It comes to meet the in silence,
When the firelight sputers low—
When the black, neer the shadows
Seem wraiths for the long ago;
Always with a thoo of head-ache
That thrill each pulsive vein
Comes the old, unquiet longing
For the peace of home again For the peace of nome again.

I'm sic of the roar of cities.
And of faces cold and strange;
I know where t'ere's warmth of welcome,
And my yearning fancies range
Back to the ear old homestead,
With an aching sense of in,
But there'll be joy in the coming,
When I go home again.

When I to home again! There's music 'that may ne er die away,
And it seems the hand of angels,
On a mystic harp, at play,
Have touche i wit - a yearning sadness
On a be utiful, broken strain.
To which is my foud heart wording—
Whe I go home again.

Outside of my darkening window
Is the great wor d's crush and lin,
And slowly the autumn shadows
Come driting, drifting h.
Sobbing, the night wind murmu s
To the plash of the autumn rain;
But I dream of the gorious greeting
When I go home ag in.

CACTUS CULTURE.

We have received from A. Blanc, of Philad lphia, a most interesting lit le book, "Hints on Cacti," which will be found both am sing and instructive to all who love plants.

The great Western and Mexican, plateaus are the home of the cactus family, and it is in this land of lost races, rock-dwe lings, ancient pueblos and ramiess plains that they are found in their pertection. Imagine the everlasting mountains standing sombre and alone lit by the gorgeous co ors of a Western suns t; at their feet long stretch s of white and yellow sands are lost in the magnificent distance, while the giant Cereus and Opuntias rise in sombre majesty relieved by the crimson and gold luxuriance of these flowers of the desert. Both these varieties have a edible fruit, which is made into a sweet conserve by the Indians forming the principal sustenance of certain tribes.

The echino-cactus rises in large cushion-like masses covered with clusters of strong spines, those of E. Wislizenie, being bent like a fish-hook at the end and used by the Indians to catch fish. These immense bristling mosses are sometimes called "Stools of Repenta ce" by the westerners, and many stories are told of persons coming to grief by them, either accidentally or as a means of disciplining, when a lot of genial cowboys wish to enforce some needed lesson upon a refractory "tender-foot,"

The writer of the little book in question tell us how he commenced with a nace are thrown open and the house is dozen varieties of cacti on a window- thoroughly warmed before the family shelf, being interested in their curious forms, easy culture and gorgeous flowers. From this the hobby grew until his few varieties became a great collection, admired by all who saw or heard of it, and the "hobby" suddenly developed into an extensive business.

But comparatively few species are known to the general public. One variety of Epiphyllum under the name of "Crab," or "Lobster Claw" cactus is quite commonly cultivated, its handcrimson blossoming in early Summer. One such, not long since, was seen in a window covered with so great a profusion of bloom as could scarcely be

believed without seeing nest" or "pincushion" cactus, are seen, now and then and the delicate little "rice" cactus with bright pink blos-

"Turk's Cap," "Bishop's Hood" or "Pope's Head," is another odd species, but the fowers of some of these sorts are rather disappointing.
"Old Man" (Pilocereus Senil's) with

its long, silken, hair-like filaments, is occasionally cultivated and som times a "prickly pear" (opuntia) or some rarer variety of cactus, but besides these, few know of the value of these curious freaks of n ture, of the ease many uses to which they may be put. A shelf of them makes a neat parl r ornament, even if they never bloom, with less than a quarier the care required by ordinary house plants. A garden by planting the hardier sorts ice. When he is weary and would doze may be made in an ordinary ferne y base which will develop into a "thing

of beauty." An almost infinite variety of curious experiments may be made with them in the way of cutting, grafting and with peace and rest. producing monstrosities of peculiar and fan astic form. Even those who confine their efforts to a few varieties well selected, will derive much pleasure from them.

The "rainbow' cactus (Echinocereus Candicaus; with its symmetrical form, and many colored spines with large and brilliant flowers is one of the most sati-factory sorts for a beginner.

Phyllo cactus superbus albus is one of the very finest specimens for bloom, and is also a desirable sort for an am-

We shall in future articles give further descriptions of these curious plan's with directions for their culture. Our illustrations are kindly furnished us by Mr. Blanc, and we would advise all interested in cactus culture to send 10 cents for his valuable little book. We can assure our readers that the small sum will be well invested.

