# Editor's Table.

FROM TAGGARD AND THOMPSON. PHILBRICK. The American Union Speaker; containing standard and recent selections, in Prose and Poetry, for recitation and declamation, in schools, academies, and colleges, with introductory remarks on Elocution, and Explanatory Notes, by John D. Philbrick, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Boston. Boston, Taggard and Thompson, 8vo., pp. 588.

The introductory part of this volume acquaints the reader with the elementary and general principles of elocution, and entices him to a more thorough study of the science. Dr. Rush and Professor Russell are the authorities chiefly relied on in this part of the work, which is judicious and stimulating to the student. The selections are drawn from the best sources; comprising most of the old master-pieces of eloquence, with a rich and varied selection from the best writers and speakers of our own country in recent times, as Washington, Webster, Clay, J. Q. Adams, Choate, Douglass, Everett, Patrick Henry, S. S. Prentiss. Wm. Wirt, Bryant, the Beechers-H. W. and Lyman, B. F. Butler, Channing, Chapin, Cheever, G. W. Curtis, R. A. Dana, Jr., D. S. Dickinson, Fremont. C. A. Goodrich, O. W. Holmes, J. Holt, Mr. Lincoln, Longfellow, J. M. Mason, of the alphabet is accompanied with a Dr. Nott. T. Parker, Wendell Phillips, Pierpont, Saxe, Carl Schurz, Seward, A. H. Stephens (against secession), Sumner, inches, in which are skilfully grouped a Whittier, Henry Wilson, R. C. Winthrop, and many others. The pulpit of America is inadequately represented in a volume which is, of course, expected to train preachers, as well as lawyers and statesmen. Not more than a dozen preachers, of any country, appear in a list of 180 authors, and but a single quotation from the writings of any, except T. Parker-Theodore, we suppose, (the index of authors gives only the initials of the an Anchor, and a bunch of Acorns are Christian names.) "T. Parker" is intro- arranged in different parts of the picture. duced in two eulogies of the Bible; very This is followed by letter-press, printed good for T. Parker; yet containing an in very bold type, giving a rhymed, (not, infidel hiss in two of the lines. Perhaps however, poetic) description of the objects we should not complain of the peculiarly Massachusetts type of the selections in is admirable and the execution a real an "American Union Speaker," since the triumph. The paper and typography Bay State has contributed so large and are of the best character, the whole formnoble a share to the literature and oratory of the country; but we may certainly remark the neglect which allowed the Philadelphia author of one of the sweetest poems in the book to be lost in the list of "anonymous." We refer to sonable in these times. We have little that exquisite gem, "Speak Gently," written by David Bates of this city.

As a whole, however, the book is worthy of high commendation; its faults, excepting the Parkerism referred to are trivial. Its influence as an educator will be genial und wholesome to the youthful mind. Its literary tone is high; it is all instinct with the best spirit of our age, as expressed in the best utterances of its representative men. The mechanical execution is of the best character, elegant and substantial.

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THE EDINBURGH REVIEW, January, 1865. New York, published by L. Scott & Co. For sale by W. B. Zieber, Philadelphia. Contains: Palgrave's History of England and Normandy; Dictioninal Law Reform; Lord Derby's Trans-Federation; Memorials of Henry VIII;

in America. BLACKWOOD for February; published and for sale as above. Contains: Miss Majoribanks, I. Visit to the Cities and Camps of the Confederate States in Years ago. By the author of "The Story of a Pocket Bible." Boston, Henry Hoyt. 16mo., pp. 332, red edges, illustrated. For sale by Ashmead and Evans. O'Dowd, XIII. Wm. Gladstone.

> RETROGRADING.—Jones and Brown were talking lately of a young clergyman, whose preaching they had heard that day. The sermon was like a certain man mentioned

THE perfection of the creature consists

# Agricultural.

OUR FARMERS.

Their homes are their castles—their hearthstones a throne; They rule without sceptre the kingdom they

own;
The stalks and the vines and the fruit-bearing tree, Are subjects that bend not to tyrant the knee: But bend with the weight of the harvest and

field, Ever loyal and faithful a harvest to yield. No planning and plotting among them known-

No traitor the sovereign would strike from his He stands 'midst his acre of grass, wheat and

maize, Like Crusoe, "the monarch of all he surveys; His banks are earth banks and stand on his The banks that are safe when the panics alarm.

The stock is the cattle-not fancy in breed; The shares are the ploughshares that score for Not quoted on 'Change in the broker's array, But shares on which Nature will dividends pay.

Their banks are not those which the widows condemn; No officers pilfer deposits from them; if small the potatoes that in them are found, Yet none are so small as we find out of ground.

