POETIC CHIPS

Straight is the line of duty,
Curved is the line of beauty.
Walk by the first and thou wilt see
The other ever follow thee.

Since, in the world's eternal chorus,
Some voices must be high and low,
Let those who like it bawl and bore us,
But only in the things they know.

Alas, how easily things go wrong!
A word too much or a kiss too long,
And there falleth a mist and a blinding rain,
And life is never the same again.

Never by lapse of time
The soul defaced by crime
Into its former self returns again;
For every guilty deed
Holds in itself the seed
Of retribution and undying pain.

A miser in the river fell—the wave
Ran high. A fisherman, his life to save,
Sprang in and cried, "Give me your hand,
And I will draw you to the land."
The miser, shuddering at the hateful sound,
Muttered, "I never give,"—and so was drowned.

When Mother Eve the tempting fruit
Plucked for her only kin,
She then and there did institute
A precedent for sin.
She knew the apple tasted sweet,
But thought not of the price,
And said to Adam, "Let us eat;
It's naughty, but it's nice."

The Tower of Babel! Who can tell
What tongue man spake before there fell
Confusion dire among the throng
Building this tower high and strong?

Alas! Nor Jew, nor bend, nor Greek,
Can e'er again this lost tongue speak!
But Sirens sing it soft and low
Where the deep sea tides ebb and flow,

And men who list their song, spell-bound,
Hear once again the woundrous sound,
The primal tongue first neard of man
Lives in the Sirens' song again.

An Early Poem by Edgar Allan Poe.

The following verses, never before published, were written in the album of a Baltimore lady by Edgar A. Poe, at the age of nineteen, shortly after he left West Point in 1829. They are given in fac-simile in *Scribner* for September.

ALONE.

From childhood's hour I have not been
As others were—I have not seen
As others saw—I could not bring
My passions from a common spring.
From the same source I have not taken
My sorrow—I could not awaken
My heart to joy at the same tone—
And all I loved—I loved alone.
Then—in my childhood—in the dawn
Of a most stormy life—was drawn
From every depth of good and ill
The mystery which binds me still.
From the torrent, or the fountain—
From the red cliff of the mountain—
From the sun that 'round me roll'd
In its autumn tint of gold.
From the lightning in the sky
As it pass'd me flying by—
From the thunder, and the storm—
And the cloud that took the form
(When the rest of heaven was blue)
Of a demon in my view.

Beauty for Ashes.

Beauty for ashes thou hast brought me, dear!
A time there was when all my soul lay waste,
As the earth dark before the dawning lies
Whereto the golden feet of morn make haste.

Like morn thou comest, gladness in thine eyes,
And gracious pity round thine ardent mouth—
Like rain of summer upon wasted lands,
Thy tender tears refreshed my spirit's drouth.

To-day is calm. Far off the tempest raves
That long ago swept dead men to the shore—
can forget how those wild billows broke—
Against my hopes and me they break no more.

White butterflies flit shining in the sun—
Red roses burst to bloom upon the tree—
Birds call to birds till the glad day is done,
The day of beauty thou hast brought to me.

Shall I forget, O gentle heart and true,
How thy fair dawn has risen on my night—
Turned dark to day all golden thro' and thro'—
From soil of grief won bloom of new delight?
—*Louise Chandler Moulton, in Scribner for Nov.*

FARM, ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Unshelled Corn.

Corn loses one-fifth by drying, and wheat one-fourteenth. From this the estimate is made that it is more profitable for the farmer to sell unshelled corn in the fall at 75 cents than at $1 a bushel in the following summer; and that wheat at $1 25 in December is equal to $1 50 in the succeeding June. In case of potatoes—taking those that rot and are otherwise lost—together with the shrinkage, there is little doubt that between October and June the loss to the owner who holds them is not less than 33 per cent.

An Immense Yield of Corn.

The September report of the Department of Agriculture says if the corn crop could be thoroughly ripened, its aggregate would largely exceed any previous crop, and the yield per acre would be one of the best, notwithstanding losses by the overflow of bottoms and the saturation of heavy flat soil, such loss proving less than the usual damages by drought and insects, while the rains have greatly benefited the crop on higher and dryer soils. Nearly everywhere corn is late in maturing from one to two weeks.

Cherry Trees.

