

AT THE BRIDAL. Witnessed the doors, that morning, Of the somber and ancient church, And gaily the yellow sunbeam Streamed in on its sordid search— Streamed over the rustling satins, Over jewel and waving plume, Over smiling and confident gait, Over women all beauty and bloom, And I paused to look at the pageant In the midst of the shimmer and stir, And to hear the priest murmur: Forsaking All others, cleave only to her.

Fair twinkled the taper-set altar, And sweet blew the organ's breath, While the lover bent and repeated: To love and to cherish till death, The light from the great rose-window Came splendidly shining down; On her face there fell a glory, And over her hair a crown; And I knew by the youthful passion With which he bestowed white and fair, That he cast his heart before her For her feet to tread upon.

But the bride was softly smiling, Loveless and bright and fair— He was but the ring on her finger, He was but the rose in her hair!

And I would there had been a glamour Over my eyes, and a blur, At that eager vow of forsaking All others, and cleaving to her; For out of the pillar'd shadow I saw beside me start A wild-eyed girl with her baby Clasp'd over her breaking heart, And down from the porch go flying— The wreck of a rupture unhealed— With only the river before her, With only the river before her.

—Harriet Prescott Spofford, in Harper's Magazine for May.

GRANGE ITEMS. But county has twelve organized Granges and one County Council.

R. Dibble, a wealthy Gage county farmer has 1,050 merino sheep on his farm.

The grangers of Douglas county, Neb. have resolved against establishing a newspaper monopoly, and propose to patronize such papers as suit them best.

A Minnesota granger protests that if dancing is to be allowed in granges after business, it would kill the order in one year. He calls dancing the flowery entrance gate to hell.

The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture last year offered a premium of fifty dollars for the best yield of corn in that State in 1873, which was awarded to Mr. M. Nelson, of Cass county, upon the following showing: The crop was raised on thirty-five acres of ground, first plowed broken in 1871, and the cost of cultivation was as follows:

Plowing \$1.25 per acre, \$43.75
Planting, per acre, 45 cts 15.75
Cultivation per acre, \$1.80, 63.00
Harvesting, \$1.25 per acre, 43.76

slowly half an hour; when cold, slice and roll in flour and fry, brown in 2 spoonfuls hot lard; or eat warm, with sugar and butter or sweet milk.

To clean Gloves make a thick mucilage by boiling flaxseed, to which add a little dissolved soap, and when the mixture cools wipe the gloves with a piece of white flannel previously fitting them to the hand. Use only enough of the cleansing mixture to take off the dirt without wetting through the gloves.

BOHE FELON.—The London Lancet says: "As soon as the disease is felt put directly over the spot a fly blister about the size of your thumb nail and let it remain for six hours, at the expiration of which time directly under the surface of the blister may be seen the felon, which can instantly be taken out with the point of a needle or a lancet."

A FACT by no means generally known is the tendency of domesticated plants to produce branches bearing foliage, flowers, or fruit strikingly dissimilar to that of the rest of the plant. In this way new varieties which are really valuable are obtained by horticulturists. In fact, the nectarine (which nevertheless comes true from seed) is reputed to have originated from the peach. New strains of color in flowers are often produced—the parent strain "breaking," or "sporting," as it is called. Last year a pink Glorie de Dijon was obtained from a sport, and quite lately a russet-like apple was shown at the English Horticultural Society which had been produced by tree of the orange pearmain. The scarlet golden pipkin, and not to have been a seedling.

EARLY CUCUMBERS AND MELONS.—If you want a few for home use, "beat all the neighbors," dig holes two feet square and one foot deep, in the garden. Fill these holes up nine inches with new manure, and tramp it down well, and on this set a box 1 and a feet square and nine inches high. Then fill up six inches inside of box loamy soil on this plant the seed, ten or twelve seed to a hill. Over the box put glass, and bank up around the frame to top with manure. It is well to have the south side of the box an inch or two the lowest, so water will run off and rays of sun strike the glass more directly. If prospect of frost or cold nights after plants come up, cover them under the glass with newspapers, and also a sheet over the glass. When plants get an inch or two high thin out to three plants in a hill, and when they start to run, nip off tip end of vine.

NEBRASKA DELEGATES IN CONGRESS.—The Congressional Directory gives the following brief biographical sketches of Nebraska's Senators and Congressmen:

SENATORS. Thomas W. Tipton, of Brownville, was born at Cadiz, Ohio, August 5th, 1817; graduated at Madison College, Pennsylvania; studied and practiced law; was a member of the State Legislature of Ohio in 1845; went to Nebraska and was elected to a Constitutional Convention of Nebraska; was a member of the Territorial Council of Nebraska in 1860; having studied theology, and being eligible to a chaplaincy, he served in the Union Army in that capacity during the war for the suppression of the rebellion; was elected to the Senate of the United States, took his seat March 4th, 1867, and was re-elected in 1869. His term of service will expire March 3d, 1875.

What the Grangers Have Done.—The influence of the Granger movement has been felt all over the land. It has penetrated into the innermost recesses of every monetary institution in this country. It has brought fictitious, inflated values down to real values. It has put a stop to the operations of stock gamblers and swindlers. It has brought many down from the high stilts on which they have taken colossal strides to the solid earth, where they walk very much as other common mortals. It has stopped the spirit of speculation. It has given credit its death blow. It has made more wary and cautious every business man. It has poured hot shot into the ranks of corrupt rings, until their numbers are thinned and they are left harmless for evil. It has put a stop to extravagance and recklessness in expenditure of money for private or public purposes. It has killed off the whole race of salary-grabbers. It has made the very word "back pay" ignominious. It has been more effective in slaying politicians than Samson was in slaying Philistines. It has filled the very air with the spirit of reform. The year of 1873 will be a memorable one. A new era will date from it. It was inaugurated by the farmers. But the work which they set out to do has only begun. There is an Augean stable to cleanse. The Purity that existed in the early days of the Republic must be restored. Every farmer must gird up his loins and prepare to bear his part in the contest against the corruption of the times.—Rural World.

DOMESTIC. A GENUINE corn-pone is made thusly: Corn meal and water mixed to a rather stiff batter, salted to taste and baked well in a hot oven.

GRAHAM BREAD.—Add to Graham flour warm water, yeast, salt, a large spoonful or two of molasses; make the dough stiff and knead it and bake two hours.

RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska.	
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Chicago & North Western Railway.

Trains at Council Bluffs arrive and depart as follows:	Depart
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