#### Leaflets from a Southern Home.

It is rather annoying to have person begin to talk or to write about the weather the first thing. nevertheless this seems to me to be an appropriate beginning to my letter at the present time.

This part of Virginia, just south of Washington, has been visited with heavy snow falls this past winter resulting in seven weeks of sleighing and although the thermometer stood at one time at eleven degrees below zero, there was no frost in the ground under the snow, consequently when the weather turned warm on the tenth of February the snow went off at a very rapid rate. On the following Saturday we went to a week's washing. She is not very Washington in our own carriage tall-rather fleshy and matronly in Our usual way of going to the city appearance; she has soft, dark eyes, is by way of the long bridge, so and a very expressive countenance. called because it crosses the river at She wears her abundant dark hair the widest part, and the bridge is a smoothly drawn over her ears, and mile in length. It is also a railroad in a rich coil at the back of her bridge. But we had heard that the head. And this distinguished lady, ice had carried away a part of this occuying the highest place in the bridge, so we went to the city by land, was one of the plainest dressway of Georgetown and the aqua- ed persons present. She wore a duct bridge.

first name of Washington, is now so the throat by a bunch of littles of built up that it is all one continuous city with Washington. It is a drive of about five miles from the aquaduct bridge to the capitol, over a splendidly smooth asphelt road.

I was accompanied only by my little daughter, twelve years of age, and I now propose to amuse the readers of the JOURNAL by an account of the indipendent fashion in which a self-reliant lady can pass the day in that beautiful city, when the time is all her own, and she is thoroughly acquainted with the lay of the streets and avenues.

When we came in sight of the bridge we saw that it was dark with the crowds of people who were looking at the ice in the river. The ice was all chopped up, apparently as fine as stove wood, and it was passing down stream very rapidly. There was no water to be seen either something. above or below the bridge.

This bridge is very high. It spans over the river and under the bridge the bridge.

When in the city we took street the embankment of the river had broken away and the whole lower part of the city was flooded with water. The passengers were taken away from the depot in boats. We rode in a street car along Pennsylvania Avenue, where the water just cleared the floor of the car and there were boats on each side of us; and a little farther down, men were trying to get through with wagons and the horses were swimming. Whole rows of beautiful stores completely submerged. There was the greatest excitement, and crowds of people viewing the novel sight.

We visited the Art Gallery. It is a very beautiful building, presented to the city by Mr. Coram, and its halls are filled with statuary, paintings, and a museum of bronzes, old plate, and other curiosities. It is an enchanting spot. One has hard work what an intelligent, practical farmer, to get away from it. It is useless to Mr. Wm. Hollman, of Cumberland, attempt a description of the marve- Va., says on the necessity of personlous pictures and speaking marble. al attention:

We went from the Art Gallery to the White House to attend Mrs. Haves's Saturday afternoon reception. The White House stands back that makes the difference, and perfrom the street; it has a carriage sweep extending from one gate to the other, and a lovely green lawn with fountains and flowers. The ful manner. It is neither the duty house is not modern, it is quite state- nor the interest of the practical farly and extensive, and it has a very large pillard portico in front. The to convert himself into a common There is no estimating the extent of pillars extend to the roof. There laborer and work constantly with a bad man's influence in the world; was a great array of grand carriages his own hands, though he should be its moral reach is indeed fearful. with their dusky footmen, in waiting prepared to lend a helping hand "One sinner destroyeth much good," for the company within. The portice when necessary. It is more partic- is the testimony of the wise man, as they are found irresistible. This was covered with brussels carpet, and the whole lower story of the house was thrown open. We passed into the grand hall which is separated from the prominade had by a ground glass screen the whole length the South, but to make his labor pay and yet thousands of our fellowbe- bird by the way-side fell upon his and hight of the hall. We passed through a door in this screen, and on through the red parlor, and the green parlor, to the blue parlor. These rooms are so called because all the furnishing and the decoratious are of those colors. They are all of them most sumptuously adorned with silk velvet-seated chairs, sotas,&c., splendid curtains, pictures, statuary and chandaliers, and on every hand plants and flowers, and

hand, and we valliantly held our own amid the thronging procession which nearly pressed the life out of duty, when the master is spending us. She suggested that we step on one side and walk by ourselves, but I assured her that if we did that we should never be able to squeeze back again, and we would have to go around to the front door and begin over again.

