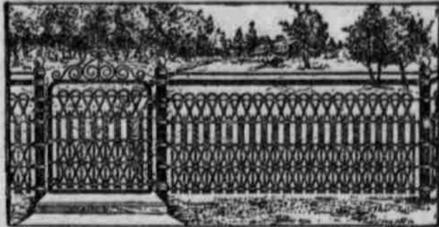


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The Home Department.

THE DEATH OF THE FLOWERS.

By WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year,
 Of wailing winds, and naked woods, and meadows brown and sere.
 Heaped in the hollows of the grove, the autumn leaves lie dead;
 They rustle in the eddying gust, and to the rabbit's tread;
 The robin and the wren are flown, and from the shrubs the jay,
 And from the wood-top calls the crow through all the gloomy day.

Where are the flowers, the fair young flowers, that lately sprang and stood
 In brighter light and softer airs, a beauteous sisterhood?
 Alas! they all are in their graves, the gentle race of flowers
 Are lying in their lowly beds, with the fair and good of ours.
 The rain is falling where they lie, but the cold November rain
 Calls not from out the gloomy earth the lovely ones again.

The wind-flowers and the violet, they perished long ago,
 And the brier-rose and the orchis died amid the summer glow;
 But on the hills the golden-rod, and the aster in the wood,
 And the yellow sun-flower by the brook in autumn beauty stood,
 Till fell the frost from the clear cold heaven, as falls the plague on men,
 And the brightness of their smile was gone, from upland, glade and glen.

And now, when comes the calm mild day, as still such days will come,
 To call the squirrel and the bee from out their winter home;
 When the sound of dropping nuts is heard, though all the trees are still,
 And twinkle in the smoky light the waters of the rill,
 The south wind searches for the flowers whose fragrance late he bore,
 And sighs to find them in the wood and by the stream no more.

And then I think of one who in her youthful beauty died,
 The fair meek blossom that grew up and faded by my side.
 In the cold moist earth we laid her, when the forests cast the leaf,
 And we wept that one so lovely should have a life so brief;
 Yet not unmeet it was that one, like that young friend of ours,
 So gentle and so beautiful, should perish with the flowers.

The Weaker Sex.

Rev. John L. Brandt, pastor of the First Christian church of St. Louis, was recently called, unexpectedly, from the city. Mr. Brandt sought a substitute in the person of a neighboring clergyman, but on the Sabbath morning when the congregation assembled it was discovered that the substitute had become suddenly ill and was unable to fill the pulpit. The large congregation was preparing to leave the church, when the good wife of Pastor Brandt went into the congregation to resume their seats, and announced that in her humble way she would address them. Mrs. Brandt opened the Bible, selected a text and delivered a simple talk that for force, logic and eloquence—so many members of the congregation say—has never been excelled in her husband's church.

Hallowe'en Invitations.

Invitations for Hallowe'en parties can be made by sketching in one corner a lighted candle, the figure of a ghost, a bit of fruit or a basket of nuts. If the artist is especially clever the etching of two figures over a visionary fire is good, with different lines, such as "Come take a chance," "Tis midnight; and I'll tell you true," "Once a year," "All's well that ends well," "A Jack for a Jill," "I am looking, love, for you." If you wish to mystify your guests the invitation can be written backward.

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Sound Advice.

A housekeeper who finds herself tiring at every exertion is in danger of nervous collapse. She who fails to sleep soundly is especially liable to such a breakdown. To avoid such possibility, rest is absolutely necessary, but not a rest that means idleness; such rest would be the worst possible thing. What is necessary, though, is to break up accustomed routine of work, and to do all things moderately; take your breakfast in bed, rise late, retire early, abandon all unnecessary exertions, drink two or three quarts of rich cocoa a day, . . . or use this same amount of milk with cereals or in simple puddings. Eat nourishing food, the heavy meal preferably in the middle of the day. Keep out of doors as much as possible, but do not allow yourself to become exhausted with too much walking. Occasionally during the day take ten minutes' rest on the flat of your back if possible, and if you manage to get the proverbial "forty winks," so much the better. Go to bed early, and go to bed each night at the same time. Darken your room absolutely, and at once. Do not try to read, knowing you cannot sleep, or you will not. Close your eyes, and, selecting a comfortable position, with all the muscles and nerves relaxed, direct your glance upward. In doing this, avoid the slightest effort; it may take several night's trial to quit making the effort, but when you succeed—and you will in a very short time—you will sleep restfully and well; and the more sleep one manages to get while in a nervous, collapsible condition, the less will be the danger of prostration.—Sunny South.

Some Suggestions.

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