Slander not the faithful spirit; Scorn not hearts to softness prone; Love's a dower we all inherit Only from the Eternal throne.

Sneer not when bright eyes are awimming; Beaming softly through the tears Which their lustre now are dimming -Lo! a soul Divine appears!

Smile not when young lips shall tremble; Oft the bravest heart must quail Ere life teacheth to dissemble,-Ere the star of truth shine pale.

Never spurn the warm affection Gushing fresh from purest spring, Lest thou call'at to life dejection; Doubt and grief feave time to bring.

Send not thou unbless'd, despairing, From thy heart the hearts that seek Rest from woes beyond their bearing; - Some are strong and some are weak.

Can'st thou meet the Tempter boldly? Bear life's troubles bravely calm Treat not, therefore over coldly Those who need affection's balm!

Are thou proof against temptation? Lot some fail on every side; Help them, then, to keep their station,-Stand not by in scornful pride.

Said not one in long-gone agen. "Strong ones, strengthen ye the weak ?" Ever from historic pages Thus still seers and martyrs speak.

Be a light and not a darkness ! Be a helper not a snare! For the sea on which we embark is Fraught with perils everywhere.

AGRICULTURAL.

Weights and Measures Of various Farm Products and other things in Various Countries .-

In England and America grain is generally rated by the bushel, though it is not the same measure; for here we use the the legal mensure is called the imperial bushel, which contains 2,218 cubic inches : so that 32 of their bushels are about equal to 33 of ours.

The following are the commercial weights of a bushel of different articles, viz: Wheat, beans, potatoes and cloverseed fuel should be sold by the pound, 60 per la Corn, rye, flaxseed and onions, 56 pro des Corn on the cob weighs 70 pounds. Backwheat, 52; barley, 48; hemp seed, 44; timothy seed 45; castor beans 46; outs 35; bran 20; blue-grass seed 14; salt 50, according to one account but Onondaga salt is 56, (the real weight of coarse salt is S5 pounds to the bushel:) three pecks.

Heaping Measures .- Potatoes, turnips, meal and bran, and in some States, oats, stanco. are sold by heaping measure, which contains 2.815 cubic inches. The size of a Winchester bushel measure is a circular ring with straight sides 8 inches high and 18 1-2 in diameter. A box 12 inches square, with sides 7.7 1-32 inches high, will hold half a bushel.

the differences between the Winchester with the point of the shoulder blade; say and imperial and heaped bushels, as before the girth is 6 feet 4 inches, and the stated, there are a dozen or more local length 5 feet 3 inches, which multiplied bushels. For instance, at Abington, Eng. together, gives 31 feet. Multiply this by 9 gallons; at Penrith, 16; at Carlisie, 24 23, the number of pounds allowed to the at Chester, 32, &c. In France, the setier foot, between 5 and 7 feet girth, and the is as 4,427 to 1,000 compared with the result is 713 pounds, for the number of 157. In Pressia, the scheffel, 1,479. In to the foot. Cattle must be fat and square in all parts of the world, and of men and man-Poland, the korsee, 1,451. In Spain, the built to hold out weight. fanega, 1.599; that is, 99-1,000 over a bushel and a half.

Barrel Measures .- Rice 600 pounds; flour 196 pounds; powder 25 pounds; cider and other liquids 30 gallons; corp 5 bushels, shelled. By this latter measure erops are estimated, and corn bought and sold throughout most of the Southern and count a hundred ears for a bushel.

sold by that measure, is twenty gross hon- some overruns this measure. dred; that is, 2,240 pounds; though in many places that ridiculous old fashion is being done away and 2,000 pounds only counted to a tun. A tun of timber, if round, consists of 40 cubic feet, if square 54 feet. A tun of wine is 252 gallons.

A Quarter of Corn is the fourth of a tun or eight imperial bushels, This is an English measure, not in use in this country, though very necessary to be known. so as to understand agricultural reports. So of several of the following weights and

mensures. barrels; of corn 10 quarters; of gunpow- just a rod at five steps, which will answer der 24 barrels; of flax or feathers 1,700; very well for ordinary farm work. As-

of wool 12 sacks A Sack of Wool is 22 stone; that is, 14 pounds to the stone, 308 pounds.

A Boll of Wool is the same weight.

A Clove of Wool is 7 pounds, or half a stone. Recollect, a stone is 14 pounds when talking of wool, feathers, &c., lan when applied to bect, fish, and other meats. it is only 8 pounds.

