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# Select Poetry.

#### THE LIGHTHOUSE OF THE SOUL.

BY JOHN J. MORRIS.

A lighthouse stood upon a sandy shore, Where tempests howl, and seas their fury pour; A while its lantern with revolving light Directed true the sailor's wandering sight; But for a while the sea encroached the strand-The building wrested from the yielding sand-Darkness and death upon its ruins hung, And tempests howled, and winds in fury sung,

There is a Lighthouse on our nature's shore, And thousand souls its lasting light adore; Eternal, deep, the strong foundations lie-The light reflected is Christ's love on high. Far o'er the sea, where most we need its ray, It guides our bark to heaven's salubrious bay: Still stands secure, and shall its purpose prove, Till all the ransomed are restored above.

#### A Few Short Years--And Then.

- A few short years-and then The dream of life will be Like shadows of a morning cloud, In its reality!
- A few short years-and then The idols loved the best Will pass in all their pride away,
- As sinks the sun to rest! A few short years-and then Our young hearts may be reft
- Of childhood's sunshine left! A few short years-and then Impatient of its bliss; The weary soul shall seek on high

A better home than this!

Of ev'ry hope, and find no gleam

# A Select Story.

How An Advertisement Got a Wife. [From Once a Week.]

"Tobacco is the tomb of love," writes a modern novelist of high standing; but, with every respect for his authority, I beg to say it was quite the contrary in my case.

Twenty-two years ago I was sitting by my fire-side, totting up innumerable pages of my bachelor's housekeeping-book, taking exercise in arithmetic on long columns of "petty cash"-comprising items for carrots and Bathbricks, metal tacks and mutton chops-until tired, and wearied, I arrived at the sum total, and je-ked the book on the mantle-piece .--Nearly at the same time I placed my hand in the pocket of my dressing-gown, drew out a leather case, and lit a principe. Well, having lit he principe, I placed my feet on the fender and sighed, exhausted by my long job of domestic accounts. I was then in business -'twas a small wholesale business then, 'tis a large one now-vet one morning's totting of carrots and Bath-bricks, of metal tacks and mutton chops, would tire me a thousand times more than twenty-four hours of honest ledgerwork. I sighed, not from love, but from labor, for, to tell you the truth, I had never been in love. Is this to go on forever? thought I, as I took my third whiff, and looked dreamily through the thin smoke as it ascended between me and a large print of the capture of Gibraltar which hung over the chimneypiece. Am I to spend my prime in totting up parsnips, and computing carrots, and comptrolling washing-bills? I sighed again, and in the act, off flew the button of my neckband, as though some superior power had seasonably sent the accident to remind me of

my helplessness. The button settled the business; though as it slipped down inside my shirt, and passed with its mother-o'-pearl coldness over my heart, it for a moment threatened to chill my matrimonial resolution. I pitied my own lonely state, and pity, we know, is akin to love. But how was the matter to be accomplished? Most men of my age would already have adjusted their inclination to some object; so that having made up their mind and counted the cost, little more would have remained to be done than to decide upon the felt at the moment. My sensations were beday and lay hold upon the license. This however, was not the case with me. I had been too much occupied, too idle, or too indolent to devote time or make the effort to "form an attachment." It was through no disinclination or difficulty to be pleased; for had any young lady of moderately agreeable powers taken the trouble, she might have married me long ere then. I should even have been grateful to her for taking the trouble off my hands, but I was too bashful to adopt

the initiative. I was a bashful man. This weakness came from the same cause as my Uncle Toby's, namely a want of acquaintance with female society, which want arose from another cause in my case, namely, too close an application

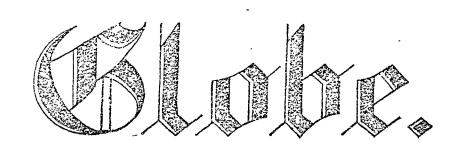
Accordingly I thought of an advertisement; yet with no practical design of doing business, but, as I persuaded myself, for a joke. So I scratched with a pencil on the back of a letter the following:

WANTED, A WIFE .- None but the principles need apply. The advertiser does not require eash, but only a companion. He is six-and-twenty, and tired of single, he thinks he can settle down to married life. As men go, believes he has a moderate share of temper, and want of time is his only reason for having recourse to the newspapers. He has enough means for himself and second party, and is willing to treat at once. He is quite aware that a great many attempts to convert his honest intentions into an extravagant joke will be made, but he warns all rash intruders. If he finds a man hardy enough to make sport of his affections, he will thrash him-if a woman, he will forgive her. He has a heart for the sincere, a horsewhip for the impertinent. In either case, all applications will be promptly attended to, if addressed to P. P., to the

office of this paper. I felt proud of my composition, and puffed away at my principe with a vague glee and anticipation of something coming out of it .had no very great idea that anything but fun would result; and I certainly had not the word."

where said: "At the coming on of night, the leaves of this delicate plant which are in pairs, begin to close towards each other, and





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The Dog and His Master. A farmer of Cheshire once had a dog, re-

slightest notion of involving myself in a personal collision with any one. Still the pre-sentiment that it was not destined to be all a barren joke pressed upon me. On Saturday the advertisement appeared, and I heard its him which was inexcusable—he was deficient style canvassed by all my friends, and it was in probity. Certain sheep would disappear jokingly suggested by more than one that I was from time to time in a mysterious manner the domestically destitute individual who put from the farmer's fold. The wolves could

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On Monday morning I sent a boy to the newspaper office for P. P.'s letters. I expected he might be followed by some curious and inquisitive persons; so I told him on his was followed by some persons who never lost bor had played upon me. The answers were of the usual character—several seeking to his constitution, the energy of his character, elicit my name, and still more suggesting and, perhaps, the absence of all medical inplaces of meeting, where I was to exhibit my- terference, in a short time nothing remained self with a flower in my button-hole and a white handkerchief in my hand. One only looked like business. It was from a lady, was something so frank and straightforward in my advertisement that she was convinced came of the meeting. She would, therefore, see me at the \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_, on a certain day, and if mutual approbation did not follow the interview, why there was no harm frequented part of the country. Night and

a trap to give me a journey for nothing. I old woman and three men were scated before cept and keep the engagement.

This was in the old coaching days, when a ty miles, not as now, when you are at your and was about to spring upon the stranger. your company in a railway carriage. There were but two inside—myself and a pleasant, were but two inside—myself and a pleasant, talkative, honest-faced, elderly gentleman.— Shy and timid in female society, I was yet esteemed, animated and agreeable enough amongst my own sex. We had no trouble, therefore, in making ourselves agreeable to one another, so much so, that as the coach, approached G——, and the old gentleman learned that I meant to stop there that night, he asked me to waive ceremony and have a cup of tea with him after I had dined at my the man of Cheshire wished to be rid of his hotel. My "fair engagement" was not till presence. The dog refused to retire. The hotel. My "fair engagement" was not till next day, and as I liked the old gentleman, I accepted his offer.

ficulty in finding him out, for he was a man make of all this. He thought it strange, that of substance and some importance in the when he went towards the bed, the dog should place. I was shown into the drawing-room. My old friend received me heartily, and in- peared on the point of leaving the chamber, oduced me to his wife and five daughters. 'All spinsters, sir," said he, "young ladies whom an undiscriminating world seeins disposed to leave upon my hands."

"If we don't sell, papa," said the eldest, father's fun, "it is not for want of puffing, unfavorable suspicions. Might he not be for all your introductions are advertisemonts.'

At the mention of this last word I felt a little discomposed, and almost regretted my engagement for the next day, when that very night, perhaps, my providential opportunity had arrived.

I need not trouble my readers with all our sayings and doings during tea; suffice it to say that I found them a very pleasant, friendly family, and was surprised to find I forgot all my shyness and timidity, encouraged by their good tempered ease and conversation. They did not inquire whether I was married or single, for where there are five young unmated daughters the question might seem invidious. I, however, in the freedom of the moment, volunteered the information of my bachelorhood; I thought I had no sooner communicated the fact than the girls passed round a glance of arch intelligence from one to the other. I cannot tell you how odd I tween pleasure and confusion, as a suspicion crossed my mind, and helped, I felt, to color my check. Presently, however, the eldest, with an assumed indifference which cost her

an effort, asked me where I was staying. "At the --- hotel," I answered with some

embarrassment. It was with difficulty they restrained a laugh, they bit their lips, and I had no longer

to the eldest— 'Shall P. P. consider this the interview?" say innocence, told me I had sent my ranthe matter no further at that moment, but I did her hand.

