Hope.

BY W. A. H.

Somewhere, somewhere,
Lives a being fair
As ever dwelt with mortals,
She lives to bless, to lighten care,
To help mankind, to chase despair,
And point to shining portals.

In every mind in every heart,
Be dwells and forms a living part,
And sets the pulses beating.
Here it not for her, with her face divine,
To earth no ties our hearts could bind,
No life could be too fleeting.

Tis Hope that sits on the sunny side
Of every rushing, hurrying tide
That rolls in life's deep river.
Without her presence, pure and bright,
This earth would be a cheerless sight;
We'd turn from death with a shiver.

To her each mortal turns his eyes,
And sees a home beyond the skies,
Where hearts are true forever.
And he thanks a wisdom beyond his own,
For a presence bright that ne'er has flown
That none from his heart can sever.

All Sorts.

They slaughtered a Cape Cod ox the other day, that weighed 1,990 pounds on the hoof.

The best time to cut Hungarian grass is when in blossom, before the seeds are formed; then it makes good feed for horses and cows.

Young women, put not on airs because you wear the high-heeled boot, but rather let your ways be modest, and keep your eyes on what you walk. Wearers of high heels are easily tripped.

Singing or reading aloud increases the appetite for food, since the increased respiration which these exercises demand occasions a speedy waste of the vital air, which requires to be renewed by food.

California has 60,000 acres of vineyards, producing 10,000,000 gallons of wine annually, besides vinegar, raisins, brandy and fresh grapes. The other States produce 5,000,000 gallons of wine annually.

The management of a garden consists in attention and application. Procrastination is of serious consequence in gardening; and neglect of times and seasons is fruitful of disappointment and complaint.

The disagreeable and suffocating effect produced by lighting a friction match, is due to the fact that when heat is applied to the sulphur it inflames and combines with the oxygen of the atmosphere, forming sulphuric acid gas.

During the year 1877 there were but seven States where the receipts for postal services exceeded the expenditures. These were New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

In a pound of beef there are 8 ounces of water; in one pound of mutton, 7 ounces 16 grains of water; in a pound of pork, 6 ounces 69 grains; in a pound of veal, 10 ounces; while a pound of lamb contains 8 ounces 44 grains of water.

A Frenchman just back from a trip to Havre: "You will never catch me travelling by an excursion train again. Why, sir, at the station at Havre I lost my cane and wife." Then, with his utterance choked with tears, "A new cane, too."

Prudent mother—"Don't look at Prof. Von Bungs so, Dora dear, or people will think you are in love with him." Dora (who is inconsolable for the loss of her darling poodle)—"I can't help it, ma; he is the exact image of poor Mopsy!"

According to the pastoral addresses of successive Protestant Episcopal Conventions, "gaming," "horse racing," "public balls" and "theatres" have been declared by that church to be objectionable, and have been forbidden to communicants.

Plant grape vines, for there are few plants that do so well in a variety of soils and climates, while there is no more delicious fruit, or that may be cultivated with less trouble; and yet none is more commonly neglected by the farming community.

Deficient food, or what amounts to nearly the same thing—food which does not furnish the requisite quantities of the nutritive elements required by an animal to meet the wants of its system—is a prolific source of loss to the owners of live-stock.

The nose and roof of the mouth are the sounding-board of the voice; the teeth, the bridge of the lips and tongue, on whose activity, form and skilful use depend the modulations of tone. The speaking voice is a machine, whose use children should be taught.

Flowers of one climate do not open at the same hour in others. Thus, an African plant which opens at six o, clock, if removed to France will not open till nine, nor in Sweden till ten. Those which do not open in Africa till noon, do not open at all in Europe.

There are one hundred and twenty-five species of grass known to be native in Maine, and it is thought a survey would discover half as many more. Fifty kinds have a high agricultural value. The grass crop of the state is said to be worth $42,000,000 annually.

A Texas paper says: "There is a robust Christian element in San Antonio. It whipped an infidel who delivered a lecture against Christianity, and sent him out of town, with a warning that hanging would be the penalty of a second attack on his part upon the Christian religion."