WORK FOR JUNE.

By this time the seed is mostly sown, the plants and bulbs are out, early flowers from seed sown in the house and the bulbs planted in fa l, have been rewarding us for their care for everal weeks, But the weeds are ready to grow and we find that is now the principal garden work, for the by the action of the weather. It is beds must be kept clean and bright if said that they may be made "waterwe would ave the flowers in their full proof" by immersing in boiling linseed glory. This is the month of ross, and oil, and leaving them in it for a day or it profuse bloom is desired, the flowers two. Then with a cloth rub off all the must never be allowed to wither; pick oil possible, and when the netting is them continually for bouquets, for rose | dried it will last much longer than it jars and for those less-favored with otherwise would. plan will find themselves I ke the personage of whom Bunyan tells us:
"There was a man (though some did count him mad.) The more he cast monia into the affected tooth.

The same treatment is also necessary with the pansy bed, and the sweet peas, If you would have them in luxuriance n ver let them go to seed, but cut con-

tinu llv. Give blossoming plants an orcasional fertil:zing with liquid manure or a hitle top dressing about the roots and water generously.

Nearly al the house plants should now be plunged in the open bor er. This is considerable work, but the stronger growth of the plants will amply repay for the trouble

The Syringa bushes will flower more freely and make stronger growth if dish water and soap sud slops are occasi nally poured about their roots, during the Summer.

A PILLAR OF HOUSE-LEEKS.

Who connot remember seeing a little keg of house-leek covered with its green growth in the back yard of some old-fashioned farm-house, and having our interest excited by it o d name of "hen and chickens," and the queer growth of big and little clusters of green leaves? "Beth Day" in the Housekeeper sug ests a new and picturesq e use for this little plant:

The feigreen house-leek, or old henand-ch caens, as it is variously called, is not us ally considered a very ornamental plant, yet, under certain conditions, it may become a very desirable addition to any lawn or garden. Its low-growing habit makes it available for a variety of purposes, -edging for flower beds, rock work, etc.

It thrives luxuriantly in the thatch of the English cottages, though it is probable that the moist atmosphere enables it to su-tain life there, where in a drier climate it would fail; however, it seems to bear heat, drought St. Petersburg the flowers in the dinand neglect almost with indifference, though it well repays care and atten-

New Ideas in Electricity.

Electricity promises to supplant both chemistry and mechanical methods in freeing metallic ores from dross. A method has lately been discovered by which, by the use of electricity, fron ore can be so softened as to be easily worked. An electrical drilling machine has been invented that will drill a hole round, square or having as many sides as are

wanted. Sugar making by electricity is success fully carried on in Havana. The automatic switch block has been adapted to the regulation of house furnaces. By merely "pressing a button" in one's sleeping apartment the drafts of the fur-

Electrical fireworks will shortly take the place of all other kinds and give us displays as brilliant as nature's own aurora borealis. Wood for paper making is reduced to pulp by electricity, and the pulp is bleached by the same mighty magician. Chlorate of potash is elec-

It has been found that several small some trumpet-like flowers of pink and electric motors are more economical than one large one, and the small ones can be adapted to almost any purpose. A low speed motor has lately been invented whose armature revolutions run A few of the mamillarias, "bird's as low as 350 a minute. This small, low speed motor will give great saving in power. The small electric motor has already been adapted to many uses. By it a man can have a plant in his own house and grounds powerful enough to give him electric illumination. At the same time the plant can be so managed as to furnish power to run a sewing machine, fans, washing machines, etc. Electricity will prove to be man's most useful servant. It will give him light and at the same time turn fans to cool him this hot weather. If a lighting apwith which they are cultivated and the paratus is put into his grounds it can be maintained by the same machinery and will attract and destroy millions of insects that feed upon his garden.

While doing all the other things unique effect may be produced in a named it will give him yet another servin a carpet bed and an in door rockery off to the sound of sweet music he has only to connect the current with a music box, and the tireless wizard will pour into his ear till it ceases to hear and is locked in sleep soft airs that fill the soul

Superstitious Power in Russia.

