

Consider the Ravens.

Lord, according to Thy words, I have considered Thy birds; And I find their life good; And better than I have understood; Sowing neither corn or wheat; They have all they can sow; Recaping no more than they sow; They have all they can stow; Having neither barn nor store; Hungry again, they eat more.

LOSING HER HOLD.

The schoolmaster and his wife, after morning meeting was over, took their way down Prout's Lane and across the hill homeward. The path was narrow; the dominie walked first. He made a remark at long intervals to his wife behind him, but without looking back: "Squire, watch your step. Reckon his lumbago's worse?" "S'likely."

hair in a wisp, and wore the gentle bonnets proper to old age. The work of life, she held, was finished for her and Daniel. They had paid for the farm, so that when one died the other was sure of maintenance; the farm and house were in perfect order, the cemetery lot was bought. The money for the monument was a kind of frilling embroidery on this perfected life, the handsome flourish to the signature which closed the deed.

LIGHTNING'S FEARS.

Some Very Peculiar Instances of its Effects on the Body. Berzen D. Newell, a grocer of Plainfield, N. J., while pulling up his awning during a severe thunder storm in June, received a stroke of lightning that very nearly killed him. He was completely paralyzed for several hours, and was not able to speak or make any sort of motion. His shoes were torn from his feet, though his feet gave no evidence of the visit of the mysterious fluid. There were a few slight burns on his body. Though he was paralyzed he retained entire possession of his faculties, and can describe the sensation he experienced as life came back to his benumbed limbs. He thinks he might have been unconscious for a second, because he has no recollection of falling. On the other hand, he saw the clerk in his store running to his assistance. Inasmuch as the clerk saw him fall and ran immediately to his aid, it would seem that the period of unconsciousness must have been very short indeed.

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My eyes were wide open," said he, "and I was not able to close them. I could see and hear and understand everything, but could not move or talk. At first my body seemed absolutely devoid of any feeling whatever, then, as the treatment to which the doctors subjected me began to have effect, I became conscious first of a feeling of numbness, which gradually became a painfulness, until finally my entire body seemed worn away to the very bones. I felt like that which accompanies inflammatory rheumatism. When the pain was most intense my muscles began to have involuntary motion, a sort of twitching much like that of St. Vitus's dance. Very shortly after that I began to get control of my muscles myself, and motion became gradually easier to me. All this occupied probably an hour or more of the time."

LIGHTNING'S FEARS.

Five years ago Mrs. William Baxter of Milford, Conn., was struck by lightning during a sudden afternoon storm, while she was in the act of closing a window to prevent the rain from driving in. The fluid first struck the corner of the frame dwelling and tore off the clapboards in a straight line toward the open window. It then prostrated Mrs. Baxter, and ran along two sides of the bedroom to the chimney following the brickwork to the kitchen below, where iron pots and kettles were scattered over the floor and the stove upset.

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He realized that it was time for action. He lost no time in dragging the forms of the unfortunates out of the doomed house. His oldest sister was the next to be covered from the shock, and she was sent for help. Neighbors hurried to the scene, and set about to extinguish the flames. This done, they all turned their attention to the unfortunates and still unconscious victims. Mrs. Adams had recovered in the meantime, but she showed every sign of insanity, and it was by main force she was kept from rushing into the burning building. The youngest sister was killed outright.

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Mr. Brown was so badly injured that he died the following morning. His flesh was torn into shreds, and in many places the bone was exposed. Mr. Adams was badly burned, but recovered. For weeks Mr. Adams was a raving maniac, one moment laughing, the next groaning and writhing in the most intense pain. By careful nursing she was brought back to herself. Lightning recently struck a tree at Danbury, Conn., near which stood a little girl 11 years of age. The shock caused the girl to spin around like a top. A man who was passing ran and caught her as she was falling to the ground. She was carried into the house and soon recovered. She claims she felt as if 1,000 needles were pricking her, then felt no more until she recovered. Her parents say she has never been as bright or intelligent since the shock.

LIGHTNING'S FEARS.

Several years ago, in a small Massachusetts town, Thomas Taylor was standing on the porch of the house of James Acton. The latter was leaning against the side of the open door. They were watching the approach of a thunder storm. Acton was struck by lightning and instantly killed, while Taylor was only benumbed and rendered unconscious. He remained in that unconscious condition for several days, but recovered after many months of suffering. He said: "I had no idea what struck me, and had no feeling whatever for four days, I was not conscious of anything. I was told that when found my clothes were torn and considerably burned. My hair before the shock was light brown. Now, as you see, it is as white as that of an old man of 80 years."

