

WAITING THE VIOLET.

As dark night lets us dream of loveliest things, So fancy with the bluebird spread her wings, And dream, dim day of March by clouds best, Of Spring's first violet.

Kindly thy clouds are, though they veil the sky; Kindly thy winds are murmuring: "Lullaby, Lullaby, sweet buds; grow softly in your sleep, While faithful watch I keep.

"Too tender are ye for the frost and sleet That yet must come: lie still, lie still my sweet; The grass is scarce awake that comes to make Earth fair for your dear sake."

Art thou, indeed, O dim March day so kind? And is there music in thy wailing wind? It will might seem in truth thy stinging showers, No boon to sleeping flowers.

Shall we be patient, O March day, like these? The folded buds no fretting fancies tease; They dream of sunshine, and thy storms forego— We wait the violet.

DEMOCRACY AND THE GRANGES.

Ever since the grange movement developed into a formidable combination, capable of influence in the politics of the country, the Democratic leaders have been coquetting with it in a manner not at all reserved or delicate. There has been an ill-concealed hope, not of honorable matrimony we fear, but of the baser purpose of using the grange organization to break down the Republican party and restore the twice and thrice condemned and rejected Democratic party to power. The success in hoodwinking the grangers has not been at all encouraging or commensurate with the efforts used, for in no State, so far, has the Democratic party evinced any willingness to withdraw its organization and merge its factious forces into the elementary masses of the people to be moved and governed by the principles governing the grange organization. Here is the transportation bill, for instance, just passed by the Lower House of Congress. If there is any measure pending in Washington that is inspired and sustained by the granges, it is the bill introduced and so eloquently and effectively championed by Mr. McCrary of Iowa. It is a bill directly in the interests of the agricultural workers of the nation, who feel themselves over-weighted and wronged by the burdens put on them by railroad and trade combinations. But they have pulled the bill through the House only by the severest struggle, and against the opposing vote of every Democratic member of Congress except five!—These five were Holman and Wolf of Indiana, Robbins of North Carolina, Kendall of Nevada, and Luttrell of North Carolina. West of the State of Ohio, every vote cast against the bill was cast by a Democrat. The reason assigned for such votes was that the old Democratic doctrine of States Rights was violated by the provisions of the bill by which the Federal Government undertakes to control railroads within State boundaries and jurisdiction. It does not seem possible for grangers and the Democrats ever to agree on this vital national topic.—St. Louis Democrat, March 28th.

In Hamilton county, Ohio, there lives an old man named Sedam, who for forty-six years was a justice of the peace, and who administered justice with such a thorough disregard for law that he is known as the "Chief Justice of Storks," that being the township in which he resides.

The Squire solemnized marriages, and when occasion required, granted divorces. A German and his wife, whom he had married about five months before, applied jointly for a divorce. The "Chief Justice" heard their complaints, after which he told the German to state the amount of money he had, and the value of goods he had in a small store. This done, the Squire told the German to give his wife the money and keep the store. To this he objected. Then he told the German to keep the money and give his wife the store. To this proposition he also objected.

"Well," said the Squire, "you are not inclined to act justly towards your wife, and I'll be damned if I don't compel you to live with her now the balance of your life, and if you don't treat her right, I'll banish you and give her everything."

This had the desired effect, and the unhappy couple settled their differences and departed apparently happy.

Another good story is told of the Squire, which will illustrate his idea of justice.

A German living in the neighborhood kept a vicious dog, which had served as a nuisance to all passers.—One Sunday morning an old gentleman called on the Squire in a sad plight. The dog had made an assault on him and succeeded in tearing a goodly portion of his pantaloons. The Squire was at breakfast, and at once ordered the complainant to sit down to the table and eat his breakfast while his constable went after the owner of the dog. The German was attired in his best clothes, ready for church, when he was brought before the Squire. After confronting the parties, the Squire ordered the constable to "battle" them both until they exchanged pants. The latter operation did not occupy much time, when the prison was thrown open and they were both allowed to depart. The Squire still laughs over the case, but says he never heard further complaint about the dog.

At the laying of the corner-stone of the new capitol of Iowa, no speeches were made, except a few remarks by a workman who got his fingers pinched, and they were brief and to the point.

