SWEETS OF WOMAN'S LIFE.

- A BABE at rest we a mother's breast Too young to smile or weep, lonselous of naught but mother's love-so wweet is infant's sleep.
- A child at play in meadows green, Plucking the fragrant flowers, Chasing the bright-wing'd butterflics— So sweet are childhood's hours
- A maiden fair as early dawn, Radient with every grace, Gladd ning the eyes that look on her-So sweet is beauty's face,
- A softly blushing, downesst look, Murmur of startled dove, Answering another's tender words-So sweet is maiden's love.
- A white-robed virgin kneeling low, Before God's altar bows, Forever join a two hearts and hands-So sweet are marriage yows,
- A youthful mother bending o'er Her first-born beauteous boy, Forever hers till death shall part-So sweet a mother's joy.
- A matron in life's Autumn-time With young life clustered o'er, Her children's children clasp her knees-So rich is Autumn's store.
- Foretell departing breatly, Are closed by grateful, loving hands-So sweet is penceful death,

An aged form, whose dimming eyes

On earth's kind shelt'ring breast, Forever freed from grief and pain So sweet eternal rest.

AGRICULTURAL.

Improvement of Meadows.

WHEN we consider the large proportion of meadow land which has for ages received the wash from the cattle on a portance, especially to the farmers of New England.

Having had ten years' experience with ten acres of the Coginchang Swamp, knowing that bought wit is the best. The soil of this meadow is a mixture of cabbage, and coarse meadow herbage. well the first year, while the old turf re- for rent. mained. The second year there was a fallhands. Not knowing what else to do, I about as easy to earth up a hill of corn a mean way, you see. as it would have been in one of the There were plenty of chestnuts lying erops hardly paid for the labor. The been thrashing the old trees, and the where he lost it.

in September with a Nourse No. 20 as if it had been Jack Frost himself. plough, throwing it up in beds two rods wide, and turning furrows eighteen in- George to himself, with a shiver. ches wide and nine inches deep, covering the bogs completely. I then tried a behind the tree. "He spent the night tor. This did well, but a Share's har- had his Winter cap on by mistake." furrows cleaned out, and the edges of all that, "But then it is very curious I the beds rounded off. I then had it should think of such a thing," he said seeded with timothy and red-top rolled to himself. in, and the following Spring clover. I "Why don't you look where I am?" other half the lot, which had received long ago."

kept out for several years.

again with a common plough, and har- pipe. at a distance.

large amount of fertilizers.

tion; &d, that one load of manure as a to be glad of anything, no matter how top-dressing is worth two loads harrow- small." ed in after ploughing, or four loads ploughed in—that the seeding from sim- "You little silly!" said the Goblin. "Why don't you fill the bushel basket ply top-dressing is much better than can full, and carry it home? Who would

I have since top-dressed each part with and who is there to see you?" about eight loads of barnyard manure "That is stealing," said George, and before the Fall rains. I get a ton and a word. twenty dollars an acre more than the Goblin, since he was urging him to nalize their luck. On one occasion Capnatural grass on the adjoining land, steal, and felt a little afraid. which is equally as good land. The profit "But, then, if I do right, he surely taken something." Quick went up the pays for the improvement every two cannot hurt me," said George to himself, bunting: "What have you taken?" years, and the lot was never as good as and worked away stoutly.

one tract of land, and yet there are bushel-baskets."

To Destroy the Hop Insect.

F. W. COLLINS, an experienced cultivator of hops, writes to the American Farmer that a decoction of tobacco, strong enough to kill ticks on sheep, or the blue louse on colts or calves, is effectand tobacco water, with one pound of copperas to every five gallons of the liquor. This wash is applied to the vine when trained on the horizontal plan, by a syringe, or, if on the plan of long poles, with a force pump, or garden enforce against the under side of the leaves, as the louse is always there first. The them, George peeled one of the nuts at writer adds: "It is of great importance to the hop-grower to secure a large crop this year, as even if the crop is a full one, the price must be high, and if it should be a partial failure, the price will rise very high. There are two causes | servant." for this: 1st, the rapid increase in the demand for hops; and 2d, the destruction of hop yards the past season, owing to cutting the vine at picking, as is practised in yards on long poles. The vines were cut early, and the open Winter left began peeling away, laughing all the the roots, after a most severe drain upon | time. their vitality by loss of sap, exposed

FOR YOUTHFUL READERS.

The Goblin's Chestuuts.

Spring."

thousand hills, and is still of little value, back, a market-basket on each arm, two all; but as it flew open, both he and his we find this to be a subject of great im- smaller baskets in the bushel-basket, mother screamed outright, for there J. V. LAMBERT, and the least basket of them all slung was a great, long purse, full of gold." about his neck.

