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Harper's Hand-Book for Travellers in Europe and the East; Being a Guide through Great Britain and Ireland, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Italy, Sicily, Syria, Turkey, Greece, Switzerland, Tyrol, Spain, Russia, Denmark, and Sweden. By W. Pembroke Felton. With a Railroad Map, corrected up to 1867, and a Map embracing colored routes of travel in the above countries. Sixth year. New York: Harper & Brothers. Paris: Gallignani & Co., No. 224 Rue Rivoli. London: Sampson Low, Son & Co.; J. A. Adams, 59 Fleet St. For sale by Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia.

Littell's Living Age—Conducted by E. Littell—Fourth Series. Vol. V. From the beginning. Vol. XXIII.—April, May and June, 1867. Boston: Littell and Gay. No. 856 pp. This volume comprises the issues of the Living Age for the second quarter of the current year. It embraces the usual rich variety taken from the best English periodicals, with a few choice selections from American journals, and one each from Italian and French. The latter extract is alone almost worth the price of the volume, being a translation of the great oration of Montalembert on the Victory of the North in the United States. Dr. McLeod's delightful story, "The Starling," is contained entire in the volume. There is no better summer reading than is to be found in these tasteful selections.

Arctic Fields. By Isaac Hayes, M.D., Surgeon of the Second Grinnell Expedition, Author of "The Open Polar Sea." New Edition. "Elkhart" and Illustrated. 12mo. pp. 388. \$2.50. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia. This volume is a republication of a work already known to the public as the description of one of the expeditions undertaken by a portion of Dr. Kane's associates, under the lead of Dr. Hayes. It was first published in 1860, as a means of contributing to the expenses of the independent Expedition of Dr. Hayes, undertaken in 1860. It is now republished with a similar object, Dr. Hayes being desirous of making another visit to those regions, and of carrying still further the explorations of 1860 and '61. The present edition has been enlarged and embellished with numerous and graphic illustrations, and will be received with eager interest by the public, not only curious to know whatever can be learned of those far off and frozen regions, but ready also to aid the daring navigator in further attempts at exploration. The late acquisition by the United States of territory in the Arctic Zone, will enhance the interest felt by the public in all such undertakings.

Gail Hamilton's "Wool Gathering." By Gail Hamilton, Author of "Country Living and Country Thinking," "Gala Days," etc. 12mo. pp. 334. \$2.00. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

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THE HOUSEHOLD OF SIR THOMAS MORE.—By the author of "Mary Powell." New Edition with an Appendix. 16mo. pp. 258. New York: M. W. Dodd.

This is a beautiful picture of the interior and domestic side of the great Chancellor's life, from his happy and brilliant opening, amid the witty and classical converse of Erasmus, to his melancholy end in the Tower of London and upon the scaffold. The assumed position of the writer, as the daughter of Sir Thomas, is well sustained, not only in the antique style of the composition and spelling, but in the intimacy and tenderness of tone, in which the whole is written. The appendix contains a brief account of the life of Erasmus, which adds nothing to our previous knowledge of the philosopher. Also a description of More's residence, of his early life, and of the remarkable character and attainments of his daughter Margaret, under whose name the diary comprising the bulk of the volume is written.

PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS. REUNION.—Action of the General Assemblies (O. S.) of 1866 and '67, with the Report of the Joint Committee appointed by the two Assemblies (O. S. and N. S.) of 1866. Published by order of the Committee of the General Assembly (O. S.).

THE BIBLICAL REPOSITORY AND PRINCETON REVIEW.—Edited by Charles Hodge, D.D. No. III. July, 1867. Contents: The Hebrew word *Yashab*; The Aim of Christianity, for those who accept it; Schaff's History of the Christian Church; A Philosophical Confession of Faith; The General Assembly; Short Notices.

A PASTORAL LETTER on the Observance of the Sabbath, adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, at Cincinnati, Ohio, May, A. D. 1867. Published by order of the Assembly.

THE FAMILY TREASURE. A Religious and Literary Monthly. Edited by Wm. F. Findley, D.D. Volume IV., No. 8. August, 1867.

Rural Economy.

WALKING HORSES.

The best gait a horse ever had for every-day use is a good walk. It is a gait that not one in ten possesses. Colts are not trained to walk in all the Eastern States. Young America wants more speed. Kentucky has more good walking horses than any other State, for there horseback traveling has long been in fashion for men and women over a country where muddy roads, at times, rendered any other gait impossible, and so horses have been bred for the saddle and trained to a walking-gait. This is the case in all the Western States, and perhaps might have been so in New England, when our grandmothers rode to meeting on a pillion behind our grandfathers. But one-horse wagons have put horseback riding out of fashion, and now a good walking horse is more rare than one that can trot a mile in 2.40.

At the Springfield (Mass.) horse show of 1866, the writer was one of a committee to award prizes to the two best walking horses. Out of seventeen entered, the committee found one which was considered a first-rate walker. This was a Morrill mare, which walked five miles an hour with ease. Two others were fair walkers, and the others knew no gait that could be called walking. At the New York State fair the same state of facts was again developed. A letter from Wisconsin says: "I think horses trained to walk fast would be a greater benefit to farmers in general than fast trotters, as almost all of his work has to be done with a walk." I once knew a man in Massachusetts who, before the railroads were built, kept from two to four teams at work on the road, and never allowed them to trot at all, and made the distance in better time than his neighbors, who made their horses trot at every convenient place. He said that when a horse commenced to walk after a trot, he walked much slower than his common gait if he kept on a walk, and thereby lost much more than he gained. Will farmers think of this, and pay more attention to walking horses?—Solon Robinson.

THE PRICE OF WHEAT FROM THE FARMER'S POINT OF VIEW.

