I WONDER WHY.

BY M. D. BRINE.

I wonder why this world's good things should fall in such unequal shares; Why some should taste of all the joys, And others only feel the cares! I wonder why the sunshine bright Should fall in paths some people tread, While others shiver in the shade Of clouds that gather overhead!

I wonder why the trees that hang o fuil of inscious fruit should grow Only where some may reach and eat. While others faint and thirsty go Why should sweet flowers bloom for some, For others only thorns be tound? And some grow rich on fruitful earth While others till but barren ground?

I wonder why the hearts of some O'erflow with joy and happiness, While others go their lonely way inblessed with aught of tenderness! I wonder why the eyes of some Should ne'er be moistened with a tear, While others weap from morn till night, Their hearts so crushed with sorrow here !

Ah! well; we may not know indeed. The whys, the wherefores of each life! But this we know-there's One who sees And watches us through joy or strile. And only ife may know the end, And loving Him, we may be strong, Tho' storm or sunshine lie may send.

WASHINGTON'S FIRST LOVE.

On the banks of the Harlem River, formed ; his face pale-yellow, and a little below the High Bridge of the his features striking in every part; Croton Aqueduct stands a solid, yet his hair, still thick and bushy, is imposing mansion, remarkable for its | blanched by the frosts of time and age and the historic associations toil.

walls. Under its hospitable roof the lowest depths. He was born a slave of cold water from the well ; take a great Washington found social pleas- on one of the plantations of Mary- broom-brush and dip in the water, ure and bountiful entertainment more land. His mother was a Mandingo- and throw it up over the bees, and it than a hundred years ago; later, as a proud race with European features, will come down on them like fine the head of American armies, he wavy hair, erect and stately forms, rain ; then hive them the usual way, gathered his staff around him here instinct with intelligence and sensi- and sprinkle them while going in, and and directed the movements of patri- bility, vigorous and brave. His fath- sprinkle the ground around the hive, otic soldiery. The great American er was a white man, whom he never to cool the air; in fifteen or twenty millionaire, John Jacob Astor, subse- knew. In this nameless hovel this minutes do it again, and continue it quently possessed it, succeeded in child of their intercourse first saw until the day is cooler; keep the hive time by Aaron Burr and Madame Ju- the light, and there, herded with in the shade. There is no need of mel, and more recently it has been hundreds of others as abject as him- having any bees go to the woods-not the object for which rival claimants self, he passed the first year of his at all. I had over forty swarms last · have fought and the legal welfare has life. Torn from his mother as soon summer, and saved all by sprinkling been as hotly contested as the more as he was born, she never saw him a them. sanguinary conflicts carried on around half dozen times. She was worked The bee journals tell of men who it by contending warrlors nearly a on a field twelve miles away. She make artificial swarms, and yet have

century ago. could only visit him at night-walk- bees go to the woods ; there is no need That, however, which imparts the ing this distance to hold him in her of this if you use cold water. "But,"

Washington lost his heart.

History records how the daughter could furnish neither raiment, nor and go to the woods without alight- "Live down prejudice," was the Iron of the great Napoleon's landlady re- food, nor bed; she could not even ing first; and I am safe in saying I Duke's motto. Let this be your feeljected the suit of the unknown lieu- mend or wash the little tow shirt have hived a thosand swarms. Bees ing while endeavoring to live down tenant, and thus failed to become Em- which was his only garment. press of France; how the French In a brief space she ceased to come and after a while start for the woods, against you If you stop to dispute, peasant girl refused Bernadotte, and at all-she was broken and dying- and are seen on the second start. thereby lost the crown of Sweden; she passed away to the invisible reaim ! and how a New Jersey girl, by jilting The boy grew on. He saw the the penniless wanderer from France, pains of slavery on every hand. Infailed to enjoy imperial honor as the telligent and thoughtful, he began wife of the Emperor Louis Napoleon. to revolve the bitter question, why

so prominent a part in the struggle, there must have been moments when memory went back to the brief courtship, and they could not help think-A correspondent of the Country ing "how it might have been."