In the blue parlor Mrs. Hayes stood, before a blue velvet sofa; Colonel Casey stood at her left hand; on her right, Mrs. Secretary Sherman, and on Mrs. Sherman's right hand Mrs. Dr. Carter, of Columbus, Ohio, a personal friend of Mrs.

As we approached we gave our mediately introduced us to Mrs. cannot receive great ones.

Hayes. It was not by any means a formal hand shaking, not in our ca at any rate. I have the reputation of possessing a very expressive countenance, and I felt a deep love for the lady before me. Colouel Casey said to Mrs. Haves, "Let me introduce you to Mrs. Davis, of &c.," and she responded "Mrs. Davis--I am glad to see you. Mrs. Davis, this is Mrs. Sherman, and Mrs. Carter.' Mrs. Hayes was all animation and action, very cordial. She looked warm, and I was much impressed with the hard work she was going through with. Why, to thus receive, and to congratulate five hundred people, must be a greater strain upon ones strength than to do black silk dress, with a white lace Georgetown, so named after the scarf around her neck, confined at

the valley, natural flowers. Afterwards we went through the conservatories and the rooms and halls. Among those present was Mrs. Senator Saunders of Nebraska, and a host of distinguished people. MRS. E. B. DAVIS.

Falls Church, Va.

Farming will Pay.

We think from facts and reasons the conclusion is a reasonable one that farming will pay, if properly conducted -a proviso applicable to every regular business if success is calculated on. If men can rent land, save enough from their crops to buy themselves farms while they are supporting their families, surely those who own farms and stock that cannot be; but let this lesson the crowd, who knocked up their ought to make a living and lay by sink deep in your heart. As you go muskets, hitting breech and bayo-Farming successfully involves as

many necessary qualities as any oth- Do not look back with vain regrets, the tubes which carry the water into er calling, and more than farmers nor live in anticipation of future the city; it spans the river, and it are generally aware of, particularly joys, oblivious of those which are in treated them to fall back, for there also spans a canal, which is carried those farmers who select the most your reach. Let each day bring its was an oceanic swell behind that free of cost—the books being Harper's indifferent of their sons for farming measure of comfort and cheer. The fairly flung those in advance toward at this point. The waters of the life. The bright, intelligent ones present is all that you are ever sure the stand. At last he begged Mr. canal run in an iron conductor over must be lawyers, doctors, teachers, of; by wisely improving it your Webster himself to come forward the waters of the Potomac, and under professors, etc., and are sent off to memories of the past will be pleas- and plead with the tumultuous historical romance of universal popucollege to obtain a good education. ant, and your future happiness will crowd. He arose, advanced a step while the dull, unpromising boys be assured." cars from point to point. A part of are kept on the farm, with little education or information, to plod on in the beaten paths of their forefathers -paths which too often have led to tailure and disappointment. Let young men, and old ones too, if not more thought, more study of sur-Circumstances and conditions are of human history. One has well Webster's immortal language, it was constantly changing on a farm and farmer's work cannot be carried on by a fixed programme. Constant thought, study and personal attention are necessary to plan to the best in his sphere of life, and that influadvantage to meet contingencies, ence, in the very nature of the case, adapt means to ends, overcome difflculties and conquer success. Hear