I remained at my hotel next day until an made their appearance. "Then," thought I, brushing my hair and adjusting my cravat, since the mountain will not come to Mohammed, Mohammed must go to the mountain;" so I walked across to my old friends. as I leant over the frame, to whisper-

'S. S. is not punctual." The crimson in her face and neck was now so deep, that a skeptic himself would no evening in her father's garden, she confessed bring me up to G-on a fool's errand, never meaning, of course, to keep the engage-

happy."

"And what did she say, papa?" asks my second daughter, who is now looking over my shoulder as I write.

"Why, you little goose, she promised to

markable for courage, intelligence, and other good qualities; but there was one fault about him which was inexcusable—he was deficient not be accused of the theft, for there are no

wolves in England, we all know. The honest countryman had his suspicions, and it was not long before the true offender was discovered and punished according to his deway back to call at a bachelor neighbor's of mine for a book. The trick told. The lad next offence subjected him to a far severer chastisement. He was whipped within an sight of him until they ran him to my friend's inch of his life, and left for dead on the same and then they went back and announced that he was the advertiser. I thus discharged in full one or two practical jokes which myneighbor able to limp towards some neighboring be able to limp towards some neighboring underwood, where, thanks to the strength of

of his wounds save the scars. But what could his recovery avail him?-He believed himself expelled forever from his who proposed an interview in a neighboring master's presence—he considered himself uncity, about forty miles north. She said there worthy of forgiveness and described of coordinates. worthy of forgiveness, and despaired of ever correcting his irresistible penchant for mutton. In fine, he decamped from his native it was real, and she could rely upon my keep-ing her name secret, if, after we met, nothing finished his rambles by enrolling in a band of highwaymen.

a storm evertook him near an isolated and Most people would have put this down as suspicious-looking inn. He entered it. An did not. A presentiment impelled me to accept and keep the engagement.

The farmer recognized his old attendant in the latter, and advanced to fondle it. The man had time to make an acquintance in for- animal growled furiously, showed his teeth, ourney's end before you have looked round | The inmates of the tavern interposed, and tired to the apartment allotted him.

He was preparing to undress when a low barking at the door induced him to listen .-He opened it, and the canine turnspit entered. The dog was no longer surley and ferocious, but meek and gentle, crouching at the feet of his old master, licking his hands, and asking pardon, as distinctly as he could for his late conduct. After returning him his caresses, traveler finally consented to his remaining, and rose to shut the door. This the dog op-After my pint of sherry, I brushed my hair and went in search of my coach companion and my promised cup of tea. I had no difdrag him towards the door-and when he apthat the creature should exhibit such lively demonstrations of joy. Where was he? In list of animals. Smellie, in his "Philosophy an isolated house, situated in the midst of a of Natural History," says: "It is not imsolitary moor. The individuals who wel- probable that this winter lethargy acts in comed him on his arrival were not possessed who, with her sisters seemed to reflect her of physiognomies calculated to do away his even now, in a den of thieves? This, anyhow, was his final conclusion. He then armed himself with a brace of pistols, opened the shutters, took the clothes from off the bed, tied them from the window, and placed the lamp in the chimney. Having taken these precautions, he barricaded the door and awaited the result.

