BACK AGAIN AT THEIR WORK.

A Short Strike of Central Pacific Switchmen.

Southern Pacific Officials Arrange a Schedule of Wages Which Will Be Submitted to Trainmen To-Day.

At 1 o'clock on Friday morning twenty-five switchmen employed in the Central Pacific freight-yards, at Fourth and Townsend streets, blew out their lanterns, quit work, went home, and decided to call their maneuvers a strike.

Yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock twenty of the number gathered around Superintendent A. D. Wilder, in the Fourth-street yard, informed him that they had been misled, that they were sorry for what they had done, that they would never do so again, that they had never been in favor of strikes, that they clearly discerned their mistake, and desired to return to work.

After hearing their story, Mr. Wilder read them a short lecture on strikes, drawn from twenty-five years' experience in railroading, forgave them the trouble they had given the company, themselves and the freight-shippers, and sent them home, with instructions to change their clothes and go to work at once. The other five have been discharged. The trouble was occasioned by the discharge on Wednesday night of Walter Phemister, a foreman of one of the switch-engines, who, with three of his crew, was found in a state of intoxication while on duty.

The other yardmen asked that the discharged men be reinstated, and upon the refusal of the officials to comply with their demand, and without laying the matter before the Switchmen's Mutual Aid Society or any society whatever, they decided to take the matter into their own hands and strike.

OAKLANDERS FILL THE BREACH.

This yard is a part of the Western Division, and Superintendent Wilder promptly sent men from Oakland to take the places of those who refused to work. Freight traffic was not seriously inconvenienced, though the yard work could not be as speedily performed by strangers as by those who knew every switch and spur in the yard.

Everything was moving in the regular order at the yard yesterday, and when the men who had quit work appeared and asked to be taken back their case looked hopeless in the extreme. They explained to Superintendent Wilder that they had left their work for fear of being branded as "scabs," and having their names go across the continent on freight-cars with this odium attached.

He, understanding their position, and believing they had been influenced in their actions by professional strikers, allowed them to resume work. Phemister, the discharged foreman, is an old offender, and several years ago was discharged from the employ of the company for being drunk and blackballed, which, without the influence of some official, precluded the possibility of his again entering the railroad service. He went to Superintendent Wilder, told a tale of renewed ambition and reform, which enlisted in his behalf the sympathies of that official, who had the blackball raised and gave the man employment in the San Francisco yard. About a month ago he was again intoxicated on duty and the old story was revived.

On Wednesday night he was drunk again and while in that condition made some mistake in making up a train, for which offense he was discharged by Yardmaster Dillon. Mr. Wilder says that he is a good man when sober, but seldom allows business to interfere with sprees.

WAGE SCHEDULE SUBMITTED.

The Division Superintendents from all parts of the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific Company, who have been summoned here to prepare wage schedules for their respective divisions, to be submitted to the trainmen to-morrow, have concluded their labors and everything is in readiness for the conference to-morrow. Nothing definite is known relative to the changes which by these schedules are proposed, but it is quite probable that an entirely new system will be adopted.

Grand Master Wilkinson of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen has been here for several days. Many representatives from the various organizations of railroad employes, chosen by the respective orders for this conference, have already arrived and others are expected to-day. They come on this occasion with free power to act for the orders from which they are chosen, and consequently no trouble from this source is expected to arise, as was the case at the former meeting at Fourth and Townsend streets.

The first annual report of the Yreka Railway Company was filed with Secretary Kelly of the Railroad Commission last Friday. The total cost of construction has been $84,773, and the road has a debt of $45,000, secured by first mortgage bonds. The total mileage is seven and a half and the stockholders number 190. The operating expenses for the year were $10,630 and the income $11,372 84. Seven employes are carried on the pay-rolls of the company at salaries of $4260 a year and the road is out of politics.

THE NEW TIME-CARD.

On the new time-card for the Coast Division of the Southern Pacific Company, which goes into effect this morning, the following important changes are noted: The 7:30 o'clock morning train for San Jose and Almaden is discontinued, also the Del Monte limited. The funeral train will leave hereafter at 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon and return to San Francisco at 3 o'clock. The "theater" train (Saturdays only) will run as far as Menlo Park, leaving here at 11:45, and the regular Sunday excursion train will be continued until further notice.