> "No man can find another who will attend to his business as well as himself." It is personal interest sonal interest is a great incentive to not but shame and condemn error human action. It sharpens the wits and stimulates action in a wondermer, if his operations be extended ularly his province and duty to su- well as the practical teaching of all accounts for numerous failures. perintend and direct-to keep his experience. An instrument of inthinking and planning. The negro is the man who arrays his life and ly ever exercises judgment or dis- of their wicked lives and evil examcretion in the performance of his ple. Their work in the world is work. Personal attention is nec- that of destruction, for tuey literal-

essary and valuable for many other ly "destroy much good." reasons. It enables the farmer to | Cicero gave his followers the best have more work done and better of counsel when he said to them: done; it enables him to avoid trou- Be a pattern to other's then all will bles and difficulties with his laborers | go well; for as a whole city is infec- ted to promote its accomplishment. and it enables him to be just, and ted by the licentious passions and There is no other way to make suckind, and indulgent to them, when vices of men, so is it likewise re- cess certain. It is not luck. It devines in abundance combined to it is proper to be so, and this he formed by their moderation. produce a perfect scene of enchant- should always be when the laborer has discharged his duty faithfully. I grasped my little girl by the Very tew persons are sufficient judges of farm work to determine whether the laborer has done his

> his time at the 'cross roads' store; and it very often happens that the poor laborer is treated very unjustly and harshly in consequence .-American Farmer. Nothing is better to clean silver with than alcohol and amonia; after rubbing with this, take a little whi-

names to Colonel Casey, and he im- which magnifies triffing things, but companion to go with him. A man eight miles east and a triffe north of GIVE HIM A CALL AND SAVE MONEY.

made clear and bright.

tening or a soft cloth and polish. In

this way even frosted silver, which

is so difficult to clean, may be easily

Only Once!

A great king, desiring to teach his son a practical lesson, ordered a long table to be prepared in one of the galleries of his palace, set out with all manner of toys, fruits and other things which he thought would please the little boy. Taking him to a door at one end of the room, he said to him, "My son, pass down this hall, and whatever you are pleased with, you may take for your own, on one condition-you are not to turn back. When you have gone the whole length of the table, and have made your decision, go out at the other door, and bring me what you have chosen." Joyfully the little boy started, en-

chanted with the prospect; he ate and drank, and gathered his hands and his arms full of treasures, and presently tiring of what he had, he threw them away to make room for some glittering toy which attracted him farther on : but which, when secured, somehow did not please nor satisfy him as much as he had expected, and he was constantly looking back regretfully to that which he had left behind, and which he thought more desirable. Now, instead of being happy in having his choice of all these good things, the little boy grew irritable and dissatisfied. At length he appeared before the king with a sorrowful countenance, and in his hands were a few broken toys.

"Is this all, my son, that you have brought me out of the infinite varie-

ty from which you had to choose." "Yes, father," solbbed the weeping boy, "that which pleased me at first seemed so poor and inferior, when I had them, to that which I saw further on, that I could not be content, and always hoping to secure something to please me better, I could not make my choice, and now these are all I have. Oh, if I might go held their muskets horizontally

"Not so, my son," said the king, through life, enjoy each day all there is in it of pleasure and happiness.

#### Power of Example.

Example is power. It is alike so said that "History is philosophy teaching by example."

ery man has influence, more or less, must tell on his fellows. If he be a good man, his example must and will do good. It cannot be otherwise. A pure and virtuous life, like the sun in the heavens, must shine and bless, brighten and warm in the moral world. So it has ever been, and so it ever will be. Truth and purity, like so many gems in the life and example of the good man, canand vice in others.

> A fault doth never with remorse On mind so deeply move As when another's guileless life

Our error doth reprove. Example is also a power for evil.

#### What Men Need Wives For.

make the bed, and darn the socks. and cook the meals, chiefly that a man wants a wife. If this is all he is sometimes overtaken by misfor- | Cincinnati.

tui e .; he meets with fai'ure and defeat: trials and temptations beset him; and he needs one to stand by him and sympathise. He has some stern battles to fight with poverty, with enemies, and with sin, and he needs a woman that, while he puts his arms around her and feels that has something to fight for, will help him fight; that will put her lips to his ear and whisper words of counsel, and her hand to his heart. and impart new inspirations. All through life-through storm and through sunshine, conflict and victory, through adverse and favorable winds--man needs a moman's love. The heart yearns for it. A sister's or a mother's love will hardly supply the need. Yet many seek for nothing further than success in housework. Justly enough, half of these get nothing more. The other half, surprised above measure, have obtained more than they sought. Their wives surprise them by bringing a nobler ides of marriage, and disclosing a treasury of courage,

#### WEBSTER. Anecdote of the "God-Like" Daulel at Bunker Hill.

sympathy, and love.

