

SUBJECTS FOR THOUGHT.

Subtlety may deceive you; integrity never will.

It is a strange desire which men have to seek power and lose liberty.

A little plot of ground thick sown is better than a great field which, for the most part of it, lies fallow.

How soon the millennium would come if the good things people intended to do to-morrow were only done to-day.

'Tis pedantry to estimate nations by the census, or by square miles of land, or other than by their importance to the mind of the time.

How much trouble he avoids who does not look to see what his neighbor says, or does, or thinks; but only to what he does himself, that it may be just and pure.

There are some vain persons, that whatever goeth alone, or moveth upon greater means, if they have never so little hand in it, they think it is they that carry it.

Whoso neglects a thing which he suspects he ought to do because it seems to him so small a thing is deceiving himself; it is not too little, but too great for him, that he doeth it not.

He who writes himself martyr by his own inscription is like an ill-painter who, by writing on a shapeless picture which he hath drawn, is fain to tell passengers what shape it is, which else no one could imagine.

If he who has little wit needs a master to inform his stupidity, he who has much frequently needs ten to keep in check his worldly wisdom, which might otherwise, like a high mettled charger, toss him to the ground.

I pray you with all earnestness to prove, and know within your hearts, that all things lovely and righteous are possible for those who believe in their possibilities, and who determine that, for their part, they will make every day's work contribute to them.

The color of our whole life is generally such as the three or four years in which we are our own masters make it. Then it is that we may be said to shape our own destiny, and to treasure up for ourselves a series of future successes or disappointments.

Love works for work's sake; learn the poetry of commonplace things; live and love with enthusiasm; do not go through the world as if you had no backbone nor any blood in your veins; carry heaven along with you, and share it with every one with whom you come in contact, for that is the only way we can truly possess it. Evil is not a fixed quality. It can be conquered if every one will resist it and fight it. The noble life is loving, unselfish, loyal and just.

I have hardly ever observed the married condition unhappy, but from want of judgment or temper in the man. The truth is we generally make love in a style and with sentiments very unfit for ordinary life; they are half theatrical, half romantic. By this means we raise our imaginations to what is not to be expected in human life; and because we did not beforehand think of the creature we are enamored of as subject to dishonor, age, sickness, impatience or silliness, but altogether considered her as the object of joy, human nature itself is often imputed to her as her particular imperfection or defect.

SAUCY SCIZZORINGS.

The fare-dealer admits raw material free.

It was stated in the obituary of a Western man that he "was forty-three times in love."

What is it that you call for in any restaurant, and never fail to have it brought directly? The check.

Did the man who plowed the seas, and afterwards planted his foot upon native soil, ever harvest his crops?

"Wills, and How Not to Make Them," the title of a work just published in England, has a fine circumlocution office sound.

Of a miserly man who died of softening of the brain, a local paper said: "His head gave way, but his hand never did. His brain softened, but his heart couldn't."

A Chicago boniface says that in many of the hotels a guest has become so rare that when one registers they attach a little bell to him for fear of his getting lost.

It is true that baked beans, coffee and cakes make a good meal for a poor man, at an expense of only twenty cents, but the question is, has he the twenty cents?

An Illinois man has been amusing himself lately by advertising an infallible cure for drunkenness for one dollar, and sends in reply this prescription: "Drink nothing but water."

The Amherst professor of rhetoric says that one must not say "collect a bill," but "collect the money." We would like to see the professor do either in this vicinity, observes the Lowell Courier.

BALZAC'S MASTERPIECES.

Not to succeed is social high treason. Wealth has never lost the slightest occasion to show its stupidity.

Respect is a safeguard which protects both great and small alike.

Perfect physical beauty is almost always accompanied by coldness or stupidity.

We can cauterize a wound, but we know no remedy for the hurt produced by words.

Intellect is the lever which moves the world; but the fulcrum of intellect is money.

The sentiment which men find most difficult to bear is pity, especially when they receive it.