Twenty years after the parting, Gentleman says :- Immediately after Washington again met Mary Phillips, the corn is planted, sprinkle on the then Mrs. Morris. He was on his hill, over the covered grains, about way to assume the command of the one tablesoonful of salt to each hill. patriot army before Boston, and stop- More will do no harm, but how much ped at Roger's house. Morris was a more the corn would stand I do not Royalist, but both he and his wife ex- know. A tablespoonful is enough, tended every courtesy to their guest. and perhaps less would do. That is They never met again ; for before the all. I have buried cutworms in salt end of the war of independence Mary and left them there a long time with-Phillips (Mrs. Morris) accompanied out doing them any apparent harm, her husband to England. There she and they will crawl over salt without successfully sought her hand one of but they will not eat the young corn the most renowed and respected plant if their is a little salt in its sap. statesman and w priors of the world. That seems to be the explanation of She died in 1825. Her remains are en- its protective influence. closed in an elaborate tomb at York. Allow me to repeat that the salt

England.

Frederick Douglass. No name is more familiar to the er moisture in the air, and thus reach present generation of Americans than the roots of the plant greatly diluted

that placed at the head of this article. by mixture with the soil, and there-The man who gave himself this foro safe to the young and tender name, and has made it honorable on plant ; and also that it may be at the the page of American history, is now roots, where it may enter the sap of far on in life. He stands six feet or the plant, not at the leaves where it more, broad-shouldered and well- can only be destroyed.

Bees Swarming.

A sure way to prevent bees from going to the woods, when they come which cluster around its venerable This man has come up from the out and light, is to get a pail, half full

Mercellus, N. Y.

How to Hang Hogs.

Sowing Corn.

A correspondent at Rahway, N. J.

Husking Corn.

A Thrilling Incident.

THE FARM.

Cutworms and Corn.

The Detroit Free Press chronicles one of those heroic incidents with which the lives of most railroad engineers abound, as happening recently to Frank Dolan, an engineer on the Lansing road. He was coming in on a wet track with a heavy train, and soon after leaving a station, put on more steam to make up for lost time. The train was running at the

rate of about twenty-five miles an hour, when Dolan caught sight of a man on the track, about half a mile ahead. He was certain that the man was deaf from the way he walked. but he opened the whistle and rang lived to see the man who had so un- hesitation or any seeming annoyance, the bell. The man paid no attention to the sounds, and Dolan whistled for brakes. They did not take well, and although the engine was reversed, it was plain that the pedestrian would

be run down unless something was done promptly. Dolan ran forward should be put on the corn hills immediately after the planting, that it may over the engine and down on the cow-catcher. By this time the pedesbe dissolved by the rain, dew, or othtrian was not more than 300 feet away. and was trying to walk on one of the rails, sweying this way and that, but aparently not feeling the rumble of forward, rea hed a foot beyond the