The most absurd superstitions are rife m Russia. At Serpookhov, near Moscow, an official announcement was rereatly placarded at the street corners. The common people are unable to read. They requested a man, who looked like a priest, to decipher for them the contents of the bill. He unhesitatingly and positively declared that it contained the warning that the city of Serpookhov would be swallowed in the ground. In less than an hour the news spread throughout the place, and the people abundoned their work and began streaming out into the fields in large crowds." All the factories were deserted by the laborers. It was some time before the frightened crowds were restored to reason and to their regular pursuits; but the originator of the trouble could not be found .- London Figure

Waterproof Hammocks.

Hammocks that are allowed to hang out most of the time are soon rotte

flow the Russians Eat.

"The Chaumiere" in Moscow is certainly the most luxurious and elegantly appointed restaurant in Europe. The large dining hall is a huge Winter garden with feathery and blooming mimoso as a background for the exquisitely served tables. In the middle of this unique restaurant-garden is a great marble fountain wherein trout and other delicately-flavored members of the finny tribe swim in deep clear water. When a guest orders a fish for his dinner, he is forthwith conducted by the head butler to this novel aquarium and is requested to select the fish most likely to tempt his fancy.

A long-handled silk net is then given to him and he can, if he pleases, catch his fish with sportsmanlike zest and dexterity, a feat which materially adds to his enjoyment and general appreciation of the dinner he is about to eat. Russians, who are very fond of flowers, do not relish a repast when the table is not one mass of fragrant blossoms, and nowhere else in Europe does one see such gorgeous table decorations as in St. Petersburg or Moscow. Thousands of rubles are often spent for orchids to adorn the board of some wealthy Boyard, and at the dipner given some time ago by Prince Narishkine to the Diplomatic Corps at ing hall cost over 20,000 rubles .-(Kansas City Times.

DRESS COMBINATIONS

Contrast in Colors the Thing to be Do.

Black and white is at all times a fashionable combination, and a striking one. When the dress fabric is black Lyons velvet with white ostrich feath. ers for garniture, this is particularly the case. The skirt, which merely sweeps the floor, is plaited full at the back in single plaits; is slightly draped in front by tiny plaits, laid at the waist line. An elaborate panel of cut jet. embroidery done on white satin decorates one side. The front breadth is trimmed with a deep jetted fringe, falling over a band of white satin. An additional skirt trimming is a band of feathers which extend from side to side. The lecollete bodice is cut pointed back and front, and trimmed with set pieces, V shaped, made of the feathers. Loops of black velvet ribbon and feather tips ornament the shoulders. An aigrette of tips and jet coronet make a suitable decoration for the hair. Long, white gloves and feather fan complete the toilet-Chicago Mail

rhe Seal Skin Industry.

The killing and skinning of the seals s altogether performed by native Aleuts, who are paid 40, cents a skin for their work. From the fat of the scal an oil is obtained which affords a most brilliant and beautiful light. The seal skins are taken to London in their salted state, and are there delivered at an establishment which is one of the two great fur markets of the world, the other being as Leipsic. To these two emporiums all the furs of the world are brought by the producers and sorted out by experts according to quality and colors. Once a year sach of the two great establishments has an auction sale to which fur buyers come from everywhere. All the furs are catalogued, so that a merchant can procure any number of any sort of skins, perfectly matched, without seeing them at all be fore he makes the purchase. . All the seal skins of the world go to the London porium, because nowhere else than in England is the art of preparing them understood. In the British metropolis there are many big factories, employ thousands of workmen, devoted to this industry .- [Washington Star.

Sea Sickness.

A new flicory of sea sickness has peen recently offered by M. Rochet. Accepting the view that the symptoms are those of cerebral auæmf, he accounts for this anxinia by the disorder brought into muscular contractions through not being used to such sudden movements as those of vessels. M. Rochet's advice is not to look to ansesthetics, soothing drugs, &c., for relief, but rather to muscular excitants, and, above all, to seek in involuntary movements a compensation for the reflex movements which are not produced. He recommends strychnine, veratrine, ergot of rye, and drinks charged with carbonic scid .- [Philadelphia Press.

A Curiosity in Accidents.

The possible danger in the wearing of cheap combs and bracelets made of celluloid was most curiously illustrated in Paris. A young girl sat down before the fire to study her lessons. She had on what is called a "crop comb." As she leaned forward, the comb became heated, and burst into flame. and for a long time afterward no hair would grow, as the skin of the head was much injured. Celluloid must be will burn, consequently the danger is that which records our errors. not very great, as few people would be foolish enough to heat their heads boiling point .- [The Ledger.