Harvard says that "enquire" is right, and Yale says it is "inquire."

DOMESTIC.

FRECKLE LOTIONS.—Muriate of ammonia, one drachm, distilled water, seven ounces; Cologne water, two drachms. Another remedy for the unsightly marks, is to procure powdered nitre, moisten it with water, and apply night and morning, and they will soon disappear.

WARTS may be removed by touching them three times a day with a stick of moistened pencil caustic. To cure catarrh, purchase a nose douche at a drug store, and with it apply, every morning and evening, tepid water in which has been dissolved salt in the proportion of two table-spoonsfuls to a pint of liquid.

A HOT lemonade is one of the best remedies in the world for a cold. It acts promptly and effectually and has no unpleasant after-effects. One lemon properly squeezed, cut in slices put with sugar, and covered with half a pint of boiling water. Drink just before going to bed, do not expose yourself on the following day. This remedy will ward off an attack of chills and fever if used promptly. We give it on the recommendation of one of the Judges of our courts, who is a just man and never takes bribes.

GOOD RECIPE FOR HASTY DOUGHNUTS.—Put in a pan a quart or more of flour, a pinch of salt, a little nutmeg or cinnamon, whichever preferred, two scanty cups of sugar, one unbeaten egg all tumbled into the flour; three table-spoonsfuls shortening; one large cup buttermilk, with nearly a teaspoon soda; mix and work a few minutes; roll pretty thin; cut in long, inch-wide strips; then cut diagonally into diamond shapes; drop into hot lard, having your pan over half full, as the fuller the pan is in cooking them the less they will absorb and the lard can be used again, and again, diminishing very little each time.

KILLING THE BORERS.—Early in the spring before planting-time arrives, peach and apple-trees should be examined for borers. A man provided with strong half-inch gouge and a piece of No. 14 wire will eradicate this pest from an orchard in a very few days, and save the trees from total destruction. If very large borers, they should be covered with some substance that will protect the wood from the air moisture. Strong tarred paper, wrapped around the base of the stem, will insure the trees against the attacks of the beetle, which is the parent of these borers. In many sections of the country, too great vigilance cannot be given in preventing the attacks of these pests of the orchard.

RAISING PEANUTS.—Familiar as we all are with the taste and quality of peanuts, but few of us are aware where they are raised. The little State of Delaware has the honor of growing all that are grown in the United States. The ground pea (peanut) grows beneath surface of the ground, as its name imports. The plant has the appearance of the dwarf garden pea, though more bushy. It is cultivated in hills. The pea grows on tendrils which put out from the plant and take root in the earth. The fruit is picked from the roots by the hand, and the vines are a favorite for horses, mules, and cattle. From 30 to 80 bushels are produced on an acre. There are some planters who raise from 1,000 to 15,000 bushels a year.

CORNED BEEF.—A Subscriber asks "for a good recipe for corned beef," he having tried several times and failed. We give one that has been tried successfully. Put the beef, when killed and dressed, in a weak brine and let it remain therein a week or ten days, to soak all the blood out of it. Then for each one hundred of meat prepare a brine by using nine pounds of salt, two pounds sugar, two ounces of saltpeter, two ounces black pepper and six gallons of water. Boil and skim this and pour it hot upon the meat after it is packed in the barrel. In spring draw the brine from barrel by tapping it at the base and add a little salt, and a little sugar, and pour it on the meat again while hot. If at any time the brine should begin to smell bad, it should be drawn off scalded and skimmed and returned while hot as before. By this means beef can be kept in good condition all summer.

S. B. JOHNSON, of Madison county, N. Y., gives the result of his experience with potatoes. He says the early rose is ten days earlier than any variety he is acquainted with. It is very productive, and good for summer, winter and spring. He says care should be taken in selecting good-shaped, well-ripened tubers for planting. This is of more consequence than the size of the potato. Cut large, fair potatoes into one-eyed pieces, taking care to have equal proportions of the potato with each eye. Very small tubers may be quartered. Plant in hills or drills; in hills three and a half feet each way, but on rich land they may be planted closer in drills. Cover with plow or hoe three inches deep, and as soon as the plants appear go over the ground with two-horse harrow; when three inches high run a horse diamond plow close to the hills each way, throwing the earth from them. When six inches high throw the soil back to the hills with a larger plow. As soon as the potatoes begin to bloom the ground should be left undisturbed, and the large weeds should be pulled out by hand.