These should never be highly manured. Singular as it may seem, better results have been obtained by growing cherry trees in grass than by cultivating them as highly as pears. Experienced fruit growers in Delaware, who once began a system of manuring and treatment of cherry trees, found, after an experience of a few years, that the bark would burst, gum would ooze out, and many portions of the trees show an unhealthy condition. The growers immediately discontinued high feeding, and seeded the land to grass. The trees recovered their health, and have borne beautifully since the system of grass culture began. It is the only fruit tree of all varieties which we can safely recommend to be treated in this way. A Delaware friend says his row of cherry trees, growing in grass along the fences, are the picture of health and luxuriance; while in previous years, with orchard culture, he could never make them successful.

Broom Corn a Crop for Profit.

A child creeps and then walks. "Enterprises of great pith and moment" commence with little and expand into mighty things. Nebraska's first crop was sod corn; and now there are magnificent areas devoted to wheat as well as corn. But our farmers must advance, if they would develope in their perfection the riches of our Nebraska soil. We want varied agriculture. We need to have our rich pastures covered with herds and flocks; and then Nebraska will be one of the richest States in the Union. We are making progress in this direction. All over South Platte Nebraska, from the eastern river counties to the Republican river, flocks of sheep are increasing, and graded cattle appear on "the thousand hills."

At present, and on a large scale, stock raising is beyond the means of many Nebraska farmers; but there are many ways in which they can vary their agriculture, and render their acres profitable. Here is one—the cultivation of broom corn for manufacture in the State, or for shipping direct to the Chicago market in the shape of brush.

Our attention has recently been directed to this subject in connection with the broom manufactory established in Lincoln by Messrs. Isaac Dobson & Son. The members of this firm have been engaged in the broom corn business for ten years; and they know whereof they speak. For three years past Messrs. Dobson have raised the crop in the vicinity of Lincoln; and this year they have had 40 acres of broom corn. The three year's cultivation has raised an average crop of half a ton to the acre, as against one ton to three acres in Illinois, where broom corn is a constant product. Messrs. Dobson have had experience East in raising this special crop; and they believe that no failure need be feared in the soil and climate of Nebraska, and there is an especial advantage in the Fall weather of Nebraska for drying the brush. The planting should be done early—at any time from the beginning of May until the second week in June; but the earlier during the latter period the better.

Nebraska farmers will do well to consider this crop in its economical aspect. As we have said, it can be made into brooms on the spot; and there is always a demand for this needful implement of home cleanliness. But, perhaps, the practical point is to rely upon the Chicago market for the sale of the brush. The market is unlimited, and the Chicago price has varied within the experience of Messrs. Dobson from $120 to $220 per ton; a fair average to calculate upon being $150 per ton. A car load is five tons, and the freight on that (the produce of ten acres in Nebraska) is $120 to $130. Say the freight is $25 per ton, that will reduce the average price to be obtained in Chicago to $125 per ton. At a liberal estimate the entire cost of the crop (including balling and other expenses) is, according to the experience of Messrs. Dobson $60 to $65 per ton, which makes the net return to the grower $65 per ton of produce, or $32 50 per acre.

On this showing it will readily be perceived that there is money in broom corn; and it is worth while to look the matter up. Indeed broom corn is becoming one of the regular crops of Nebraska. Certainly we hear of it in many parts of the State, and especially in the vicinity of the B. & M. railroad, where there are facilities for shipping. In the neighborhood of Hastings a considerable quantity has been grown, and also about Kearney, and whoever has tried the crop speaks well of its adaptability to Nebraska, and its profitableness Farmers ought to examine the subject and figure on it; and, if they are satisfied, to put in a goodly quantity of broom corn next season.—*Lincoln (Neb.) Journal.*

Portuguese Peasant Women.

A scrap of intelligence comes from Portugal that has some value in its bearing upon the controversy over the relative strength and endurance of men and women. In the rural districts of this kingdom the women work in the fields from early childhood, sharing to the full the toil and fare of the men. Yet a more healthy, comely, and contented race of women is not met with the wide world over. No pale, thin, careworn matrons or maids are found among them, but almost without exception, they are vigorous in frame, strong and lithe in step, and cheerful and winning in countenance. Something of this is to be ascribed to the feeling of security and independence that comes from a sure tenure of their homes, which, though rented, are retained for generations on generations on comfortable terms. Something is owing, too, to a genial climate and to comparative ease with which the necessities of life can be provided. Yet the fact tends to show that with identical habits of living, the physical powers of men and women should be equal.

Muscles and Steam.

