

THE WORLD IS WHAT WE MAKE.

BY HELEN A. MANVILLE. I've seen some people in this life Who always are rapturing...

GRANGE ITEMS.

There are 610 granges in Arkansas. The Patrons of Alabama will hold the State Fair under their auspices.

The Michigan Legislature has passed a law to incorporate the State and subordinate Granges.

The St. Louis County Grange, Mo., will shortly establish a Grange store and depot at St. Louis.

A Grange fire and lightning insurance company has been organized in Grundy County, Ia.

The Secretary and Lady Assistant Steward of Hef's Bluff Grange, 49, Arkansas, recently were married in the Grange by the Chaplain.

Many southern Granges are helping each other, by supplying the means to raise the present growing crop.

Open sessions of the Grange when discussions on farm matters are before them are recommended. A good idea.

The Grange elevator at Red Oak, Ia., will be enlarged this year. A new elevator will also be built by the patrons at Villisca.

Cass Grange, 919, Indiana, reports an agency for business purposes with a cash capital of \$4,000, and all prospects favorable.

Under the new National Grange constitution more than one degree may be conferred at one meeting, but not on the same person.

The Patrons of Montgomery County, O., have organized a co-operative store for the sale of farm machinery, etc., with a capital of \$50,000.

A Grange in Kentucky has completed an arrangement to catch and pursue to conviction the horse thieves in its section.

The Patrons' manufacturing company of Muscatine, have something over \$20,000 invested, and manufacture weekly 24 wagons, 60 cultivators, 42 plows and as many bugles and other articles. So says the Iowa People.

The Patrons in Kansas, at Wild Cat, suspecting dishonesty in the county treasury, had an examination of the books made and discovered a defalcation of \$7,000, which they compelled the treasurer's bondsmen to make good.

LOVE.

'Tis never winter in the heart So long as love remains; Let snow and sleet around us dart, A radiant summer reigns.

We brave the cold and have no fear, We face the storm with glee, For love is life and summer-cheer, A Paradise to me.

Mr. Tilton's lawyer, Pullerton, the other day, while cross-examining Mr. Beecher, introduced the following from one of Mr. Beecher's books of sermons, giving the latter's views on the "Nobility of Confession."

"Nor are we commanded to confess every act before men, so little has there been taught, and so little discrimination has resulted from reflection on the conduct in this matter that confession which, in the first place, lay dormant through years and years, not noting sin, not holding back their possessors for confession, when at last they become treasonably stimulated, are very apt to go to the other extreme, and, having slept when they should have watched they BARK IMMENSELY WHEN THEY SHOULD BE SILENT."

Confession, therefore, frequently leads men to make the most injudicious confessions, and to make them to the most injudicious persons.

It is not to be thought of as a confession in such a way that they will overtake us and fill us with dismay and confusion and destruction, and not only us but those who are socially connected with us.

If your conscience is aroused and you have committed a crime, your first step is to cleanse your hands and feet from all participation in any wrong, and to confess to the act itself; you should confess to the act itself; you should confess to the act itself; you should confess to the act itself.

A KIND OF EXPIATION, or, at any rate, a justice, which requires that he should, with open heart, confess that which has hitherto been a secret.

For his sake, surely, to God confess, but it does not follow, especially when your confession would entail misery and suffering upon all that are connected with you, that you should make a confession merely for the sake of relieving your conscience.

Prospects of the Wheat Crop. An investigation of the condition of winter wheat, by the statistical division of the Department of Agriculture, shows the crop, as a whole, much below the status of that of last year, in April.

In 1874 there was an apparent increase of about seven per cent. in areas of winter wheat, amounting to round numbers to 1,500,000 acres, though that portion winter-killed, and to be replanted in other crops, may be equal, in the west, to the enlargement of the plant area.

This increase is small in the Middle States, considerable in Illinois and Missouri, and proportionately the largest in the Gulf States and in Kansas, reaching thirty per cent. in the southeast.—St. Joe Herald.

