

THE SLANDERER'S TOMB

Deep in the dreary forest gloom, Where no flower is seen to bloom, And where a poisonous streamlet flows, The bank above doth night-shade waves, In such the slanderer's tomb.

The boiling water, hovering round, Seemeth to hiss and hiss around; The blackened rain-bow hovers there, And blasting winds pollute the air, And fall upon the unhealed wound.

For him that sleeps in the lone bed No tomb of stone is raised; No kindred sees his face beyond, Or raise the consecrated stone, With pious hands above his head.

Alike to heaven and man a foe, The only joy on earth he knew, Was to destroy his neighbor's fame— To blight the fairest, brightest name, And aim at Virtue's breast a blow.

On his dark brow a scowl'd envy dim, His eye balls flashed a baleful fire, While jealous and envious hate, Drove in his heart in sudden state, And swelled it with a hellish ire.

Indignant saw the Almighty Power: The wretch fell from his lofty height, And struck the prowling monster dead, That he should curse the world no more.

And now in dreary forest gloom, Where no flower is seen to bloom, The bank above doth night-shade waves, In such the slanderer's tomb.

AGRICULTURAL

Sowing Wheat and Rye with Buckwheat

A CORRESPONDENT of the Prairie Farmer says: "Last season I tried sowing my rye with buckwheat. Put in that way it did much better than the usual method. The wheat was cut, and it produced heads nearly twice as large. The rye must be well harrowed, sowing the buckwheat afterward, and hushing it in. If the rye is only sown, it is apt to be drawn out with the growth of the buckwheat. The rye will seldom be found to grow too much under the buckwheat; if it should, it may be left down in the fall. The readers of the Agriculturalist will remember the recommendation of Dr. C. Herlan, in Feb. No., page 25, to sow buckwheat with rye in the fall. It is cut down by frost before maturing, and serves as a protection to the grain through the winter. Let the experiment be repeated on a small scale by others. This fall, and the results noted next year and reported."

Remedy for the Curculio

A CORRESPONDENT of the New England Farmer gives the following directions: "I have found that a wash made of a piece of quinine the size of a quart measure, put to a half-barrel of water, stand two days, and then well stirred, is a sure protection for the plum from the attacks of the curculio. It should be applied very soon after the blossoms fall, and repeated at the opening of a second or third crop, until the fruit is fully grown. With a common garden syringe a good sized tree may be completely covered with the wash in a few moments; I believe the failure of this remedy will be owing to its improper application, or the solution being made too weak to be disastrous to insects. I raised a line crop of Blue Gages last season on a tree which was stripped of its fruit every summer for several years. I believe the frequency of this wash promotes the health and vigor of the tree."

Teaching Hogs to Destroy Thistles

A WRITER in the Southern Homestead says: "I will give a receipt of exterminating thistles which I have tested and found effective, and which costs nothing. It consists in teaching hogs to eat the roots of the plant. Tramp on the buds of a goodly number of the largest plants of the field, and place on each a teaspoonful of salt, then turn your hogs on them. They will eat the roots of the salted plants first, and will continue a fondness for the roots, and will acquire to eat them daily as long as you keep them. If but one hog be educated in this way, he will teach the whole herd to eat them, and they will exterminate all on the farm."

Very Knowing Bees

Mr. SAMPSON, of Penn., relates that "A few years since I learned that a few hives of bees, an insect formerly unknown here. The first year he obtained a plentiful supply of honey, but year by year it decreased, until now the animals will hardly collect any. And why? The answer is, that the hives are educated in this way, he will teach the whole herd to eat them, and they will exterminate all on the farm."

Lac Varnish for Vines

GRAPE-VINES may be pruned at any period without danger from loss of bleeding by simply covering the cut parts with varnish made by dissolving stick-lac in alcohol. The lac varnish soon dries and forms an impenetrable coat to rain; it may also be applied with advantage in coating the wounds of young trees.