A recent German writer says that a a bundle of muscle fibres is a kind of machine consisting of albuminous material, just as a steam engine is made of steel, iron, brass, etc., and, as in the steam engine, coal is burnt in order to produce force, so in the muscular machine, fats, or hydrocarbons, are burned for the same purpose; and just as the constructive material of the engine—iron, etc.,—is worn away and oxidized, the constructive material of the muscle is worn away, and this wearing away is the source of the nitrogenous constituents of the urine. This theory, it is asserted, explains why, during muscular exertion, the excretion of urea is little or not at all increased, while that of carbonic acid is greatly augmented: for, in a steam engine moderately fired and ready for use, the oxidation of iron, etc., would go on quite equibly, and would not be much increased by the more rapid firing necessary for working, but much more coal would be burned when it was at work than when it was standing idle. This is, in substance, an old theory ingeniously improved upon.

Sweet Ione.

If ever in this weary world
A lovely lass I knew,
Whose eyes were bright as morning light
Upon the sparkling dew;
Whose cheeks were like the crimson flush
Upon a rose full-blown;
Whose heart was kind as one could find—
'Twas sweet Ione.

She had a pair of cherry lips,
That opened to disclose
Two parting rows of pearly teeth,
Beneath her little nose.
If ever voice was sweet to hear,
It was the tender tone
Oft in my ear breathed soft and clear
By sweet Ione!

She had the fairest little hands
Of any girl in town;
She had a pretty pair of feet,
Beneath her gingham gown.
She looked as proud as any queen
That ever filled a throne;
Not tall and slim, but plump and trim,
Was sweet Ione!

She loved to stray through woodlands gay,
And meadows green and fair,
Where daisies sweet caressed her feet,
And sunbeams kissed her hair.
To her the world was full of joy,
And sorrow was unknown;
Her heart was pure; her faith was sure;
Ah! sweet Ione!

Again I dream; I fondly seem
Her fair young face to see,
Though she is faded, old and gray,
And far away from me.
My airy castles are all gone;
My youthful hopes have flown;
And yet, at will, I see her still—
Sweet, young Ione!

EUGENE J. HALL.

Another Steamship Disaster.

The Steamer City of Waco Burned off the Coast of Texas.

The Galveston Steamer City of Waco, while anchored outside with a fleet of vessels, took fire and burned to the water's edge. A Galveston dispatch of of Nov. 9th, gives the following particulars.

The City of Waco, which had burned to the water's edge and her hull rolling in a heavy sea, sunk at 1 p. m. to-day in seven fathoms of water. The vessel and cargo are a total loss. The wind this morning was blowing a gale. The passengers and crew put off in the ship's boats, of which she had four, besides a life raft. The persons who went near the burning steamer this morning report that her boats were all cast loose except one which was hanging on the ship's side. One end of the boat having caught in the rigging, thus preventing being launched. The mate of the ship Fusiyuma, which was lying about one quarter of a mile from the Waco reports seeing a boat with persons in it pass his vessel at 3 o'clock this morning going westward. He could not say that there were other boats. The sea was running very high at the time. The steam tug Buckthorn was dispatched outside this morning, and has been coasting in sight of land all day. She is reported outside yet. Now, 6:30 p. m., parties who have been out on the gulf shore to the western extremity of the island have just returned and bring no intelligence of the missing boats. The agents of the line have telegraphed to Indianola and Brownsville, notifying vessels to be on the look out for them. At 7 p. m. one of the pilot boats which has been outside all day has just returned and brings no tidings of the parties from Down Island. They saw a farmer from San Louis pass who reports having seen a small boat pass down this morning, which, from his description, it is thought may have been one of the boats from the Waco. It was some distance out in the Gulf, and he could not distinguish persons in it, but saw what appeared to be a temporary sail. The boat was drifting rapidly to the westward.

7:30 P. M.—The steam tug Buckthorn has just arrived, and brings the following additional particulars: Her officers stopped at the fleet when going out to ascertain from the different vessels laying near where the Waco burned all the information possible reliable as to her passengers and crew. Only one of them, the Fusiyuma, could give any information. Her officers report having seen what appeared to be a raft pass them. They made an effort to launch one of their boats, but before it could be done the raft was lost sight of in the storm and darkness. The officers of the Buckthorn report about twenty miles west and five miles from shore, passing foremast and foreyards of the Waco with sails attached, which had burned off just above the deck, and they think this is what was taken for a raft by the Fusiyuma. The Buckthorn went twenty miles west, and could find no trace of the missing boats. There were heavy showers of rain early in the night with occasional lightning. Some think the ship was struck by lightning, and, having considerable oil on board, the flames could not be extinguished. The agents state that there were 47 or 48 persons on the Waco, including passengers, officers and crew. Crowds have gathered at the Company's office throughout the day to learn the latest news. There is much dissatisfaction expressed at the conduct of the officers and men on board of other vessels which were all lying in sight, and a number of them were lying very near the burning steamer, with the exception of the efforts made by the Fusiyuma, there does not appear to have been anything done rowards saving those on the Waco. Their excuse is the terrible sea, which would have swamped their boats had they succeeded in launching them.