Rather Puzzling. Beecher grows more puzzling to his friends. When he is asked to take his oath on the Bible, stating that he never did so, that it was against his belief, and in a most dramatic way raised his right hand.

The Indianapolis Journal is authorized in saying that Mrs. Stanton recently stated that, if Mr. Beecher should assert his innocence under oath, it would cause her more surprise, knowing what she did, than she had experienced in her whole life before.

The New York Journal of Commerce states that it is understood that Secretary Bristow will not approve the decision of the Solicitor of the Treasury, that Internal Revenue officers are authorized to examine National Banks to see that checks passing through the same have the 2 cent stamp attached, and will decide that National Bank examiners are the only proper officers to make such examinations.

Five years ago a farmer in Illinois was called a fool by his neighbors for setting out 1,000 fruit trees on his farm. Last year he was offered \$10,000 for the peaches that grew on his trees.

Samuel R. Wells, Professor of Phrenology and editor of the American Phrenological Journal, died in N. Y. city, of typhoid fever on the 13th inst.

"One thing," said an old toper, "never was seen coming through the rye, and that's the kind of whisky one gets, nowadays."

Mrs. Captian Jack, in her lonely seclusion, takes comfort in the reflection that it cost the Government \$411,000 to make her a widow.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

RECIPE. LEMON-JUICE and glycerine will remove tan freckles.

LEMON-JUICE and glycerine will cleanse and soften the hands. If you are buying carpet for durability, choose small figures.

LUNAR caustic, carefully applied, so as not to touch the skin, will destroy warts.

If your flat-irons are rough, rub them with fine salt, and it will make them smooth.

To obviate offensive perspiration, wash your feet with soap and diluted spirits of ammonia.

THE juice of ripe tomatoes will remove the stain of walnuts from the hands without injury to the skin.

GLASS can be drilled with a tool moistened with diluted sulphuric acid. This last is better than turpentine.

FRECKLE LOTION.—Mix two ounces of rectified spirits of wine and two teaspoonfuls of spirits of muriatic acid with one pound and a half of distilled water.

HOW TO MAKE CREAM FIES.—Take the cream from one pan of milk, add one egg, one tablespoonful of sugar, and use nutmeg or lemon. Bake as nice as you would a custard pie.

To wash calico without fading, infuse three gills of salt in four quarts of water. Put in the calico while the solution is hot, and leave until the lather is cold. It is said that in this way the colors are rendered permanent, and will not fade by subsequent washing.

WHISKERS AND MOUSTACHES.—To promote their growth, rub in the following lotion two or three times a week, at night: Eau de Cologne, two ounces; tincture of cantharides, two ounces; oil of rosemary and oil of lavender, each ten drops.

Tobacco Culture. Now in order to raise tobacco successfully, the first thing to be done is to prepare well for the plants. Let your seed be sown in new ground which has been burnt with brush and wood so far as to kill all grass and other seeds which may intrude upon the young tobacco plants.

In March re-sow your beds with one-half the quantity of seed used at the first sowing. Your plants should be ready to commence setting the 1st of May.

Next let your ground be rich and thoroughly broken up and pulverized. Then make small hills from two to three and a half feet each way. One plant is "stuck" in each hill whenever you have "a season" or sufficient rain to moisten the ground.

After your tobacco is set then it must be well cultivated until it gets large enough to top at eight or ten leaves, when you cease to cultivate and spend the balance of your time in "topping, worming and suckering," which continue until the tobacco is ripe. There are never more than two sets of suckers on the same plant, but the "crop of worms" lasts all the year, unless they are picked off very closely as fast as the eggs are deposited.

Tobacco ripens from 90 to 110 days after planting. If cut before 90 days it will be green and bitter. When ripe, it becomes crisp, and will crack when rumpled between the thumb and finger.

After it is ripe it must be cut and housed, or, if you can do so, scald it for a few days till it yellows, then house, and fire or smoke it until the stems are cured.

Your tobacco being cured, it remains to strip and prize it in hogsheads for market. This requires skill and practice, lest you have it "out of order," that is, either "too high," or "too low" in order, either of which injures its sale.