George was bare-footed; George shivered, for his jacket was very old, and containing over a thousand acres, situa- the October morning was cold as well ted in the towns of Durham and Midel - as bright. George was hungry. Oat- shoes," field, Connecticut, I send you the result. | meal, with butter and salt, may be all very well, but oatmeal for breakfast, oatmeal for dinner, and nothing for sup clay and sand. The surface is usually per, every day in the week, is not good covered with water in the Winter, and growing material for little boys; and frequently in the Summer; the produce George was hungry nearly half the time. thanked the Goblin." in its natural state is builtrushes, skunk And, finally, George was very sorry at heart, for his mother was a widow. She peeping at them from the chimney. The previous owner of my lot, acting had been ill that Summer, and could on the wrong theory that high cultiva- not do as much spinning and sewing as tion and manuring for several years usual. Consequently, she was not ready would bring the soil into a better condi- with her rent; and Mr. Dawson, their tion for grass, had half the lot ploughed, landlord, was a hard man, just the felsubsoiled, highly manured, planted with low to turn George and his mother out corn, potatoes, and other crops, which did of doors, and keep their one little bed

George was going to Squire Dawson's ing off, and the third year it fell into my Woods to gather chestnuts; not for himself, but for Squire Dawson. He was to plaid waistcoat? To keep a check upon M. M. MARILE, followed my predecessor's example, and fill the bushel-basket, the two smaller his stomach. had it ploughed, working in as much good baskets in it, and the two market-basbarnyard manure as possible, and plant- kets, for Squire Dawson; and that least ed. This was done so late, on account of basket of all, hanging about his neck, the condition of the land, that the hoeing he might fill for himself and take home came in haying-time, and the July sun to his mother as his wages. That was a taken lots of physic." so baked the surface that the cultivator very mean bargain; but, then, the Squire broke it up in hard cakes; so that it was was a mean man, and had grown rich in

neighboring trap rock mountains. The on the ground, for a great wind had next Spring I had the piece sowed with ground was thick with the brown-lookworth harvesting, and the grass was his hair in his eyes, and flapped his jack- able to say grace before meat." I then had the other half of the piece, et about, and found its way in under it, which was in its natural state, ploughed and pinched his nose and his fingers,

"That's so," retured a voice from

row dld as well, and much faster. I had "Eh? What!" said George to himit harrowed lengthwise of the beds, self; and getting up from his knees, working in twenty bushels of coarse looked carefully all about him, but seebone to the acre. I then had the dead ing nothing, concluded he had thought

had a fine crop of clean grass the first said the old voice again. "If I had season, the land being worth double the been a poodle I would have bitten you

three years' cultivation and sixty loads | And sure enough, there on a stone, of the best manure to the acre, besides a just in front of him, sat a little brown thing, as brown as a chestnut, only it head with." The grass continued good for three or had a face like a man, and was buttoned four years, when it run out, coarse grass in a thick overcoat up to its chin, as it advertisement appeared in the columns ROYAL & ROYER, coming in. I then had a piece ploughed sat on a stone, smoking a little short of a recent number of a newspaper:

rowed in about eight loads of good manure to the acre, and seeded as before. baskets," said this queer object, with a flute in an overcoat, and several other I took at the same time a timber piece | nod. "You will have a heavy basket to | articles of wearing apparel." and had it top-dressed with the same carry home for yourself. How you will amount of manure, and nothing else. ever get it home I don't see. I should this last piece did much better than the first, the timothy standing so thick and of nuts. There will be enough to last the pomps and vanities of this wicked even that it looked like a piece of grain you and your mother all the Winter, I should say."

The following is the result of my ex- "I don't see why you should make so perience: 1st, that this soil should never much fun," answered George, a little sir. The mayor and corporation going be exposed in Summer; 2d, that no provoked. "A few nuts are better than to church, sir." amount of manure will compensate for none, and my mother is very fond of the loss of the turf by repeated cultiva- them. I am sure we have little enough

to the acre every four years, applied just went back to his work without another half of fine hay to the acre, worth about He thought that this must be a wicked count of their seven days' work and sig-

Now, suppose that a thousand acres of you," said the Goblin, as George lifted of Captain A. the adjoining land was improved in the the great bushel-basket. "But it is so Archushop Whately once puzsame way, there would be a gain of much pleasanter kicking up your heels zled a number of clever men in whose twenty thousand dollars a year in this in the sun than tugging and straining at company he was by asking them this

scores of men who witness my improve- "Thank you for nothing," answered eat more than black?" Some were not ment every year, and still allow their George, who began to think this was a laware of the curious fact; others set to 12. land to produce coarse grass, worth from sneaking sort of a Goblin, and heartily work to give learned and long reasons: one to three dollars an acre, while they hoped that he would have taken himself but all were anxious to know the real are travelling round seeking investment off by the time that he came back after cause. After keeping them wondering

and watching George carry off each JOS, RIEGEL & H. S. FISTER, basket, as if he had nover seen a boy picking chestuuts before. At last George came to his own little basket.