Count Rumford, by boring a cannon within water, so heated it by friction that the water was made to boil, while he actually boiled a piece of beef in it. The temperature of nine quarts was raised from 60 degrees to 170 degrees in an hour, while in two hours and a half the water boiled.

The croaking of the frog, which is supposed to be expressive of pleasure, is produced by means of the air which it forces into the globular vocal sacs, which are situated near the corners of the mouth, and causes to vibrate in them. The female, being without these organs, produces only a slight noise.

Col. Taggart, of Northumberland, Pa., provides food and exercise for fowls at the same time. In his poultry yards are several beds about thirty feet square each, in which the Colonel buries oats, several bushels to the bed. The grains, begin, of course, at once to swell and germinate, and the fowls have free access scratching and eating the tender sprouts to their hearts content. While the fowls are thus busy on one bed, a new one is prepared, which is in readiness for them by the time it is required. The idea is a good one.

When Lully, the celebrated composer, was once dangerously ill, his friends sent for a confessor; who finding his situation critical, and his mind much agitated and alarmed, told him there was only one way by which he could obtain absolution, and that was by burning all that he had composed of an unpublished opera. Remonstrance was in vain. Lully burnt his music, and the confessor withdrew. On his recovery, a nobleman who was his patron calling to see him, was informed of the sacrifice which he had made. "And so," said he, "you have burnt your opera; and you are really such a blockhead as to believe in the absurdities of a monk?" "Stop, my friend, stop," said Lully, whispering in his ear, "I knew very well what I was about—I have another copy."

The most beautiful Indian girl, according to all accounts, now living, and who by reason of her beauty, intelligence and spirit, has attained to an unique influence, which is acknowledged by the warriors and defended by twenty fiery brothers and cousins, is Etisca, the "White Forehead of the Uncapapas." Etisca is Sitting Bull's niece. She is only fifteen years old, straight as an arrow, lithe as a serpent, soft as Hero, and eyed like a fawn. Her gayety is incorrigible. At the battle of the Rosebud where Custer was overwhelmed, and when she was a mere child, she laughed incessantly in the midst of the carnage, riding her pony like a sprite.

Business before poetry seems to be the way of the English clergy. A British newspaper has the following advertisement: "A clergyman of the Church of England, thirty-nine, five feet nine inches, considered good looking, a widower, with an only daughter, wishes to hear from any lady with a view to marriage who has from £6,000 to £12,000 at command, and would be willing to invest about £5,000 in the purchase of an advowson (that is, the freehold of a church, rectory, house and grounds,) in some beautiful locality, to produce £500 a year. Please write direct to the above reverend gentleman, * * * as this advertisemsnt is genuine and bona fide Address," etc.

According to modern Jewish law it is necessary that a wedding ring should be of a certain value, and it is therefore examined and certified by the officiating rabbi and the chief officers of the synagogue when it is received by the bridegroom. When properly certified the ring is returned to him, and he places it on the bride's finger, calling attention to the fact that she is by these means consecrated to him. So completely binding is this ceremony that, should the marriage be no further consecrated, neither party could contract another without a formal divorce.

The excrements of domestic poultry are the most highly contentrated of any on the farm, and are computed as being half the worth of guano. The ingredients are nearly the same as the urate, or the dried urine of animals, since the urine of fowls is voided in a solid form with the other matters ejected from the bowels. The value, as a manure, depends upon the food that is consumed. If fed on meat, blood and fish, the dung might be equal to guano as a fertilizer; if on vegetable food, the manure is less valuable.

A queer case came before a French court not long ago. A peasant had agreed to pay five hundred francs for a cow, and had placed on a bench twenty 20-franc coins, and a 100-franc bill, when the cow made a snatch at the latter and swallowed it. The question arose, who was the rightful loser, and the judge decided that the buyer, who had held the cow by the halter when it devoured the bill, had not taken proper precautions and must pay over again.