He did not wait long. At the touch of a spring a trap door opened beneath the bed, and the latter slipped down out of sight. At this occurrence our farmer let himself down by the clothes which he had tied to the window, and ran at full speed to the nearest village. The inhabitants armed themselves, and accompanied him to the inn. It was soon surrounded, and the bandits were arrested .-Search was made under the guidance of the

hibited both in their guilt and cruelty. The farmer gratefully took back his preserver, and never had occasion to beat him afterwards; he having overcome his old propensity of sheep-stealing, and acquired habits of honor and integrity in a school of thieves.

dog, and connected with the trap door was

found a vault, where visable proofs were ex-

# Sleep.

# [From the Country Gentleman and Cultivator.]

"Tired Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep." Winter is the night of nature; and when a suspicion-I was certain. So after having we say that the streams are frozen, and the some music, when I rose to depart, I mus- quilt of snow is upon the face of the earth, tered courage as I bid them good-by, to say it is true, both in a figurative and literal sense. Sleep is indispensable to life and motion; rest is necessary for man, animals, A blush of conscious guilt, I should rather and even nature, to a limited extent; and the night of winter is succeeded by the morning dom arrow to the right quarter; so I pressed of spring and the beauteous day of sum-

mer. No fact which has been developed by studying the beautiful phenomena of vegetable hour after the appointed time, but no one life is more interesting than that plants require sleep. To be sure, we know that night comes to plants as to men, and leaves them in utter darkness; and the morning glory gives us an instance of flowers opening their petals with the light of day, plainly showing The young ladies were all in. The eldest that during the night the law of rest has was engaged with some embroidery at the been obeyed. It is related of Linnous, that window. I had, therefore, an opportunity, nothing displayed his love for botany more than his floral clock, which consisted of a number of plants formed in a half circle around his writing table which opened their flowers each at a certain moment, revealing longer doubt. I need say no more—that at a glance the hour of the day with exact precision. Some plants exhibit signs of sleep that she and her sisters had conspired to more prominently than others. Leaves of the clover, lucerne and others, close as the sun approaches the horizon; and this characteristic is particularly striking and beauti-"Then," said I, "since you designed to ful in the honey locust. The beautifully take me in, you must consent to make me formed leaves close in pairs as the shades of evening approach, remaining in this position until sun-rise the next morning, when they expand to the fullest extent. So of your common chick-week, of which a modern botanical writer said: "At the coming on of night,

when the sleeping attitude is completed these folded leaves embrace in their upper surfaces, the rudiments of the young shoots; and the uppermost pair, but one, at the end of the stalk are furnished with longer stalks than the others, so they can close upon the terminating pair and protect the end of the shoot." So all plants have their fitful naps, and may be said to sleep, although governed by modifications of the same law. The daisy opens with the sun; the dandelion opens at half-past five, and closes at nine; the scarlet pimpernel waits until noon-day, and dislikes the rain so keenly, that it closes its leaves on the approach of a shower, opening them as it passes by; and the white lotus opens when

the sun rises, and closes when it sets. Trees also have a natural period of growth, and then an appointed time of sleep and rest, from which they will not be awakened .-With the fall of the leaves in autumn sleep commences, and although the Indian summer time may intervene ere the closing of the year, and weeks of mild weather come on in January, yet they are undisturbed .-Experiments have been made by careful nursery-men with lilacs, spirans and other plants quite easily excited, and it has been found that if they are taken up in the fall, and placed in a warm green-house, constantly exposed to heat, light and moisture, they will not start for at least a month. Hot-house grapes require a sleep of from two to three months; and a heat of 40 degrees which is required to start them before they have "gone to sleep," must be 20 degrees higher to perform the same results during their time of

The winter rest or "sleep" of insects, is a subject full of interest to every lover of nature. In some animals life seems extinct; and often when cutting into a hollow or decayed log in the winter time, the writer has come across the home of the ants, each inhabitant of which seemed as lifeless and unfeeling as the wood itself. Here arises questions of great attractiveness, in regard to their sleep of winter. Naturalists have proved to us that ants do not hoard up food for winter use, as has been supposed; for when the temperature is below freezing point they cluster ogether in a state of torpidity; and when above this point, they pursue their usual av-ocations. Their food at such periods, is found in the saccharine juice which exudes from the bodies of the plant-lice or aphides, of which ants are very fond. "In fact," says Kirby, "the aphides are their milch cattle, which willingly render to them their liquid honey." In the fall, many insects seek refuge beneath is bark of trees, retire into crevices, or hore deep into the ground. The bat, the snake, the lizard, the frog, the snail, all fall into a deep sleep during our cold season, and although they require no food, yet life is not extinct, and the temperature of the body is it hybernation, is the means of life to a large invigorating the system, and may be necessary to the constitution of some animals."-Snakes have frequently been placed in an ice house in their torpid state, and after remaining there a period of three years and a half, have readily recovered at the end of that time.