The stem of the leaf should crack two thirds of its length when tobacco is just right for pricing. Neat handling pays better in this than in any other crop.—Louisville Ledger.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

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A POUTING GIRL. Sniff, sniff, sniff! Little May is in a tiff. Snuff, snuff, snuff! Don't you think she's cried enough?

Pout, pout, pout! How her pretty lips stick out! Drop, drop, drop! Will the quick tears never stop? Shade, shade, shade! I am very much afraid That she has forgotten quite To be sunny, sweet and bright.

Creep, creep, creep! A little smile begins to peep. Oh, oh, oh! Now she is ashamed, I know. Fie, fie, fie! Do not look so very shy. Peek, peek, peek! There's a dimple in her cheek. Run, run, run! Naughty clouds, before the sun! Tears and trouble, go away From our happy little May.

LET THE YOUNG BE WISE. Whatever you try to do in life, try with all your heart to do well; whatever you devote yourself to, devote yourself to completely; in great aims and small, be thoroughly in earnest.

Never believe it possible that any natural or improved ability can claim immunity from the companionship of the steady, plain, hard-working qualities, and hope to gain its end. There is no such thing as fulfillment on this earth.

Some happy talent and some fortunate opportunity, may form the two sides of the ladder on which some men mount, but the rounds of that ladder must be made of stuff to stand wear and tear; and there is no substitute for thorough-going, ardent and sincere earnestness.

Never put one hand to anything on which you can throw your whole self, never expect depreciation of your work, whatever it is. These you will find to be golden rules.

LET THE BIRDS ALONE. It is said that there are four thousand kinds of butterflies and moths in the United States, and 1,000 pair of mouths will produce 300,000 caterpillars the first year, 45,000,000 the second, and 6,850,000,000 the third. But one bird will destroy 1,000,000 caterpillars in a season, a pair of birds double this, and four or five young birds 3,000,000.

Baron Von Tschudi, the well-known Swiss naturalist, says that without birds agriculture is impossible. "That birds annihilate in a few months a greater number of destructive insects than human hands can accomplish in the same number of years."

BOYS, THINK OF THIS! Boys, did you ever think that this world, with all its wealth and woe, with all its mines and mountains, oceans, seas and rivers, with all its shippings, its steamboats, railroads and magnetic telegraphs, with all its millions of grouping men, and all the science and progress of ages, will soon be given over to the boys of the present age—boys like you? Believe it and look abroad upon your inheritance, and get ready to enter upon its possession.

The presidents, kings, governors, statesmen, philosophers, ministers, teachers, men of the future—all are boys now.

TOO MANY LIKE HIM. "Sir," said a sturdy beggar to a benevolent old gentleman, "please give me a quarter, I am hungry, and unable to procure food."

The quarter was given, when the beggar said: "You have done a noble deed; you have saved me from doing something which I fear I would have to come to."

"What is that?" said the benefactor. "Work," was the mournful answer.

Put us down as agreeing with the Topeka Blade, when it talks like this: Call things by their right names. Tell your children that a deliberate falsifier of the truth is a liar. Tell them that he who obtains money or moneys-worth under false pretensions is a thief.

If it is the richly dressed wife of a banker, don't call her a kleptomaniac. Plain thief—no more nor less. And so, with the whole catalogue of crimes, till the line of demarcation between right and wrong shall be impressed so thoroughly upon the mind and conscience that it can never be forgotten. There is a power in the simple truth, and parents, teachers, and the press should neither endeavor to gloss over or exaggerate.

It was at the Astor house that Webster, wishing to buy a newspaper one morning, put his hand into his pocket only to find it empty. He declared he had not a penny, whereupon one of his satellites said: "You must be mistaken, Webster; I saw you have a hundred dollar bill just as you were going to bed last night, and as you haven't been up half an hour you could hardly have spent it."

"I rather think that's so" answered the God-like Daniel, reflectively. "I did have a hundred dollar bill, I am sure; I wonder what I could have done with it. By Jupiter! I must have given it to the boy who blacked my boots five minutes ago." And that was a fact.

