PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

INCREASING INTEREST TAKEN IN THEIR CULTIVATION.

Taste for Flowers in the City—Window Plant Business—Horticultural Auction Rooms—Plants by Mail—Question of Healthfulness.

[New York Tribune Interview.]

"Any one who has been in London in the summer months can not but contrast the difference in the appearance of the flower decorations in the windows and balconies in the streets of London with those of New York. Almost every dwelling in London has its window box, from which flowers of every imaginable shade and color droop in profusion, rendering the view down the street a visit of glorious coloring. New York is rapidly imitating London in this particular, although flowers will probably never be so extensively grown in dwellings here as there, for the reason that our climate is not so well adapted to their growth. Our hot, scorching, dry air during the months of June, July and August renders the cultivation of window plants much more difficult here than in England. On the other hand, we have advantages in the culture of many tropical plants for our gardens, which do much better in our hot climate than in England. For example, the coleus, which we have now in almost every imaginable shade of leaf-marking, has here an increased brilliancy under our tropical summer sun which in Europe it never assumes.

"The plants sold in our markets now are principally roses, geraniums, verbenas, carnations, mignonette, daisies, pansies, heliotropes, palms and other ornamental leaved plants, together with coleus and similar foliage plants in great variety. All the plants at the market are sold in pots, principally to grocers, butchers and others who retail them. These buy them direct from the wagons of the florists who are the growers and then retail them at usually about double the wholesale price. This is necessary, because they are difficult things to handle in pots, and also because being perishable, there is some loss, for if a plant bought at the market goes out of bloom it is of little use to retail, although in reality it is often just as good as when in bloom, if not better.

"Another great mart for the sale of flowers is now the horticultural auction rooms, situated in this neighborhood and other down-town streets. These are supplied mainly by the large wholesale growers in New Jersey and Long Island. They are put up in lots packed to ship, and large buyers find that they not only buy cheaper but get plants in better shape at the auction rooms than in the markets, from the fact of their being all packed to ship. The purchasers are largely the wholesale florists who buy to supply their stock for retailing, although a number of private gentlemen buy largely for the decoration of their grounds in the suburbs. Some gentlemen buy not less than 5,000 plants for that purpose, as they find that they can often buy cheaper from those who make a special business of growing them than they can grow them themselves, even when having regular gardeners and greenhouses for the purpose. Besides the sales of plants in this way in our large cities, immense quantities are shipped every day by the different express companies to all parts of the country, and also by mail.

"This sending plants by mail has probably done more to engender and diffuse the taste in plant culture than anything else, as it places plants in the hands of those who have a love for flowers in every town and hamlet on the continent. The postoffice department claims that thus far it has been unprofitable, but it has undoubtedly been a benefit to the community in diffusing a taste for the beautiful in flowers. The dirt is all removed from the roots of the plant, which are then wrapped up in paper and forwarded for 1 cent an ounce. They will live for a week in this condition, thus giving sufficient time to send them to California if necessary.

"Although New York in many of its public institutions leads all other cities, yet in the decoration of its parks with flowers it is sadly behind. Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Albany, Allegheny City and many others of lesser size are far ahead in the decoration of public flower beds of both New York and Brooklyn. In the Lincoln and South parks of Chicago at least 500,000 plants are used for the decoration of their flower beds each season, and it is one of the principal attractions of the parks, while it is doubtful if in Central park, New York, and Prospect park, Brooklyn, together, one-tenth of that number are used.

"The vexed question, 'Are plants injurious in living and sleeping rooms?' is now settled. Plants undoubtedly give off injurious gases, especially in the night, but the quantity is so minute that we have the word of our friends the scientists that there can be no possible harm resulting. This is further proven by the robust health of hot-house employes. The influence of plants as health barometers is also beginning to be appreciated. A plant will droop in any atmosphere which is unhealthful for a human being, and hence a thrifty lot of plants in the room is proof positive that the ventilation is good, the furnace working right, and the sewer gas kept in the obscurity for which it was designed."