A Truss of Hay, new, 60 pounds; old 56; of straw, 40 pounds. A load 36

A Firkin of Butter is 66 pounds; a tal

84 pounds. A Scatch Pint contains 105 cubic inches and is equal to 4 Englsh pints.

A Farlot of Wheat is 21 1-4 Scotch Troy Weight and Avairdupoise Weight.

-One hundred and forty-four pounds avoirdupois are equal to 175 pounds Troy -175 ounces Troy are equal to 192 ounces avoirdupois. All precious metals are bought and sold by Troy weight.

The kilogramme of France is 1,000 grammes and equal to 2 pounds 2 ounces, 4 grains avoirdupois.

A Chaldran of Coul is 58 3-8 cubic feet generally estimated 36 bushels. A bushel of anthracite coal weighs 80 pounds, which makes the weight of a chaldron 2,880.

Weight of a Cubic Foot. Of sand or loose earth 95 pounds; compact soil 124 a strong or clayey soil 127; pure clay 135 mixture of stones and clay 160; masonry of stone 205; brick 125; cast iron 450; steel 489; copper 486; lead 709; silver 654; gold 1203; Platina 1218; glass 180; water 62; tallow 59; cork 15; oak timber 73; mobogany 66; air 0.0753. In the above, fractions are discarded.

A Bale of Cotton, in Egypt, is 90 pounds in America, a commercial bale is 400 pounds, but is put up in different States varying from 280 to 720 pounds. Sea Island cotton is put up in sacks of 800

.1 Bale of Hay is 300 pounds.

A Cord of Wood is 128 solid feet, usually put up 8 feet long, 4 feet wide and 4 feet high. In France a cord of wood is 576 feet.

A Stack of Wood is 108 solid feet; 12 feet long, 3 high and 3 wide.

.1 Skid of Wood is a round bundle of small sticks, 4 feet long, girting for a one notch, 16 inches; two-notch, 33 inches; three-notch, 28 inches; four-notch, 33 inches; five-notch, 38 inches.

A Billet of wood is similar to a skid, Winchester bushel, which contains 2,450 being 3 feet long, 7, 10 and 14 inches 42-100 cubic inches. There, since 1826, round. They are sold by the score or hundred. A score is 20 in number.

Faggots are bundles of brush 3 feet long and 2 feet round. A load of fagots is 50 such bundles.

A guintal of wood is 100 pounds. All

.1 Perch of Stone is 25 cubic feet, piled

or 22 in the wall. Lime and Sand to a perch of stone, Three pecks of lime, and two-thirds of a one-herse cart load of sand.

Weight of Lime .- A bashel of limestone weighs 142 pounds; after it is dried appels, 24; dried peaches 33; ac- burned, if weighed directly from the kiln, cording to a table lately published in 75 pounds; showing that 67 pounds of numerous papers; but according to our carbonic acid and water have been driven experience both are wrong. We have off by fire. This bushel of lime will abseen thousands of bushels soid at 22 pounds sorb 20 pounds of water, gradually apto the bashel, which will measure about plied during several days, and will then be in a state of dry powder, weighing 96 pounds; showing that 18 pounds of water and esculent roots, apples and other fruts, have been converted into a solid, dry sub-

> To Measure a Ton of Hay .- One hundred cubic feet of hay, in a solid mow or stack, will weigh a ton.

To Measure Cattle by Compute Weight. Ascertain the girth back of the shoulders, and the length along the back, from Comparative Grain Measures .- Besides the square of the buttock, to a point even imperial bushel; that is 4,427-1,000 pounds of beef in the four quarters. bushels. In Holland the modde is as 3.- Girths, from 7 to 9 feet, allow 31 pounds

To Measure Grain in Bins, multiply the length and width together, and that product by the height in cubic inches, and divide by 2.150, and you have the number of bushels.

To Measure Corn in the Ear, find the abic inches as above, and divide by Western States. At New Orleans, a bar- 2.815, the cubic inches in a heaped bushrel of corn is a flour barrel full of cars. In el, and take two-thirds of the quotient for some parts of the West it is common to the number of bushels of shelled corn. This is upon the rule of giving three Tun Weight and Tun Measure. - A tun heaping half-bushels of ears to make a of hay or any coarse bulky article usually, bushel of grain. Some falls short and

> Board Measure .- Boards are sold by face measure. Multiply the width in inches of any number of pieces of equal length, by the inches of the length. Divide by 144, and the quotient is the num- at the last rate, shall receive the "thirteenth" ber of feet, for any thickness under an copy gratis. inch. Every fourth inch increase of thickness adds a fourth to the number of feet in the face measure. 3094 !

