

### AUTUMN.

The rich autumnal shadows fall:  
The first brown leaf wheels slowly down;  
And all along the orchard wall  
The mosses gather deeper brown.

Through all the rounded golden hours  
No sound steals in from village street;  
Alone the chimneys from distant towers  
Float hourly through my still retreat.

Across the vale, the rugged hills  
Are starting from their summer gloom,  
And bursting heather glows and fills  
Their skyward curves with purple bloom.

Again with Autumn comes the time  
When you and I would cross the vale,  
And reach the mountain foot, and climb  
Till stars renew the evening tale.

I wander still where nature haunts  
Her secret places seldom sought;  
But even nature something wants  
A subtle something, deeply wrought.

And here alone I sit, and now  
Thy voice is hushed; but those dear eyes  
That flushed beneath thy brave brow  
Are haunting me as daylight dies.

The sun slopes slowly to his rest,  
This soft September afternoon,  
Till all the color leaves the west,  
And steps the world in twilight gloom  
J. S.

### Farm Notes.

The harvest in Italy is a failure this year.

We have reports of extensive freezing of potatoes by the late cold snap.

A Belvidere (Ill.) man raised \$733.50 worth of clover seed this year from 30 acres of clover.

Over fifty thousand bushels of potatoes have been bought and shipped in Duquesne this fall.

A second crop of barley (volunteer) at Sun Prairie, Wis., came into head before the late cold snap.

Over 1,000 persons in Clark and Wayne counties, Mississippi, earn their living by turpentine industry.

A strong decoction of peach tree leaves is reported to be specific for chicken cholera, dose, one-half teaspoonful.

Two-thirds of the cultivated land in America is cultivated by the personal labor of the men who own the land.

At a recent potato show in England, where nearly 1,400 plates were shown, a large number were of American varieties.

The favorable fall weather in Dakota has enabled farmers to get in an immense crop of wheat in the northern portion of the state.

Great quantities of tobacco are raised in Russia, the seed from which it is grown being obtained chiefly from this country.

Red clover was introduced into England from the Netherlands in 1645, by Sir Richard Weston, then ambassador to the Low Countries.

Pennsylvania has eighty incorporated county agricultural societies, thirty-one of which have representation in its State Board of agriculture.

Bohemia has two superior and seven ordinary institutions for agricultural instruction, all of which are in the enjoyment of state support.

French farmers do not take kindly to scientific agriculture, as the savants understand the term. They cultivate well, and save in every possible item of cost.

A decrease of 20,000 cows is reported in Ireland this year as compared with last. Railroad books show a great falling off in the amount of butter shipped.

The value of farms in the United States is eleven billions and the annual product is three billions. In four years, therefore, the farm products equal the value of farms.

Hemp is recommended to be cultivated in vineyards, orchards, etc., for the banishment or destruction of noxious insects. It is said that noxious insects are not found in hemp-fields.

Agriculture is to be made an obligatory study in the elementary schools of France. This is a recent action of the French senate, and was adopted by a majority of 254 votes.

Here is a rare specimen of the profits of horticulture worth striving for. The originator of a new, white, out-door grape, suited to our climate, is said to have sold the "copyright" of the same for \$20,000.

Peach trees blossomed in Kentucky, the second time this year, and a market woman near Newport Ky., sold a bushel of strawberries in Cincinnati, and had a large supply nearly ripe, destroyed by the freeze.

Rot among the sheep is a late disaster announced to have overtaken English flocks. It is laid to the deluge of rain there for the past year, keeping the ground so wet as to be unwholesome for sheep pasturing.

London Garden, in speaking of strong manure for roses, says: A successful English competitor for a fifty guinea prize "fed his plants tremendously," some of the beds being mulched with nearly a foot of manure.

One of the phenomena of the season is a second crop of raspberries and strawberries in Delaware and Maryland. One grower has shipped at one time as many as 120 pints of raspberries from his bushes, the second crop this season.

Clover in McLean county is yielding about four bushels of seed to the acre, and most of the farmers have already sold at \$4 per bushel. In Allegan county, Mich., the crop was the largest ever known. The price there has ranged from \$3.50 to \$5.25 per bushel.

Cheap walks from the house to the stable and other out-houses may be constructed by laying sapling trees, say 6 inches in diameter, parallel with each other and one and two feet apart, according to the width desired. Bind them in place by pinning ties across occasionally. Fill in the middle with sand, gravel, sawdust, or any similar material.