Authority in Pronunciation.

[Inter Ocean "Curbstone Crayons."]

"Speaking of the question of authority," said a theatrical manager, "Matthew Arnold, when he was here, was asked one evening, 'What is your authority for pronunciation in England?' and he answered, 'London.' The questioner repeated that he meant what dictionary, what work on pronunciation was authority. To this Arnold answered, 'None.' 'What is your authority then on pronunciation?' the questioner persisted. 'London,' said Arnold, and he then explained that the best usage in England was law, and that London made the law for pronunciation of all words because it was the literary, the political, and the business center of England."

Georgia's "Talking Rock."

[Chicago Journal.]

Pickens county, Georgia, has a postoffice named "Talking Rock." The origin of the name is thus stated: Some one discovered in the vicinity a large stone upon which had been painted the words "Turn me over." It required considerable strength to accomplish this, and when it was done, the command, "Now turn me back, and let me fool some one else," was found painted on the under side of the stone.

"Hold the Fort."

[Chicago Tribune.]

Gen. John Corse, to whom, at Altoona, Ga., Gen. Sherman sent the famous dispatch: "Hold the fort for I am coming," may be met any day in New York, rotund and reminiscent.

Dying Words.

[The Student.]

"The air is rather close."—Desdemona. "Drinking will cause my death."—Socrates. "I shall lie in the grave."—Ananias. "I was not well heeled."—Achilles.

New Orleans Picayune: Russia is bent on war, and England suspects crookedness.

SHE WON'T LOVE HIM.

[London World.]

A little while my love and I,
Before the mowing of the hay,
Twined daisy wreaths and cowslip balls,
And carolled glees and madrigals,
Before the hay, beneath the May,
My loved who loved me then, and I.

For long years now my love and I
Tread severed paths to varied ends;
We sometimes meet, and sometimes say
The trivial things of every day.
And meet as comrades, meet as friends,
My love, who loved me once, and I.

But never more my love and I
Will wonder forth, as once, together,
Or sing the songs we used to sing
In springtime, in the cloudless weather.
Some chord is mute that used to ring,
Some word forgot we used to say
Among the May, before the hay,
My love, who loves me not, and I.

Choice of Occupation.

[Scientific American.]

Much is said in "writings for youth" as to the importance of choosing such an occupation for life as nature's inclinations appear to favor; and in some instances resort has been made to professional head and face readers to indicate the line to which the unformed mind should be directed. But it is often the fact that even a thinking and sensible boy is unaware of any decisive "call" to a particular pursuit. Much of this indecision probably comes from the fact that the call for a choice occurs at about the time in years and development when the subject is unfitted to make a choice—"not a man, nor a boy, but a hobbledehoy," as an old saw has it.

It is foolish to "strike out," "map out," or "arrange" for a boy's future calling by means of his expressed desire at the callow age; the boy will naturally gravitate to his proper line—if the circumstances do not hinder—if those who have to deal with him do not interfere. It is not difficult to ascertain if there is a "bent" in the boy's inclination. If it is decided, then the influences and circumstances should be brought to bear in that direction. Many make mistakes because they did not understand, and sometimes these early mistakes extend through the lifetime; but Burritt was a fair blacksmith, Collyer was a good one, Lincoln was a good rail splitter, and Johnson was a good tailor. It would be assumptive to to say that the course of these men would have been better if at the beginning they had become linguists, preachers, statesmen, and presidents. Perhaps it was better that they were what they were at the beginning.

If there is any moral to facts, as to fables, it might be that the best thing an ambitious young man can do is to do the first thing that comes to him, the first thing he can reach by going for it, and watch and wait opportunities for better things.

Peculiar Wheels for Maui S.

[New York Sun.]