The Northwestern excursion, which leaves this city for Chicago and New York on Tuesday next, bids fair to be one of the largest of the season. The introduction of special features for this excursion only, which have been already published, has proved very popular with the public, and the number booked for this trip far exceeds any similar affair for the season.

General Traffic Manager Gray of the Southern Pacific Company arrived here yesterday from Chicago, where he has been for some weeks assisting in the adjustment of the Texas freight rate troubles.

C. P. Huntington will leave New York to-morrow for this city.

SEALSKINS BY A SPECIAL.

The Atlantic and Pacific road sent out a special of fifteen cars yesterday, carrying the sealskin catch of the Alaska Commercial Company, which arrived here recently from Copper Island.

A. F. McPhail, General Agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company at Santa Barbara, returned home yesterday.

Phil Crorat, the popular City Passenger Agent of the Chicago and Northwestern, left yesterday for a two weeks' vacation.

A. C. Pond, Assistant General Ticket Agent of the Northern Pacific, left recently for a vacation trip to Honolulu.

Amos Burr, Traveling Passenger Agent for the Vanderbilt lines, left yesterday for Portland.

A PATHETIC COMPLAINT.

Damages and Legal Revenge Sought by a Dancing-house Keeper.

N. R. Holmquist has sued to recover $500 damages from Police Judge H. L. Joachimsen for an alleged malicious prosecution. The complaint sets forth that in December, 1889, Police Sergeant Thomas D. McKenna conceived a bitter and causeless hatred against the plaintiff and had him arrested and fined $100 for an act which is not a crime; that when plaintiff was liberated, McKenna filled the plaintiff's dancing hall at 216 Grant avenue with large numbers of policemen who drank quantities of his beer; that McKenna procured warrants from the defendant repeatedly for the arrest of plaintiff; that he had him railroaded to the County Jail and there falsely imprisoned, and arranged with the defendant to refuse bail; that plaintiff was detained all night in a vile dungeon, breathing the morbid exhalations of the beastly criminals and wrecks of humanity there, and kept away from his lovely wife and darling daughter. Holmquist also petitions that Judge Joachimsen be removed from office. The complaint is another literary product of Counselor Clarke.

Two Unfortunates.

James Murphy, an old miner who imagines himself fabulously wealthy and wanders away from home, has been sent to the asylum for insane at Agnews. Mrs. Delia Cook was also sent to Agnews yesterday, owing to temporary fits of insanity, during which she endangers the lives of herself and family.

"Cow Hollow" Nuisance.

As a result of the objections raised by the residents in the neighborhood of "Cow Hollow" to the obnoxious stench created by the cow-yards, 300 cows belonging to Frank Enhoff were removed from that place yesterday. There now remain but twenty cows owned by Peter Palasson.

An Outbreak Feared.

The bad blood existing between the various highbinder societies in Chinatown promises to bring "Little Pete" to the surface again, unless he has profited much by his late experience and keeps completely in the background. He belongs to the Bo Sing Seer Society, and the impression prevails in police circles that he will attempt to square matters with those of his enemies who testified against him and Lee Chuck. The police authorities are keeping close watch at all the highbinder headquarters, and in case of an outbreak will take prompt and forcible action.

OUTDOOR ATHLETICS.

Skillman's Fast Run — Gafney Down With the Rheumatism.

This forenoon the postponed three-quarters of a mile race will be decided at the Olympic Club grounds. There are among the entries a few first-class runners, who will probably lower the Coast record for the distance—that is, providing the weather is favorable.

P. D. Skillman of the Olympic Club ran a trial half-mile race last Friday afternoon at the Bay District track in 2:02 1-5. The young athlete is in splendid condition, and if not too heavily handicapped he will make his opponents "get a move on" in the two-mile race at Sacramento.