Honorable mention is made of a Maine servant girl who is now serving her eighty-second winter under the same roof. She has washed dishes 89,790 times, and comes yet gaily to her task. Blessed old girl!

The Cincinnati Enquirer offers to bet five hundred dollars that no fashionable lady ever goes to bed without first looking in her glass, and a rival is willing to risk the same sum that no Cincinnati editor goes to bed without drinking out of his.

CITY vs. Local Papers.

Do the city papers say anything in regard to your own county? Nothing. Do they contain notices of your schools, meetings, churches, improvements, and hundreds of other local matters of interest which your home paper publishes without pay? Not an item. Do they ever say a word calculated to draw attention to your county and aid in its progress and enterprise? Not a line. And yet there are men who take such contracted views of this matter that unless they are getting as many square inches of reading matter in their own paper as they do in a city paper they think they are not getting the worth of their money. It reminds us of a man who took the largest pair of boots in the box because the price was the same as the pair much smaller, that fitted him.—Exchange.

An Illinoisan advertises for a female servant. "Not," he says, "the ordinary girl, who comes into families and stays for her board and clothes—a howling infant with a red face and no teeth, swathed in flannel and very partial to colic; but a broad-shouldered, deep-chested, two-shouldered, deep-chested, two-shouldered general girl—red hair, freckles and general ugliness preferred on account of the oldest boy in the family."

One wet night, in Boston, visitors to a public hall found a man at the entrance holding a ticket check, and saying, politely, "Umbrellas, please!" People gratefully resigned their wet umbrellas to his custody, but when the entertainment was over both man and umbrellas had disappeared.

Whisky and onions impart a beautiful fragrance to the breath! Some people object to the combination. A Watertown man went so far as to admonish one of his employees in this wise: "Now you must either stop drinking whisky or eating onions—I don't care which."

A discovery of interest to wood engravers is the fact that plates of polished steel may be used as substitutes for box wood for engraving. These plates will furnish over 100,000 impressions without loss of detail, do not warp and are not affected by oil or water.

"Dwellers in crystal palaces should refrain from the propulsion of irregularly-shaped particles of granite formation," is the way in which a California editor puts the English proverb about stones and glass houses.

In the city Council, Kansas City, a horse rail-way bill, providing that "no single person" should pay of fare more than five cents, was amended, on motion, to include also married people, and passed.

A Methodist minister, an Episcopalian minister, two Congregationalists, a Presbyterian and a Baptist, sat in one pew at a Baptist church in Boston recently, and participated in the communion.

John Reeves said to his boy, when shaving proved a difficulty, "John, I wish you would not open any more oysters with my razors."

Mrs. Green, a Kansas widow, wants to marry again, and as a recommendation, she says she has used one broom for fourteen years.

There are over ten million women in America, and yet Tom Hutton of Georgia, hung himself on account of a girl fifteen years old.

A two-cent piece was taken from the throat of a boy in Portland, Me., recently, after having been lodged there for six months.

The Wyoming Journal's fees for marriage notices are "as high as the sanctity and liberality of the bridegroom may prompt."

An Oswego woman advertises that she has purchased a shot-gun, and will shoot any man who gives her husband liquor.

A western paper speaks of a couple "resolving themselves into a committee of two with power to increase the number."

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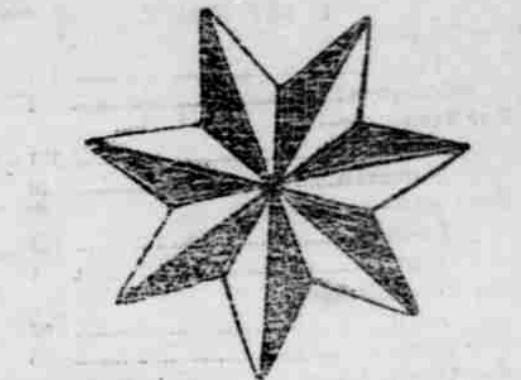
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