

Little Barbara.
Pretty Barbara, ripe and red,
With sweet smile and the bees abed,
And feet of nectar and lavender;
So pretty a thing, Edna would wear;
To the art of the ribbon that ties her hair,
Or the brooch that binds her shoe;
So like her each trick she has to wear,
It seems just as if it grew,
I, too, as in its petals and pollen drest,
That wears its beauty because it must,
And something like Barbara, too.
As she dips her small tin bucket in
The little fountain of woven glass
Like webs that the spiders weave and spin
To hang on the shining blades of grass,
To face as bright and happy as hers,
In the nets of the silken gossamer,
Looks out of the water's smooth ellipse,
As if it were to hold within it
The soft verbenas red of lips,
And kiss and caress her just for a minute,
In the arms of the dimples, smooth and still,
Ere it goes and soaks the mill.
For life to her in the honey-dew
Is nothing but the way-side spring,
Between the upper and under line,
That makes a fiction of every thing,
As perfectly like as it grows;
And she is too happy to see within it
The shape of her small sweet face a minute,
From the bow in the hair to the tip in her
shoe.
To know that the marvelous shadows mean
The simple inner beauty that shows
But now in the color of a rose,
And now like the water's smooth ellipse,
In her heart that holds the picture still,
As we gaze and slowly turn the mill.
—Harper's Magazine.

FOR THE FARMER'S HOUSEHOLD.

Sheep as Improvers of Land.
Not only is it in the wool and mutton which they furnish the production of sheep to be valued, but otherwise in the aid they furnish in fertilizing the soil upon which they tread. This is made manifest in the able papers prepared by Mr. John L. Hayes, Secretary of the National Wool Manufacturers' Association, and published by order of Congress. He says sheep are the only animals which do not exhaust the land upon which they feed. They, on the contrary, permanently improve it. Horned cattle, especially cows in milk, by confined grazing, ultimately exhaust the pastures of their phosphates. In England the pastures of the county of Chester, famous as a cheese district, are kept up only by the constant use of bone dust. Sheep, on the other hand, through the peculiar fertilizing power of their manure and the facility with which it is distributed, are found to be the most economical and certain means of constantly renewing the productiveness of the land. By the combination of sheep husbandry with wheat culture, lands in England, which, in the times of Elizabeth, produced, on an average, six and a half bushels of wheat per acre, produce now over thirty bushels. For these reasons, the recent practical writers in the journals of the Royal Agricultural Society of England pronounce that, while there is no profit in growing sheep in England simply for their mutton and wool, sheep husbandry is still an indispensable necessity, as the sole means of keeping up the land.
Experience in the United States leads to similar conclusions. Mr. Stilson, of Wisconsin, by keeping sheep, is able to raise his twenty-four bushels of wheat to the acre, while the average yield of wheat in Wisconsin is but ten bushels. There are cases in Vermont where sheep farmers have been compelled to abandon one farm after another as they became too fertile for profitable sheep growing. Mr. George Giddes, whom Horace Greeley used to regard as the highest authority for agricultural matters in the State of New York, and who has raised sheep for many years in connection with wheat, says that with one sheep to the acre of cultivated land, pasture and meadows, he raises more bushels of grain, on the average, than he did when he had no sheep to manufacture his coarse forage into manure, and to enrich his pastures to prepare them for the grain crop; that the land is constantly improving, and the crop increasing in quantity; and that, while producing crops on less acres and at less than he did before he kept sheep, he has, in addition, the wool and the mutton produced by the sheep.

Celery.

Peter Henderson says in 'Gardening for Profit': 'I know of no vegetable on the cultivation of which there is so much needless labor expended with such unsatisfactory results as celery.' But Mr. Henderson gives a method which is at once so simple and practical that no one need fail. I had never seen celery growing when I read 'Gardening for Profit,' but carefully observing Mr. Henderson's rules I succeeded in obtaining celery that took the premium at our late State fair. I planted the seed in the open ground as soon as the soil was dry enough to work well, and began to cultivate as soon as the plants could be seen, keeping the ground loose and free from weeds. Twice, before transplanting, I sheared the tops of the plants off to induce a stalky growth, and about the twentieth of June they were ready for transplanting, which was done, not in trenches, as most writers direct, but on the level surface, in rows about three and a half feet apart. Cultivate often and keep the ground loose and free from weeds, and about the middle of August the process of 'carthing up' should begin; the soil should be drawn up to the plants with enough to keep the leaves upright, and when cool weather comes the blanching may be finished by digging the soil from between the rows and banking up to the tops of the plants on each side of the row. The soil should be moist and well manured.

Building.