P. N. Gafney, the well-known amateur athlete, has been dangerously ill in bed for the past couple of weeks. The doctors say that he is suffering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, combined with a high fever, and it may be many days before he can be around again. He will be obliged to retire from the cinder-path, as another such attack might prove fatal.

It is thought, from the number of good men who have entered, that the 440-yards scratch race, which will be run next Wednesday, will result in a very exciting finish between Casady, Winslow, Garrison and Gallagher. These talking horses are favorites.

Competitors in the Sacramento games can leave this city at 3:30 or 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday next. The 3:30 train makes a quicker trip and the cars are better than the 4:30, so that those who desire a pleasant trip will take the former.

The rules of the P. C. A. A. A. governing walking, running, hurdle races, jumping, vaulting, boxing, wrestling, swimming, etc., are now on sale at the offices of the various club members of the association, and athletes desirous of being well posted on the rules could not do better than invest 25 cents in a copy. This little book will do much to dispel the dense ignorance of the average Californian on matters athletic.

J. Campbell of the Sacramento Club is entered in the hurdles, and from the ease with which he clears the sticks should be a formidable competitor.

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Winslow has shown some very fast trials lately which make it quite likely that he will come equal and perhaps surpass his Eastern record, in which case he will lower Casady's colors in the quarter.

D. A. Cohen of the Alameda Olympics is training faithfully and thinks that with six yards start he will have a sure thing on the 100 yards. Some of the other handicaps may not up some of his start, however, between the flash of the pistol and the time he gets moving.

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A New Departure in Bringing Coal to This Port.

Quick Dispatch Made in Discharging the Steamer Arago—Trip of the Willie Rosenfeld to Liverpool.

The steel tug Collis, which was built at the Union Iron Works in this city, and which has recently been plying on the waters of Puget Sound, arrived in port yesterday afternoon, having in tow the barge Ludlow, laden with 1000 tons of South Prairie coal, consigned to Thomas Pedler, the agent of the coal company.

The Collis is commanded by Captain Randall, one of the best-known tug captains on the coast, who was for many years in command of various boats of the "red-stack" line in this city, but left here about two years ago in command of the tug Sea Lion, which went up to, and is now plying, on the sound. Randall, who is the father of young Captain Clem Randall of the "red stacks," left the Sea Lion about eight months ago and took charge of the Collis, which is named after Collis P. Huntington. The tug made the trip down from Tacoma in 6½ days, via Port Townsend 5½ days, very good time, indeed, considering her heavy tow.

SOMETHING NEW ON THE COAST.

This towing down of a barge laden with coal is quite a departure on the Pacific Coast and, as J. Homer Fritch says, is liable to revolutionize the industry, though on the Eastern coast barges carrying from 500 to 2000 tons are constantly employed carrying coal long distances. A. M. Simpson & Co. inaugurated the business on this Coast. There is no doubt that ere long many other vessels will be engaged in the industry, and that the local ship-builders will have considerable orders to build barges for the business.

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The barge Ludlow was formerly the bark Emerald, well known on this coast and owned by Pope & Talbot. About a year ago she was burned to the deck up north and was then razed and transformed into a barge. She has two derricks for the purpose of hoisting cargo in and out.

BAD QUICK DISPATCH.

The Oregon Coal and Navigation Company's steamers Ajax, Arcata and Arago, which all arrived from Coos Bay on Friday, are having quick dispatch. The Ajax, Captain Donaldson, arrived at 8 o'clock on Friday morning and, after discharging 700 tons of coal, left for Coos Bay at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon with seventy-five tons of freight and a large list of passengers.

The steamer Arcata, Captain Thomas, came in on Friday with 700 tons of coal. She had to wait for the Ajax at the dock and commenced discharging at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. At 6:30 o'clock last evening she was all out, and shortly afterward left for Coos Bay. This discharging is said to be the quickest ever done on the wharves. It is considered quite a big day's work.

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ROSH HOSHANAH.

Ushering In of the Jewish New Year.

Some Practical Suggestions—How an Attractive Flower Bed May Be Laid Out and Kept at Very Little Expense.