GRIEFS OF MOTHERS.

The Hard Lot Which Nature Has Assigned to Women.

In Dress-Parade from the Gradle to the Grave, She Has a Trying Time No Matter How You Look At It.

If a man has ten minutes in which to keep an appointment he can jump into his clothes anyhow, run after a car, get there on time and never turn a hair. A woman's hooks won't hook, her buttons won't button, she loses one glove, her hair came out of crimp and she can't even swear at the conductor, says the St. Louis Star-Sayings, who dustry a good estate. wouldn't pull the bell-rope till after she had walked a quarter of a block and partly dislocated her arm that brandished ner umbrella. She is fifteen minutes ate, and the men all speak maledictions under their breath at the woman who 'never can be on time," while the fellow who took a fancy to her on a former occasion discovers that she's a guy with her face flushed and her collar awry. and never looks at her again.

When things go wrong with a man he can neglect his barber for a day or two and forget the brilliantine for his mustache, and grow black and hollow around the optics, and ten to one he will simply seem in female eyes "so Byronic and interesting, you know. But a woman may have a thousand gnawing devils at her heart strings, and she's obliged to put on just so much poudre de riz, and to pull out the gray hairs on her temple, and pinch the wrinkles out between her eyes all the same, or she's handed over to the world by her hundred most intimate friends as "such a wreck, my dear," and the jury on the case, and even her lawyer, begin to find excuses for the

husband. If a man has weary nerves and chumping headache, nothing prevents his coming home and tying a towel about his brows like a Turk, and being as grumpy as one the rest of the eve- happy. ning. But a woman in the same case can only look longingly at her old wrapper, and then go and painfully trade. build up her Psyche knot and an agreeable smile at exactly the right angle, else she will hear that "Hang peop e. it! It's enough to drive a fellow to his club to have an untidy wife lying about on a sofa!" and that "the deuce knows why a woman always manages to look pretty before marriage, and never after."

woman can only sit down and have a unconscious, good cry that is panacea for all her indulgence makes her nose red she but live for it. gives up that satisfaction along with lessly, upon occasions, a carmine pro- thoroughly. boscis produced by causes far less not half a wife and woman if she I all on the finger. shrinks from him on that account.

In fact, being a woman at all is a snare and a delusion.

It sounds very, very nice, but it's awful. A woman isn't even allowed to grow old in peace. Going the course of all nature is just the worst crime she can commit. If she isn't forsakes it pays 100. married, her brothers don't forgive her for it, and if she is married her husband won't.

So there it is; a bore any way you look at it.

Welcott's Story on Tabor.

It is said there was much money spent in the Colorado senatorial campaign. One day a principal of a high school met Tabor in the hall of the legislature. He had in his hand a and yet more arrogant, than man. copy of "Robert Elsmere." He sympathized with Tabor in his critical fight and expressed the hope that he would pull through. He next casually asked the senator what he thought of "Robert Elsmere."

"No good, no good," Tabor replied. "Wolcott bought him up three months ing an honest equivalent for it.

Just Talking.

The other night a policeman on It is easiest to be all things to all next block he saw a man with his head day. what was the matter.

"Robbers around," was the reply. "How do you know?"

"One of 'em kicked on the door and

"That's curious," mused the officer, "I should say it was. There were in his brother's eye, the plainer he will mense reach i. front, great length from woman. She said she'd break every beam in his own. bone in my body if I didn't open the door."

"Come here, please!" called a voice from the house next door, and as the officer reached the steps a woman, standing with her head out of the door, continued:

"It is all right, Mr. Officer. My husband came home ten minutes ago and I was just talking to him. The girl's hair was partly burned off, There are robbers around. - Detroit of a street corner loafer that you will Free Press

> There is not a chapter in the history of bu an nature more instructive, both

pronounce an epigram.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

The end of our life is God. The rule of our life is duty. Noble deeds are held in honor, Thrift is the fuel of magnificence. The best time to think is before you

The obstacles of our life are bad pas

Punctuality is one great element of There is nothing little to the really

great in spirit, The truest joy we have in life is in

making others glad. Diligence is a fair fortune and in

Great powers are useful only as they are made serviceable. The better you live the truer will be

your obituary notice. The debt of nature is one that a man always pays as he goes. Heat not a furnace for your foe so hot

that it do singe yourself. No man can have joy to-day who is worrying about to-morrow. world. It is easier to be virtuous than it is to appear so, and it pays better.