The steamer City of Waco was an iron screw steamship, 1,500 tons burthen. She was built about two years ago at Chester, Pa., and was in thoroughly good condition, having been overhauled just before sailing from this port. Her value was $250,000, partially insured; cargo was worth $100,000. She carried a crew of 30 men, including officers. The passenger list numbered 20 in cabin and steerage. Her cabin passengers were Miss S. Moelling, Mr. Rogers and wife, H. Meyer, Mrs. A. Hooster and child, Fanny Seiler, B. Wedemeyer.

In the steerage there were 15 passengers, as follows: Rob't Tarkenton, Mrs. Mary Ehrenberger, S. B. Duane, A. Frasier, Wm. M. Mackintosh, Alex. Christholm, M. Minesta and son, A. Steingemeski, E. Dreysbauch, I. L. Albert, P. J. Martin.

From all the information possible to obtain up to the present hour (10 P. M.) it seems that the Waco was lying with head to the gale, and the fire, which first appeared forward on deck, had caught in a large quantity of oil and swept over the vessel, burning everything before it. Fifteen vessels were lying at anchor, thirteen of which were to the leeward of the Waco. The supposition is that if any of the passengers or crew had appeared on the vessel's deck, or the boats had been launched, they would have been seen by some of the other vessels, none of which can confirm the first rumors of seeing boats pass through the fleet. The impression is now gaining ground that not a soul on board the ill-fated vessel is alive.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Russia expects that her grain harvest this year will feed her own people, and afford 75,000,000 bushels for exportation.

The late census of the British Islands was taken in a single day, at a cost of $930,000, or $24.61 for every thousand of the population.

The reports of the Minnesota wheat crops are to the effect that the yield will average not less than thirty bushels to the acre throughout the State.

A tall signal post. The officers of the Coast Survey have erected a weather signal on the summit of Mount Shasta, California, 14,400 feet above the level of the sea.

No house was ever yet large enough for two families to dwell in peaceably, yet there are 358,951 families in Massachusetts, and only 225,318 dwelling houses.

A fund of $10,000 has been raised in Cheyenne and Laramie, to be used in defeating the movement for the repeal of the Gambling and Lottery License laws of Wyoming Territory.

The deepening of the water in Charleston harbor is going on. The plan of the United States Engineer is to excavate a channel to the sea at least 180 feet wide and 18 feet deep at high water.

One of the articles exhibited at the Wilson County Fair, in Kansas, was a quantity of molasses made from watermelons. It was said to be very similar in taste to sorghum syrup.

The identical flag that waved over Fort McHenry, at Baltimore, in September, 1814, during the British bombardment, is now on board the Tallapoosa, lying at Portsmouth. It is to be exhibited at Philadelphia, as a matter of course; and long may it wave.

Woman's rights. A young lady attending the Wisconsin University met a gentleman of the freshman class in the oratorical arena recently, and vanquished him utterly. She was awarded the palm of superiority on every feature of her oration.

London Bridge is to be widened, by the addition, on each side, of wrought iron arched ribs, carried on piers built over the present cut waters. By this means twenty two feet is added to the width, giving fifty four feet of roadway for carriage traffic, and footways on each side eleven feet one inch wide.

"As I was going over the bridge the other day," said a native of Erin "I met Pat Hewins. 'Hewins,' says I, how are you. 'Pretty well, thank you, Donnelly,' says he. 'Donnelly!' says I; 'that's not my name.' Faith, then, no more is mine Hewins.' So with that we looked at aich other agin, an' sure enough it was nayther of us."

Read the advertisement in another column "How to save your own hair." Send for a bottle and give it a trial.

