

COMING INTO PORT.

I have weathered the turbulent cape of storms. Where the winds of passion blow; I have shored by the reefs that gnash and foam.

Now my voyage is well-nigh over, and my stanchest spars are gone; and my sails are rent and my barnacled bark drags slowly and heavily on.

AGRICULTURAL.

Feeding Hay.

Concerning the indefinite quantity of the hay ration in the most reputed feeding experiments referred to in a recent issue of the Gazette, it may be observed that feeding hay is a matter that requires considerable judgment.

Practical Stock Breeding.

A scrub heifer bred to a thoroughbred bull for her first calf, and then repeatedly bred to the same bull, will improve in her breedings so that each succeeding calf will be better than the preceding one.

The Best Butter.

A Berkshire county, Massachusetts, farmer writes to the Scientific American: "My object has always been to

make the best butter—not the most profitable necessarily, but the best. Having this object in view, I have been obliged to discard oil-meal and thus reduce the quantity of my butter and value of the manure.

Hog Cholera and Corn.

We often here it asserted that hog cholera, so called, is due directly or remotely to the too exclusive use of Indian corn. There may be some truth in it, but there is no proof.

Abuses at Fairs.

Most of the fairs have now been held, and the Rural has been represented at a large number, and we are sorry to say that, while none were entirely free from objectionable features, they have, with three or four exceptions, been so conducted as to be a disgrace to the managers and a curse to the communities in which they have been held.

Character in Gait.

It is well to beware of the man who carries his left foot turned in toward his right in walking, giving the impression that his right foot turns out and his left turns in.

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statesman and great philanthropist always have a loose, shuffling gait, which comes from thinking of others more than themselves.

BREWSTER'S HOUSE.

The Curious Mansion of the Attorney General of the United States.

Philadelphia Letter to the Chicago Tribune. Attorney General Brewster, who recently arrived from Newport, is still in town. He will leave for Washington, however, next week, and during the season will entertain with his usual antique elegance.

The Evolution of American Manners.

In the matter of society, America, at a first glance, seems worse off than England. We have no native social traditions and we are shy of adopting foreign ones.

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MUSIC. Music, with its prying fingers, Breaks a passage to the soul, And in weird and magic numbers, Sweeps its harp beyond control.

TWO POLYOPTICON PARTIES.

The Reason Why Jack Lee Gives Free Shows Every Christmas Eve.

Little Mrs. Lee had constant evidences of the fact that smoke indicates a fire somewhere, even if the smoke was only a smell on her small boy's mischievous hands.

A SQUATTER FAMILY.

Arkansas Natives on Their Own Stamping Ground.

Arkansas Traveler. "I do not see any peculiarity about your people," said an eastern judge, addressing his travelling companion, a well known Arkansas lawyer.

After the baby pictures, the great men of the day were shown, but they were not as enthusiastically greeted as were the bright colored illustrations of nursery rhymes and fairy stories.

CURRENT NOTES.

An English surgeon says that shaving is a deadly practice, and if steadily indulged in, shortens life by several years. One reason why pure olive oil is difficult to procure, is because of its large consumption by silk manufacturers as material for loading their fabrics.

"He was older than Jim." "What do you do here for a living?" "Eat."

FACT AND FANCY.

The best time to take down your fishing-rod and fowling-piece and go abroad into the country, is when your wife is up in arms in the midst of the delights of fall house cleaning.