The Farmer's Wooing.

- Upon the hills, so blue and far, the maple leaves were showing Their soft white beauty in the breeze that from
- A strong young farmer saw her pause beside the
- parting river;
 She drew a lily from its depth with golden heart voice; missing that "good-night!" seeking,
- a-quiver.

 "Thou art more fair than lillies are," said he with head uplifted,
 And threw a poppy, as the stream toward the maiden drifted.

 Draw the little forms near to your heart-
- She set the flowers in her hair—the red and white
- He came across the river then, this farmer, from
- less skies o'erlean us,
- The river's barring width may roll unpassed, un-tried between us; But when loud thunder fills the air, and clouds
- And so one noon the village bells rang out across
- the river,
 Their music set the buttercups and daises all tion: "Inasmuch as ye have done it to
- wheat was growing; The maiden set them in her hair—the red and
- They passed beneath the chapel's shade-the farmer and the maiden—
 Where arches crossed above their heads, with
 snowy blossoms ladened,
 And in that place of holy calm the binding words
- were spoken;
 He in his heart bore out the truth, she on her hand the token.
 The years went by, and some were bright and
- But ever stood he at her side—he was no faith-
- -Boston Transcript.

Better and Cheaper Fences Coming.

Two Thousand Million (Two Billion) Dollars, would not cover the cost of the the Rocky Mountains. If better, cheaper, and far more desirable fences can be used, upon line and division fences amounts to knows all about us. He taught his an enormous sum. (A farm of 100 acres, disciples how to pray and promised to send divided say half of it into 10 acre fields, the Comforter when he was gone. and half of it into 5 acre fields, requires 1,450 rods, or over 41 miles of fencing, en key with which the Christian unlocks costing \$725.00 at 50 cents a rod, or the great treasure-house of his Master's \$362.50 at 25 cents a rod.) The wooden wealth; and is it not true! Certainly fences hitherto in use are annually going earnest prayer will bring down the richest to decay requiring constant expenses for blessings that heaven can give. It is also

every proprietor of a farm, however small, He will go away with his temptations and this age of Iron, or of Steel rather, it is Wait until he neglects prayer and then I not surprising that great attention is being | will get him." turned to this material as a substitute for Yes, when we begin to neglect prayer wood-on account of its durability, its Satan will be ready for us, and will rivet strength, its cheapness, and its beauty his chains about us almost before we think even. Recent inventions have developed of it. Oh, let us make the most of the a variety of forms of cheap but effective privilege. Let us press onward to the steel fences. Plain iron wire has long end, praying often by the way. We have been used or tried, but it has proved quite not long to wait before we shall meet our unsatisfactory, and almost useless. Cattle | dear Saviour face to face; and if we have and other animals run against it, or been faithful we shall have a great and through it, or break it down.

In 1860 an Iowa blacksmith attempted to render wire fence more effective by attaching a kind of barbe or points along it, at frequent intervals. He bent a com- turn to consider affliction as a blessing. mon horse-shoe nail once around the wire The most which the most refined philosoclosely, leaving the two ends projecting as | phy can effect is to remove from our sorbarbs on each side. As the nails worked rows that which is imaginary, to divert loose by the expansion and contraction of the attention from the cause of distress, heat and cold, he tried to fasten them by and to produce a sullen and stoical resigwinding a small wire spirally around the nation more like despair than hope. The large wire to bind the nails in place. religion of the gospel grapples with the From this beginning has sprung up a evil itself, overcomes it, and transforms it great variety of forms of single, double, into a blessing. It is by no means includtriple, and quadruple barbs, on single and ed in the promises made to true Christians double wires, straight and twisted together, that they shall be exempt from suffering and on straps or flat strips of steel, both On the contrary, chastisement forms a nestraight and twisted. The American cessary part of that paternal discipline by Agriculturist for December 1 gives engrav | which our heavenly Father fits his chilings and descriptions showing the exact dren for their eternal rest in glory. The form and size and mode of construction of | Psalmist asserts the blessedness of the man no less than twenty one different forms of who is chastened by the Lord, with this barbed wire and barbed strips for fencing, qualification, as necessary to constitute it and the Editor speaks of half a dozen still a blessing that he is also instructed in different forms that he has seen, but has divine truth. By this we understand that not yet had samples of for sketches, which the influence of chastisement is not physiwill be illustrated hereafter.