RELIGIOUS

Led to Christ by an Ox

The Spirit of God can make use of any agency to bring sinners to repentance and faith in the Redeemer. Commenting once upon the words, 'The ox knew his owner,' and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider, the speaker sought to impress upon his people how sinful they are, and how they are despising the goodness of God and forgetting his very existence. Three or four days after, a farmer who had been pruned was giving provender to his cattle when one of his oxen, evidently grateful for his care, fell to licking his bare arm. Instinctively the man, who was holding the ox, flashed conviction on the farmer's mind. He burst into tears, and exclaimed, 'Yes, it is all true. How wonderful is God's word! This poor dumb brute is really more merciful to me than I am to God, and yet I am in debt to him for everything. What a sinner I am!' The lesson had found its way to his heart, and wrought there effectually to lead him to Christ.—American Messenger.

Stopped worrying and began to laugh

A clergyman, met at a celebrated watering-place, met a lady who seemed to be crying on the brink of the grave. Her face was hallow and wan, her manner listless, her step languid, and her brow wore the severe contraction so indicative both of mental and of physical suffering, so that she was to all observers an object of sincere pity.

Some years afterward he encountered this same lady, so bright and fresh, so youthful, so full of beautiful bonanza, so joyous in spirit, that he questioned himself, so if he had not deceived himself with regard to identity.

Is it possible,

"Is it possible," said he, "that I see here Mrs. B. who presented such a deplorable appearance at the Springs several years ago?"

And pray tell me, madam, the secret of your cure.

"What means did you use to obtain to such cheerfulness and rejuvenation?"

"I have used a medicine called Dr. J. C. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, which has done more for me than any other medicine I have ever used. It has given me a new life, and I am now as well as ever."

THE RULE OF RIGHT

Tax rule of right varies with people, and actions, as circumstances seem to call for action.

A portion of the earth's surface, is too warm for wheat, and a demand is made for colored soil.

This demand becomes an imperative necessity. For therewith the arm of power steals and

JOY IN HEAVEN

You remember the occasion when the Lord met with thee. Oh, little didst thou think what a commotion was in heaven. If the Queen had ordered out all her soldiers, the angels of heaven would not have stopped to notice them. If all the princes of earth had marched through the streets, with all their jewelry and robes and crowns, and all their regalia, their chariots and their horsemen—if the pomp of ancient monarchs had risen from the tomb; if all the might of Babylon and Tyre and Greece had been concentrated in one great parade, yet not one angel would have stopped in his course to smile at these poor tawdry things; but over you, the vilest of the vile, the poorest of the poor, over you, the lowliest of the lowly, and concerning you it was said on earth and sung in heaven—Hallelujah, for a child is born to God to-day.—Spurgeon.

Don't send the Whisky

A soldier in the army, who, himself not a professor of religion, had a praying mother and wife, wrote last December, requesting that a bottle of whisky should be included in his Christmas-box. The Christian wife, praying every day for her husband, insisted that she will his wish, but at last concluded that he did not require it, and prepared the bottle to go with the little luxuries in his Christmas-box. But just before the box was to be sent, another letter came, and it began with these words: "Don't send the whisky; for since I wrote you, I have found Jesus, and given myself to him; I do not want a bottle of whisky, and I do not think my faithful partner for her consistent Christian life, her love, and her prayers, and to describe his joy in the newly found Savior."

Praying has made sad work in our army, and it is thought that many a soldier would not have thought of going to the deep deep of a converted soul, may refuse the proffered temptation, or write home the welcome word: "Don't send the whisky."—Edinburgh.

A Sabbath School Incident

At a meeting in Exeter Hall, London, where there was a vast number of Sabbath-school children assembled, a clergyman arose on the platform, and told them of two little girls, one of whom he had known, and of good little girl who he afterwards learned to know. This little girl had been to Sabbath-school, where she had learned "to do some good every day." Seeing two little boys quarrelling, she went up to them, and asked them why they were acting, when they desist from quarrelling, and, in the end, induced them to attend Sunday-school. These boys were Jim and Tom. "Now, children," said the gentleman, "would you like to see Jim?"

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