According to the Jewish calendar, dating from the beginning of the world, New Year's will begin to-morrow, the 15th inst., but it is the custom to celebrate the event of the incoming year on the evening previous. The next year will be 5651, and services will be held in all the synagogues, beginning at 6 o'clock this evening.

Rosh Hoshanah is the beginning of the season of prayer and reflection, which terminates ten days later with Yom Kippur—the day of atonement. The first is a feast day, the latter a fast day. The Jewish calendar is simply traditional, as the Old Testament does not set an exact date of the beginning of the world.

At this time seats in the various places of worship, both of reformed and orthodox Jews, are in demand, and extensive preparations are being made to carry out the prettiest service of the year. All the seating capacity of the various places has been taken. The Temple Emanu-El on Sutter street, under the charge of Rev. Dr. Jacob Voorsanger, will, as usual, be resplendent for the occasion, and the services will be of an exceptionally high order.

A new organ has been placed in the Synagogue Sherith Israel, corner of Post and Taylor streets, of which Rev. Dr. Falk Vidaver is the rabbi. On Monday morning he will, in his sermon, combat the theory of evolution in an elaborate discourse.

Other prominent places of worship are: Ohabai Shalom, Rev. Dr. Bettelheim, corner of Geary and Mason streets.

Beth Israel, Rev. Babinowitz, on Turk street.

Shaarey Zedek, corner of California and Stockton streets, Rev. Dr. Isaiah Agat.

Beth-Menahim Streisand, Rev. Joseph Wilhser, Minna street, near Fifth.

Nabeth Zedek, Golden Gate avenue, near Jones, Rev. Dr. Levison. As the building is not large enough to accommodate all who may attend, this congregation has arranged to hold its services at Odd Fellows' Hall.

A large congregation will also occupy Metropolitan Temple as heretofore.

The Hamilton-square Baptist Church will be used by the Jews of the Western Addition. Rev. Aaron Shapero will conduct the services.

The church of the Seventh-day Adventists on Laguna street, near Golden Gate avenue, will be occupied by the Hebrews of Hayes Valley. Rev. Jeremiah James will officiate.

The Shofar, or ram's horn, will be sounded in token of the faith of the people in all the congregations. This is commemorative of the merciful substitution of a ram for Abraham to sacrifice instead of his son Isaac. It will be a rare treat to attend the services of any of the congregations mentioned this evening.

BEAT HIS WIFE IN PUBLIC.

A St. Louis Woman Punished for Objecting to Her Husband's Company.

Edward Blackburn, a commission merchant and cousin of ex-Governor Blackburn of Kentucky, was the central figure in a scandalous scene. His wife, according to a St. Louis special to the Chicago Herald, saw him in company with two women, and, following, observed them enter a restaurant. After a few minutes she entered, and, walking up to the table where Blackburn was sitting, said: "What are you doing here with these women and what are you women doing here with my husband?" Blackburn jumped to his feet with a muttered curse, and, after some words, all went out onto the street. When Mrs. Blackburn reached the open air the excitement of the past few minutes caused a sudden revulsion of feeling and she burst into tears. Blackburn began to talk to her in a low tone. She retreated across the street and he followed. Suddenly she flushed up and with her hand dealt him a stinging blow in the face. He were handed off without further blows, but she seized her parasol and struck him on the head. He grabbed the parasol and began beating her over the head in turn. The crowd began muttering at this treatment and Blackburn threw the parasol into the street, and, jumping on board a Locust-street cable-car, went away.

In Favor of High License.

With a view to influencing the coming elections in favor of Supervisors of the city pledged to the prosecution of the interests of temperance and morality, a mass-meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at Metropolitan Hall. The Rev. J. Sanders Reed, rector of Trinity Church, will address the meeting on "The Pathogeny of Intemperance," or "The Physical Consequences of the Use of Intoxicants," and Rev. Father Montgomery will speak in favor of high license. James R. Kelly will preside and the following-named gentlemen will act as Vice-Presidents: George W. Gibbs, Rev. Alexander J. Kerr, A. S. Hallidie, Rev. Horatio Stebbins, Joseph A. Donohoe, I. H. Bonestell, Robert Balfour, Charles Ashton, ex-Judge J. F. Sullivan, Dr. George A. Moore, Martin R. Roberts, Oliver Eldridge, Thomas V. Cator, J. V. S. Gibbs, Michael Flood and Charles A. Murdock.