LIGHTNING'S FEARS.

THE PROVOKING OFFICE BOY. The Bad Qualities of one Member of the Tribe Exposed. In one of the biggest law offices in this city there is employed a little, pale-faced boy whose bright eyes are forever on the alert to detect something. He doesn't care much what it is so that it violates some of the rules laid down by his employers or seems to him to be wrong and needs of correction. His contempt for wealth and power is his contempt for the rules by a famous man and chide him as quickly as though he were the poorest client on the list of his employers. His little desk is near the entrance, and here he sits throughout the day with his feet in his hands and his eyes fixed upon some bloody trail of hairbreadth escapes. But his wit is always on edge and the fall of the lightest footstep without causes him to prick up his ears and listen with every fibre of his body. When the person enters he asks: "Who did you wish to see?" "Mr. —" "What did you wish to see him about?" "I will tell him."

FASHION NOTES.

The season is waning. Very soon all costumes of batiste, foulard India must be laid aside. A few new graceful and fanciful shaped hats are seen, the most conspicuous is a broad, square flat in Italian straw, fancifully turned up, draped and crumpled, black velvet around the crown and a garland of white velvet edgeweaves with hearts of gold, a dainty wreath, spreading its pretty flowers of remembrance and fidelity, is placed upon the slope of the brim in front. More graceful, more elegant and fresher there is however, in this head-dress a resemblance to that of the belles of the "Frasquerie." A dress which accompanies this hat, is a nothing, trifle, in banana colored batiste figured with daisies and thistles. Very light and simple, it is gathered over a light and clean, it is gathered over a large reverse on the corsage, covered with fine silk embroidery to match the color of the skirt. A long rose colored ribbon surrounds the waist and falls upon the side of the skirt. The sleeve is slightly puffed and held in the center by fine plaits. In the hand is the red basket called "cette fleur," the red basket called "cette fleur," all these things are light robes, all these things are light robes, all these things are light robes, all these things are light robes.

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One is in dahlia taffetas of a fine shade with which are mingled other tints admirably blended. On the bottom of this skirt is a great ruche made of seven or eight ruffles graduated in width and shades, from the lightest to the darkest. In this elegant garment will not be seen tints from the rose mauve to the redish violet. Then there is the pretty "Nonnain in Scabiuse" surah, accordeon plaited, the plaits fine and close, opening and closing with the appearance of velvet. Three rows of Chantilly insertion at the bottom separates the surah. We see others, also without number in old brocade with strange flowers, and flounces of lace draped with knots of ribbon of charming shade. All are little treasures, especially the "maignon," skirt of white surah covered with silk muslin interwoven with narrow ribbon of "moire" or "faulle." Such a bewildering array of luxurious garments has certainly never been seen before. We have eyes, in these days, only for the most ultra-elegant robes and hats, and as there are among our readers, many, like ourselves, they cease themselves gladly to what we can direct them, but we tremble when we think of the many others who will accuse us of tempting them to indulge in useless luxury and expense. FELIX LESLIE.

HORSE NOTES.