Wheat is selling in the Gallatin valley,

Montana, at fifty cents per bushel, and there will be a large surplus which can't be disposed of even at that low figure, and probably not at all. With the Northern Pacific extended through that region, as it will soon be, the products of Montana promise to be almost limitless.

A farmer in Elvira, Ia., cut a crop of barley from a piece of land in the summer, being unable for lack of help to cut the crop until after it had become so matured that much shelled in handling. A second crop sprung up on the stubble and was almost ready to harvest when the freeze came.

Mr. Mechi has been credited with the answer, when asked what he manured his land with, saying, "With brains, sir!" Opie, the celebrated painter, is the originator of the idea. He was asked by an ambitious pupil, with what he mixed his colors, he replied, "With brains, sir."

The entries of the late dairy fair in London were as follows: Live stock, 342; dairy products, 460; dairy implements, models, drawings, etc., 59; total, 861. This is an increase over the entries at a similar fair held in October of last year of more than 200, showing the increased interest in dairy farming and manipulations among English dairymen and farmers.

The importation of foreign green fruits into New York, says the New York Tribune, has more than doubled in ten years. Oranges have not increased much, the average number of Mediterranean being 160,023,487 for ten years, 168,705,520 for 1878; while of West India 12,942,975 were received last year, the average for ten years being about 50 per cent. more. Florida fruit comes in competition with the later. Of lemons, in round numbers has been from 85,000,000 to 217,000,000. There were 42,000 boxes and 12,000 barrels of grapes received.

### The Tables Turned.

A good story comes to us from the West. Out in Indiana the students of a well-known medical college decided to have a good joke at the expense of a professional resurrectionist. The latter was not exactly a coward in any sense of the term, but they, the students, felt confident that the plan they had on hand would, if successfully carried out, be the means of providing them with unbounded merriment at the resurrectionist's expense. They informed him that they had secreted a body for dissection, and commissioned him to bring it from its hiding-place and deliver it to them. Just previous to this one of the number got into a sack and lay perfectly motionless. He was the remains, and he was to kick and make a big noise at a given signal from the rest, who were to be hid in ambush along the road. So far everything worked like a charm. The resurrectionist took up the sack, swung it across his back and trudged on to the utter joy of the occupant, who remained as still as possible. On trudging the resurrectionist with thoughts of the forthcoming fee dancing in his soul. Finally he got to within fifty feet of the spot at which the ambushed party lay, but between him and them was a bridge. As he stepped upon the bridge his burden was aware of the fact that the signal would be given so soon that it was not worth while to wait for it, so he commenced to kick, and the resurrectionist, with hair on end, made a loud howl and threw his burden off the bridge into the water below. The students rushed down pell-mell and rescued their companion after a desperate struggle. When any allusion is made to the affair, however, the students pretend to know nothing about it.

### The Bear at the Altar.

A singular anecdote is related by the Rev. J. Bowden, in connection with the plague in Norway. At the beginning of the fourteenth century it attacked the district of Valdres with such severity as to entirely depopulate the country for miles round. About 200 years afterward a peasant was one day hunting a bear in that part of the country. Having discharged an arrow at the animal, it missed its mark, but, flying onward, struck against something which gave back a ringing sound. Curious to discover what was the cause of the strange circumstance, the hunter searched and found a church hidden among the trees. The arrow had struck against the bed of the clock in the church steeple. This was the ancient church of Hadel, which had stood unknown since the visitation of the plague, and in the lapse of time a large forest had grown up and concealed the sacred building from the eyes of men. The most singular part of the story is, that the hunter entered the church and slew the bear at the altar, where it had taken refuge. The bear's skin is still preserved in the vestry of the church.

### Boys or Girls?

A lady who had much experience in teaching both boys and girls, speaking of the extraordinary obtuseness of a certain pupil, said:

In a physiology class, this young lady of 15 inquired, with languid surprise: "Is there not a straight passage through the head from one ear to the other?"

"A somewhat natural conclusion," the teacher commented, dryly, "if she had ever watched the processes of her own mind."

"Which would you prefer teaching," asked a visitor, "boys or girls?"

"Boys, infinitely," was the prompt reply. "No boy, for instance, would ever have asked such a question as that. He would long before have investigated the subject with a lead-pencil. Not, probably, in his own ears," she added, meditatively, "but in his younger brother's."

LIMBURGER cheese made in this country is superior in every respect to that produced abroad.

### WIT AND HUMOR.

A sign of the times: "Shut This Door."