Willard Temperance Union.

Willard Young Women's Christian Temperance Union held its annual meeting for the election of officers at the Bush-street M. E. Church on Friday evening. The attendance was good and the reports read showed good work for the year and a balance in the treasury. Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, Miss Etta Goodfellow; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Laura Williams; Recording Secretary, Miss S. E. Powell; Treasurer, Miss Clara Williams; Vice-Presidents—Miss L. L. Fales, Miss H. L. Gereau and Miss B. Berry. The following-named delegates were elected to the State W. C. T. U. Convention to be held in Stockton: Miss Etta Goodfellow and Miss Laura Williams; alternates—Miss S. E. Powell and Miss L. L. Fales.

Relics of the Past.

Some pioneers have been added to the museum of the State Mining Bureau. One is a pistol used by the Mexicans in the defense of Los Angeles against Commodore Stockton. It was presented by Benjamin Hill. Two Japanese pistols of an ancient pattern, and a rattle used by London watchmen during the sixteenth century, were also presented by J. Z. Davis, President of the Board of Trustees. The museum has become a place of so much interest that every stranger visiting the city should inspect its curiosities. It is free to all.

Mrs. Searight's Will.

The will of Kate M. Searight, who died in this city on August 24th last, has been filed for probate. The estate is valued at $8000. A house and lot at 2305 Scott street is left to Beath B. Searight, the husband of the testatrix, until his death, when it shall succeed to her son, Fritz H. Searight. The rental of the property, which is now $30 a month, is bequeathed to Sarah E. Harvey, mother of the deceased, until the son shall take possession. The personal property is also left to Mrs. Harvey.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Bank.

Bank Commissioners Gerberding and Knight have sent to the Attorney-General a statement of the condition of the Wells, Fargo & Co. Bank on September 11th, showing its resources and liabilities to be $7,656,315 15. Its real estate is valued at $374,183 88; invested in stocks, bonds, etc., $176,509 42; loans and discounts, $4,266,378 93; cash balance, $876,796 13; due from banks and bankers, $1,913,192 49; bullion, $39,490 13; other assets, $9794 17.

Small Blazes.

A small fire on the roof of Captain R. H Floyd's residence, at 415 First street, was caused by the carelessness of painters, and an alarm was sounded from Box 58 about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The damage amounted to $400 or $500.

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At the Instance of Relatives.

Dr. P. A. Terry was arrested on Friday night and charged with manslaughter. He was the attending physician of Lillian Cunningham, aged 13, who died some weeks ago under suspicious circumstances. The Coroner's investigation showed that she died of blood poisoning, but the relatives claim that the accused gave her an overdose of morphine.

With Good Intent.

Secretary Hunter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has applied for the guardianship of Josephine McLaughlin, a six-year-old girl, who is now in the care of Sister Clare, Superior of St. Rose's Academy. The father of the girl has deserted her and refuses to provide for her.

Deserted After One Day.

A divorce has been granted by Judge Levy to Ida F. Coleman from John M. Coleman for desertion. They were married in Dixon, Solano County, on December 7, 1886, and the husband deserted the day after the marriage ceremony.

A WEALTH OF FLOWERS.

The Floral Treasures of the Meadow and Wayside.

Some Practical Suggestions—How an Attractive Flower Bed May Be Laid Out and Kept at Very Little Expense.

WITH the recent liking for old fashions in furniture and dress has come a liking, pretended or real, for old-fashioned flowers. Then naturally follows a taste for the simple wild flowers of the woods, meadows and wayside. Happy they who can discern and appreciate the native grace and beauty of these wayside darlings, unspoiled and untouched by the fashion and false taste of the florists and gardeners. For such, a world of floral wealth and loveliness is all before them. None so poor that they cannot have and enjoy.