A watch that don't keep correct time is worse than no watch at all. A close mouth calls for few assess ments and pays big dividends.

Truth in the mind is on'y knowledge, but in the life it is power. True economy is the child of wisdom and the mother of independence.

In prosperity the prudent man provides resources against adversity. B tter unborn than untaugh:; for ig-

norance is the root of misfortune. Too much brains is rather a hindrance than a help to a simply business man. People are more apt to make a shield

of their religion than a pruning-hook. The man who has a character that mud will stick to always feels uneasy. Adversity is a jewel that shines brighter in our neighbor's crown than in our

If we had no troubles but our real troubles, nearly everybody would be

Nine men cut of ten will try to cover up the blind eyes in a horse The more ori mality you have in

yourselves the more you see in other Religion is too often cut as the

clothes are-according to the prevailing fashion. The value of a horse depends upon h's being well broke, and this ap, I es to

men a we L A man never expresses so much in It is generally supposed that if a his face as wh n he is trying to appear

Men will wrangle for religion, write woes. But when she finds out that the for it, fight for it, die for it, anything

The chances are that the others. A man may exhibit fear- hates himself has studied himself pretty

Ladies seldom hit the natl on the confessable. but a wife is pronounced head. They are more apt to hit the A mother dreads no memories; those

shadows have all melted away in the dawn of baby's smiles.

The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew it would never be found out. He who simply repents of a sin pays

only 50 cents on a dollar, while he

A good word is an easy obligation; but not to speak ill requires only our si ence, which costs us nothing. Let us be of good cheer, remem'er-

ing that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which pever come. Some men would have better wives if they were not so much atraid to

trust them with a little money. This is only sure, that there is noth-4 cure; and nothing more miserable, Pure gold shines but little, it is

only when it is mixed with alloy that it takes on a glitter and brightness, If women tok as much pains to make nests as they do to weave nets, more husbands would remain lovers.

There is no way of making a permanent success in this world without givthe stable all horses not winning a heat A man never fully realizes the wealth in three i being discussed considerably, of information he doesn't possess till his first child begins to ask questions.

Fourth avenue heard a whistle blown 'men, but it is not honest. Self-respect as a signal, and running down the must be sacrificed every hour of the out of a chamber window and asked Help a man out of a hole orce and he

may forget you when he is out, but he for five days, the pencilers contributed will not fail to call on you the next \$50,000 toward the expenses of the time he falls in. A few books, well studied and thor-

threatened my life if I did not let him oughly digested, nourish the anderstanding more than hundreds but gargled in The more a person hunts for the mote

two of them, and one seemed to be a discover- if he is a man of sense-the h p to the hock, and grand limbs. If you are told that you resemble a

> that you open your mouth. whenever the forger of the lie is not to

be found, the injured parties should exhibit. have a right to come on any of the in-You will find the same look of earnes ness and thoughtfulness on the face

find on the face of a bank Presiden'. There are times in life when the soul,

like a helf-yown climbing vine, hangs bovering tremulously, stretching out

To be courteous does not take much be considerate for others.

HORSE NOTES.

-The great Eclipse stakes will be run at Merris Park.

-It is doubtful if Orrin A, Hickok comes East this season. -The Morris Park Club-house repre-

sents an outlay of \$3(0,000 -Fully 500 trotting and pacing meet-

ings have been arranged for. -Tea Tray is taking salt water bathing for the benefit of his health.

-The bookmakers got most of the money at the Latonia meeting. -Teuton is not likely to be in con-

dition to start before fall, even if then, -Theodore Winters' stable is in quarters at the St. Louis Fair grounds. - Racing at Gloucester has commenced and will continue indefinitely.

run one mile against Ten Broeck's time. -During the Gravesend meeting 298 horses were started and sixty jockeys

-Tenny was not sent to Buffalo to

rode. -Morris Park is the finest appointed race track in this country, if not in the

-The pool stakes seem to have governed the \$2500 stake race at Baltimore this year.