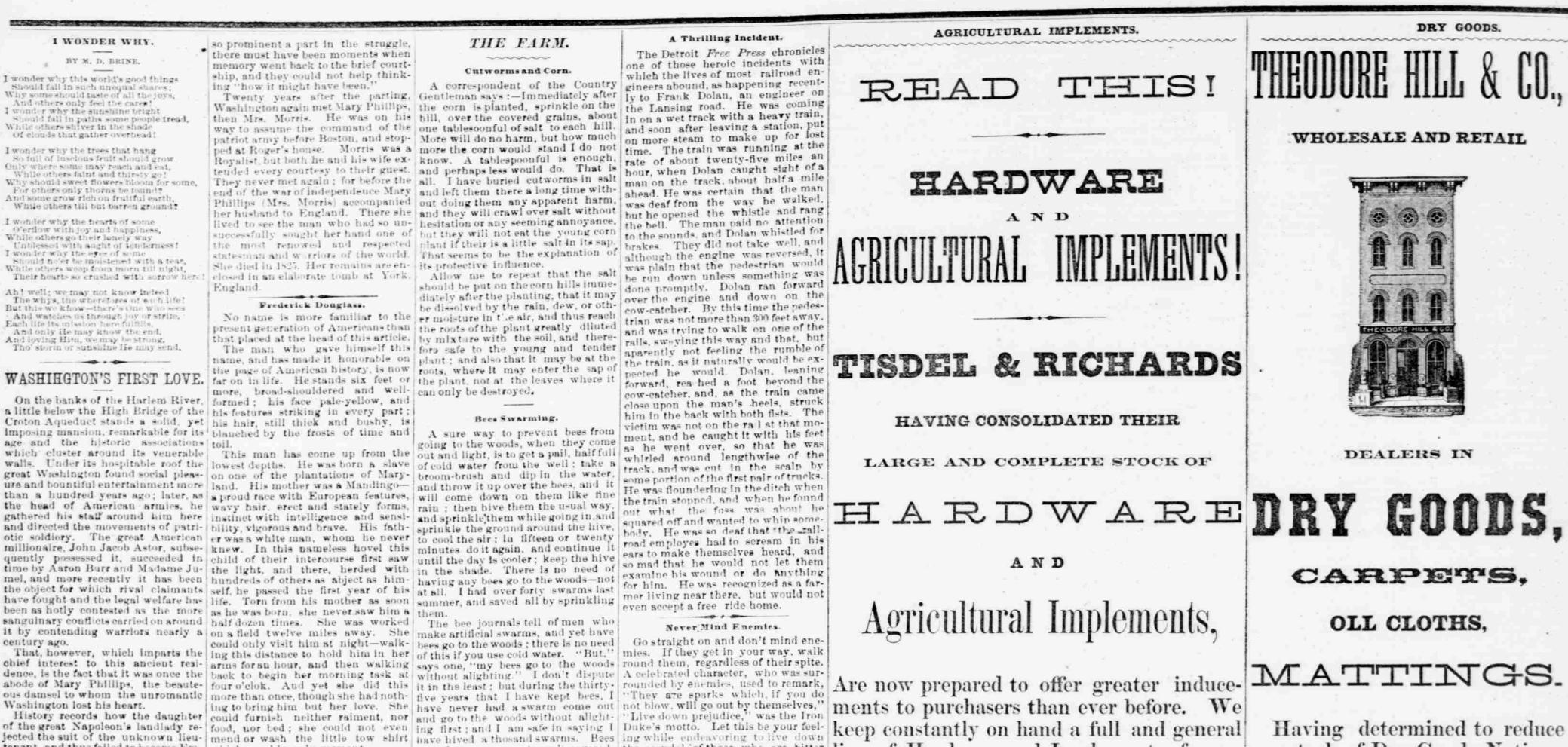
cow-catcher, and, as the train came close upon the man's heels, struck him in the back with both fists. The victim was not on the ral at that mo-

ment, and he caught it with his feet as he went over, so that he was whirled around lengthwise of the track, and was cut in the scalp by some portion of the first pair of trucks. He was floundering in the ditch when the train stopped, and when he found out what the foss was shout he squared off and wanted to whip somebody. He was so deaf that the railroad employes had to scream in his ears to make themselves heard, and so mad that he would not let them examine his wound or do anything for him. He was recognized as a farmer living near there, but would not even accept a free ride home.

Never Mind Enemies. Go straight on and don't mind ene-

mies. If they get in your way, walk chief interest to this ancient resi- arms for an hour, and then walking says one, "my bees go to the woods round them, regardless of their spite. dence, is the fact that it was once the back to begin her morning task at without alighting." I don't dispute A celebrated character, who was surous damsel to whom the unromantic more than once, though she had noth- five years that I have kept bees, I "They are sparks which, if you do ing to bring him but her love. She have never had a swarm come out not blow, will go out by themselves,"

sometimes come out undiscovered, the scandal of those who are bitter line of Hardware and Implements, from a our stock of Dry Goods, Notions, against you If you stop to dispute. you do but as they desire, and open the way for more abuse. Let the poor fellow talk-there will be a reaction if you do but form your duty : and hundreds who were once alienated from you will flock to you and ac-



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In February, 1756, Colonel George gress, and she was proud of her charge. Let the ladder extend five or six feet Washington, accompanied by two She was going to make him profi- behind the axle-tree. Back the hind aldes-de-camp, left his residence at cient, at least, in reading The Bible. end of the ladder on to the bench Mount Vernon, on horseback, on a The husband found it out and imme- where your dressed hog lies, roll him journey to Boston, to confer with diately interposed. But the Boy had on to the ladder, then let one man or Gensral Shirley, concerning military tasted enough to create desires that lad take hold of the forward round of

the nouse of Beverly Robinson, an old army friend, who had served with his studies. At length he made mon-old army friend, who had served with his studies. At length he made mon-bis guest, had invited a few friends to the fanaticism of liberty." Here Try it once and you will now all

add to the social attractions of his Declaration of our Independence; home. Among those invited was here was one of the masterly speeches Mary Phillips, a sister of Mrs. Robin- of Sheridan. He could resist it no son. She was then about eighteen longer. He ran away ! The story years of age, bewitchingly beautiful. of his escape has been recently and asks the best way of sowing corn for with a form of rare grace and perfect freshly told. He came to New Bed. soiling purposes-whether broadcast tion, brilliant accomplishments, and ford, on Buzzards' Bay, in old Mas- or in drills; also the best time to sow lively and vivacious in disposition, sachusetts. The air was fol. of liber- if intended for winter use; and if one ty, and he exuited. He found work kind of corn is superior to another for She was likewise an heiress.