Many instances are given of cattle disease being carried from farm to farm by rats. After devouring any possible remains of the diseased cattle after slaughter, they are known to desert the stricken farm in a body for another, where there is at the time an abundance of food. Is it not reasonable to suppose they would carry the contagion with them, and thus introduce them into perfectly healthy sheds.

Good clean food, and clean surroundings, make nice-flavored and nourishing eggs and poultry. The flavor of the flesh of the fowl is very much affected by the food eaten. The health of the bird also depends on this and clean quarters and pure air. With a shelter from storms and the scorching sun, to be enjoyed at will, there is nothing better than to give poultry free range in the open air.

He was an entire stranger to the girls present, and the boys were mean and wouldn't not introduce him. He finally plucked up courage, and stepping up to a young lady requested the pleasure of her company for the next dance. She looked at him in surprise and informed him that she had not the pleasure of his acquaintance. "Well," remarked Cazenove, "you don't take any more chances than I do."

Habitual consumers of intoxicating drinks are prone to find abundant excuses for the self indulgence of debasing appetite. However Mr. Rawlins n the noted sanitarian in England, who has spent much time and labor upon investigations connected with the pollution of rivers and their sources, has arrived at the conclusion that the worst town water would be more wholesome than the best beer for daily use.

Madame Balkmateff had for two years a Siberian bloodhound as a constant companion. He was lost and found again. Delighted to see him again, Madame B. stooped to kiss and caress him, when he flew at her face and mangled it severly. Women who "kiss and caress" dogs had better look out.

Clean, sweet water, is absolutely indispensable to the production of clean sweet milk. The spores of fungi and germs of infusoria taken by drinking stagnant water will pass into the blood, causing fever, and appear in the milk secretions, making them unhealthy for food. Be sure the cows have pure water.

A Jersey widower, who had taken another partner, was serenaded on his wedding night. The parties brought a phonograph, in which was preserved some of the objurgations of his first wife, and when they it going under his window the happy bridegroom broke out into a cold sweat and crawled up the chimney on a bridal tour.

A German has devised a "Bank Note Album" with leaves of Asbestos paper. Papers placed betwixt the leaves will, it is said, be legible even after exposure to a fire which reduces them to cinders.

Three Edinburg newsboys have been arrested and tried on a charge that they "did shout and brawl and make a great noise, whereby the lieges were greatly annoyed and disturbed," and two of them sent to prison for five years, while the third was released with a fine of $5 upon promising never again to sell a newspaper

Rattlebone's youngest boy is a genius. The other day he learned how to whistle, and in the evening just before tumbling into bed, he puckered up his little mouth, and began to whistle in a slow, measured manner. "Why, my little son, what are you doing?" asked his mother. "Why, ma, I'm whistling my prayers!"

Outside the meetin' house—Deacon Norwood (to Elder Tompkins): "Yes, sir; a man with hope and without no faith is just like a young man in a row boat, who aint got only one oar, and rows round and round in a circle and don't get nowhere." Small boy (at a safe distance): "If he warn't a darned fool he'd scull."

Influenza affords a familiar example of an epidemic disease, a whole community being often attacked in the course of a few hours. From this it may be inferred that the occurrence of this disease is connected with some particular condition of the atmosphere, but what that condition is, is not yet known to science.

An attempt to determine the total illuminating power of the stars as compared with some recognized standard, has been made by Mr. J. J. Plummer. As a result, he estimates the illuminating power of all the stars above the horizon at one time to be not less than one eightieth part of the illumination derived from the full moon.

It is well known that ferment or yeast is, in a great measure, made up of a cellular plant, and it would appear that the germs of this plant abound in the atmosphere, and when they find a solution of albumen, fibrin and the like, grow in it. In so doing they excite a decomposition of the fibrin, which being communicated to the sugar, causes it to ferment

A good story is told of Ben Butler's sarcastic retort upon a Massachusetts judge, whom he was teasing for a ruling favorable to a cause he was defending in court. The judge got out of patience at last and somewhat testily exclaimed, "Mr. Butler, what do you think I sit here for?" Ben quietly shrugged his shoulders, and replied, "The court has got me now."