Iowa Business College.—There's no better passport to a business house than a diploma from this college.—*Iowa State Leader.*

Mystery Solved.—The great secret of the wonderful success of Vegetine. It strikes at the root of disease by purifying the blood, restoring the liver and kidneys to healthy action, invigorating the nervous system.—*Com.*

While at Burlington recently, we called at "Hale's Bureau of Architecture" and examined many beautiful designs. Several of these took first premiums at the State Fairs held at Keokuk in 1874 and 1875, and it may be truly said that for excellence of work Mr. P. Hale is not excelled by the architects of eastern cities. It may seem strange, but 'tis true, that Mr. Hale designed all but one of the many stores put up in Burlington this year that were designed by architects; hence he is spoken of by the Burlington papers as the "leading architect" of the city. His office occupies rooms 1, 2 and 3, Nos. 109 and 111 North Market street. He respectfully solicits correspondence from parties abroad who contemplate building.

Ottumwa Business College.

We take pleasure in recommending to the public the above institution, as one of the foremost colleges in the West. They are doing first-class work in every department, and doing it in nearly one-half the time required generally by commercial colleges. They keep two lecturers constantly employed in the law department, besides the regular teacher of law. They also keep in charge of the penmanship department two first class penmen, who are unexcelled in their business. Every department is supplied with two or more teachers who are masters of their profession. The entire college is under the immediate care of Prof. J. B. Fugate, one of the finest commercial scholars in the State, and a gentleman of extensive business experience. We would say to all desirous of attending a business college, you can do no better than to go to Ottumwa.

THE MURRAY IRON WORKS of Burlington, Iowa, among the specialties of their manufacture which have attained large sale and much favor throughout the West, present their well known "Draw-Cut" butchers' machines, choppers, stuffers and lard presses. Those who have used them fully bear out the claim of the manufacturers that they are strongly made and the best in use. See their card in another column.

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An hour spent in the plow works of DEERE & CO., Moline, Ill., leaves one in wonder at the extent of the business of this firm. John Deere commenced to make plows nearly thirty years ago on the site where their factories now stand. The perfect system which prevails in the whole establishment, and the amount of machinery it takes to make a plow, would hardly be realized. The force now working is five hundred men, and the product of last year amounted to over a million dollars. The company are adding to their power two water wheels, and are making preparations for an increased production for the spring trade of their "superb" steel plows, "Advance Cultivators," and gang plows, while their new Gilpin Sulky Plow will add one hundred thousand dollars to the amount of business over that of last year. Truly a wonderful business for a country blacksmith to build up, and only shows what can be done in this country by industry and a well directed effort.

When in Burlington recently we called at the new warehouse of Donahue, McCosh & Co., corner of Market and Fourth streets, where we saw a very extensive stock of Italian and American marbles for the trade. They report a very large and still increasing wholesale trade. A new feature with them is marbleized iron and slate mantels. They have the finest mantel wareroom in the Northwest; fifty different styles and varieties of colored foreign and American marbles. The display is very beautiful and very extensive. The prices at which these mantels are sold are surprisingly low; a mantel, hearth and grate for thirty-five dollars and upwards. No piece of furniture can be put into a parlor, sitting room or chamber which will look so well for the money, besides the comfort and cheer of an open fireplace. They are shipping marble, marbleized slate and iron mantels over the entire State. We sat while in their office before the best heating grate we ever saw—the Peerless Low Down. They heat comfortably an office 20x16 feet and 14 feet high, with Iowa soft coal. No living room is complete without a Peerless Low Down grate. No person visiting Burlington should come away without visiting the mantel warerooms of Donahue, McCosh & Co.

The Biggest Bet of the Missouri State Fair.—Five thousand dollars against a two thousand dollar wager were offered by the proprietors of the Jilz Well Auger that it would bore a hole of the same size faster and easier than any other well auger on exhibition, and we learn that this is a standing offer for one year. Who will accept it? See their advertisement in another column.

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DYSPEPSIA.

SYMPTOMS

Want of appetite, rising of food and wind from the stomach, acidity of the stomach, heartburn, dryness and whiteness of the tongue in the morning, sense of distension in the stomach and bowels, sometimes rumbling and pain; costiveness, which is occasionally interrupted by diarrhœa; paleness of the urine. The mouth is clammy, or has a sour or bitter taste. Other frequent symptoms are waterbrash, palpitation of the heart, headache and disorders of the senses, as seeing double, etc. There is general debility, languor and aversion to motion; dejection of the spirits, disturbed sleep and frightful dreams.

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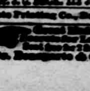

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