A single thought. We see in the winter sleep of such animals as are not able to endure the cold of the season, nor to procure a sufficient supply of food, and yet unable to migrate to warmer latitudes, a wise and wonderful provision of nature in giving them this sleep, as the great resource for their preservation.

# A Beautiful Extract.

It was night. Jerusalem slept as quietly amid her hills as a child upon the breast of its mother. The noiseless sentinel stood like a statue at his post, and the philosopher's lamp burned dimly in the recess of his cham-

But a dark night was abroad upon the earth. A mortal darkness involved the nations in its unlighted shadows. Reason shed a faint glimmering over the minds of men, like the cold and insufficient shining of a distant star. The immortality of man's spiritual nature was known, his relations unto Heaven undiscovered, and his future destiny obscured in a cloud of mystery. It was at this period that two forms of ethe-

rial mould hovered about the land of God's chosen people. They seemed like sister angels sent to earth on some embassy of love. The one of majestic statue and well formed limb, which her snowy drapery hardly concealed, in her erect bearing and steady eye, exhibited the highest degree of strength and confidence. . Her right arm was extended in an impressive gesture upwards where hight appeared to have placed her darkest pavillion. while on the left reclined her delicate comer when moistened with rofreshing dews, and her bright but troubled eyes scanned the air with ardent, but varying glances. Suddenly a light like the sun flashed out from the

heavens, and Faith and Hope hailed with exulting songs the ascending star of Bethlehem.
Years rolled away, and the stranger was
seen in Jerusalem. He was a meek, unassuming man, whose happiness seemed to consist in acts of benevolence to the human race. There were deep traces of sorrow on his countenance, though no one knew why he grieved, for he lived in the practice of every virtue, and was loved by all the good and wise. By and by it was rumored that the stranger worked miracles; that the blind saw, the at the same time, and started for the door, dumb spake, the dead reaped, the ocean moderated its chafing tide; and the very thunders articulated, he is the Son of God. Envy assailed him to death. Slowly, and thickgirded, he ascended the hill of Calvary .-A heavy cross bent him to the earth. But Faith leaned on his arm, and Hope, dipping her pinions in his blood, mounted to the skies.

By the removal of prized and cherthe leaves of this delicate plant which are in pairs, begin to close towards each other, and unfold more of his own tender

### The Book of Thanks.

"I feel so vexed and out of temper with Ben," cried Mark, "that I really must— "Do something in revenge?" inquired his

cousin Cecilia.

"No, look over my book of Thanks." "What's that," said Cecilia, as she saw him turning over the leaves of a copy-book, nearly full of writing, in a round text hand. "Here it is," said Mark, then read aloud! March 7. Ben lent me his new hat.

Here again: Jan 4. When I lost my shilling Ben made it up kindly. "Well," ob-

served the boy, turning down the leaf, "Ben is a good boy after all!" "What do you note down in that book?"

said Cecilia, looking over his shoulder with some curiosity.

"All the kindnesses that are ever shown

me, you would wonder how many there are. I find a great deal of good from marking them down. I do not forget them as I might do, if I only trusted to my memory, so I hope that I am not often ungrateful, and when I am cross or out of temper, I almost always feel good humored again, if I only look over my book."

"I wonder what sort of things you put down," said Cecilia. Let me glance over a "Mrs. Wade asked me to spend the whole

day at her house, and made me very happy,

"Mr. Philips gave me five shillings."

"Old Martha Page asked after me every day when I was ill."

"Why do you pút father and mother at the top of the page?" asked Cecilia.

"O, they show me so much kindness that I cannot put it all down, so I must write their names to remind myself of the great debt of names to remind myself of the great debt of love. I know that I can never repay it. And see what I have put at the beginning of my book: "Every good gift is from above;" this is to make me remember that all the kind friends whom I have, were given to me by the Lord, and that while I am grateful to them, I should, first of all, be thankful to him."