It is related that for use on the occasion of a golden wedding down East a supply of "gilt edge" butter was engaged from a neighbor who keeps "crack Jerseys," and that he slyly exchanged with another neighbor for Durham butter, which latter passed at table for genuine "Jersey," received many compliments, and added to the local laurels of that breed.

When distant objects appear to be unusually near, rain may be looked for, because when the air has nearly reached saturation there is a cessation of those vapor movements by which the air is rendered, in some degree, obscure. Sir Isaac Newton observed that the stars seemed nearer, and better adapted for observation, in the clear intervals of rain, or between showers, than at any other time.

Attention has been drawn to a practice prevalent in some parts of the country, which appears to illustrate the power possessed by milk of absorbing atmospheric impurities. It is that of placing a saucer or pan of new milk in a larder, to preserve meat or game from taint. It is said that not only does it answer that purpose, but that the milk, after a few hours, becomes so bad that no animal will touch it.

A Typographical Crime.

If one book must be singled out and doomed never to receive decent typographical treatment, says Rossiter Johnson, it should have been any other, rather than the Bible. I should like to see what would be the effect of giving it a fair chance. I believe it would be read if it were made readable. We ought to have one edition of it without marginal references and without footnotes—unless in the rare cases where these are absolutely necessary. Where the italicised words are necessary to a complete and idiomatic rendering they should be printed in plain Roman; where not thus necessary, they should be dropped. Instead of verses we should have paragraph, and all figures or other indications of the verses abolished. Conversation should be printed in broken paragraphs, with quotation marks, just as in a novel. Poetry should be printed as poetry. Instead of being crowded into one volume, the book should be in four or five moderate duodecimo volumes, with large type and good paper, so that it could be at once held without tiring the arm and read without straining the eyes. Finally, this book should have a good analytical index. A cumbrous concordance is not an index, and does not serve the purpose of one. If presented in such a form, the Bible might be enjoyed as literature and perhaps better understood as a divine authority.

Pine Apple Leaves.

At Singapore, in the East Indies there is quite a thrifty branch of business in preparing the fibres of pine apple leaves for exportation to China, where they are manufactured into cloth. The process of extracting and bleaching the fibres is exceedingly simple. The first step is to remove the fleshy or succulent side of the leaf. A Chinese, astride on a narrow stool, extends on it in front of him a pine apple leaf, one end of which is kept firm, being packed beneath a small bundle of cloth on which he sits. He then, with a kind of two-handled plane of bamboo, removes the succulent matter. Another man receives the leaves as they are planed, and with his thumb nail loosens and gathers the fibres about the middle of the leaf, which enables him by one effort to detach the whole of them from the outer skin. The fibres are next steeped in water for some time, after which they are washed in order to free them from the matter that still adheres and binds them together. They are now laid out to dry and bleach on rude frames of split bamboo. The process of steeping, washing and exposing to the sun is repeated for some days until the fibres are considered to be properly bleached. Without further preparation they are sent into town for exportation to China. Nearly all the islands near Singapore are more or less planted with pine apples, which, at a rough estimate, cover an extent of two thousand acres

A Bird Combat.

That trim, gentle-looking, drab-colored bird, erroneously called turtle-dove by dwellers in the United States, and generally deemed so utterly innocent and pure that to kill it for the table or any other use is branded as heinous in the extreme, is not so innocent after all. Its moaning, sad-sounding, voice is a mockery and a cheat. Its soft dark eyes are a sham; its sober Quaker garb is calculated to deceive; its timid movements are not to be trusted. When it has once been insulted or injured by one of its kind, the dove becomes as cruel and outrageously heartless as any murderer can be. Some years ago I witnessed a fight between two female moaning doves which for utter barbarousness could not be exceeded. I was angling in a brook for sun-perch, half-prone on a grassy bank lost in a brown study, with a cigar between my lips, when I happened to see a dove alight on a gnarled bough of a plane tree a few yards distant. Immediately it began to coo in that dolefully plaintive strain so well known to every lover of Nature, and was soon joined by a male, who perched himself within a foot or two of her. I espied their nest, not yet finished, in the fork of an iron-wood near by. The birds made very expressive signs to each other with their heads by a series of bows, and sidewise motions, of which I understood enough to know that some intruder was near—perhaps they meant me. The fish were not biting any too well, but the shade was pleasant and the grass fragrant, the sound of the water very soothing, and the flow of the wind steady and cooling, so I did not care to move just to humor the whim of a pair of billing doves. It proved, however, after all, that I was not the cause of alarm. Another female dove presently dropped like a hawk from a dark, dense mass of leaves above the pair, and struck the first on the back with beak and wings. A fight ensued, witnessed with calm interest by myself and the male dove.

