

DAYS.

You read of quiet,
breathless days,
When skies are blue,
and sunshine strays
Across green fields
and flower-decked hills,
And pearly dew
from the rose distils—
And as you read
the lines, how soon
You know 'twas all
of a day in June!

Another tells of
sultry, dusty days
That swelter in
the sun's un pitying rays—
When distant landscapes
quiver in the heat,
And cattle seek the
forest's deep retreat
Or loiter in the
cooling stream near by,
And this you know
at once was July.

Another sadly sighs and sings,
"The green is growing brown,
The melancholy days
are slipping by;
The shadows stretch out farther,
and the year is running down.
Who could keep from dreams
of other days? Not I."
This is quite enough to answer
why the poet's pensive frown,
And to tell you an
October day was nigh.

But who has told the glory
of these January days,
With their simple, restful beauty,
and their unobtrusive ways?
Days that have the warmth of summer
and the quiet of the fall,
And so noiseless in their passing
we are not disturbed at all!
But to sing of skies and sunshine
in the winter seems absurd,
Which is possibly the reason
why no poet's voice is heard.

Yet the theme deserves the effort
of a mightier pen than mine,
And to such inspired songster
I respectfully resign.
If he does the subject justice,
praise must follow without stint,
But I hope a blizzard won't be on
when this goes into print!

—R. B. Morgan.

Puerto Rico and the Tariff.

At the present moment very formidable organizations of American farmers and other citizens are engaged in the attempt to prevent the adoption of President McKinley's recent advice to congress to give free admission to the products of our new island possession, Puerto Rico. Their arguments are numerous, but may be reduced to two, each of which may be expressed in a single word. The first of these arguments is sugar, the second is tobacco. The men who are endeavoring with great enthusiasm and with a considerable degree of success to develop a great sugar-beet industry in the United States do not wish at present to have a particle of additional competition from cane sugar. Puerto Rico's product is not large, but it is supposed that soil and climate make feasible its rapid increase. Its tobacco is of desirable quality, and its quantity could be greatly enlarged with the improvement of market opportunities. Puerto Rico's largest export crop in years past has been coffee, which, of course, does not compete with products grown in the United States. Having conquered Puerto Rico and taken possession, we are under plain obligations to consider the welfare of the people of that island as carefully as we once considered that of the people who

lived in the territory acquired by the Louisiana purchase. In our opinion the trade relations between Puerto Rico and the United States ought to be absolutely unrestricted. If there is, however, any reasons of weight why free trade between Puerto Rico and the United States should be accomplished at the end of a short term of years by means of a descending scale (this plan, if we mistake not, having been advocated by some of the farmers' organizations), the essential principle would not perhaps be altered.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for February.

Rabbit's Foot Luck.

Der rabbit he sat by der live oak tree,
An' dat rabbit he say ter hesse'i, say he:
"All yea' long I heah der diggah man say,
Whenever he's walkin' along dis way,
Laffin' 'Ki-yi-yi!' as he slaps his knee,
'I cotch a rabbit by der live oak tree!
I cut dat rabbit's foot off wiv ma knife!
I tek dat rabbit's foot home to ma wife!
I say, 'Ma honey, now der good luck's
here:
When you'se got a rabbit's foot, den no
fear!'"
Laffin' 'Ki-yi-yi!' as der banjos thrum,
An' der hoe cake on der griddle 'gins ter
hum,
An' der niggah man's wife she dance an'
sing.
'Oh, a rabbit's foot is the luckiest t'ing!'"

Der rabbit he sat by der live oak tree,
An' he say ter hesse'i, der rabbit say he,
"I'se had fo' rabbit's foots all ma bo'n days,
But didn't 'pear ter bring good luck ma
ways!"

—Ashleigh Mathews in February Century.

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1. The south one-half (s ½) of the south one-half (s ½) of the northwest quarter (nw ¼) of section thirty (30), township ten (10), range five (5) east, consisting of forty (40) acres.
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Dated this 3d day of January, 1900.
J. C. F. MCKESSON,
J. H. McMURTRY,
H. C. YOUNG,
Referees in Partition.

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NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL.

In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska: The state of Nebraska to Celia E. Harwood, Helen C. Harwood and Dorrance Harwood, and to any others interested in said matter.

You are hereby notified, that an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Nathan S. Harwood, deceased, is on file in said court, and also a petition praying for the probate of said instrument, and for the appointment of Celia E. Harwood as executrix. That on the 10th day of February, 1900, at ten o'clock a. m., said petition and the proof of the execution of said instrument will be heard, and that if you do not then appear and contest, said court may probate and record the same, and grant administration of the estate to Celia E. Harwood. This notice shall be published for three weeks successively in The Courier prior to said hearing.

Witness my hand and official seal this 12th day of January, 1900.
[SEAL.] FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge.

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NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL.

In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska: The state of Nebraska to Adella M. Kier and to any others interested in said matter.

You are hereby notified that an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of James C. Kier, deceased, is on file in said court, and also a petition praying for the probate of said instrument, and for the appointment of Adella M. Kier as administratrix, with will annexed. That on the 13th day of February, 1900, at ten o'clock a. m., said petition and the proof of the execution of said instrument will be heard, and that if you do not then appear and contest, said court may probate and record the same, and grant administration of the estate to Adella M. Kier.

This notice shall be published three weeks successively in The Courier prior to said hearing. Witness my hand and official seal this 15th day of January, 1900.
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