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Miscellaneous.

A LETTER.

[Read this first as it is, and then read every other line. Quite a difference will be apparent.]

I cannot be satisfied, my dearest friend! Blest as I am in the matrimonial state, Unless I pour into your friendly bosom, Which has ever been in union with mine, The various sensations which well With the liveliest emotions of pleasure, My almost bursting heart. Tell my dear Husband is the most amiable of men. I have now been married seven weeks, and Have never found the least reason to Repent the day that joined us. He is Both in person and manners far from resembling.

Ugly, cross, old, disagreeable, and jealous, Master, who think by confining to secure? A wife it is his maxim to treat as a Room friend—and not as a Play thing, or mortal slave, the women Of his choice—neither party,

He says, should always obey implicitly; but each should yield to the other by turns. An ancient maid aye near seventy, A cheerful, venerable, and pleasant old lady, Lives in the house with us; she is the light of both young and old; she is civil to all the neighborhood round, Generous and charitable to the poor; I am convinced my husband likes nothing more.

Than he does me; he abhors me more Than the glass, and his intoxication! (For as I must call the excess of his love) Then make me blushing for the unworthiness Of the object, and I wish could be more degrading.

of the man whose name I bear—to

Say all in one word—and to

Covet the whole—my former lover!

Is now my indulgent husband, my fondness is returned, and I might have had

A prince, without the felicity I find in

Him. Adieu, may you be as blessed as I am—

Alas to wish that I could be more Happy!

Lost in the Woods of Sullivan County

Robert Gray and Frank Grattan, two young men of Waverly, Luzerne county, went recently to the Sullivan county deer hunting. Last Monday Mr. Gray shot a deer and finding the track of another he followed it up, and late in the afternoon succeeded in bringing down a fine buck. He then attempted to retrace his steps, but darkness coming on he became bewildered and wandered several times around a swamp. At last, being tired, he found the hollow trunk of a tree, and lying down in it slept for some time. When he awoke his feet, which he became wet in his wanderings through the swamp, were so benumbed that he could scarcely walk. All day Tuesday and the greater part of Tuesday night he continued to wander about the woods, and on Wednesday no sign of civilization was to be found.

Wednesday afternoon he heard the report of a gun, and he tried to discharge his piece, but the powder had become damp and his efforts were futile. During his travel through the swamp he had lost all of his ammunition and he had no means of making a noise. Wednesday night he slept but little and on Thursday morning he was nearly exhausted. He had eaten nothing since Monday except the buds which he had taken from the trees, and was no longer able to walk erect. During the greater part of Thursday he crawled about on his hands and knees, but in the afternoon he became aware of his friends, who for three days had been scrounging the woods in search of him. He sat back a feeble shoo and finally succeeded in attracting the attention of the searchers. He was conveyed home in a critical condition, but receiving kind treatment soon began to revive and is now almost entirely recovered. He will not, however, soon forget his adventures in the forest of Sullivan county.—*Sullivan Free Press*.

Large and Small Farming.

Western farmers, and the master of the farmers in all parts of our country will do well to study the interesting statistics of French fencing which General Butler brings before the Fair assembly in this city.

A great part of the trouble which now oppresses the agricultural industries of our country grows out of indebtedness incurred during the inflation period under Grant's administration, from 1869 to 1878. This indebtedness was incurred in order to increase the size of farms. It was not incurred to buy land of different quality than that already under cultivation, but to buy more of the same quality.

If the farmers had been able to pay for their new purchases out of accumulated earnings the purchases might have been more easily justified, but payment was as a rule chiefly made out of cash in the forms of bonds and mortgages, and this, too, at prices enormously inflated by Republican financiers. Much of this indebtedness is now maturing; the farmers have not the wherewithal to pay the debt, and if the land purchased is sold under foreclosure it will not bring anything near the purchase price. Where the principal of the debt is not yet due the farmer is weighed down by the necessity of paying the highest rates of interest which in inflation time he inequitably promised to pay.

Two things, therefore, have brought the farmer into his present difficulties. One of his own greed for more land and big farm, when his little farm was enough, as General Butler so clearly explained, and the other was the misleading influence of government paper money not based either on gold in the treasury vaults or on any other sort of capital. Under the operation of both of these causes many large farms of the West have found themselves loaded with huge farms which are two large to be efficiently and economically managed by the owners even if the owners were free from debt. It is perhaps natural that farmers in this unfortunate condition should think that a hair of the "paper" dog which bit them will affect a cure, and should therefore pray for more government paper to be issued under our pretenses or another. But General Butler truly tells them that the farmers of France have discovered that it is in small farms and not in large farms that the true philosopher's stone of agriculture is to be found. He might have added, and he should have added, that more government paper, unless depreciated, could not benefit the indebted farmers, because the same quantity of wheat must be given to obtain the new dollar of paper, so long as it is undepreciated as to obtain a new dollar of gold.

On the other hand, if the new paper is depreciated below gold, the farmer may get two paper dollars for a bushel of wheat, or the laborer for a day of his toil, instead of one gold dollar; but neither the farmer nor the laborer would be any better off for this, because the farmer would be obliged to pay a double price in paper to produce the wheat, and the laborer a double price in paper for everything needed to sustain himself and keep his family in comfort. General Butler touched a very keen question when he called attention to the perils of great holdings of land in a single hand.—N. Y. World.

Useful to Know.

WORMS AT THE ROOTS OF PLANTS.—To exterminate worms at the roots of plants sprinkle out the rags or flues of turpentine over the top of the ground, and it will cause the worms to crawl off.

JOHNSY CAKES IN CUPS.—Three cups of Indian meal, one cup of wheat flour, three cups of thin milk, two tablespoons of shortening, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of soda, bake in quick oven twenty minutes.

To TAKE RUST OUT OF STEEL.—Place it in a cloth containing kerosene oil, or wrap steel in a soft cloth well saturated with kerosene; let it stand twenty-four hours or longer; then scour the rusty spots with brick dust. If badly rusted use salt with hot vinegar; after scouring rinse every particle of brick dust and salt off with boiling hot water; dry, then polish off with a clean flannel cloth and a little sweet oil.

GUMBO.—The best gumbo is made with chicken, though veal and other meats sometimes used, and is merely a stew made by the use of an abundance of okra pods. Gumbo soup is any soup to which sufficient okra is added to give it the desired thickness. The young and tender pods are liked by many, but they are rather too gamy for those who have not become accustomed to them. A dish made of the okra pods and tomatoes stews together is also popular.

TESTIMONIAL.—*Mr. J. H. STEVENSON, of Philadelphia, writing to the Columbian, says:* "A woman, about two years my senior, who had been a widow for ten years, was recommended by her doctor, went to the different hospitals where she was possessed with only temporary relief. Her life was miserable. We applied Dr. G. L. Edmunds' Remedy, and she was soon well again."

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SHREWD KNAP.—*Carrots, parsnips, turnips, onions, etc., are good for the kidneys, and especially for the liver, but those who have weak livers will not be able to bear them. In desperation I tried giving them to old people, and they were much wiser than myself.*

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