not sweat or toil.

I sing the song of the workers, who harvest the golden grain,

And bind it, and thrash it, and sift it, nor care for the sting and stain; Who load it in creaking wagons, and stoutly

their oxen drive, And bid them good-by as they go, like the bees flying home to the hive.

I sing the song of the workers, the men who struggle and strain, Who give us their muscle and nerve, as

they guard the loaded train; Who give us their sinew and brain as they watch the prisoned steam,

the perilous stream. I sing the song of the workers, the men

who labor and strive, Who handle for us the honey that comes to

the human hive; The patient and tireless workers with muscles as tough as steel,

Who carry the heaviest burdens, and lift, and trundle and wheel.

His just and rightful due for all the work
he has done;
For all the work of the workers, no matter
whom or where,

His just and rightful due for all the work
soothing ways, not forgetting the noiseless slippers and white apron.

Aunt Bethia is, I suppose, an old
maid; but there is no bitter blight of

To each from the grand result his honest

proportionate share. -[Edward Willett.

#### AUNT BETHIA.

among the crowd, a little bewildered, of a pain.
but sufficiently alert, listening to the Her city glib chattering of the critics as they discussed the merits of some valuable

the friend accompanying her, "only a white aprons; and she always answers picter of what anybody can see for nothin' up to Craney Holler," where she lives. "Why," said she, regarding the great work of art with one eye shut "Nevertheless," up, "just go to our back door of a looks in the glass and blushes warmly, summer morning and stand and look, half inclined to believe their sweet

'em, and on both sides, to the right and left, the pastur' lands, where the Now, fate had ordained that when and left, the pastur' lands, where the cattle are fed, so peaceful and contented; then, way off in the distance, tented; then, way off in the distance, we should be entertaining, as an hou-them solemn-lookin' mountains, with ored guest, our Uncle Jeremiah Bar- Uncle Jerry took her face in his hands the shadders creepin' round 'em, or ker, or "Uncle Jerry," as we children and kissed her on both cheeks, and restin' on their tops; and all the time familiarly called him, though he was lastly, on her lips. the sun shines bright and pleasant be- only a distant relative on my father's low in the valley.

"I do declar, could a'most believe He had been knocking about for the the man stood in our back door when last fifteen years or so in Australia, and A Handsome Compliment to Its Work of again contesting for the honor until he painted that picter!

take; but don't it seem a pity to spend | the hope of ending his ways among his so much money just for a picter, when kindred. you could buy a small farm—a live picter, as it were-for a thousand dol-

She sees much of our city to disap- a wife and fireside of his own. prove. Most of the so-called modern improvements are abominations to Aunt Bethia.

"How must our Maker look on't?"

she asked indignantly. "It wouldn't be so bad if they had

only used it as they do gas, or kerosene that he felt he had no part or lot with sity Studies in History and Political ile; but when they come to light up all them, and so, slowly and sadly, the outdoors with it, and make it take the place o' the heavenly bodies that's what I call impious! nothin' more nor less than tryin' to outdo the Creator!

When the moon and stars don't shine, let the people walk in the dark, or else carry a lantern!" says she, whimsi-

The telephone she regarded as an infernal machine, and insists that there is something supernatural about it. She has never been prevailed upon to

"I won't have anything to do with it in any way nor shape!" says she. "Jest

as if any human invention could do what that thing does!" So she always keeps a safe distance

from it, as if it were liable to "go off" at any moment or play some diabolical trick upon her.

She does not approve to the "Quincy Method" in our schools, and much prefers to have the children learn their ble at she knew not what. lessons from their books and recite them standing in a nice straight line, with their toes to a crack in the floor. She would like more prominence given to order and to the Ten Commandments; and she sadly misses the dinner now, she never will, and I may as well for an oration on the same theme. The hall was burned, a cat, the mother of baskets and the water pail and tin dip-

She does not like the new version of the Scriptures; her mother's Bible is dow, and, nerving himself for a decisgood enough for her; and she takes no interest in the great controversy, except to mourn that there should be such wicked and disorderly going on in with you to-day than I should with any tention to which was very properly the fourth, but she returned no more.

She went to see the opera of "Patience," and her womanly soul was shocked beyond repair at the conduct of the lovesick maidens; felt personally humiliated and disgraced, and sat there with burning cheeks, not daring to go, and too indignant to stay and see it through.