Two novel sulky wheels have been made in a Center street shop for the use of Mr. Robert Bonner. The new wheel has a slender rim of cast steel, from which eight thin lugs project in at regular intervals toward the center. Thin strips of steel connect the alternate lugs, thus describing two squares within the circle. Each strip is a cord which strengthens the arch of segment of the circle opposite it. Slender steel wires run from each lug to the hub, which is thus suspended in the center, its weight and the weight of the axle being suspended from the upper arch of the wheel, instead of resting through thick spokes on the under arch. The weight of this wheel is all in the rim, and its strength is great in proportion to the quantity of metal used. Two wheels made for Mr. Bonner cost $300. They are expected to lower the record of a horse at least one second.

A Crazy Caricaturist.

[Paris Letter.]

Poor Andre Gill, the great French caricaturist, who died recently, was for some years confined in a lunatic asylum, and while there he contributed to La Nouvelle Lune two most horrible sketches. One was a portrait of himself in his madness. The other represented himself in chains, cowering on the floor of his cell, while above him, as if seen in a vision, were a man and woman carousing, and a banker offering him two huge bags of gold. These sketches were masterpieces of careful and powerful drawing. After a time Gill was discharged from the asylum, supposed to be cured. He immediately painted a terrible picture of a madman in a cage, which was accepted at the salon but "skyed," on seeing which the artist had a relapse from which he did not recover. His real name was Andre Cosset, Vicomte de Guines.

Where Fine Women Are Raised.

[London Truth.]

Very beautiful women and fine-looking men are "raised," as the Americans would say, in Persia and the khanates of central Asia. Europe or America never produced such a paragon of loveliness as Gen. Nazar Aga's wife. Some of the noblest types of the Caucasian and the Semitic races are still found in the valleys of central Asia. They are physically as superior to a civilized European as a Khiva steed is to a Parisian cab horse. However, when not in the first bloom of youth, the women have a sorrowful, not to say a morose, look, which impairs their beauty. This is shown in Vereschagin's album of sketches made between the Caspian and the Ganges, which will soon be exhibited in London.

She Deserves a Chiding.

[San Francisco Chronicle.]

I have heard of a great many peculiarities among servants and people who are paid to work. I have heard of the servant girl who takes music lessons and has a professor teach her. I know of the cook who plays sad melodies on the guitar to the roast turning gracefully, but uneasily, on the spit. I am not ignorant of the housemaid who touches the mandolin as delicately as she does the broom. But a lady friend complains of a new and most eccentric taste of a servant girl she has, who leaves the dishes unwashed on the table while she lies down on her bed and plays the fiddle. There are few things you are really justified in chiding a servant for, but that strikes me as being one of them.

Climate of Persia.

[Philadelphia Call.]

Excepting during the three winter months, the climate of Persia is warm and dry. For nine months no rain falls and scarce a cloud is to be seen. One who has not experienced such a steady climate might think it would prove monotonous. But those who have enjoyed it are very well satisfied with it, and never miss the variable and stormy climate of Europe, and especially that of America.

One Exception.

[Chicago Ledger.]

It is claimed that the highest faculty of language is to conceal thought. It may be, but when a man falls over a wheelbarrow in the dark it seems to lose its grip somewhat in that particular.

[Chicago Times.]

A Buffalo dog under a course of instruction in carrying articles in his mouth inadvertently swallowed a silver dollar. The money being out of its element gave trouble and threatened the life of the valuable animal that had so suddenly withdrawn it from circulation. A medical student chloroformed the dog, cut into the stomach and recovered the silver, and sewed up the wound. The dog is now as good as ever; and so is the dollar.

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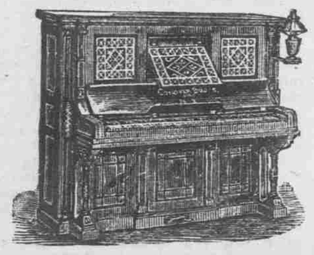

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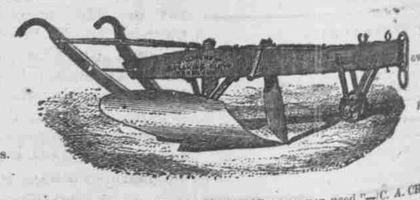

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