I think that such of my readers as have ability and time, would find it a capital plan to keep a Book of Thanks and may such as cannot write them down yet, keep a Book of Remembrance of past kindnesses in their

### The Apple Tree Borer---A Remedy.

Henry Dull, of Pennsylvania, gives the following account of his method of preventing the ravages of the borer, which is both economical and easily tried, anywhere and on any farm :

I planted an apple orchard eighteen years ago, and the trees thrived very well for five or six years, when they began to droop and look sickly. Upon examining them I found the borer in great numbers, having done conthe same as that of the surrounding atmosphere; and this sleep, or as naturalists call to apply coal tar; but I was told that it would be a worse enemy than the borer. I thought some measure like sleep, in refreshing and awhile, and decided to apply urine from the cow stable, having tanks and appliances to is that I have not a borer in my orchard, and the trees have completely recovered and give me abundant crops.

I have been using this remedy for three years, and it has well repaid me for the labor fidently to my brother farmers, who will first so with almost any tradesman, mechanic or carefully remove the borer, and properly approfessional man. They have more to do carefully remove the borer, and properly apply it, say twice a year afterwards.

It will be seven years this Spring since I planted five apple trees. Three of the five were attacked by the borer, killing one, and the other two looked very sickly. I removed the worms, and upon the remaining four used the urine freely; they recovered and bore this season very fine fruit.

Three years ago the coming Spring, I planted thirty-six apple trees, and at once applied the urine copiously, and there is not, to my knowledge, a single borer in the whole of them; besides they have grown and looked remarkably well. Some of my neighbors who planted trees at the same time, obtained at the same nursery, complain of the depredations of the borer.

# A Good Anecdote.

Old Parson B—, who presided over a ittle flock in one of the back towns in the State of M-, was, without any exception, the most eccentric divine we ever knew .-His eccentricities were carried as far in the pulpit as out of it. An instance we will relate:

Among the church members was one who invariably made a practice of leaving ere the parson was two-thirds through his sermon .-This was practised so long that after a while panion; in form and countenance the contrast it became a matter of course, and no one, of the other, for she was drooping like a flow- save the divine, seemed to take notice of it. And he at length told Brother P. that such a thing must be needles, but P. said at that hour his family needed his services at home, and he must do it, nevertheless. On leaving church he always took a round about course, which, by some mysterious means, always brought him in close proximity to the village tavern, which he would enter, "and thereby

hangs a tale." Parson B—— learned from some source that P.'s object in leaving church was to obtain a "dram," and he determined to stop his leaving and disturbing the congregation in future, if such a thing was possible.

The next Sabbath Brother P. left his seat when Parson B—— exclaimed: "Brother P."

P., on being addressed, stopped short, and gazed towards the pulpit.

"Brother P.," continued the Parson, "there is no need of your leaving church at this time, as I passed the tavern this morning, I made arrangements with the landlord to keep your toddy hot until church was out." The surprise and mortification of the broth-

er can hardly be imagined.

#### The Contented Farmer.

Once upon a time, Frederick, King of Prussia, surnamed "Old Fritz." took a ride, and espied an old farmer plowing his acre by the

way side, cheerily singing his melody.
"You must be well off, old man," said the king. "Does this acre belong to you, on which you so industriously labor?"

"No, sir," replied the farmer, who knew not that it was the king.
"I am not so rich as that, I plow for wa-

"How much do you get a day?" asked the

king farther.
"Eight groschen," (about twenty cents)

"That is not much," replied the king;

can you get along with this?"
"Get along and have something left."

" How is that?" The farmer smiled and said-" Well if I must tell you; two groschen for myself and wife; and with two I pay my old debts; two I lend away, and two I give away for the Lord's sale."

Lord's sake." "This is a mystery which I cannot solve,"

replied the king.
"Then I will solve it for you," said the

"I have two old parents at home, who kept me when I was weak and needed help, and me when I was weak and needed help, and now that they are weak and need help I keep them. This is my debt, towards which I pay two groschen a day. The third pair of groschen, which I lend away, I spend for my children, that they may learn something good and receive a Christian instruction. This will come handy to me and my wife when we get old. With the last two groschen I maintain two sick sisters, whom I would not maintain two sick sisters, whom I would not be compelled to keep-this I give for the Lord's sake."