Words were thrown away upon her. "All the words in the English language," she declared to us, "couldn't now I find 'em playin' on the pianner, excuse or explain away such a shameful and ravin' over picters and statoos exhibition—such immodest behavior on things I don't know nothin' aboutthe part of those young girls. The trollopes!" said she angrily, "where in the world were their mothers? Poor the looks on at all, is the Injun girl things, though," she added, as an af- standing outside of the tobacker terthought, "perhaps they hadn't any mothers; I can't believe they had."

Estheticism and the Renaissance, as she understands them, are only delusions of the adversary, invented to ruin all their rattle and clatter.
weak and idle souls who loiter in the "1 did use to think, when I was out

fond o' sunflowers let 'em go to raisin' 'em by the cart-load! They're excellent chicken fodder, as everybody knows. I did see a whole acre on 'em Who give us our daily bread, and keep us from hunger's harm;
Who labor afar in the forest, who leaven the fields with toil,
Who take no heed of the sunshine, and mind
Who take no heed of the sunshine, and mind they do look about as wise and know-

"There's nothin' like work for keepin' girls out o' mischief," she is fond of

saying.
"When our girls leave school let 'em take right hold and help their mothers with the housework and the plain sewin' and takin' care of the baby, and then they won't be hankerin' to paint old pots and jars or to embroider sage-green curtains and table cloths. Though why that color is called sage-green I Mother always said so, and I do like can't imagine; it certainly ain't the color of any sage that ever grew in my garden; and its unaccountable to me that so many folks nowadays prefer such dirty faded out colors that you And run the risk of their lives, as they pass can't look at without feelin' sick and faint, when there's plenty of pretty, if I don't believe a white apron dresses bright ones, that will wash and bile, up a woman more than the big Kohias it were."

Aunt Bethia is a born nurse, and as such is recommended by the "Holler" folks with as much enthusiasm as their do with your lookin' different from own favorite spring bitters, or cough other women-so kinder good and oldremedy.

She is indeed "excellent in case of sickness," and she comes at such times I sing the song of the workers, demanding like a veritable angel of mercy, bringing with her soft voice and gentle,

disappointment upon her life.

She has never loved and her unwoven heart is still fresh with the dews of fashioned man and you are an oldyouth. Though her lovely hair is just fashioned woman-coincidence, ain't beginning to be threaded with gray, it, now?" she knows not the feeling of growing old, neither do the passing years bring It may be that our old-fashioned any definite sense of want to her peaceaunt needs no introduction. Perhaps ful sunny nature, except, perhaps, you have met her in the city at some recent art exhibition, where she sat pleteness, like the faintest shadow only

Her city nieces tell her often, with many a hug and caress, that her face is the sweetest and dearest in all the world, that she looks "quite too utter- happy couple an old-fashioned man The same being, as she declared to ly" quaint and lovely in her pretty and woman can be!"

"But, oh, my dears, I am so old-fash-

Nevertheless, when she is alone she and there you have it, for all the words, and wholly glad that she is not world! we growing homely, though she feels a She dropped he world!

"The same smooth, green medders, with the pretty brooks windin' through 'em, and on both sides, to the right and left, the pastur' lands, where the softly; she knows not why.

New fete had in confusion, and foolishly, just for the sake of saying something, faltered:

"I know I am old-fashioned."

Aunt Bethia came to visit in our family a robin redbreast-and so, by George,

having amassed a considerable fortune, "It is a han'some view, and no mis- returned now to his native city, with

He was unmarried; and hidden se-

But after spending the best part of society of woman-or, in fact, society acter as can be found anywhere. One The electric light finds no favor in of any sort—he found himself laboring of the most strongly developed departunder great disadvantages.

The girls that he knew and played ing complimentary reference to this with when he was a boy had grown so department is taken from one of the far away from him in many directions numbers of the "John Hopkins Univer-

hope of years began to fade away.
It was just here that dear old-fashioned Aunt Bethia came into his life; institution. The number in question fair. The ambitious farmers of this and from the first moment of their treats of "Methods of Historical Study," ambitious state will show the world meeting Uncle Jerry had appropriated and in connection with the subject of her in his heart of hearts, as the one woman specially provided for him, and in a foot-note says: straightway elected her to preside over

that ideal future he had dreamed of. In short, for the first time in his life he found himself passionately in love, and, as men of his years are apt to do by their former associate, H. W. Caldin such cases, he resolved to make "short work" of his wooing.