"Stop a moment," said the Goblin and pulled three chestnuts out of his ive against vermin on hop vines. Others pocket. "Here are three nuts from my use strong soap suds made with soft soap own chestnut-tree. Take them home to your mother, and see which she likes best-the Squire's nuts or mine."

"Why, he is a mean Goblin, too, thought George. "He is worse than the Squire." Still he put the nuts in his pocket gine pump, to throw the liquid with and when he had told the story to his mother, she was at once curious to try

> "How do you do ?" said a little man, stepping out; "the Goblin has sent me here to cut your wood, mend your fences, make your garden, and be your

> And, shouldering his axe, he went out into the forest, where they heard him hacking and hewing at the trees. "Quick, quick!" said George, "let us see what is in the other two;" and he

"What do you make a body's head throughout its whole extent to severe ring so for?" said a little woman, stepfrost. Many yards so treated were ping out with a spinning-wheel and bewholly destroyed, or so injured as to ginning to spin. "If you had sent me cause them to be ploughed up this out of my senses with your clatter, it would have been your loss; for the Gob- RISHMUTH, BROTHER & CO., lin sent me to spin and sew for you, and

be your servant." And setting up her wheel, she began to spin. George was now in such a flut-LATTLE GEORGE was trudging along ter, between curiosity and impatience, with a great bushel-basket slung at his that he could hardly crack the third at "That will pay the rent," said the widow.

"And buy you a shawl and a gown. "And you a jacket and a coat, and

"And a cow-"

"And another bed-" "And send you to school-" " And get you some tea that you like

so; but, dear me, to think that I never "He! he! he!" tittered the Goblin, J. H. LONGSTRETH,

WIT AND WISDOM.

How was Jonah punished? Whaled. (7. COUNTER-ATTRACTION — A pretty saleswoman. WHEN has a man four hands? When

he doubles his fists. Why ought a greedy man to wear a

A POOR man who had been ill, on being asked by a gentleman whether he had taken a remedy, replied: "No, I ain't taken any remedy, but I have

Josh Billings says he has got a good recollection, but not a good memory. He recollects having lost ten dollars the other night, but don't remember

A WITTY doctor of divinity, whose oats, grass, and coarse bone. The weeds ing nuts; but the wind, having thrashed physicians had ordered him for a time so that the oats were hardly the trees, thought it fine fun to thrash on a purely vegetable diet, demurred, George also, and it blew his hat off, and on the ground that "he should not be

THEY are fond of titles in the East. the King of Ava has that of "Lord of JOHN E. FOX & CO., Among his other high-sounding titles, "What a bitter cold wind!" said Twenty-four Umbrellas." This looks as though he had prepared for a long reign!

A MAN out West says that he moved so often during one year that whenever square-tooth harrow. This tore the sod with me; and we Goblins think we a covered wagon stopped at his gate his in pieces, and did much more harm than know how to keep warm, but he nearly chickens would fall on their backs and good. I then tried a steel-tooth cultiva- froze us out. I told the old fellow he hold up their feet, in order to be tied and thrown in.

"JOHNNY, my dear, run to the store and get some sugar," said a mother to her precocious son of eleven years. Excuse me, ma; I am somewhat indisposed this morning. Send father, and tell him to bring a paper of tobacco along."

A MERCHANT examining a hogshead CHARLES H. MARPLE, of hardware, on comparing it with the invoice, found it all right except one hammer. "Oh, don't be troubled, my honey," said his Irish porter. "Sure the nagur took it out to open the hogs-

THE following somewhat remarkable "Lost by a poor lad tied up in brown "I have been watching you fill your paper with a white string, a German

THE mayor of a country town was questioning the boys at the ragged school, and he asked them what were world. He asked them one by one, but they could not tell him. At last a little boy near the bottom said, "I know,

A CHINESE widow fanning the tomb of her deceased husband, and being asked the cause of so singular a mode of howing her grief, accounted for it by saying that he had made her promise not to marry again while the mortar of his tomb remained damp; and as it be obtained by ploughing and re-seeding. know it? Take a cut across the fields, dried but slowly, she saw no harm in ESTABLISHED 1793. aiding the operation.

> Two captains agreed to share their prizes, and met weekly to give an actain A. signalized Captain B.: "I have and all hands stood on tiptoe of expec- MILLER & HOST, "If I were not too lazy, I would help tation. "Physic," was the pithy reply

question: "How is it that white sheep for surplus funds.—R. W. Mathewson, his other baskets. But no, there he was, for awhile, he said: "The reason is, bein Country Gentleman."

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