The young Virginia Colonel, fresh and kept his own wages. He this use, We reply that we have from the rural society of Mount Ver- "sawed wood, dug cellars, shoveled non and the toils of the backwoods coal, rolled oil-casks on the wharves :" campaign, was immediately charmed he worked "in candle works and brass by this witching vision of loveliness foundries," and was living in a new cultivator. For winter forage we and gaiety. Turning away from ev- world. He began to hear of Garrison, ery other attraction, he spent much of and subscribed for the "Liberator." his time in her society, and the walks. He read what books he could reach ground being rich as it should be talks, and rides in which they in- -among them Scott's "Lady of the got every large crops, and secured dulged brought upon them the rail- Lake." Charmed in the character of them before frost. We shall be glad lery of their associates. In this way the noble maid, he cast away the to record the experience of farmers. the few days that Washington had name of his former bondage and intended to remain passed, but still henceforth called himself "Frederick he lingered, charmed by the magic Douglass"-a name whose renown spell of the fair charmer. will long linger among men.

It was the first time in the history | It was here that he married and beof his mature life that the siy Cupid gan to plant a family of his own. He had hurledd his dart at the young mingled with the colored people that Colonel, and the arrow had sunk had gathered under the northern a-half hang-board on the opposite deep into his heart. Days went by stars. He ventured to speak in their side ; tie the horse next to you to the almost unnoticed, until a week had meetings, and the fire of his eloquence been wrsted in these enjoyments, and kindled to a flame. In 1841 a great the infatuated man was forced to tear | convention assembled at Nantucket ; himself away and proceed to Boston. Douglass appeared and addressed the point, strip both sides nearly at once, They parted with an engagement on throng. From that time his course and give it a wrench with your right his part to call again on his return, was upwards. He was immediately and it is hardly necessary to say that employed as an agent of the Ameri- a good hand will in this way crib can Auti-Slavery Society, and thus sixty bu-hels in a day. he was true to his promise.

Nearly another week was now pass- his long career as the champion of ed under the hospitable roof of his freedom for his race began. Though old friend, and in the society of his in dauger of recapture, he lectured charming relative. But the urgency everywhere in the North. He went of military engagements forced his to England, where his course was an return to Virginia, and George Wash- ovation. There he found friends who sion to the father of his "affinity," ington and Mary Phillips parted with gave the funds (£150) to purchase the and expresses his desire to strive for mutual regrets, to meet no more for bond of his liberty. Returning to nearly a quarter of a century, when America, he settled in Rochester, one was the great leader of the patri- Western New York, and established young man binds himself to the fathot armies and the other the wife of a his "paper," which became a Power Colonel, fighting his own country- in the cause to which he had devomen, in the service of his King. ted his life.

There is nothing to prove that | He saw the rising storm of civil Washington ever made a formal ten- war, which the madness of slavery der of his hand, or that Miss Phillips finally brought on. He heard the happy possessor of a beautiful CINCINNATIAND COLUMBUS, to ever refused him. Letters and mem- first thunders of that awful tempest, oraudums found among Washington's and sent two of his sons into the en men ready to do his bidding private papers show that their inti- strife, who bore themselves bravely at one time. When the term of sermacy had not gone so far as to call till the day was won. from him a declaration of love. He was the personal friend of Lin-

such an avowal was imminent.

