Farmer at the plow, Wife milking the cow, Daughter spinning yarn, Son threshing in the barn, All happy to a charm.

1876. Farmer gone to a show, Daughter at the piano, Madame gaily dressed in statin, All the boys learning Latin, With a mortgage on the farm. The Onion.

I am quite ashamed to take people into my garden and have them notice the absence of onions. It is very marked. In onion is strength; and a garden without and tagrands periumed article within itself, no washing or preparation before or after its use, or accompaniment of any kind being required to obtain these desirable it lacks flavor. The onion in its satin wrappings is among the most beautiful of vegetables, and it is the only one that represents the essence of anything. It can almost be said to have a soul. You take off coat after coat, and the one is still there; and, when the last onion is remov ed, who dare say that the onion itself is destroyed, though you can weep over its departed spirit? I know that there is supposed to be a prejudice against the onion, but I think there is rather a cowardice in regard to it.

I doubt not that all men and women love the onion; but few confess their love Af fection for it is concealed. Good New Englanders are as shy of owning it as they are of talking about religion. Some perple have days on which they eat onionswhat you might call "retreats" or their "Thursdays." The act is the nature of religious ceremony, an Eleusinian mystery; not a breath of it must go abroad. On that day they see no company; they deny the kiss of greeting to the dearest friend; they retire within themslves and hold communion with one of the most pungent and penetrating manifestations of the moral vegetable world. Happy is said to be the family which can eatonions together. They are for the time being separate from the world, and have a harmony of aspiration. There is a hint for the reformers. Let them become apostles of the onion; let them eat and preach it of their fellows, and circulate tracts of it in the form of

In the onion is the hope of universal brotherhood. If all men will eat onions at all times they will come into a universal sympathy. Look at Italy. I hope I Proprietors. am not mistaken as to the cause of her unity. It was the Reds who preached the gospel which made possible. All the Reds of Europe, all the sworn devotees of the mystic Mary Ann eat of the common vegetable. Their oaths are strong with it. It is the food, also, of the common people of Italy. All the social atmosphere of that delicious land is laden with it. Its odor is practiced democracy. In the churches all are alike; there is one faith, one smell. The entrance of Victor Emanuel into Rome was only the pompous proclamation of a unity which garlie had already accomplished : and vet we who boast of our democracy, eat onions in secrets .- Charles Dudley Warner.

### A New Use for Chicken Feathers.

"According to statistics very carefully compiled," says a writer in La Nature, "we throw away yearly a quantity of chicken feathers, the intrinsic value of which is equal to the money which we pay out for cotton." A startling statement, but the author considers it true; and he proceeds to explain how the feathers are prepared to make them with the statement of the statemen to make them valuable. The operation is to cut the plume portions of the feathers from the stem, by means of ordinary hand scissors. The former are placed in quantities in a close bag, which, when full, is closed and subjected to a thorough kneading with the hands. At the end of five a large time of the consumption, but over every chronic disease where a gradual alterative action in given the consumption, but over every chronic disease where a gradual alterative action is needed. Under its use the minutes, the feathers, it is stated, become disaggregated and felted together, forming a down, perfectly homogenous and of great lightness. It is even lighter than natural eider down because the latter contains the ribs of the feathers which give extra weight. The material thus prepared is worth, and readily sells in paris, for about two 330 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia. dollars a pound. About & troy ounces of this down can be obtained from the feathers of an ordinary sized pullet; and this, on the above valuation is worth about twenty cents. It is suggested that through the winter, children might collect all the feathers about a farm, and cut the ribs out, as we have stated. By the spring time a large quantity of down would be prepared, which could be disposed of to upholsters, or employed for domestic use. Goose feathers may be treated in a similar manner, and thus two-thirds of the product of the bird utilized, instead of only about onefifth, as is at present the case.

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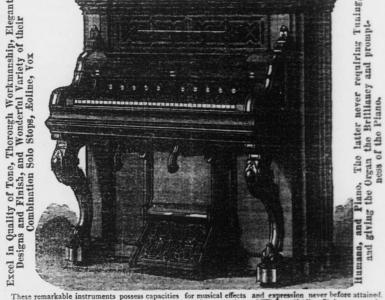
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