The farmer with appetite ever can eat The bread on his table, "as good as the wheat;" And loving most dearly his wife, he may utter, "My bread and my wife! I'll not have any but

There's many a hearth where the embers are glowing; There's many a heart with its joys overflowing

The hearths and the hearts from the world rude alarms, Are safe in the homes that are reared on our

### GRAPE PLANTING THIS SPRING.

Many vines are already set, and many more will be. Every farmer and every one who has a good sized yard, should have grapes enough for his family, and some to could be raised upon it.

Grape-growing, however, is a business to be learned, and we should no more advise one without experience to go into this, than we would cousel him to open a store for the sale of books, hats, or any other commodity, One of our Ohio friends has a vineyard which, according to all figuring, should have given last year a profitable crop; but it did not yield a bunch. It is easy to say fluid. what a vine ought to do the third year after planting; but sometimes it won't do it. Capital is not all that is required for success in a vineyard (or elsewhere)

"But shall we not plant vines?" Yes, by all means. He who has ten and finds them profitable, will not need to be persuaded to plant fifty; and he who already has his acres of vines, will know whether it will pay to double their number. To those who have no vines, we say, plant five, ten, or twenty, or even one, if you can do no bet-

While the subject of soil still remains unsettled, there is one point upon which all are agreed, viz., that whatever the nature of the soil, it must be, naturally or artificially, well drained. The soil should, of course, be in good condition as to fertility, d it must worked by the spade or plough, to the depth of eighteen or twenty

As to varieties, we regard the Delaware as the best grape which has been largely tested, and the hardiness of which has been thoroughly proved; yet its slow growth, become hackneyed. It seems to be better adapted to general culture, and such treatment as nine out of ten will give their vines, than any other sort. It is to be hoped, however, that none will be contented with a single kind.

At a late meeting of the Fruit Growers' Society of Western New York, a vote was and the result was in the order following: Delaware, Diana, Isabella, Hartford, Prolific, Rebecca, Concord, Creveling, Catawba. This shows the estimation in which the different kinds are held by the horticulturalists of that part of the country. - American Agriculturalist.

## GARDENS FOR THE CHILDREN.

A Michigan lady thus sensibly pleads the cause of the young people: A great deal can be done to encourage horticultural tastes and industrious habits in children Why don't farmers fence off little gardens for their larger boys and girls, and allow them to have all they can raise from them? Put agricultural papers in their hands, and encourage them to try experiments in wheat raising, cultivating seeding fruits, etc. Put a good magnifying glass into their hands, that they may become acquainted with their insect friends and enemies. Seven per Cent; The Last Campaign To those old enough to appreciate and take care of them, give them choice plants to cultivate, or what would perhaps sometimes be better, let them earn/money in some way and purchase them for themselves. Don't turn them off with an Isabella grape when it will not ripen for you; let them have a Delaware or a Concord, that they may be more sure of a return for their labors of strawberries and other things. Excite in them a desire of excelling in raising fine fruits and vegetables. Let them get up children's agricultural fairs and horticultural societies for discussion, etc. Don't you think the agricultural papers will be studied, if you dothis, and don't you think you will raise a family of intelligent and well-informed men and women? "So of domestic animals. If you have

a boy a dozen years old, give him a yoke of calves to train; give the girls lambs, and let them have the fleeces as a reward for good care, or allow them to raise some fine cows for themselves. Children need ob jects to love, and incentives to faithful labor, and they will love home all the more if you attach them to it by pleasant memories and good, kind instruction."

### .VISITING FARMERS.

In ancient times the English law required a young man, on completion of his apprentiship, to travel over the country a certain number of years, working at his trade, before he could be licensed to make a permanent beginning for himself. The object was to compel him to become familiar with the different modes in which other craftmen conduct the business he had learned, so that by knowing all he might become a perfect workman.

Travelling from one farm to another, to earn what was going on upon each, how this or that process was conducted, what machines were successful, which were failures, what was the most profitable fruit crop and how best to produce it, who had the most successful garden and how it was and will reward perusal."-Presbyterian. managed, with the long catalogue of items on kindred topics—would be a mere repetition of the English obligations to become

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cooling; and you then have a fatty compound, which after being gently warmed dough, on being made into pellets, should be can Presbylerian. aid at the rat holes; being luminous in the dark, and agreeable both to their palates the price, \$2 00. Order from and noses, it is readily eaten, and proves certainly fatal. The rats issue from their holes and seek water to quench their burnng thurst, and they commonly die near the water.—Michigan Farmer.

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