Land Measure.—Every farmer should have a rod measure, a light, stiff pole, just 16.1-2 feet long, for measuring land, A Last of soap, ashes, herring, &c., 12 By a little practice he can learn to step certain the number of rods in width and length of any lot you wish to measure. Henry Taylor, 111 Baltimore street, Batti-and multiply one into the other and thivide timore: A. C. Bagley, 162 Vine street, beby 160, and you have the number of A P d Wood is 17 stone, 2 pounds acres, as 160 square reds made a square

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must have been constituted in a peculiar

manner, and probably with some strange natural defects which it required art to remedy. Allowing some space for the principal exterior robe to sweep clear of the ground, the length would be about seven feet. The diameter of the creature in the centre was in singular disproportion to this longitude, being only seven inches and a half .- Still more disproportionate appear to have been the anterior extremities, which were not above a foot and a half in length, and what is remarkable while narrow at the top, they seem to have expanded below to an enormous size,-Probably they resembled paddles, rather than arms and hands .- The vertebral colnum seems to have been weak and insufficient, a rigid case of buckram and whalebone being required in that region to give support to the body. But for this, the ordinary attidude would probably have been prone, like that of an insect. The most peculiarity, however, was the form and size of the head. The bonnet indicates a creature almost entirely destitute of brains. The head must have been a mere knob at the extremity of the corvical column-such an encephalon as would be represented by that of a female of our race at a very early stage of its development. In this respect the creature reminds us of the class Aves-above all, the Alcidae or Auks. which are recognized as amongst the most stopid of all creatures of that grade,-Another peculiarity, taken in connection with the above, has induced certain of the examinators to surmise that the creature really was connected with the natorial birds. This is a vectore composed of an air-tight integament, which the creatercould inflate at pleasure, as some of the cephalopodous molusk of an earlier era could do with the air cells in their shells, so as not merely to float themselve in the water, but adjust the depth in the water of which they desired to flort. They work so long and slender a figure, so with a spire, so small a head, and an arrangement for floating in the ocean, the female of the past race of mankind would appear the Boston press for nearly lifteen years. Its Those taking five memberships are entitled to to have been altogether a singular and maly in creation."

Church Etiquette.

Let the lady advance one pace beyond the door of the pew she wishes to enter, halt, about face, and salute. The pew must then be vacated by such gentlemen as are in it by a flank movement. The squad should rise simultaneously when the lady present herself, and face by the right flank then deploy into the aisle, the head man facing the lady, and the rest passing to his rear and right, the direction of the line being changed by a right countermarch, and forming again a line up and down the aisle, still faced by the right flank. The lady when she sees the coast of persons who purchase or subscribe for the is clear, completes her salute, and advances leading magazines, at book stores, all of to her position in the pew. The gentlemen break off by angles from the rear. and resume their places. Great care should be taken, of course, by other parties not to enter the aisle while this evolution is in progress. If the lady has any claims to aristocracy, the preaching had best be stopped to avoid insult.

The Power of Widows.

" Widows are the very mischief. There's nothing like 'em. If they make up their minds to marry, if s done. I knew one that was terribly afraid of thunder and lightening, and every time a storm came on she would run into Mr. Smith's house (Smith was a widower) and clasp her little hands, and fly around like a hen with her head cut off, till the man was half distracted for fear she would be killed and the consequence was, she was Mrs. John Smith before three thunder storms o prove highly successful, as it is beneficial. rattled over her head. How many they had a'ter that, I don't edzackly know myself."

A Lady who had on her upper lip something approaching to a moustache, lately called on an officer and his wife, whose laughing merry little boy happened to be and encourages good reading and a taste for present at the time. In the course of conversation this little fellow inquired what he must do to get hair on his lips. "Why, rub it against papa's was the reply. "Oh. mamma," said he, " is that the way Miss - has got hers?"

Dow, Jr., says-" Life is a country dance; down outside and back, tread on the corns of your neighbor; pole V nose everywhere; all hand a and left. Bol your - - is ended. Time business and the same

"Sammy, my box what are presented "Bill hove the Bible at me and list at

on my head." "Well you are the first person in lift least impression."

"I suppose," said an arrang quark, who feeling the pulse of his patient, "that year think me a fool ?" "Sir," replied the rick man, "I perceive you can discover a man's thoughts by his pulse."

What is the difference between filling a pitcher with water, and throwing a woman overboard? One is "water in the pitcher," and the other "pitch her in the