"What about the price of wheat?" asks an old friend. It is not safe to predict. I hope we shall have a good crop. The country needs it. Manufacturers need it, the Secretary of the Treasury is looking anxiously at the grain fields of the West, and farmers themselves need it as much as any other class to pay high wages and still higher taxes. I am inclined to think we shall have a fair crop, and I hope fair prices. The markets of the world are bare of wheat. There is no accumulation anywhere. High prices have brought it all out. In such circumstances, it would seem that the new crop should command at least as much as the past crop of production, such will be the case if

farmers will not sell for less. Manufacturers sometimes sell, they say, for less than cost. But they frequently make large profits. Farmers never do. Then again, a manufacturer fears to hold, because there may be a change of fashion, but the fashion for wheat does not change. It is always wanted. I am aware that consumers have much to say about the extortion of farmers. The charge is unfounded. It is vain to expect that wheat can be grown as cheaply as it was 25 or 30 years ago. In this section, I do not see, with the present cost of implements, wages, and taxes, how wheat can be grown for less than \$1.50 per bushel, even if you get the land for nothing. You may on rich land raise it for less, but you take enough out of the land to make up the difference. Your land will become poorer. If means are taken to keep up the fertility of the soil, we cannot grow a bushel of wheat for less than \$1.50 a bushel. And if we expect an interest for the money invested in the farm, we ought to get \$2.00 a bushel. At \$2.50 a good farmer will get ample remuneration. But when the crop does not average over 15 bushels per acre, the profits, even at this figure, are not dazzling. I have made up my mind to sell when I can get \$2.25 for red wheat. If consumers cannot pay this, let them curtail their expenses in some other direction. Farmers need the money more than French milliners.

Wheat, in England, is now worth from 60s. to 75s. a quarter of eight bushels. Now, as an English shilling is 24 cents of our money, if we multiply the price per quarter by 3, we get the price in dollars and cents. Sixty shillings a quarter, therefore, is \$1.00 a bushel. Seventy-five shillings a quarter is \$2.25 per bushel. This is in gold. With gold at 140, \$1.80 in gold is worth \$2.52, and \$2.25 in gold is worth \$3.15. Wheat, in England, therefore, is worth in our money, from \$2.52 to \$3.15 per bushel.

When we know what it costs to send wheat to Liverpool, and London, we can then form some idea as to what prices we should expect for our wheat. As I understand it, wheat has been for several months higher here than in England, and consequently none was exported. But since the recent decline of \$1.00 a bushel in New York, wheat can be exported with a profit, and as long as this is the case, it will be no lower. If we raise more wheat this year than is wanted by our own rapidly increasing population, the price will depend on the foreign demand. We certainly shall not have enough to spare to 'g' at the markets, and farmers should insist on receiving fair prices—and sell when such are offered.—American Agriculturist.

Scientific.

DISINFECTANTS AND HOW TO USE THEM. The following is a copy of a card upon disinfectants issued by the Board of Health, of New York, together with directions for their use:

- 1. Quinine, in solution, and putrid fluids. Use fresh stone lime finely broken, sprinkle it on the place to be dried, and in damp rooms place a large number of plates filled with the lime powder. White wash with pure lime, and not with kalsomine.
- 2. Charcoal powder, to absorb putrid gases. The coal must be dry and fresh and should be combined with lime. This compound is the "chalk powder."
- 3. Chloride of lime, to give off chlorine, to absorb putrid effluvia and to stop putrefaction. Use it as lime is used, and if in cellars or close rooms the chlorine gas is wanted, pour strong vinegar or diluted sulphuric acid upon your plates of chloride of lime occasionally, and add more of the chloride.
- 4. Sulphate of iron (copperas), to disinfect the discharges from cholera patients, to purify privies and drains. Dissolve ten pounds of the copperas in a common pailful of water, and pour a quart or two of this strong solution into the privy, water-closet or drain, every hour if cholera discharges have been thrown into those places; but for ordinary use, to keep privies and water-closets from becoming offensive, pour a pint of this solution into every water-closet, pan or privy-seat, every night and morning. Always sprinkle a cupful of chloride of lime or lime-powder in the same place and at the same time. Bed-pans and chamber vessels are best disinfected in this way, by a spoonful of chloride of lime and a spoonful of the copperas solution.
- 5. Permanganate of potassa—to be used in disinfecting clothes and towels from cholera and fever patients, during the night, or when such articles cannot be instantly boiled. Throw the soiled articles immediately into a small tub of water in which there has been dissolved an ounce of permanganate salt to every six or eight gallons of water. A pint of "Labarraque's solution of Chlorinated Soda" may be used for the same purposes in the tub of water. Either of these solutions may be used in cleansing the soiled parts of the body of sick or dead persons. May also be used in bed-pans.
- For water-closets use 4 and 3; privies 4 and 2; for bed-pans, and close-stools; 1, 3, and 5; cellars, 1, 2, and 3; vaults and stables, 1 and 2, or 3 and 4, or any powders of coal-tar.

For disinfecting soiled clothing, bedding and carpets, boil whatever can be boiled, if the articles have been soiled by cholera discharges. Use solution of chloride of lime or chlorinated soda, a quart of either solution to ten gallons of water, if the articles are coarse and their colors of no consequence; but upon fine clothing that has been soiled in cholera or fever use the articles described under No. 5 in the list above. In sick-rooms use 1, 2, or 3; ventilate the bedrooms, cleanse and dry the closets, ventilate the beds and bedding frequently in the sun.

Finally, let fresh air and sunlight purify every place and every thing they can reach. Open and dry your cellars and vaults. Flush the water-closets and drain daily before throwing in the disinfectants as directed on this card. Let there be no neglect of domestic and personal cleanliness.

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