Building fruit-trees is not as difficult as grafting, but like the latter it must be understood just how it is to be done, though this is easy to do by giving it a little attention. To get a bud from the parent branch it should take about an inch and a half of the bark and wood, the bud being about in the center; and

in setting it cut a slit in the bark only say two inches in length—and at the top make a cut across the slit; then carefully raise the bark up with the knife and insert in it the bud. Do it as neatly as possible. Then wrap around the entire slit and up to the bud bass matting, using strips about a foot long and half an inch in width, and tie in a knot. Of course the branch or stick in which the bud is set remains just as it was before, no topping or cutting off. The budding of peach trees is best deferred until August, and is always adopted instead of grafting, which is not successful with this fruit. Persons who failed in doing their grafting in the spring can substitute budding, and thus lose no time.

Domestic Hints.

MINT SAUCE FOR ROAST LAMB.—Put four tablespoonfuls of chopped mint into half a cup of vinegar, sweeten to taste and let stand for two hours before serving.

OAK POISON.—Dilute sweet spirits of niter with the same quantity of cold water; apply with a white cloth every ten minutes until cured. When a few hours' contraction it seldom requires more than one application.

How to Cover the Sick.

Never use anything but light blankets as a covering for the sick. The heavy, impervious cambric is bad, for the reason that it keeps the exhalations from the pores of the sick person, while the blanket allows them to pass through. Weak persons are invariably distressed by a great weight of bed clothes, which often prevents their getting any sound sleep whatever.

LEMON AND ORANGE WATER ICE.

Put a lump of sugar over the rind of a lemon until it has absorbed all the oil. Put it into a bowl with the juice of four lemons, four times as much water, or more if it seems too strong in flavor; sweeten it to taste with clarified sugar; strain it through a lawn sieve and freeze it as you would ice cream. Orange ice is made in the same way.

Holes in the Wall.

Small holes in white walls can be easily repaired without sending for the mason. Equal parts of plaster of Paris and white sand—such as is used in most families for scouring purposes—mixed with water to a paste, applied immediately and smoothed with a knife or flat piece of wood, will make the broken place as good as new. As the mixture hardens very quickly, it is best to prepare but a small quantity at a time.

PRESERVING EGGS.

Eggs, for household or market purposes, are better unfertilized. The unfertilized egg never becomes addled, though it may become musty and unfit for food. This rarely happens, as by evaporation of the water the contents become dried to the shell. If the shells of unfertilized eggs are rubbed over with an oiled cloth as soon as laid, then placed large end down in crates in a dark, cool room, the contents, by actual experiment, will not have changed in a year's time.

POULTICES.

To make a linseed meal poultice, rinse a bowl or basin with boiling water to heat it; then pour in sufficient boiling water; with one hand sprinkle the meal into the bowl and with the other stir the mixture constantly with a spoon until sufficient meal has been added to make a thin and smooth dough. This should be done rapidly, otherwise the poultice will cool in making. The meal should always be added to the water with constant stirring, for if the water be added to the meal the two ingredients will not be well blended and a lumpy mass will result. To make a bread poultice, get stale bread into thick slices, and pour enough boiling water over it to cover; place by the fire and allow it to simmer for a short time; then strain off the excess of water and spread on a hot cloth.

BURNS.

The best application for a burn is a liniment made of lime-water and oil, beaten together till it looks like butter melted to a cream, or for the table. It matters not whether common lime or the chloride of lime is used, and either sweet-oil or hinned-oil will answer.—Wrap the burned part in fine linen covered with this mixture, and cover thickly on the outside with raw cotton to exclude the air. Open it but once in twenty-four hours, and then carefully soak off the rags with the lime-water and oil, so as not to injure the tender skin that may be forming on the wound. Bathe well with the liniment, and put on clean dressings of rags wet with the liniment, and cover with cotton as at first. Where lime cannot be had, the next best dressing that we know of is soap and lard mixed well, melted, and strained to get out the coarse particles of soap. In this case you may first use strong alum-water to assuage the pain, and then put on a plaster of the above. In any case, over the rags put raw cotton, to exclude the air and keep the part from being rubbed.

A Devil-Fish Off Charleston.

While Mr. Henry May was out fishing with a party near Fort Ripley, in the yacht Uncle Peter, and the vessel was lying at anchor, all of a sudden, without apparent cause, she started off at a frightful speed. The cause, however, was soon explained by a huge devil-fish, propelling to the surface of the water, with the anchor rope fastened to one of his fins. A small negro fishing boat was soon caught, too, by its anchor rope being entangled with that of the Uncle Peter. The fish then went straight for Fort Ripley with both boats, but as soon as he would get near shoal water he would shy off again and make for the channel. The negro boat soon got loose, but the Uncle Peter was carried twice round Fort Ripley, and it was nearly an hour before the devil-fish finally let go. The anchor rope was found covered with a thick slime, which could not be removed. There was no harpoon on board the Uncle Peter, otherwise the name-sake of his cable might have paid dearly for his prank.