Flattery never emanates from great souls. It is an attribute of small minds, who thus still further belittle themselves by entering into the vital heart of the persons about whom they flatter.

Not to know is not merely a lack of education; it is a mark of contempt. Financial expediency is accepted with a good grace from a noted man, it is not so from a noted man, it is not so from a noted man, it is not so from a noted man.

Some intelligent husbands never help their wives to meet the grocery bill. -Baltimore News.

ABOUT THE FARM.

Hints of Practical Use to the Agriculturist.

Prof. A. J. Cook criticises some of the published formulae for kerosene emulsion as unavailable in case of "hard" water.

Keep the poultry house clean and in good sanitary condition. Otherwise there is no profit in the business, for loss by disease overbalances the income.

It is not the old tool or machine that deserves to be thrown away, but the worn-out one; and it may not be in the last state, even if old; it all depends on the care it has received.

Fences are a necessary evil to be dispensed with if possible, and to be made as inconspicuous as possible if you must have them. No dooryard was ever inclosed with a paling fence without marring its beauty.

To be sure there are apple trees on most farms, but apples are but one kind of fruit, and there is not one bush of pears, cherries or plums—not to mention grapes and berries—grown where there ought to be one hundred, could be too, with but little effort.

Fowls that have some age on them are made tenderer and the flesh more juicy by being kept confined in close clean quarters for two or three weeks before being killed, and having nothing to eat but corn and pure water. Chicks should be confined the same way and with the same food, but a week is sufficient, if they are in good order when shut up.

In addition to the use of the Bordeaux mixture in the vine yard and potato fields it has been generally used in the fruit garden and propagated pit as a fungicide. It has proved especially valuable in checking the ravages of the red rust of the blackberry and the leaf blight of the cherry. It has also been successfully used in preventing the leaf blight of violets.

One reason for the passing of the pumpkin is the introduction of improved varieties of squashes, fine in grain, choice in flavor, and with long keeping qualities. Another reason may be that the vines of the pumpkin, which is a rampant runner, interfere considerably with the late cultivation of any crop with which it is planted.

Farmers frequently overstock themselves with sheep, and then complain that they do not pay. They will not thrive if crowded, and this is a primary cause of disease. The aim should be to keep a small flock of good blood, and give these good feed, good shelter and wise care. This will insure more and better wool and mutton than a larger flock kept under poorer conditions.

Skim milk is too little valued as an accessory for stock feeding. Chemically considered, it contains all the elements necessary for the support of life and rebuilding the tissue. Young animals especially will use it to great advantage in combination with other foods, and there should be plenty of such kept on every dairy farm, so that this by-product could be employed to the fullest extent to supplement the profit.

The popular taste for yellow butter comes from the fact that the butter made when cows are pasturing on clover takes the color naturally, and usually has no superior in quality, though it may be equalled. Yellow butter has become the standard, and hence white or pale butter is regarded with disfavor. But, fortunately, the coloring matter so much used to give fall or winter butter the popular color is perfectly harmless, and something like a "fad" can be gratified without a particle of danger.

It is not uncommon for some of the mutton breeds of sheep to produce and rear twin lambs, and occasionally a triplet. The English Farmers' Gazette, reports that a Nottinghamshire breeder of Dorset horned sheep had one ewe that produced four lambs the second of last January. Three of these she reared, and the fourth was given to another ewe. The four lambs were sold fat at ten dollars each. The same ewe has just dropped four more lambs which will be fattened as the others were. The lambs were sired by a Shropshire ram.

It is hard to get Flint corn to yield bushel for bushel of shelled grain as it comes in the ear. The eight-rowed kinds will do it if the neck of the cob is not too long and thick and the ear is well filled to its tips. But the downy-grained Western Dent corn ought always to yield a bushel of grain for one of ears. If it does not it is a sign that the variety has a thick cob and is too late maturing to be of much value. Some of the earlier Dent varieties have very deep grains, and a cob so small that a bushel of ears will make considerably more than a bushel of shelled grain.