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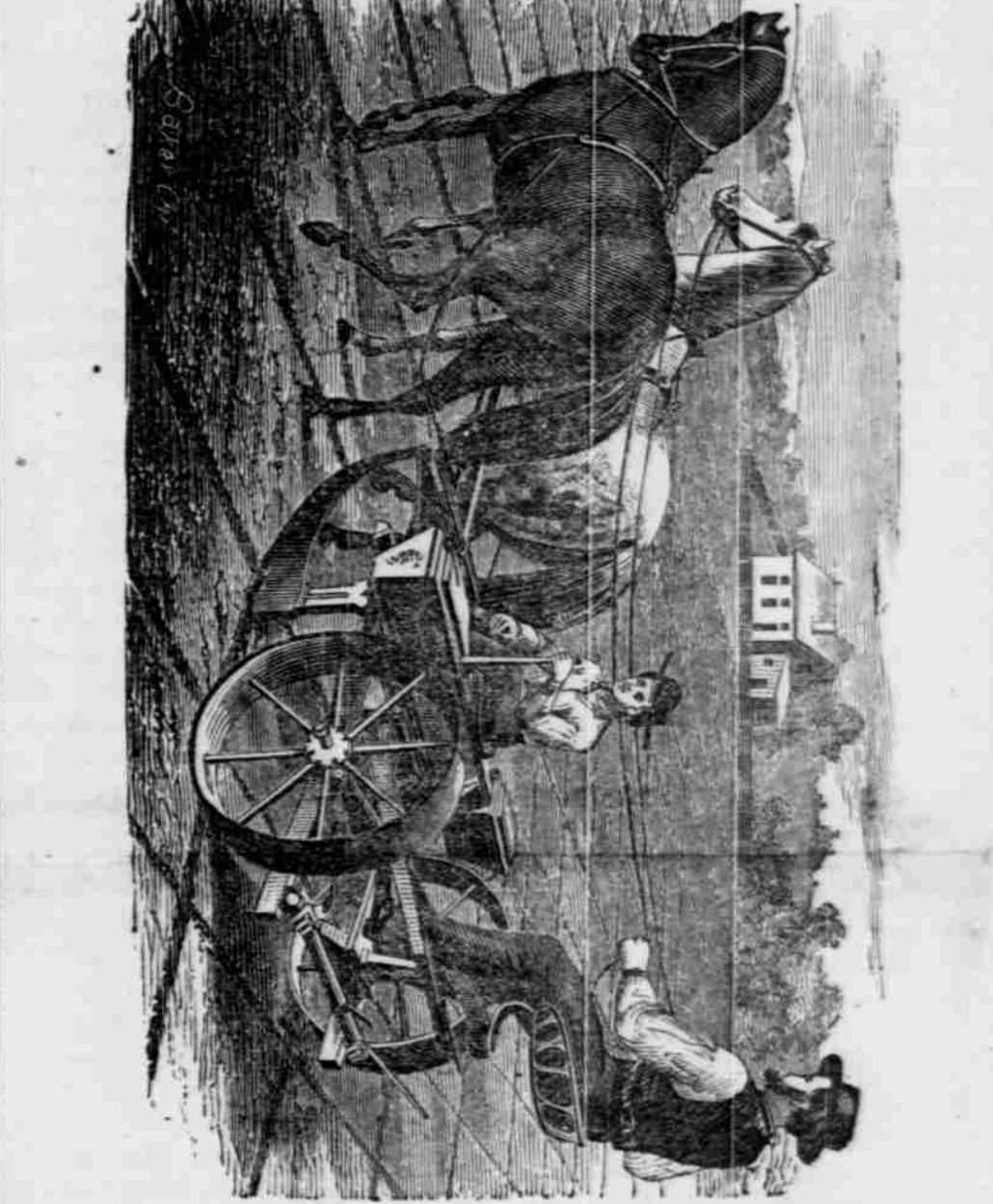
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