For her who lives in the country for on the edge of a town there is "all Elysium in a plat of ground," says the Philadelphia Times. She need not be dependent on the seedsmen, florists or greenhouses, for country neighbors are proverbially free-handed in giving seeds and slips. So her borders may be gay with the bright-eyed coveopsis, the royal iris, or fleur-de-lis, or golden columbine. The hollyhocks will flaunt their painted cups, the carnations will contribute their vivid hues, besides their breath of spicy sweetness, making odorous the air; the blue larkspurs will surely win their welcome by the purity and intensity of their hue, and the tall white day-lily will lend her beauty and fragrance to the scene.

Then the old-fashioned garden will hardly be complete without its clump of bergamot, or ribbon-grass and Southern wood. This last brings to mind the long, drowsy afternoons in the little church on the hill and the old woman in a sun-bonnet who always brought with her a huge bunch of it, which she persistently sniffed at through the whole of the service, when she was not poking it under the noses of those who sat by her.

Sweet Williams, too, there must be and sweet pease. These last are so easily cultivated that any one for a few cents' worth of seed may have a mass of delicate hue and fragrance all the summer long. Larkspurs are easily grown, too, from seedling plants; and those who have but a "handkerchief garden," or one no larger than an ancient Laconian epistle, will do well to raise no more than these two last-named flowers. The vases in the house will be kept full of bloom and scent, and there will be enough and to spare for less fortunate friends and neighbors.

Do not make the mistake of crowding too many flowers into a bed or border. Rather let a few be disposed so as to form masses of color. This will contribute to the artistic effect of the whole. Avoid, on the other hand, the stiff, artificial mounds in solid bands of color, or wheels within wheels, or stars, or crescents, which have been common for some time past in suburban front yards, and are to be seen at the wayside railroad stations. Such puerilities might well come under Lord Bacon's animadversion, "They be but toyes; you may see as good sights many times in tartes." Sir William Temple, too, in his essay on gardens, though not always quite consistent with himself, holds that in making a garden, as in many other things, we should follow nature.

Now who has ever seen ferns, violets, hepaticas, anemones, Quaker ladies or dandelions in set mathematical lines or figures. Have a care then to dispose of your flowers so that they may produce the effect, not of solid color, or a gradation of color, i. e., a shading in one tone of color from light to dark, as may be done with pinks, ranging from the delicate white on through the pinks and lighter reds to the vivid hues of the carnations. The marigolds, too, so popular this summer and last, will afford a lively harmony in yellows from the pale lemon color up to the deepest orange.

The same rule holds good in the arrangement of flowers in vases. The vase should lead up to or intensify the hue of the flower. Fill a Bohemian glass of buttercups in a blue Bohemian glass bowl and note the effect, or a mass of blue larkspurs in a blue cloisonne vase. Metal vases, brass or silver, seem to have the effect of making the flowers placed in them more transparent in texture. Try a bunch of La France roses or pink orchids in a silver vase.

But for the floral adornment of the house what shall we do that have not so much as a "handkerchief garden" to call our own? If we are wise we will do as our English sisters do; put on our stout boots and short frocks and go into the outlying country. There we may see the lovely purple cymes of the elder flower covering the old fence-corners with their fragrant beauty. When we get home we will put these masses of delicate bloom into the old blue china salad bowl, or, if there is a silver bowl to spare, twill but enhance their loveliness.

A little further along the road we shall find quantities of the brilliant yellow cornflower or thimble weed; and we can gather by the wayside handfuls of the toadflax or "butter-and-eggs," with their variegated hues of orange and canary color. These we will put in that pale yellow jar brought home the other day.

And ah! in that field do but see the tall stalks of cornflower and chicory, each with its own peculiar blue. These we will arrange in a jar of cloudy blue, the same in tone of color but more subdued; and while we look and admire and enjoy their beauty we can read Keats' sonnet on blue.

A little later in the season we will come here again and bear away the dainty whitecorymbs of the wild carrot, Queen Anne's lace, or "fairy parasols," as the children call them. If they were but seen in a conservatory they would not lack for admiration of their delicate beauty. Then, too, there will be great purple stars of intensest hue, and the great wave of color produced by the heliopsis, or ox-eye, and the many varieties of golden-rod. And perchance we may find in that wood yonder a few spikes of cardinal flower. What a blaze and glory of color.