The Roots of Fruit Trees.

While fruit growers are aware now that the roots of trees and plants extend to great distance, still it is difficult to break away from the old habit of manuring about the trunks, trusting that somehow or other the fertilizer will be appropriated, and fearing that if spread broadcast it may some way become lost. It will be found difficult to place manure in an orchard or vineyard where the plants will not reach it, and if properly spread will not be lost. Should it sink into the subsoil the roots will follow it and bring it back by the ear, as a teacher would a trunk schoolboy. We have observed the roots of apple trees in sand pits extending downwards ten feet. We recently followed the roots of an old grape vine twenty feet under the location of a defunct building. When we stopped digging, the roots were as large as a little finger, were four feet beneath the surface, and probably extended ten feet further. A pile of manure about the base of this vine would have done but little good. Knowing the extent and habit of root growth, it is apparent that cultivation close about the trunks of the trees or vines is not necessary; and is often productive of more harm than good in marring and breaking besides tempting profanity on the part of the plowman.

Nests of Sawdust.

To prevent hens from scratching their nests make the nests of sawdust. Do not have the boxes too large—only long enough for two nests with a partition. Place a little hay on the sawdust until the hens get accustomed to it; also sulphur, to prevent vermin.

Lord Rosebery may be a good man, but he is not a "Grand Old Man."

Strawberries are in the market in New York at a dollar a basket, but you can get better ones later for fifteen cents.

Yachting rather than racing bids fair to become the "sport of kings," now that Emperor William, the Prince of Wales, the Czar and a number of German princelings have taken seriously to it. The three English royal yachts cost taxpayers in repairs alone \$90,000 last year.

The Navy Department has received in the last year some curious devices for figureheads for our new warships. Most of them are thrown aside and others returned to the senders with letters stating that the department employs an expert who has no equal in the world for carving eagles and coats of arms of different States.

Those laboring men at Boston who want the State to build factories to give them work should emigrate to Russia, where the Government runs extensive industries—in Siberia. A government possessing such power as these men call for would be a tyranny, and tyrants make Siberias for workmen.

During last week three batches of Continental currency were presented to the Treasury Department for redemption. The currency was, of course, returned to the owners, as by law such currency, even if it was genuine, has no money value. At the close of the Revolutionary war, Continental currency was worth \$1 in specie for \$1,000 of Continental money. This money was extensively counterfeited by order of the British Government, in its efforts to destroy the credit of the Continental Government.

Supt. Stump, of the Bureau of Immigration, Treasury Department, has received an official denial from the Russian Government that that Government is aiding Russian Hebrews to come to the United States. Many of such immigrants, however, are coming into this country, Mr. Stump says, and many of these come from the Argentine Republic, South America, where a few years ago the colonization of Hebrews from Russia was undertaken under the auspices of the managers of the Baron Hirsch fund. The country selected in the Argentine Republic proved sterile, so as fast as possible the Hebrews were sent away, and many of them have come into the United States in the capacity of assisted immigrants.

An interesting example to the Presidents of all republics will be set by the President of Brazil if he shall justify the reports that he is about to resign his office on account of the unpopularity of his policy, and for the sake of peace and in the interest of his country. Yet Brazil is not distracted over the Hawaiian question, or the Wilson bill, or the state of the Treasury, or the prostration of industry, or income taxation, or the perversion of the Democratic party. If President Peixoto feels that he ought to leave his office after last week's elections, let him think what he would have done if they had given results like that of the election recently held in Pennsylvania.

GLADSTONE AND THE LORDS.

