after they got out of earshot I would remark, "There go two of the greatest oldsters in the state of Indiana."

When I walk the streets of Brooklyn, now and feel a hankering for rural scenes, I think of those boyhood days and am immediately reconciled. The city is indeed beautiful as the foliage comes out, and as I ride along the elevated road and note from day to day how rapidly the magnificent trees which line the streets are lifting the horses, and know that in a few days more it will be just like riding through a continuous park, I am even more reconciled.

Nevertheless, if I had plenty of money and nothing at all to do, I should pass the spring and summer in the old Italian neighborhood. For a perfectly idle man it is indeed delightful, and it adds mightily to the pleasure to walk about and see other people hard at work. Even now I can shut my eyes and recall the daily panorama on one of the old farms. The past rises before me like a dream. As Pagan Bob says: "It is a perfect day in June, and as the rosy light of dawn steals through the eastern woods the rich corn broad contrasts to the rich of the farmer goes up the stairway with 'Say, now, you young rascals, are you going to sleep all day?'"

They rise. They feed, curry, gear up, eat hastily and are off to toil. The glorious sun mounts high in the heavens, the birds sing, the lumps gambol and the biggest boy swears under his breath as his plow strikes a root. The poetic tourist from the city sits in the pasture leaning against a stump, the pastoral sheep graze around him, and the ant of Holy Writ considers the ways of the sluggard and crawls up under his trousers. He starts up. He leans forward and slaps his leg. The patriarchal man accepts the apparent challenge and "plants him one" where it will do the most good. Oh, give me the country for poetical scenes. J. H. Beadle.

Plucky Jim Keene. NEW YORK, March 21.—James R. Keene, who, after coming here from San Francisco with a reputed capital of \$5,000,000 to pit himself against Jay Gould, made himself formidable by a long and brilliant series of gigantic operations only to end in disastrous failure, has been for some time forging his way to the front again. He works quietly (his name is not often heard of now in connection with big enterprises), but with all his former energy, shrewdness and daring, and is confident of regaining his lost place in the speculative world.

Even when his sun was totally eclipsed he regarded the eclipse as but temporary, expecting ere long to be shining once more in the sky of finance. He has been disappointed about the time, for unforeseen difficulties have obstructed him, but he is as sanguine as ever of the ultimate results. His obligations when he failed were so enormous that many of his acquaintances declared they could never be met. But they who knew him intimately thought otherwise; they said that the outcome would depend on his life (he is little more than fifty); that, if he should last, he would triumph over adverse circumstances. The prediction seems likely to be verified. He has never had so much faith in his future as at present. He is positively enthusiastic over his prospects in these days, considering that within a twelve-month he will have paid a hundred cents on the dollar, with interest, to every one of his creditors. His operations are often immense—in stocks, grain, petroleum, in whatever promises profit. They sometimes appear reckless, but his intuitions assert otherwise. They maintain that he is a philosophic speculator; that he has a clear head which nothing ever obscures; that his courage is prodigious, and that his resources are inexhaustible. Jay Gould, they intimate, will yet discover that he has a foe-man worthy of his steel. T. H. Y.

CHATS ABOUT MEN.

One of the Rothschilds, in Weisbaden is taxed on an income of \$1,000,000. General Butler has a cigar in his mouth almost continually, but he rarely or never lights it. Leopold Morse, ex-congressman, uses a round dozen of good and strong Havana cigars every day. Senator Coger allows himself three cigars daily, and Senator Allison also loves a fragrant Havana.

General Gurka, governor general of Russian Poland, is a hale and vigorous soldier of sixty-four years, and he is not going to resign his place, as has been reported.

With a jackknife James Ingram, of East Bradford, Pa., has carved on a dogwood tree a fox hunt with a dozen hounds and a mounted hunter or two in the chase.

Thomas D. Jordan, who succeeds John A. McCall as comptroller of the Equitable insurance company of New York, began service with the company as an orphan boy in 1859.

M. C. Creswell, the owner of the Last Chance and Monarch mines at the new camp in Colorado that bears his name, is a native of Illinois, who settled in Colorado in 1876. He is a man slightly above medium height, lean, and is of a sandy complexion, and is forty years of age, although he looks much younger.