Accordingly he spent one week in watching her every word and action sent in from Lincoln, Nebraska, to Mr. Romanes has lately shown that and in studying her face from under Baltimore for examination. It may be

her about and waiting upon her with woman began to wonder and to trem-

Finally, he grew impatient to know his fate.

know it."

ive effort, he thus addressed her: "Bertha, I hain't known you long, to be sure, but I feel better acquainted | American history, the insufficient at- she rescued, then she hurried back for other woman in a year's time. Things | criticized, will receive ample attention have changed 'mazingly in the fifteen next year, as arrangements are being kittens were found lying side by side years that I've been away from home, made for a full year and the women most of all. I find I can history alone.

don't know 'em." "The girls that I used to study out of the same book with at school, I hear talking now about 'cultur,' and 'art,' and 'affinities,' and so on and so forth -all Greek to me. I left 'em doin' house work and knittin' stockin's, and of him that when he was the city editor now I find 'em playin' on the pianner, of the Indianapolis News one of the

"And as for music-why, Bethia, I'd c c-c-c-crucified a-b-bout 1800 y-years ruther hear you sing old Naomi, the way you did last Sunday night, than

by-paths of life, and she believes the only salvation for such is to go to get married and try to settle down, but an Iowa farmer has killed 278 skunks work.

I don't s'pose any of these new fash-"Let 'em do something practical," ioned, highfalutin' women would have she will say. "If they're so 'mazin' me with all my money; and," says he, land early in October.

A Texan, who raises goats for their flesh, says that kid steaks are more deleast, on Republican river. Steek branded with land early in October.

ungallantly, "by George! I den't know as I want them."

Aunt Bethia looked mildly shocked. "You see," he continued, apologeti-cally, "we couldn't take much comfort cogether 'less we felt somewhere nigh alike about things, now could we?"
"Why no," said Aunt Bethia, can-

didly, looking up at him in a medita-tive way; "I don't s'pose you could." "And I should hate to see my money fooled away on trash, that I don't care a continental for, though I know women are master hands to spend money, and I mean my wife shall have plenty,

"I don't think all women are extravagant," said Aunt Batia' with some show of spirit. "I know I ain't un-less," she added deprecatingly, "per-haps I am in the matter of white aprons. plenty of clean aprons-say one every afternoon."

"My wife shall have a clean one for every hour in the day, if she wants!" roared Uncle Jerry with enthusiasm. "And, new I think of it, by George,

noor could." "And I shouldn't wonder, after all, if-them white aprons had somethin' to fashioned you know."

Aunt Bethia blushed and laughed.

"They call me the old-fashioned woman," she said sharply.
"And I am an old-fashioned man,"

he said significantly.

Then he looked at her and met the

startled glance of her soft eyes. "Maybe it occurs to you, as it does to me, that there's somethin' particularly interestin' in the fact that I am an old-

"Dear me," murmured Aunt Bethia, dropping a dozen stitches in her confusion; "why, no, I hadn't thought

He took her hands with gentle force, knitting-work and all, and bent over

"Think on't now, then, won't you?" said he. "Come, Bethia, be my wife, and we will show the world what a

She looked up into the honest, kindly face glowing down upon her, and it reassured her. The grasp of his hand, so firm yet so loving, compelled her, and with a thrill, sweet as strange, she opened her heart at once and welcomed in his love as the bird does its

"Old-fashioned! So is a daisy! so is

#### NEBRASKA'S UNIVERSITY.

From a High Anthority.

Lincoln Journal. The Journal has maintained in season and out of season that our univer- the property of the winner. cretly away in his rugged bachelor sity faculty contains among its mem-heart was the long-cherished dream of bers as able men as can be found anywhere, and that the work of the university in many lines and the students his life in rough toil, separated from all | in attendance there are of as high charments is that of history. The following complimentary reference to this Science," which are published monthly and edited by Prof. Herbert Adams, one of the ablest of the faculty of that and in connection with the subject of some of the biggest crops ever grown co-operative study in history, the editor in this country, if the season is at all

"To Baltimore students it is an interesting fact that the same line of cooperative study in the history of the Italian renaissance has been followed well, and his students in the University of Nebraska Admirable papers on Savonarola and Erasmus have been mired tone of calm to their manner. his shaggy eyebrows while he pretend-ed to read his newspaper. added in this connection that the course in history under Professor Geo. E. Another week he devoted to following Howard and Instructor H. W. Caldwell, at the University of Nebraska, is such alarming assiduity that the little among the most complete and the most cats can be charitable to cats. A cat modern in spirit of any that are given in Mr. Romanes' "Mental Evolution in in this country. The weak side, how-ever, is insufficient attention to Ameri-the poor beast her own dinner—a fish

