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PHILOSOPHY.

Why does the bud that is near to its breaking... Wake sweeter smiles than the fully-blown rose?

THE VIOLET.

Lonely and sweet a violet grew... The meadow weeds among.

THE COUGHING PRINTER.

The Agricultural Lessons of a Brief but Remarkable Career.

It is a common observation that farmers who depend on the plow for the shop or counter rarely succeed, while the city man who turns farmer frequently gets on in his new calling quite as well as his neighbors.

At the age of 19, when his father succumbed to the influenza which he had contracted by exchanging it for a composing-stick in a Pennsylvania printing-office.

Accordingly, in the beginning of 1875, aged 29, he came to Kansas City, with \$400, his entire capital, in his pocket.

Referring to Mr. Wingert's diary I find under dates of May 19 and 20 (75): "Terrible grasshopper fighting; sixteen persons engaged; garden almost intact."

"On the 3d of June—day of the great memento—the collection of the nearly every body was cleaned-out; there were substantially no home-grown plants or vegetables.

Mr. Wingert had never made so little money in a year since he was a journeyman, and had never saved so much. His health had improved greatly.

The next year (77) we were nearly ruined in Kansas by "over production." Truck was low and weeds were high.

king o' a system. Eighteen hundred and seventy-eight opened upon the Printer favorably. His past "expenses" had been partly for every sort of equipment.

This, in the main, was his "lay out" for the season: the above-mentioned beds, 200 sashes; early crops, ten acres; melons, six acres; potatoes, eight acres;

Less than four years before, the "Coughing Printer" on a capital of \$400 tried his "prentice hand at gardening; at the time of his death he was considered to be at the head of that industry in a town of 40,000 people.

It was his ambition to sometime be able to offer to every family in the city, at their own doors each day, vegetables of the season, perfectly fresh, without intervention, and at such prices as large planting and direct dealing would justify him in making and which would compel them to buy.

Yet he held that books were indispensable to the novice in horticulture, for they furnished him with his knowledge on.

It has been said repeatedly in agricultural addresses and in bucolic essays written by well-meaning people of leisure.

The Orphans' Court yesterday requested Mr. Joseph H. Gale, jeweler, on Baltimore Street, near Calvert, to appraise the jewels of the late Madame Patterson-Bonaparte.

The most valuable article among the collection is a necklace of diamonds, emeralds, rubies and pearls, of handsome design and workmanship.

A black enameled bracelet made in Paris and set with American \$2.50 gold pieces is quite a novelty. It is worth \$100.

LEMON PIE.—1 lemon, 1 tablespoonful corn starch dissolved in cold water, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, piece of butter size of an egg, 1 cupful hot water; boil a few minutes.

A Woman's Description of Leadville.

The following is from an article in the May Atlantic, by Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson:

California Gale, in which or on which the new town of Leadville is growing up, lies at right angles to the Arkansas Valley, and about 12 miles from the head waters of the Arkansas River.

Gen. Hardee, whose Manual of Infantry Tactics was in use in all the Southern armies, visited a rural Georgia town one day during the war, and the commander of a "second-class militia" company sought to do himself and the General honor by parading his command in front of the inn in which Hardee had rooms.

Zeblon Martin and son, who live at Henry's Bend, about six miles from Oil City, Pa., while removing stones on their farm the other day, discovered a ball as large as a bushel basket, which appeared to be a ball of lead.

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JOHN DUNN, the right-hand man of King Cotyway, is, as his name indicates, an Englishman. According to the Cape Argus he has lived so long among the Zulus that he is more "Kaffir" than "English."

MR. DONALD G. MITCHELL was cured of his family tendency to consumption in a curious way. He had a very severe cough when he started to cross from the English shore to the Island of Jersey, and there was no steamer.

KARACHE.—There is scarcely any ache to which children are subject so hard to bear and so difficult to cure as the earache. A remedy never known to fail is to put a pinch of black pepper upon a bit of cotton-bating; tie it up, dip it in sweet oil, and insert into the ear.

THE trivial nothings which the mouth utters may become possessed of awful import when accompanied by the language of the eyes; and the poor, common-sense may be taken up and translated, so that they shall stand written across the memory, in letters of flashing sunlight and the colors of June.

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CHEAP LIVING.

How to Support a Family of Four on Twenty-Five Cents a Day.