The king, well pleased with his answer.

"Bravely spoken, old man. Now I will also give you something to guess. Have you ever seen me before?"

" Never," said the farmer. "In less than five minutes you shall see me fifty times, and carry in your pocket fifty of my likenesses."

"This is a riddle which I cannot unravel,"

said the farmer. "Then I will do it for you," replied the

Thrusting his hand into his pocket, and counting him fifty bran new gold pieces into his hand, stamped with his royal likeness, he said to the astonished farmer, who knew not

what was coming—

"The coin is genuine, for it also comes from our Lord God, and I am his paymaster.
I bid you adieu."—German Reformed Mes-

#### Farmers and Their Wives.

Said a young person to a lady who sat holding her child, "Now what good will all your education do you? You have spent so much time in study, graduated with high honors, learned music and painting, and now only married a farmer. Why do you not teach a school or do something to benefit others with your talents, or if you choose to marry, why not take a teacher, a clergyman, or some professional man? But as it is, you did not need so much learning for a rural life."

The lady replied, "You do not look very far into the future. Do you see this boy on my lap? I need all the study, all the disci-pline, both of mind and body, that I could get in order that I might train him aright.— You see I have the first impressions to make on the fair blank of his pure heart, and unless my mind was first cultivated, my own heart first purified, how could I well perform the task now placed before me? And besides, do you not suppose that farmers have hearts like other men, tastes just as pure, because they guide the plow and till the soil to be past recovery. I went to work and took their support? Do you not suppose their them out. After removing them I was about minds are just as capable of cultivation and expansion as other men? Have they no love of the beautiful in nature, or art? Cannot good paintings be just as much admired on their walls as others, or does the evening secure all this valuable liquid manure, as hour never pass pleasantly with them when every farmer should have. I applied this co- they gather around the piano after a day's piously around the bottom of the trees, and labor is finished? Ah, my young friend, washed the trunks thoroughly. The result | you have made a sad mistake in your reckon-

Of all the occupations give me that of a farmer. It is the most beautiful; his life is free from care, his sleep sweeter, his treasures safer. A farmer need not be a slave to any, required; and I think I can commend it con- for he has none to please but himself. Not with the world at large, and have all manner of persons to deal with, so they have need of the patience of Job to live. They are well aware that they must not freely speak their minds at all times; that if they do they will lose their custom; for they depend upon the people for a living, therefore, they are the servants of all. Then what can be desired more—what is more peaceful, prosperous, honest, healthful, than a farmer's life.

# Parental Sympathy.

Parents express too little sympathy for their children; the effect of this is lamentable. "How your children love you! I would give the world to have my children so devoted to me!" said a mother to one who did not regard the time given to her children as so much capital wasted. Parents err fatally when they grudge the time necessary for their children's amusement and instruction; for no investment brings so sure and so rich returns.

The child's love is holy; and if the parent does not fix that love himself, he deserves to lose it, and in after-life to bewail his poverty of heart.

The child's heart is full of love, and it must gush out toward somebody or something. If the parent is worthy of it, and possesses it, he is blest; and the child is safe. When the child loves worthy persons, and receives their sympathy, he is less liable to be influenced by the undeserving; for in his soul are models of excellence, with which he compares others.

Any parent can descend from his chilling dignity, and freely answer the child's questions, talking familiarly and tenderly with him; and when the little one wishes help, the parent should come out of his abstractions and cheerfully help him. Then his mind will return to his speculations elastic, and it will act with force. All parents can find a few minutes occasionally, during the day, to read little stories to the children, and to illustrate the respective tendencies of good and bad feelings. They can talk to them about flowers, birds, trees, about angels, and about

They can show interest in their sports, determining the character of them. What is a surer way than this binding the child to the parent? When you have made a friend of a child you may congratulate yourself you have a friend for life.

"Father, did you ever have another wife besides mother?" "No, my son, what possesses you to ask such a question." cause, I saw in the family Bible where you married Anna Dominy, 1838, and that isn't Never say "I can't." truth and act honestly. | mother, for her name is Sally Smith."