Wisniewski sprinkles his conversation with all that is interesting and sometimes epigrammatic, with choice and pertinent extracts from Shakespeare, of whose works he is especially fond. His talk even on commonplace subjects is bright and entertaining, and he is a man, despite his reputation, of great personal magnetism, which casts a spell over the visitor.

AROUND THE THRONES.

Queen Margherita of Italy devotes a day occasionally to visiting the hospitals in Rome.

The Duke of Edinburgh is, after the queen, the richest and closest member of the royal family.

Ex-Empress Eugenie has still in her service the woman who was her favorite maid in the empire days.

The empress of Austria's name when traveling is that of Elizabeth Nicholson. She once had a favorite lady's maid of that name.

Princess Lieke Troubetski is one of the most celebrated granddaughters in Europe. She belongs to the illustrious family of Beloselsky, whose ancestors date from Kurik.

The Grand Duchess of Baden, daughter and sister of emperors, is at the head of a hospital, a cooking school, a training school for servants, a school of art for women, and a mending school.

That highly ornamental personage, the King of Siam, has ordered a large and expensive steam yacht to be constructed for his own use, which will be twice as large as any such craft now afloat.

King Milan has decided on abandoning all his rights, not only as a member of the royal family of Serbia, but also as a simple citizen. He considers that he is acting in the interest of his son and his country, and probably he is not far wrong. The ex-king styles himself a "voluntary exile."

The Prince of Wales smokes a cigar manufactured specially for him by a Cuban firm. The tobacco is the finest known in the trade, and a cigar, when rolled and finished and packed in highly polished boxes bearing Wales' "Three Feathers," represents exactly four English shillings each.

TURF TOPICS.

In 1891 exactly 1231 thoroughbreds were foaled at Rancho del Paso.

Kansas City will probably furnish a sixty day racing meeting this season.

Springfield talks of laying out a kite shaped track, the first in the state of Ohio.

Ed Corrigan has made 603 stake engagements for the coming season. Last year his horses won in stake and purse races no less than \$70,000.

The Bloomington (Ill.) Trotting association offers to give a purse of \$10,000 to Monarchs, 2:24; Chimes Girl, 2:26; and Ralph Wilkes, 2:18, next fall.

James E. Pepper, the wealthy distiller, is the first tuffian in the southwest to fit up a palace horse car for his horses to travel in during their campaigns.

Professor Landsberger, the sculptor, has been commissioned by the College of Agriculture of Berlin to make a statue of the celebrated English race horse St. Gatien.

The rivalry between some of the foreign countries in regard to which should purchase the best American trotters has furnished a market for some of the best trotting stock this country has ever produced.

WHISPERS ABOUT WOMEN.

Miss Jane Cobden, daughter of the famous Richard Cobden, is an indefatigable writer on political as well as on general subjects.

The hospital recently opened at Glasgow by Lady Abernethy is free to women only, and is to be worked by a staff of competent lady doctors.

Dr. Mary P. Jacob, of New York, and the fashionable Dr. Mary Woolsey Horton, of Washington, are each said to earn over \$10,000 every year in the practice of their profession.

It now transpires that Mrs. Osborne, of London, stole her friend's jewels in order to pay tradesmen, with whom she had recklessly run in debt, and who were threatening suit.

Mrs. Paran Stevens, during her wanderings through Europe, has collected no less than a hundred miniatures, painted on ivory, onyx and silver, each the beauty of some well known family, disposed of by some imprudent member.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

Haley's "L'Elclair" (1887) was lately given for the first time in Italy at the Pergola theater, in Florence.

William Barry has a new play called "Green Goods" for next season, but his partner, Hugh Fay, will not be with him.

A syndicate has been formed in Paris, with a capital of 3,800,000 francs, for rebuilding the Comic Opera in Paris on the site where it was burned down.

Kate Castleton's home in Oakland, Cal., is said to be the home of a veritable herd of dogs, to whom she has given characteristic names taken from stage people.

Dixey has produced a little play entitled "The Major's Appointment," adapted by Nelson Wackerstaff and George Rankin from a story by Julia Selinger.

Paganini's violin, preserved in the museum at Genoa, was found to be deteriorating for want of use. It was taken out, and Sivori played upon it for an hour or two.

A lady has made a suggestion to the effect that actresses whose robes require them to knit, crochet or sew on the stage should "do something useful" with a charitable end in view.