When Washington departed he plead with him for those civil rights stationed in the pologs suspended made a confidant of his old army of the black men which were still friend, Colonel Robinson, and he was withheld. His speech on that occa- appears thickly clad in skin garments, directed to convey to his brilliant sis- tion will live in the story of those days. ter-in-law a hint of the avowal, which As he and his associates turned away sues around the inclosure, the contes- HANNIBAL & ST. JOE, his extreme delicacy more than any he said, "Mr. President, we well take tants dodging about among the po-In the management of this business which the delegation had been nail upon her person before she can Washington exhibited less than his mocked. It was in the winter of 1866; be rescued by the old women who, usual sagacity. A young damsel, in Douglass remained in the city, and during the race, impede the lover as her first affair of the heart, does not was invited to deliver his famous lect- much as possible by beating him with like to have love made by proxy. So ure on the "Assassination of Presi sticks, and tripping by seizing his she listened with impatience and mor- dent Lincoln." He stood on the legs as he rushes by them. tification to the protestations uttered platform of the old cirst Presbyterian by her brother-in-law, when, had Church, then the only place in the and if she does not wish to become they been made by her admirer in cify where he could speak unmo- the wife of her pursuer, she can avoid TO QUINCY, ST. LOUIS, CAIRO, person, with the hesitancy and secre- lested, and swayed the vast and him without difficulty. On the concy which usually attends such com- crowded audience with Websterian trary, if she likes him she manages to munications, she might have inclined power. The only allusion to the stumble, or makes known her wishes a willing ear. Robinson made little course of President Johnson which to the old women, who then only progress, and wrote to Washington escaped him was a climax of one of make a show of impeding her pursusoon after, urging him to come on and his masterly passages, which thrilled er. Sometimes the lover is so desperpress his suit in person. A reply was every heart when he said, "Had Mr. ately smitten that, just after being sent pleading urgent business as a rea- Lincoln lived he would have been foiled, he returns to the father, and son for postponement: but he soon the friend and counsellor of the black binds himself for another period of received another earnest letter from man. He would not have begun by years for the privilege of making an-Robinson, stating that Roger Morris, playing the role of Moses and ended other trial. a rich and accomplished gentleman,
by playing the role of Pharoah."
had obtained the ear of the fickle girl,
Mr. Douglass was subsequently deand was filling it with tales of ro- signated to accompany the famous mance, poetry and love, slowly and effectually effacing the memory of the plain Virginia Colonel. If any ans-when he returned he added the when he returned he added the plain Virginia Colonel. If any ans- when he returned he added the proved unavailing. After it had been wer was returned to this communica- weight of his great influence to the in the water some months, however, tion, its tenor is not known; it is views of the commissioners, and in it was discovered floating of the surprobable, however, that his own pas- support of the patriotic sentiments face and taken to the shore, whereupsion had began to cool. His pride and efforts of the Administration. may have been touched by the pref-erence shown another, and he resolv-and among all Americans, one of the flicted widow. ed no longer to dispute the prize. So foremost men. In the new arrange- "Well, Mrs. Grizzle, we have found Mary Phillips become Mrs. Roger ments for the Presidential term be- Mr. Grizzle's body ' Morris, and the elegant mansion in fore us he deserves some recognition which she reigned, the beauteous commensurate with his great abilities queen of fashion and fortune is yet and his distinguished labors. standing, not far from Croton Aque----duct. The unsuccessful suitor soon after sight more Jewelry worn now-a-days "Yes, it is ; and we want to know An old bachelor said : "There's a is full of eels ?" met the charming Widow Parke, and than when I was young, but there's what you will have done with it," she became his wife and the mistress one piece that I always admired, that "Why, how many eels do you think I don't see now. "What is that ?" there is in him ?" There was no visible sign that eith- asked a young lady. "A thimble was - "Oh, about a bushel." er of the parties ever thought of the the reply. He was regarded with "Well, then, I think you had better past with regret; but in the tumult of contempt and scorn by every lady in send the eels up to the house, and set war which followed, when each took the room for the rest of the evening. 'him again."

A. WILSON.

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er the daughter will have him or not. In this manner, if the father is the vitude expires, one of the larger courts is selected, and all the old L.M.COLE though they each understood that con and when Johnson succeeded to women of the place, armed with the White House, Douglass came to sticks and pieces of sealtrong, are around the room. The daughter then

followed by her lover, when a race en-The advantage is all with the girl ;

other one's hame, to keep him from eating ; then take two rows, catch the ears with the thamb toward the hand at the same time. In good corn

A Novel Eel Pot

on Mr. Smith was dispatched to con-

"You don't say so." "Yes we have-the jury sot on it

and found it full of eels.' "You don't say Mr. Grizzle's body