-lockey McDonald has been engaged to ride for Orville West the remainder

of the season -A half-mile track is being constructed at Augustine Pier, near Port

Penn., Del. -Ignite, winner of the Clipsetta

stakes, is the best 2-year-old filly yet shown in the West. -Barney Crossan, of Philadelphia, has purchased the b'ack pacer, York O.,

2 274, from Taylor & Elmore, Shelbyville, Tenn. -There wil' be trotting at Washington. D. C, Providence, R. I., and

Derby, Conn., Huntingdon, L.A., and Potistown, Pa. -The Detroit Driving Club will give a day exclusively for the thoroughbreds

at the close of their trotting meeting on Saturday, July 25. -The death of Idaho Patchen is a great loss to California breeders. He

was by Henry B. Patchen, dam Kate Wallen, by Lusby. -George Starr, the Pleasanton Stock Farm trainer, is coming East with Margaret S., Homestake, Direct,

Cricket and a few others. -The proprietors of the Gentlemen's Driving Park, Baltimore, Md., have decided to make July 4 a big race day at the pretty half-mile track.

between C. Lowell's mare, Lizzie Gibson and B. Ashe's mare Jennie Ash, to be decided at Bedford, Ont. The stake 18 \$20 a side. -It is said that the Belmont Driving

-A trotting match has been arranged

Club will give prizes to the winning horses at the next races for non-professional drivers to road wagons. -Tristan is not in the suburban and Matt Byrnes will keep up a lot of thinking as to how he can fit Firenzi to beat

the "swaytack" one week from next Tuesday. -The stewards of the Grand Circuit will meet at the office of the Rochester Driving Park Association on . Wednesday next, June 10, to arrange the class-

es for the Circuit meetin, s of 1891. -The Board of Control has announced that hereafter licenses granted to jorke s and trainers must be taken out within two weeks after being so granted.

Otherwise they will be canceled. -At the present time Tournament appears to be doing very much the same as he did last y ar. Then it took no less than eight races to work him up to condition in which he could win the Real zation stakes.

-The judges at the Pimlico Course races at Baltimore this week spoiled the 'jobs," and it cause the "joubers" a great deal of husiling to square themselves on the pool-box. Those are the sort of judges wanted by the public.

-The announcement is made that George Hankins, with a number of others, have leased the cld West Side track at Chicago, and that they will at once be in to fit up the place so as to have it ready for racing on July 22, just after the close at washington Park. -The idea of changing the practice in three in five races so as to send to

and is meeting with much favor. The Kentucky Horse-Breeders' Association has adopted it. -An even hundred bookmakers did buisness on the opening day at Morris Park. £s they paid \$100 per day each for the privilege, and must take a stand

meet ng before taking in a dollar. -Common is described as the largest horse that has won the Derby since Wild Dayrell, who stood nearly seventeen hands, Common stand 16,14, with high-set withers, splendid shoulders, im-

-"Putsburg Phil,s horses have been a sad and expensive disappointment to great man say nothing. It may be that that well-known plunger this year. the resemblance will cease the moment | Buddhist has broken down and Montage e is not doing well. Phil's losses In all cases of slander currency, | for the sea on are said to foot up \$131,* 000, which is n t a very encouraging

-George A. Singerly's black mare Jett, by Kentucky Blackhawk, foaled a brown fliny on May 7 at the farm of Crit Davis, Horrodsburg, Ky. The filly was sired by Fitter, son of Red Wilkes dam Mes enger Girl, by Messenger Chief, Fitler is a three-fourths brother to Prince Wilkes, record, 2.14%.

-The 5-year-old horse Aeroli he, that at 180 degrees Fahrenheit before it to the heart and understanding, than its tendrils for som thing to ascend by. Tattersa'ls (of New York), limited, purchased in France for lion, W. L. Studied conversation is most tedious time, but it takes a little. He who Scott arrived on the Runic, under the and defeats its own ends. We want would be courteous must not be in charge of P rey Benu. Aerolithe is a Scott arrived on the Runic, under the be rootish enough to neat their head in conversation that the heart should such haste that he cannot be symp bay hore, by Nougat, out of Astree to within thirty-two degrees of the flow out. We cannot every moment their, nor so absorbed that he cannot (dam by Firmament), by Dollar, see out of Etoile Flianter, by Young Gh d ator.