The most audacious, plucky and surprising speech ever delivered in the House of Commons was the one delivered by Mr. Gladstone. The speech was a declaration of war against the House of Lords, and the remarks of the Premier were decidedly revolutionary as regards them. He says the Crown should and must appeal from the Lords to the people, and he wants the House of Lords to be so tied up in the near future that it cannot veto any measure passed by the House of Commons. Gladstone is right, but how he can give success to that right is difficult to understand. The speech made by the "Grand Old Man" will have a wider reading than any speech he ever delivered. To abolish the House of Lords is the first step in the great drama which will convert Great Britain into a republic of five States, England, India, Scotland, Canada and Australia. The end is not yet. What must be will be. The initial step has been taken by Gladstone, and the future will decide whether the greatest man England ever saw is right or not.

A French author, by name Marius Bernard, has written a savage book, entitled "Au Pays des Dollars." He describes New York as seen from the bay as some great monster burning with an inward fire, belching out clouds of smoke. Once entered he has eyes only for the dirt and disorder of the streets, words only for the discomfort of the fourth or fifth class hotel his economy or his bad taste directed him to choose. There he sees nothing but fire-escapes; from fire-escape to fire-escape he flees distracted and sleeps in a terror of being burned in his bed in a nightmare of ladders and fire-extinguishers and dynamite. He wanders in the streets on Sundays and finds no café; he demands of a policeman where the museum is. "Museum!" repeats the man of the law, who looks at him as he would look at an inhabitant of the moon fallen suddenly at his feet; "Museum!" This is to indicate that New York has no museum. In the street cars young ladies sit upon his knees without invitation and he flees breathless with terror to the sidewalk. He cannot walk upon the streets without enormous icicles falling upon his head, or being saved from falling into some subterranean cave by the strong arm of the policeman. And he calls this description truth.

Advertisement for BROWNING, KING & CO. featuring an illustration of a man on a horse. Text includes 'IT'S SURPRISING how far a dollar will go in the buying of Men's and Boys' SPRING CLOTHES.' and '910-912 CHESTNUT STREET. PHILADELPHIA'.

Advertisement for The Bloomsburg Steam Dye Works. Text includes 'on West St. between 2nd and 3rd, are now prepared to do all kinds of Mens' Suits, Ladies' Dresses and Coats, Shawls, and every description of wearing apparel.' and 'Goods sent by express should be addressed Bloomsburg Steam Dye Works.'

Large advertisement for agricultural machinery. Text includes 'Plows! Harrows! Corn Planters! Cultivators.' and 'D. W. KITCHEN, BLOOMSBURG, - Penna.'

Advertisement for 'FREE TRIALS' and 'Prof. HARRIS' PASTILLE'. Includes an illustration of a medicine bottle and text describing the benefits of the medicine for various ailments.

Advertisement for THOMAS GORREY, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER. Text includes 'Plans and Estimates on all kinds of buildings. Repairing and carpenter work promptly attended to.' and 'PATENTS'.

Advertisement for J. R. SMITH & Co. LIMITED. Text includes 'MILTON, Pa., PIANOS.' and 'Can also furnish any of the cheaper makes at manufacturers' prices.'

Advertisement for ELY'S CATARRH CREAM BALM. Text includes 'Cleans the Nasal Passages, Allays Pain and Inflammation, Heals the Sores.' and 'TRY THE CURE HAY-FEVER'.

Advertisement for PATENTS. Text includes 'CAN I OBTAIN A PATENT?' and 'The HARRIS REMEDY CO., Mfg. Chemists'.

Advertisement for CROWN ACME. Text includes 'The Best Burning Oil That Can be Made From Petroleum.' and 'It gives a brilliant light. It will not smoke the chimneys.'

Advertisement for ELECTRIC TELEPHONE. Text includes 'Sold outright, no rent, no royalty.' and 'W. P. Harrison & Co., 112-114 N. C. & Co.'

Advertisement for PATENTS. Text includes 'CAN I OBTAIN A PATENT?' and 'The HARRIS REMEDY CO., Mfg. Chemists'.

Advertisement for The Best Oil. Text includes 'The Best Oil IN THE WORLD. ASK YOUR DEALER FOR CROWN - ACME' and 'The Atlantic Refining Co., BLOOMSBURG STATION, BLOOMSBURG PA.'