A new comic opera company is being organized by Platt and Matthews, of which Marion Manola is to be the bright particular star. It will begin its career in the Fifth Avenue theater, New York.

Spike Hennessy, the reformed brigand of the "Showaway" company, is recently engaged a valet. Mark Lynch, the leading man of the company, was not to be gotten, and immediately tired a dresser.

Mme. Schumann is very ill of a nervous disease, and has been prostrated completely quiet and rest. It is, therefore, unlikely that she will be heard in London this season. She is nearly seventy-two years old.

Margaret Matier was playing "The Egyptian" in Cincinnati. The act of the headman slipped and she caught the blow full upon her neck. The audience was frightened at this display of realism, and the headman nearly had a fit.

Ullie Akerstrom, the bright little Chicago actress, has written a new play, which she will produce in the near future. It is entitled "Miss Rourke." The scene is laid in the south, and the leading character is Miss Aurora, whom the darlings call Miss Rourke.

Rosa Caillat, a famous prima donna, at whose feet all Europe worshipped a score of years ago, recently died at Vienna. She lost her voice and was reduced to such poverty that she could not leave her room for want of decent clothing. She was the wife of the original Prestidigitator Herminia.

Joseph Jefferson has materially altered his plans for next year. He was very much grieved at the death of Mr. Florence, and though Louis James played Florence's roles acceptably, the public did not prize Jefferson and James as they did Jefferson and Florence. The result is that Mr. Jefferson will make his season of 1892 a short one in his theatrical history. It will begin on Nov. 1 and end in the middle of January.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

New Jersey has increased its World's fair appropriation from \$20,000 to \$70,000.

The Illinois Woman's Ceramic association has secured space for an exhibit in the Illinois building.

The grand entrance to the mammoth Manufacturers' building will be decorated at an expense of about \$12,000.

Hayti has appropriated \$25,000 for its representation at the exposition. Fred Douglass has been appointed commissioner to represent that country.

In the Illinois state building a room 32 by 61 feet, has been assigned to a kindergarten exhibit, which will be made chiefly under the sole direction of the women.

The total amount reported appropriated by foreign nations and colonies for their representation at the exposition, so far as heard from, is \$8,977,693. Quite a number of those which have decided to participate have not yet made appropriations.

The Illinois state board of agriculture has offered a number of prizes, ranging from \$50 to \$200, for the best exhibits shown at the state fair, to be held at Peoria in September. From these exhibits the board will make many selections for the World's fair.

RAILROAD JOTTINGS.

The city authorities of Denver have decided that ticket scalpers shall be taxed \$200 a year.

The work of relocating and rebuilding the Southern Pacific track, the section that suffered so severely from last year's floods, has been completed.

The conductors on all the street cars and other vehicles for the public in a large section of Warsaw, Russia, are women, who fulfill their duties better to the satisfaction of the public than men.

In the case of the Chicago and Grand Trunk versus Thomas Wellman, appealed from the Michigan circuit court, the United States supreme court decided that the law of the state regulating passenger rates was not unconstitutional.

Among the improvements to be made by the Baltimore and Ohio company is the relaying of the Pittsburgh division between Pittsburgh and McKeesport with new rails eighty-five pounds to the yard and the reduction of some of the heavy grades.

The Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg and Central Vermont roads are going to build a grain elevator at Norwood, N. Y., in which to store grain destined to New England points, which often has to be held for months awaiting orders.

Libby Prison's First Occupant.

The first person to enter the famous Libby prison was Phileander A. Streeter. He belonged to Company C of the Second Vermont Infantry. Unfortunately he was captured in the first battle of Bull Run on July 21, 1861, he was taken to Libby prison two days later. The distinction that was thrust on him at that time was due to the fact that he was at the head of the line of prisoners marched to the place. "You can bet," he says, "I was glad to put a brick wall between me and the mob that was gathered there in the street. I tell you the bricks and stones flew about as fast as the bullets at Bull Run, for we were the first lot of Yanks the folks had seen."

Mr. Streeter hurried up to the third floor of the prison and sat by a window on the only chair in the room. His stay in the building lasted until Jan. 3, 1862, when he was exchanged. It did not break him down, as he is a hale and hearty man today. He is now engaged in the paper making business in Holyoke, Mass. His share is to be one of the features of the old prison which was, it will be remembered, removed to Chicago some time ago.

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THOMAS CONNIFF.

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