Doylestown races will be held on October 1, 2, 3 and 4. The classes range from 2.24 to 4.00. —Guy trotted in 2.12 over the new Queen City Driving Club track at Cincinnati on Thursday September 12th. —Among the latest bets on the National Stallion race, to be decided at Boston, September 18, is \$1000 to \$500 against Alcyon. —Trenton has added a 2.25 trotting race for a \$500 purse to the programme for decision on September 30th and following days. —Sunol trotted in 2.16 1/2 for the Occident Stakes at Sacramento on Thursday September 12th. She was allowed a walkover by the default of the other nominations. —Mr. George H. Engeman visited Brighton Beach Race Course on Thursday September 12th, and reported that \$500 would repair the damage done by the storm. —It was almost finally decided at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Hudson Driving Park to have trotting races in the month of October. —Prizes amounting to \$20,000 will be awarded at the forty-third annual fair at Mount Holly, N. J., on October 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. —The pacer Charley Friel, purchased at the Fasig sale for \$295, reduced his record from 2.16 1/2 to 2.15 1/2 over a half-mile track at Delaware, O., recently. —Orflamme and Hanover are the most successful horses on the turf that have undergone the trying operation of nerving. The former was never faster than at present. —The following Danville (Ky.) horses have beat 2.30 this season for the first time: Don Pizarro, 2.15; Gertie Harkaway, 2.26; Mambrino Maid, 2.23, and S. G. Boyle's Egberta. —Miller & Sibley, of Franklin, Pa., have sold the stallion Elector, record 2.24, by Electioneer, to the Springfield (Ill.) Stock Farm, for \$75.00. —Henry W. Genet died recently at New York. He was an admirer of the trotting horse and owned the black gelding General Butler, which was famous in its day. —For the first time in many years Utica "failed to connect" with the Grand Circuit. The track in the Genesee Valley is virtually a thing of the past and will live only in tradition. —The chestnut mare Donna, foaled 1885, by Mambrino Patchen, dam Sunnyside, by Richelleu, broke her leg while running in the pasture recently and will probably have to be destroyed. —Mambrino Maid, the 4-year-old daughter of Mambrino Starke, broodmare of Majolica, 2.15, made a record of 2.23 in the Phoenix Hotel Stakes at the Lexington Fair, recently. —Czarina, daughter of Dolly, entered the 2.30 list at Chicago. This makes the fourth representative, the others being Director, 2.17; Thorndale, 2.21, and Onward 2.25. —W. H. Wilson, of Abdallah Park, Cynthia, Ky., has purchased from Edwin D. Bither, Racine, Wis., the bay 5-year-old stallion Laymond, sired by Simmons, 2.28, dam Lady Raymond, by Carlisle. —Bentoneer, bay stallion, by General Benton, dam Guess by Electioneer, owned by William Diston, of Philadelphia, took first premium at the Wilmington Fair for the slow class for stallions between 4 and 5 years old. —A R. Mook has a 2-year-old filly by King Almont, dam the dam of Prince Wilkes, 2.14, which he gave \$4500 for last year. Crit Davis has her in charge, and she promises to go as fast as the renowned Prince. —The Southern Hotel stakes of \$10,000 for horses with records not better than 2.25 on April 15 will be trotted at St. Louis on Thursday, October 3. The horses named to start are Lambert Harry Noble, Dixie V., Robert Rydyk, Reference, A. Colby, Hendrix, Norval, Greenlander and Geneva. —Joe Hoeker, a promising 3-year-old of unknown breeding owned by Cincinnati parties, dropped dead in a race at the Lexington (Ky.) fair grounds. He was in the 2.25 class race, which was won by Nancy Hanks. Best time—26. Hoeker went a mile in his work in 2.25 a few days since. —Moonstone, the yearling filly that Mr. Wilson, of Cynthia, Ky., sold to Mr. Ashbrook, of the same place, some time ago for \$2500, was left to be trained at Abdallah Park, and on August 31, at Lexington, she won her race in a jog, and obtained a record of 2.47. She is by Sultan, out of a mare by George Wilkes. —Amy Lee and Marie Jaesen, the two mares that Budd Doble has retired for the season, are related. Marie Jaesen is by Jetterton, son of George Wilkes, out of Dame Tansey. Amy Lee is by Bay Star, the brother of Dame Tansey, out of a mare by Hiatoga. The dam of Marie Jaesen and the sire of Amy Lee are brother and sister. —A daughter of the man who bred and raised Spokane now comes to the front and claims Montana as the home of the famous horse. She laughs at the "ozone of the Rockies" and the "morning tapes," spokeroof, etc., ideas, and says the horse never crossed the mountains but once, and then when a 2-year-old. —At the close of the receipt meeting at Westchester, Mr. Belmont still remained at the head of the list of winning owners, being credited thus far this season with \$97,000, followed by the Dwyer Bros., with \$89,000, J. B. Haggin with \$88,000, J. A. & A. H. Morris with \$54,000, Theodore Winters with \$51,000, and A. J. Cassatt with \$48,000. —Exile illustrates what management will do. He has run only three times this year, but has won some \$13,000 in stakes. Probably there are hundreds of horses which would be as good as he if they were managed as he is. He is never raced often, and it shows any soreness he is stopped. Like his sire, Mortemer, he seems a better horse the older he grows. Beware of those who are homeless from choice. Friendship gives no privilege to make ourselves disagreeable.