"Mary was not a very strong woman and she had four to support on twenty-five cents a day, and by self-denial and arithmetic she did it. Her rent was 30 cents a week, and there was fuel to boot and oil and food.

Hardee Made Easy.

Rattlesnakes in a Ball.

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PRIVATE TOM GATES.

A small, square room, dim with tobacco-smoke, poorly lighted with a single lamp; around a huge stove a group of men, wearing the blue and gray of Uncle Sam's army.

"Well, my boys, you've each had your say, and not asked the old man his anecdote yet; but you're getting a trifle talked out the last time in my day, and I see some of you are getting a little out of breath.

"None of us can tell such yarns as you, when you're once set going, for you never stop a good story for want of adding a trifle here and there just to make it complete and round in the neck."

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"Still, I can not comprehend how 10 cents a day fed four, even with an occasional meal to the boy and a stale loaf."

"Nor did I until I got Mary's bill of fare and ferreted out her method of making two ends meet. She always traded at the same shops, decent shops where she was known, and carrying some basin or pitcher of her own for her small purchases she saved the shopkeepers paper and string, and so they did not begrudge serving her in little amounts."

"Monday: One-half pound barley, 3 cents; half a pound corn-meal, 2 cents; scrap meat, 2 cents. The corn-meal made into mush for their breakfast; the barley, made dinner; and the scrap meat, boiled in a little scrap meat, made a supper. You see here were three very wholesome, nourishing, digestible dishes, capable of going a long way in supporting existence."

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THE potter's man has given priority to a crane for collections of embryology.

Not Enough Water.

Ferdinand and Angeline had been married about a month, when Uncle Ben came in and found Angeline in tears and Ferdinand dejected.

"Some trifle had sent them to the wall, and each had a story to tell. 'Now,' said Uncle Ben, 'I will tell you a story. I once went to see one of my neighbors, an excellent widow lady, who was endeavoring to make soap.'

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"The idea that 'the proper study of mankind is man' is carried to its furthest limits, both among officers and privates. This soldier I was talking about was prominent in his duties, and no fault could be found with his conduct, but his face wore always a look of extreme depression. He was seldom seen at the sutler's store, never at the soldiers' dances or theatricals, never spoke if he could avoid it, but spent his spare time lying idly on his bed or wandering alone over the bleak, frosty prairie."

"Spring came in, and the scouting parties went out. From time to time a small detachment would come into Camp K. to take out supplies, or to bring in sick and wounded men, for mountain fever and the cholera were both pretty troublesome that season. One morning August 1 an orderly came to my room, where I was swinging in a hammock and engaged in desperate combat with the flies and gnats."

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The Influence of Trees on Health.

The value of trees from a sanitary point of view, in large and overcrowded cities, can scarcely be over-estimated.

Apart from the sense of relief and coolness which they impart, their value as purifiers of the atmosphere is almost incredible. It has been calculated that a good sized elm, plane, or lime-tree, will produce seven million leaves, having a united area of two hundred thousand and square feet. The influence of large trees in the destruction of deleterious gases and the exhalation of oxygen, must therefore be of immense benefit in overcrowded and unhealthy districts.

In London and all large cities there exists a great number of waste spots in which one or more trees could be planted to advantage in every way. In this respect, at all events, they manage things better in France, and indeed in most Continental cities, where the Boulevards are kept cool in summer and warm in winter, owing to the influence which trees have in modifying temperature; in addition, they tend by absorption to purify the soil below as well as the atmosphere above them.

A society for planting trees in the wide streets and squares of the metropolis might so accomplish as beneficial results as the excellent institution which supplies drinking fountains for the refreshment of man and beast.

France and Germany.

Side by side with the recovery of her prosperity, France has kept in view the recovery of her military position. Out of a population of 37,000,000, about 700,000 men are in the active army, 510,000 in the reserve, 582,000 in the territorial army, and 625,000 in the territorial reserve—making a total of about 2,400,000 men, all of whom have received some military training.

My poor fellow, I can't help you, except to promise to deliver any message you wish sent to your friends.

"Gates gave a short sigh, but the look in his eyes was more cheerful than any one had ever seen in them before."

"I have no friends who want to hear of me," he said, after a pause, "but if you have a few minutes to spare I would like to tell you something about myself, as you've once or twice asked me questions. It's hard to carry the burdens I've had for years and die like a stolen dog at last."

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