As a boy clinging to my tather's arm, I stood on Bunker Hill, where stood at the same time most of Massachusetts-in fact, most of the ster when the top stone of the monument was laid. That experience was in the power of a single sentence, and a sentence which probably does not appear in Mr. Webster's published works. The oration had not yet begun, and the vast crowd, pressing to get nearer the orator, finally, in their impetuosity pushed back the lines of military. and as, in my vicinity, the guards pressed against the breasts of the people, they were swept away by net right and left, and pouring forward in such masses as threatened to trample those in front to death or two toward us, and said: "Gentlemen, you must fall back!" "Mr. Webster, it is imposible! It is impossible, Mr. Webster!" shouted a ment and in the haunts of poverty Juniter Touans burst forth. Raising and ignorance. It tells everywhere, his arm and his voice, as his burning "too old to learn," understand that and makes its mark for good or evil eye flashed over the multitude bethere is no calling which requires all over the world of men and fore him, he exclaimed, "Gentlemen, more industry, more sound judg- thought. All history is but a reiter- nothing is imposible to Americans ment, more practical good sense, ation of the power of example- on Bunker Hill!" A great shout power to bless and refine, or to thundered through these thronging rounding circumstances, and chang- blight and ruin humanity. Unless thousands, and they surged back ing conditions, and more strict its teachings impress us with this like waves from the shore. That attention than that of the farmer. truth, we are indeed poor students was eloquence, or, rather, to use

in Zion's Herald.

#### How to Succeed.

The first requisite to success is not to undertake an unwise and impracticable thing. For this reason the advice often inculcated by wise and great men has been to give much time and reflection to the formation of plans. Be slow to decide; but, having resolved, be prompt to act. It is not sufficient, by any means,

to be prompt in beginning to act. This is easy to every one. It is the continued, persevering, unflagging activity which, alone, accomplishes great results.

The temptations which beset one's steps at every stage to deliver his attention from the main pursuit he has fixed on, are almost innumerable, and to the irresolute and weak

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nothing divert your attention from A. it. Leave nothing undone, no matter how seemingly little and unimportant it may be, which is calculapends on doing, doing, DOING.

Yet simple as the lesson of success is-few as are its requisitesthere is nothing that people are

The geographical center of the wants, hired servants can do it cheap- United States is at 95 deg. 4716 mfn. er than a wife. If this is all, when west longitude, which is about the a young man calls to see a lady, send vicinity of Omaha. The center of him into the pantry to taste the population, considering the United bread and cakes she has made; send States a plain surface, itself without PUMP, PIPE, HOSE, him to inspect the needle-work and weight, but capable of sustaining bed-making; or put a broom into weight, and leveled with its inhabiher hands and send him to witness tants, in number and position such its use. Such things are important, as they are found, and each individand the wise young man will quiet- ual being assumed to be of equal ly look after them. But what the weight, and consequently to exert true man most wants of a wife is pressure on the pivotal point, di-her companionship, sympathy and rectly proportioned to his distance THE CHEAPEST. Pumps for any love. The way of life has many therefrom, both north and south and depth well. Pumps driven or repaired, A week mind is like a microscope, dreary places in it, and man needs a least and west, is at a point forty-

#### Inculcate Carefulness.

shall never forget my own childish tears and sulks over my sewing. My mother was a perfect fairy at her needle, and her rule was relentless; every long stitch was picked out and done over again, and neither the thread; stitching measured by two threads to a stitch; felling of absolutely regular width, and patching done invisibly; while fine darning was a sort of embroidery I hated it then, but I have lived to bless that mother's patient persistence: and I am prouder to-day of the six patches in my small girl's schooldress which cannot be seen without searching, than of any other hand work--except perhaps my bread!

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