"What is the use of beating about the bush?" he said to himself, in his was by A. G. Warner, who took the pluck and devotion has just been given blunt fashion; "if she don't fancy me first prize in the late oratorical contest by another cat. When Lusby Music paper, however, was an entirely differ-So he came in upon her one after- ent production, being a critical study danger's way, but the kittens were in noon as she sat knitting by the win- perhaps three times the length of the danger at the rear of the stage. Sevoration. The paper on Erasmus was eral times that brave puss rushed into by A. L. Frost. It is but justice to this the choking smoke and several times department to say that the subject of she was driven back. Three kittens made for a full year's course of Ameri-

## Not to Be Pound.

Savannah (Ga.) News. Will G. Nicholas, the witty managing editor of the Washington National Republican, stutters badly. It is said state house commissioners explained to him what kind of a superintendent they wanted. "He must be,' said he, "honest, industrious, good, pure-minded, frugal, self-sacrificing—" "I th-th th-ink," interrupted Nicholas, "y-y-you w-w-won't find him. He was

a-g-go." wristlets were made by students of the

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR.

A Few Special Premiums.

The next Nebraska state fair will be held at Omaha, September 5—12.

The Nebraska state board of agriculture offers a premium of \$100 for the best yield of corn per acre on a field of not less than ten acres, no yield of less than eighty bushels per acre to receive the award.

For the best yield of fall wheat on ten acres, not less than thirty bushels per acre, \$75.

Spring wheat, same stipulations, except yield, not less than twenty-five bushels per acre, \$50.

Oats, same stipulations, except yield, not less than eighty bushels per acre,

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Rye, same stipulations, except yield, not less than thirty bushels per acre,

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For best collection of grain and vegetables grown and exhibited by one farmer, samples one-half bushel each, at fair, \$50, the successful collection to become the property of the state board of agriculture for free distribution elsewhere, as the board of managers may

A bushel of each of the successfully competing crops also becomes the property of the board.

Competitors for premiums on crops are required to furnish a statement under oath, and to have the ground and its produce actually measured by not less than two disinterested persons, whose statements shall be verified by affidavit.

A statement of the kind and condition of the soil, the variety and quality of the seed planted or sown, and the mode and expense of cultivation must be presented in writing before the premium is awarded.

The whole amount of roots or grain produced on the amount of land specified must be measured or weighed. Root crops estimated by weight, sixty pounds to be considered a bushel, and grain crops to be measured and weighed according to the usual stand-

In addition to the premiums above offered for the yield of ten acres of corn, best yield of ten acres each, spring and fall wheat, best yield of ten acres of oats, best yield of ten acres of barley, best yield ten acres of potatoes, there will be awarded to the successful competitor in each a medal engraved "Champion." The prize confers on the successsful competitor the title of "Champion" his respective class. party winning the championship is required to be ready to contest for the championship at each until the honor is taken away from him by a more skillful person. When the championship is won from the "champion" he shall not have the privilege of again contesting for the honor will shall are subsequent fair, and remain champion the championship has passed from the person defeating him. The champion medal, being held by the same person for three successive contests, becomes

The board also offers \$25 for the best twenty-five pounds of sugar made from beets, and \$15 for the second best twenty-five pounds. It is required that there be a statement under oath accompanying the product, showing the per cent. in yield of sugar per ton of beets and per acre.

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The public, we are sure, will be treated to a magnificent show of grains and of sugar at the next Nebraska propitious.

## A Peline Heroine.

London Dally News. Public opinion is often hard on cats. They are accused of a gentle and complacent selfishness, which gives an adcats are philo-the Greeks had no cats till a late period, and we cannot, therefore, coin a proper word to express that quality in the cat called philanthropy in man. Suffice it to say that Animals" found a starved cat and gave dinner, too. Here was real altruism The paper on Lavonarola referred to in a puss. A remarkable example of seven kittens, chanced to be out of The charred remains of the cat and the where the fire had overtaken them. If either sect of Positivists still commemorates the virtues of the lower creation this poor plucky cat deserves a place among the four-footed saints. Did any dog ever display so much devotion and could any man die better?

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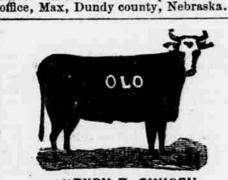
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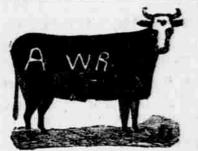


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