In the meantime, instead of reveling in the future, let us secure a dozen of pond lilies from the creek close at hand, and on reaching home we will let them display the beauty of their lithe, long, green stems in a shallow celery dish of clear cut glass.

Contrast of the flowers through the spring, summer and autumn would make a pretty floral calendar. The writer, being in town so far all summer, marked the days in her calendar and said softly to herself, with a sigh of regret: "To-day the blood root is in bloom; to-day the slope south of the old school-house is fair with the spring beauty in blossom; to-day the dogwood is out in flower."

Taking a hint from the method pursued by the Agricultural Department in Washington, she planted some seeds in water, and was rewarded by having a healthy climbing vine for one of her windows. She understands now very well the absorbing interest and tender solicitude of the Prisoner of Fenestrella for the fate of his picciola.

It is said that the curious canary-bird vine, with its graceful foliage and delicate yellow-fringed blossoms, will grow in tins way. At any rate, this will do well in a window-box in a sunny corner. Be sure to plant in the window-box two or three varieties of ipomea, or morning glory. To have a bloom at night as well, have among them the convolvulus bona nox.

In India it is believed that a visit to this plant when blooming ends in a happy marriage (a word to the wise, etc.).

Then what a brave show of color rewards one for setting out the nasturtiums. They go through the whole gamut of yellow, orange and red. This flower should have been dedicated to Mars. There are the shield-shaped leaves, the trumpet-shaped flowers, ruddy in colors, altogether martial-like. The tropoeoleum major is a noble vine, but perhaps for a window-box the minor will be better. The first time you go to the country get a few roots of the partridge vine to put in your box. It takes kindly to cultivation and its waxy flowers, glossy green leaves and bright red berries will amply repay you. Put it in a corner where it will be shaded by other plants. In another shady corner, perhaps, you may coax a few hardy ferns, the polypody and asplenium eburnum, to grow over a few miniature rocks placed there for them.

If you can get nothing else plant parsley in your window-box. The crisp green leaves will have a cool, refreshing look, besides, they will afford a pretty garnish for the table.

If you can reclaim ever so little space from the pavement, plant Virginia creeper and Japanese ivy to grow up over your walls and you will read your title clear to be considered a public benefactor; for what can be more restful to the tired eyes of passers-by than a look at the living mass of green which covers the walls of so many Philadelphia buildings to-day? There are not so many of them though as there might be.

In the matter of window-gardening we might take a hint from the people of other nations. In London and Paris window-gardens, gay with blossoms and redolent with sweet-smelling herbs, are far more common than with us in this country; and we learn from Pliny the Elder that in times before his day the lower classes had their "mimic gardens in their windows."

SOAKED WITH BLOOD.

The Clothing That Was Worn by Isaac Sawtell.

The result of the analysis of the stains found on Isaac Sawtell's clothing, which was recently completed by Professor E. S. Wood of Harvard University, is the strongest clincher the prosecution has secured in the line of new evidence against Isaac Sawtell, says a Dover (N. H.) special to the Boston Herald. It disposes at once of the "Jack" theory in the accused man's alleged confession or statement, and leaves little room for doubt that Isaac killed his brother.

The result of the analysis is that the stains on his garments were caused by arterial blood, and that there was a much greater quantity on the clothing than the external examination, made at the time of the discovery, seemed to indicate. Isaac's undergarments and overcoat were literally covered with blood. As for his pantaloons, jacket and vest, the prosecution will show at the trial that these he wore the day Hiram was killed have never been seen since, and that the accused man must have disposed of them in the same manner that he did Hiram's head and clothing and the shovel. Not only was blood found on Isaac's clothing and on the carriage cushions, but on the plexaxt which was found in the woods less than two months ago, as stated exclusively in the Herald. The handle of the implement had a number of dark brown spots, which even the exposure to all sorts of weather and the incursions of time failed to efface. Professor Wood has also ascertained that these stains were caused by arterial blood, in all probability from the body of the same person as the blood found on Isaac's garments.

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