A Countryman in Wall Street.

Not many months ago a man pretty well known on the Comstock west coast to sell a mine lying in the Pyramid District. He had a map of the claim and his underground workings all done up nicely in pink and blue ink, and it was as fine a piece of draughting as a countryman could see. He took his maps, trays and samples of ore to New York, and began to 'lay' for a customer. Presently he fell in with a manipulator, who wanted to get him a customer on commission. 'Now, look here, old man,' says the Wall-streeter, 'you are from Nevada, and probably a little green in the ways of the street. You will meet some awful sharp men here, and you must manage to be a trifle sharper, or you can't do anything. Let me manage this thing, and give me all I can get over \$5,000 for the mine.'

The Nevada deal.

The Nevada deal, and the New Yorker took him into a room and began to give him some confidential advice. 'Now, here's the way to manage this thing. Of course, if you have a really good mine, it won't be at all out of the way to make it look big. Now, take this map; it's a good map, but it ain't big enough. We must show up some more ore. I'll get an artist to put in some extra ore bodies—just scatter them through the mine like plums in a pudding—and that'll half sell it. The buyers will be sure to discover these ore bodies afterward all the same.'

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Absent Minded.

A Cumberland, Maryland, paper gives this instance of an absent minded individual: A gentleman residing not a hundred miles from here, who is a great walker, though he owns a handsome outfit of horse and carriage, proposed to drive a lady to a church dedication. He had always walked to church before that. He drove up on the day named, hitched his team and stayed to the evening service; after which he deliberately walked home. The lady waited until nearly everybody left, when she stated the situation to a gentleman, who found the vehicle where the owner had left it, drove the lady home, and took the carriage to the house of the owner, who was found in bed. He had forgotten he had taken the lady to church, and at the close of services, as usual, with him, walked home and went to bed. He desired that we would give publicity to this, and of course we comply with his request.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

A deaf man leads a listless life.

One smile for the living is worth a dozen tears for the dead.

In Beaufort, S. C., there are ten negroes to every white person.

The saddest words of tongue or pen: 'I intend to pay, I can't say when.'

There is nothing that so refines the face and mind as the presence of good thoughts.

How fast that the summer always goes so quickly!—because there is often an evening mist.

There is no means of bringing your business before the public like newspaper advertising.

A family of seven persons arrived at Newport last week with only thirty-seven pieces of baggage.

For successfully making his mark in the world, a mail-pole can put itself against any known disease.

It is an alloy of copper, though many a man shows a plentiful supply of brass with never a copper in his pocket.

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The Fashions.

Bright hued butterflies are favorite designs for embroidery on ties.

Crumple black silk in the hand, and if it does not hold the wrinkles it is good quality.

There is a special fancy this summer for shirred bonnets or round hats of cotton goods that may be renewed by the laundress when no longer fresh.

Batin undershirts made quite plain—that is without flourishes—are worn with grandiose overdresses. Sometimes a fan is set in the ends of the seams.

A shirred basque and an apron over-shirt, much bunched up, is popular for young girls of eleven. Trim with plaits of the lawn, or else Boston lace.

An odd fancy for a jewel case is a silver-gilt dining table with hinged leaves. The top opens in the center and reveals the crimson-lined nest for bracelet and rings.

Two short-hanging draperies of white batiste, caught back on the side, will be pretty for the arch of bay-windows in the bedrooms, and similar ones of lace in the drawing-room.

Ladies who object to turning up the overskirt to reach the pocket, insert a pocket very low down in the side seam of the lower skirt, beneath the flounce which trims the foot of the dress.

Shawls of colored thread, woven in shell patterns, are light and cool for morning wear in the summer. They are large squares, finished with fringe, and are found in amber, pale blue, rose and white.

The actress Croizette's gown, ordered for London engagements, is of pink silk, covered with pearl embroidery; the train is of violet velvet wrought with silver and gold, and the stomacher is of gold, velvet and precious stones.

The lace mantles imported for this summer are quite short in the back, measuring at the greatest depth at the top behind only thirty inches, while across the top they are quite long, being often three yards from end to end.

A New York house imports pictures of costumes and reproduces them for customers, instead of importing the whole suit and selling it after it has been handled by scores of women. Any lady who desires the exclusive possession of a gown buys the picture, and it is not duplicated for any one else.

