

My Desire.

If I might do one deed of good,
One little deed before I die,
Or think one noble thought that should
Hereafter be forgotten...

A Nation's Strength.

What builds a nation's pillars high,
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foe that would it roundly throng?

EARN, ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Treatment of House Plants.

Every two weeks all winter I take a
handful of tobacco stems and steep
them by pouring boiling water over
them; then, when the tea cools enough
to bear the hand, I pour it over the
plants...

Potato Rot.

Mr. Francis Gray Fairchild writes in
the Scientific American, that a "bland
solution of carbolic acid in common
whale oil or kerosene is the scientific
remedy for the rot...

Sowing Timothy and Clover.

My practice is to harrow the wheat
three times in the spring. We go over
the wheat both ways with the harrows,
and then sow the clover seed and follow
with the harrows to cover the seed...

Hens Eating Eggs—A Cure.

Having heard the question asked how
to cure hens from eating eggs, and hav-
ing been put to my wit's end to devise
some means to stop them, I finally, by
accident, hit upon a plan that I have
never known to fail...

very important lesson. Fodder corn,
which has not nitrogen enough to make
it a first-class food, finds, in Hungarian
grass, a friend that has more of that
material than the law, as laid down by
Prof. Atwater, allows good fodder to
need; but, by putting their nitrogen
into a common purse and then dividing
equally, they can both stand in the pres-
ence of clover which has been consid-
ered both king and queen of fodder.

Some experiments in feeding fodder
corn this season satisfied me that the
same law which governs the time for
cutting rye, oats and grass, to get the
most milk, governs green corn. When
in leaf and before it tassels, is the time
to cut to have the cows give the most
milk from what they will eat of it...

Fertilizers, like potash, wood ashes,
either dry or leached, plaster, lime, salt
and such other substances as would not
be wasted by exposure to the atmos-
phere, may be applied to grass as a top
dressing at any time of year. The sooner
they are applied the sooner the grass
will be benefited, if benefited at all...

The fertilizers referred to above are
both subject to loss and waste if spread
broadcast on the surface of grass land,
and for this reason we do not recom-
mend their use for top dressing grass at
any season, unless they are composted
with sufficient quantities of loam or
dried muck to absorb and retain the
ammonia, which will be evolved during
the process of decomposition...

Our experiments in top dressing grass
lands, during the past few years, have
not given us full confidence in the prac-
tice, except upon damp soils and such
as are difficult to plow. We have always
found stable manure beneficial wherever
it has been applied, but have not always
been satisfied that it has been used in
the most economical manner. As the
season is getting late if the case were
our own, we should make a compost of
such fertilizers as we wish to apply,
using several times the bulk of alterna-
tives to one part of fertilizer, and let it
remain in a pile till toward winter, shov-
eling it over occasionally to assist de-
composition, and then we should apply
a portion this fall and the remainder
next spring, and note the results...

An Earthquake.

Miggs insisted upon trying if one of
the blocks in the Kimbal house pave-
ment was as long as himself, but Jones,
who was trying to get him home, remon-
strated:
"O, come along, old boy; what's the
matter with you, anyhow?"
"Did you read 'er papers 'is morin'?"
"Ye's I did," replied Jones.
"Read all 'bout zat (hic) caraequake
at Memphis, eh?"
"Ye's, but it wasn't much."

His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil,
who thinks of visiting the United States
next year, is familiarly called Senor
Dom Pedro II. de Alcantara, Joas Carlos
Leopoldo Salvador Bibiano Xavier de
Paulo Leopoldo Miguel Gabriel Raphael
Gonzaga, Constitutional Emperor and
Perpetual Defender of Brazil. We very
much fear Dom Pedro doesn't know his
own name; if he does, it is scarcely pos-
sible that he has had time, in his short
life, to learn anything else.

A Real "Miss Flite."

