

THE SHEPHERD'S DARLING.

On winter evenings winter
Why is the world so small?
You crowd me all in the valley a
In the narrow paths all.

And if I pass, in any chance,
My darling's house is near,
I scarcely see her little head
From the little window peer.

Summer, howe'er, comes
The world is all so wide!
The earth we climb to the hill-tops,
The broader on every side.

You stand upon the cliffs, my love
Call from out the blue
The echoes bear my words afar,
Yet home here but you.

And I told you in my arms,
Upon the hillsides green,
We see over all the land wide,
And yet we are not seen.

ARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Tree Planting. Massachusetts has inaugurated a movement for the encouragement of tree-planting which should stimulate similar efforts in all other states in the Union. A few months ago, Prof. C. S. Sargent, Director of the Botanic Garden, and Arnold Arboretum, of Harvard University, published in the Report for 1875 of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture, a paper advocating the culture of forest-trees on poor and worn-out lands in the State. The Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture has now reprinted the paper, enlarged by directions for the planting and management of seedling-trees, and present it to the public gratis. The society also offers the following list of prizes: One thousand dollars for the best plantation of 5 acres set with larch, or Scotch, or Corsican pine, not less than 2,700 trees to the acre; \$600 for the second-best plantation of the same; \$400 for the third-best; \$600 for the best plantation of 5 acres set with white ash, not less than 5,000 trees to the acre; \$300 for the second-best plantation of the same. The prizes will be awarded in the summer of 1877. A citizen of Boston has offered to superintend the importation of the pines and larches, which must be brought from Europe. The ashes will probably be raised from seed. According to the estimates of Mr. Sargent, the plantations will return to their owners a handsome reward for the capital and labor invested, while useless lands will be turned to account, and made in obvious ways an ornament and advantage to the State.

The Chula for Dogs.

As I see a small account in the *Prairie Farmer* in regard to the chula or ground nut, as I term it, I think that it would not be out of place to give my experience with it.

I have sown them for a few years past, and have raised at the rate of two hundred and fifty bushels to the acre, and I think that this can be increased very easily. I plant them in rows fourteen inches apart and twelve inches in the row, planting one in a place and keeping free from weeds. When the tops are killed by the first frost, pull them up, as each branch almost touches one another in the row, and knock the chulas off with a stick. Put them in a coarse sieve and sift the dirt out from among them. They can easily be dried, or put into barrels and placed in a cellar, and kept there for seed or use.

My plan to feed to hogs is to make a ten feet square, having the two long planks on opposite sides come in three inches below the posts, and extend out the lower corners so that it will stand about. I put three legs in, moving it on the chula, and the food every day, and let the hogs eat themselves. The branches will stand up and throw into the chula. Gatten hogs if they get into the chula will eat more of them than any other species they are very fond of.

—**Mr. TANNAHILL,**
Attala county, Neb.

What Pays to Do.

To manage the farm with economy, bring about, not so much saving in one important item, but in all items. It will pay to keep the farm clean, so that the men will not take offense, be it in the house or in the barn, and find their work easier.

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