At first the combatants struggled desperately together on the bough, fiercely beating each other with their wings, and plucking out the feathers from breast and neck, all the time uttering low, querulous notes differing from anything I had ever before heard. Pretty soon they fell off the bough, and came whirling down upon the ground, where they continued the battle with constantly increasing fury, their eyes fairly flashing fire, and cutting and thrusting with their beaks like swordsmen. Blood began to show itself about their heads, and in places their necks were quite bare of feathers. When at last one of them became so exhausted that further struggle was impossible, the other proceeded to take its stand upon its helpless opponent, and would have quickly made an end of it had I not interfered. The vanquished bird was minus an eye, and was unable to fly for some minutes. The secret of the battle was jealousy. The male sat by and watched in a nonchalant way until it was all over, when he very lovingly strutted up to the victorious dove and began cooing in a low soothing tone. From that day to this I have repudiated the figure "innocent as a dove."—*Appleton's Journal.*

How to Learn to Swim.

Every boy and girl should learn to swim. A writer in the American Agriculturist offers the following suggestions, by obedience to which the art of swimming may be readily acquired:

When I was a boy, I learned to swim by means of a swimming-board. This is the safest method possible. If corks are used, they may slip from around the breast down beneath the body, throwing the head below the surface, and putting the wearer in danger of drowning.

Some country boys get two bladders and then tie them together with a short cord, and use these as supports. They are the most dangerous things possible for a boy to have.

The board is perfectly safe, and one may learn to swim in a very short time by using one. It should be over four feet long, over a foot wide, and two inches thick, made of soft white pine or cedar.

To use it, a boy wades into the water up to his shoulders, then, taking hold of the end of the board, he pushes it before him—towards the bank, and not into deeper water—springs forward with his feet, and throws himself flat upon the water.

This movement carries him along a few feet. He then draws up both his legs at the same time, keeping the knees as far apart as possible, and then strikes out with both feet, not straight backward, but sideways, just as a frog does.

The stroke is made slowly, and is repeated again, drawing up the legs slowly and steadily. The board keeps the head above water. When the leg stroke has been learned, one hand is taken from the board and the stroke learned, or the chin may be rested on the board, while the stroke is taken with both hands.

This is a very good plan, as it compels the swimmer to keep his hands under the water, which he should always do. By-and by, the board may be pushed ahead, and the young swimmer may swim after it, always keeping it within reach. When a number of boys go to swim, they should always have two or three of these boards with them for use in case of any accident.

The Oldest Meat in the World.

An account in a Russian paper of recent explorations in Siberia relates that one of the travelers, while proceeding along an estuary of the river Lena, found a pack of wolves devouring the frozen flesh of a mammoth which had been exposed by the breaking away of a cliff, and was apparently in a perfect state of preservation. This is probably the oldest preserved meat in the world, compared with which the most ancient Egyptian mummy is a recent pottage. More mammoths are doubtless buried in the same locality, and we may yet live to see the gourmands of Paris indulging their taste for curious dishes upon *filet de mammoth*, fresh from Siberia, after a few score thousand years of storage in Nature's ice cellars.

As the minister of a country church in Georgia was about to marry a couple, a lady objected on the ground that the intended bride was not of age, and her parents were ignorant of the act. The clergyman said it was not a legal objection, and decided to put the matter to a vote. A unanimous aye! by the congregation was the result, and the knot was tied.

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