Harper's Bazar says: A novelty this summer, known as the Spanish long shawl, is really a scarf, three yards long and about three-fourths of a yard deep, made of either black or white Spanish lace. It is to be worn as a cowl over the watering place. The middle of the scarf is thrown over the head, one long end is caught up on one arm, and the other hangs to the foot of the dress.

Scene in a New York Police Court.

'Your husband was arrested by an officer, Mrs. Powers,' said the justice in Essex Market court, to a sad-faced little woman, 'on a charge of cruelly beating you. I have sent for you to make a complaint against him.'

'Against my husband, sir?' she asked in a low voice.

'Why, of course. Your face is not and swollen, your arms black and blue and your lips quivering now from the pain his brutality has caused you. Your cries were painful to hear, your neighbors say, and they said that your husband is a drunkard and that you have to support him.'

'Oh! let him go,' said the little woman, crying. 'He didn't mean to do it. We've been married just a year and a half. Our little boy is home asleep. I would not have it said his father ever had been arrested for beating his mother. You'll let him go, please do,' and the woman wept again.

'And what do you say, Powers?' answered the court.

'Say,' answered the drunken brute, 'why I say—a hell, I'll give it to her when I get her again—all stop—her blubbering and her baby stories.'

'You will not if I have the power to prevent you. You are committed for six months in default of \$600 to keep the peace.'

A Remarkable Phenomenon.

A gentleman residing in Wakulla county, Fla., by the name of Cox, who is cultivating a small farm, upon arising one morning last week was surprised to find that during the night his residence had been changed from a region where water could not be seen and was situated on the border of a lake. When he retired the evening before his house was far away from any pond, lake or river, but upon going out next morning his surprise can be imagined when, instead of his garden, an immense sink, fifty or sixty yards square, filled with water, running up within eighteen or twenty feet of his residence, met his gaze. During the night this transformation occurred, leaving not even a vestige of the tallest pine trees which were standing in their full majesty, only twelve hours before. These sinks, however, are not antecedent to that county. It has only been a short time since that a sink occurred near Lavender's Mill, more remarkable than the one alluded to above, in that it occurred upon the very top of a hill—one of the highest points of land in that county. Will not some one explain these occurrences?

Obstacles in the Throat.

The membrane lining the throat is very flexible, and is studded with the openings of the numerous glands which are placed in it. It also has a great many folds and ridges, to allow of greater distensions when food is passing through it. A common accident is the arrest, while being swallowed, of a piece of food of irregular shape or too great size in some one of the many pouches of the throat, or the point of a pin or fish bone catching in one of the openings mentioned. The list of things that have been caught in the throat comprises such articles as artificial teeth, the bristles of a tooth-brush, the dart of a blow gun, pieces of straw, etc. These produce great discomfort, or actual suffering, constant desire to relieve the throat, difficult breathing, an increased flow of saliva and mucus, and even death from suffocation. To examine the throat, face a strong light, tip the head well back, the mouth widely open, and the tongue pressed down in the floor of the mouth. If the obstruction can be seen, an attempt may be made to remove it with the finger, the handle of a spoon or any smooth article. Notice what part of the substance is caught in the membrane, if a fish bone or pin, grasp the free end with a slender pair of pliers or forceps, by which it can be pulled up or pushed down, and thus lifted out. If it cannot be seen, sometimes a large mouthful of water will carry it into the stomach. If these attempts are ineffectual, emetics must be given. Stir up a tablespoonful of mustard, salt, or powdered alum, in a cup of lukewarm water, and drink the whole of it. In a large majority of instances the vomiting that speedily ensues will eject from the mouth the offender. Never attempt to push down through the mouth, and then only with the greatest care. Instruments have been pushed through the walls of the gullet or great blood vessels, with death as the result. Even if the article is safely out of the throat, the feeling that it is still there often continues for a time, giving rise to fruitless efforts to extricate what has already been removed. Of course, it is needless to say that all such attacks as standing upon the head, pounding upon the back, or rolling upon a barrel are worse than useless. If the simple things mentioned are of no avail, go for the doctor.

The Wealth of Gen. Robert Tombs.

Gen. Tombs, of Ga., is estimated at \$500,000. He bought 100,000 acres of Texas lands in the infancy of that State, at twelve or fifteen cents an acre. It is now worth from \$10 to \$100 per acre, but he has sold 30,000 or 40,000 acres. His income from his practice has reached \$40,000 per annum. He is a princely liver, but a most careful financier.

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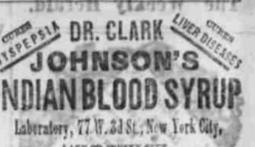
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