Put a shutter over your mouth, is the latest slang.

Is a pulpless clergyman in quest of a church engaged in a steeple-chase?

When a man calls his wife's maid an angel it is time for the wife to make her fly.

The King of the Fiji islands is said to relish "Baby Mine" very much. He likes it well done, too.

"You are my precious pearl," he said as he drew her to his manly breast. "Oh, John," she sighed, "and you are my oyster."

LITTLE Gerty (after waiting some time for dessert)—"Uncle, don't you have anything after dinner?" Uncle—"Yes, dear; the dyspepsia."

"Are you building air castles in Spain, Mr. Jones?" said a landlady to a boarder, who was thoughtfully regarding his coffee-cup. "No, madam, only looking over my grounds in Java," replied Jones.

A RATHER gayly-dressed young lady asked her Sunday-school class "What was meant by the pomps and vanities of the world?" The answer was honest, but rather unexpected: "Them flowers on your hat."

"I DON'T see how there ever came to be so many words in the world!" exclaimed a girl who was studying her spelling lesson. "Why, sis," said her brother, "they come through folks quarreling. Then, you know, one word always brings on another."

MOTHER—"Johnny, why do you look so down-hearted?" JOHNNY—"Cuz I haven't got no luck. Jim Woodhead was the last in the class, an' I'd worked myself up to the last but one, an' now Jimmy's died to-day, an' I am the last again. Boo-hoo!"

TEACHER—"Now, boys, quadruped and biped, you know, are two kinds of animals. Quadruped, animal with four legs, such as cow, elephant, horse, etc. Biped, animal with two legs, such as—well, ah—. Yes, there is a biped," pointing to a goose on the wall, "and I am a biped, and you are all bipeds. Now, what am I?" Pause. One of the bipeds—"A goose, sir!"

A TRAGEDY.  
"This night, two lovers lean  
Upon the gate.  
A heaving form is seen—  
It is their fate.  
A piercing scream from her  
The welkin rent.  
It was, as you infer,  
Her part to rent.  
The lover sought to scoot—  
Alas! too late.  
He's hoisted with a boot  
Beyond the gate."

A GENTLEMAN sent his Irish servant up to his room for a pair of boots, and at the same time told him to be sure to get mates, as there were two pairs in the closet. Patrick returned with two boots, but odd ones. "Why, don't you see that these are not alike—one is a long top and the other a short one?" said the gentleman, out of patience with the fellow. "Bedad, your Honor," said Pat in apology, "and it's true for ye; but thin the other pair was just so, too!"

### Macaulay's Annihilator.

On one Monday morning as Mr. Macaulay, the actor, was about to get on board the train, a queer-looking man stepped up to him and asked for a few minutes' conversation, which was pleasantly granted by Mr. Macaulay, who has less airs about him with strangers than any actor in the profession.

"I'd like to see that annihilator like you have—that gun that shoves out like a telescope."

"Certainly, sir; I have it in my valise. It frequently comes handy when strangers fool with me."

The actor went into the train, followed by the stranger, and soon produced his "annihilator," which the other grasped eagerly and began to work, his eyes gleaming with delight.

"That's a daisy, by Jove it is! What's its range?"

"I never really knew how far it would shoot. It carries a pound of powder to a pint of shot, and the charge spreads out in all directions."

"I've got a little racket myself!" said the stranger, pulling out an immense six-shooter from behind. "That's the boy that was the terror of Pioche for years."

"Ah! Are you the celebrated Pat Holland, poet and fighter of Pioche?"

"I am pretty well recognized in the sage-brush country by that name. When I haul this machinery out it clears the streets quicker than a squad of New York police could do it. I'd like to buy that annihilator of yours, for a sort of companion piece, as it were, to mine—something to balance me on the other side."

"To tell you the truth, Mr. Holland," replied Macaulay, laughing, "this affair of mine is only a sham. It doesn't shoot at all—just meant for the stage, you know."

"Holy Moses! You don't mean to say that you can't kill a man with it?"

"Exactly!"

"Good-by, sir! I've been goin' to see you night after night, supposin' this weapon was the real cheese, and I'm sold. I used to dream about it night after night, and now to find out it's a fraud. It's too terrible!"

Here Pat sat down on a car step and wept like a child.—Virginia City Chronicle.

### Humility.

Humility is a virtue all preach, few practice, and yet every body is content to hear. The master thinks it good doctrine for his servant, the laity for the clergy, and the clergy for the laity.

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