For some months past the office of the
chief of police of San Francisco, says
the Chronicle, has been honored by the
daily visits of a half-witted female,
whose singular habits and eccentric cos-
tume have become so well known to the
frequenters of the police office that she
has failed latterly to excite more than
passing interest. She is invariably
attired in a brown dress, with great
staring, golden stripes, which impress
the spectator with the conviction that
her body is in a constant wriggle. The
dress has a long trail, which she gathers
up in her arm in a curious manner when
walking. She wears a low silk hat,
which was once a "plug," but has been
truncated, the incision being concealed
by a profusion of variegated flowers of
every description, from which depends
a white veil. Her hands are always en-
veloped in white gloves. Her grieve-
sances are numerous and extraordinary.
She always carries a huge package of
formidable looking documents, which
conclusively prove that she was de-
spoiled by designing relatives of a for-
tune of \$3,000,000, and which she inva-
riably holds clutched in her hand as if
she momentarily anticipated their loss.

When she first made her appearance
about the police station, a detective who
entertains an excited opinion of his
shrewdness, was greatly interested in the
woman's case, and busied himself during
a month in endeavoring to substantiate
that which, to his great chagrin, ulti-
mately turned out to be a chimera.
Latterly she became quite intimate with
the eccentric counselor Clarke at the
police office, who humors her fancies
and accords her the utmost sympathy.
He is energetically engaged in working
up her case against her enemies, and in
a short time hopes to have the whole
"caboodle of 'em," as he elegantly ex-
presses himself to the aggrieved woman,
incarcerated in jail and the immense
fortune restored to its rightful owner.

The interviews between Mr. Clarke and
his mysterious client occur daily in the
afternoon, and are considered treats by
those who are present. Her coming is
announced by the counsel himself, who
winks at those present and assumes a
very benign look wherewith to greet her.
She guides in noiselessly with her dress
over her arm, and without descending to
notice any one else, skims gracefully
to the counselor, who greets her affably.
"Hello do you do today, ma'am?" She
does not deign an answer, but asks her
simple question hurriedly and eagerly,
"Arrested?" The counselor rubs his
hands slowly and answers, "Not yet,
ma'am, not yet. But you mustn't give
up, ma'am. We hope to catch 'em yet."
Whereupon the woman glides out again
briskly, however, and is seen no
more until the following day.

More Heterophemy.

In the last number of The British Quar-
terly Review (says the New York Even-
ing Post) occurs a blunder which would
be laughable if it were a trifle less seri-
ous than it is. Reviewing the second
edition of Prof. James D. Dana's work
on "Corals and Coral Islands," the critic
of The Quarterly Review gravely points
his readers to Prof. Dana as a second
Hugh Miller, a "self-made" man of sci-
ence, who has risen from the rank of
able bodied seaman to that of a great
authority in science, and says that he
first "made his mark as a writer many
years ago, by 'Two Years Before the
Mast.'" That so pleasant a book as Mr.
Richard Henry Dana's "Two Years Before
the Mast," should have left an im-
pression upon the reviewer's mind is not
at all strange, but it is singular that he
is so tolerably well informed writer, and
especially one capable of reviewing Prof.
Dana's great scientific work, should be
so utterly ignorant of scientific biog-
raphy as to confound Prof. Dana with
any other person whatever. A man who
has long been recognized in Europe and
America as one of the foremost sci-
entific writers of the age ought to be
well enough known to the critic of
"Corals and Coral Islands" to make a
mistake with regard to him impossible;
but there is really no limit to the possi-
bility of slips of this kind. A French
illustrated journal, publishing a page of
portraits of American Presidents a few
years ago, printed the face of Stonewall
Jackson for that of "Old Hickory." But
it is in geography that the most serious
mistake upon American subjects blunder
most ludicrously. The Saturday Review
once commented upon a woman suffrage
petition, presented, as it said, to the "legis-
lature of St. Louis," and similar errors
are of frequent occurrence in English
journals. We may not complain of
them, however, and it is scarcely fair
even to laugh at the slips of foreigners,
so long as even Americans, writing on
American subjects, display a like degree
of ignorance, they do now and then.
Mr. Titus Munson Coan, in an article pub-
lished in The Galaxy not many months
ago, spoke of Illinois as lying west of
Missouri, and that, too, in a paper a part
of whose purpose was to complain of
American ignorance and want of culture.
This mention of The Galaxy reminds us
that these are not blunders at all, but
merely the results of Heterophemy,
and we should frankly apologize for our
mistake in characterizing them as errors,
if apologies for mistakes were in any
way necessary. Let us declare, instead,
that we have been the victims of hetero-
phemy.

The three greatest grain-producing
countries in the world are Russia, France
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