A strong objection to many forms of efficacy; but that the afflictions of this these barbed fences is their liability to life are, in the hand of God, instrumental pierce, tear, and injure animals, yet over in impressing divine truth upon the heart, 100,000 miles of such fencing have been awakening the attention of the believer to recently erected. However well adapted the consideration of his own character and for the large western fields, they are too situation, the promises of the gospel and barb-arous for use, at least around small the rewards of heaven. The child of God lots, or where animals are very valuable, is assured that all things work together or for the sides of travelled highways, for his good; in this is plainly included and especially for line fences around vil- the pledge, that chastisements and affliclage lots. The Editor of the American tion shall eventually prove a blessing; and Agriculturist has been studying up the subject during the past season, at the whole Church.—J. W. Alexander. West as well as East, and says that among the forms of barbed fence now in use, there are some which, by a little modification which he has suggested to the manu- As one generation sweeps another off the factures, in the form and length of the stage-some heeding, some despising, some barbs, may be adopted every where, even not even hearing the benignant invitation, in villages for enclosing small plots, as well it is still repeated : "All things are now as on all farms. Also, that such fences made of steel are far cheaper than wood; that they are stronger; that they are first begins to feel his want, and turns his almost imperishable, and that they are oven ornamental. A series of illustrated articles will give the merits and demerits or madly disregarded—however untimely of the different forms of barbed steel fenc-ing, and the new varieties adapted to all circumstances. Iron or Steel posts will the beggar's hovel, the field of battle, or also be described, and a call is made upon the dungeon, or the scaffold—the response inventors to devise a new form of Iron

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of want—a restless graying for enjoyments. should read the articles on the subject to of want-a restless craving for enjoyments be given in the American Agriculturist, or at least get and read the interesting illustrated fencing article given in the December number. The Journal is issued by Orange Judd Company, 245 Broadway forded of securing them but transient, it

The Motherless,

They are motherless! Oh! gently, gently keep back those bitter words. Avert that cold, cruel stare. See you not the tearful eyes? Alas! that sorrow The daises nodded in the grass, the buttercups should ever make a child's heart its home ! were sleeping,
And just across the river sang the farmers at their
They are motherless! Strange hands ministering to their daily wants; stranger

hearts wearying of the irksome duty. the sea was blowing.

A little maid came through the land with song and rippling laughter;

The buttercups made way for her, the daisies nodded after.

No fond, sweet kisses of warm embrace!

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Missing the low, sweet cadence of her

Pillow the aching head upon your bosom. A cloud grew black before the sun, and rainy was the weather.

Think of your sunny childhood—your the weather. mother's earnest love, her gentle care, her patient forbearance, her precious forgivehis mowing;
He minded not the water's depth he cared not for its flowing.
"Oh, love!" said he, "if gleaming sun and cloudonly in love reprove that stricken little

Oh! let yours be the hand that will and rain come over,

I'd cross the ocean to your side—I am no fair-day lead them in the green pastures, and by the still waters of the precious Saviour's love! Let yours be the blessed benedica-quiver,
While some one drew a lilly from the stream so blithely flowing,
And plucked a blood-red poppy that amid the behold the face of our Father in heaven. Then, it may be that a child's hand shall white together—
With many a smile, a tear or two, and glances at lead you to that heavenly home—a child's

hand place the crown upon your head. Speak gently to the motherless
A weight of woe they bear;
Greet them with looks of tendernessOh! add not to their care.
Speak gently to the motherless

When tears their eyes bedim;
Remember who has bid them "come,"
And lead them unto him,
Then yours shall that blessing be—
"Friends, ye have done this unto me!"

Prayer.

"What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer." Only think of it; not a few things, but everything. There is Fences now in use and soon to be required nothing of so great importance that we on the farms of this country. Indeed, it cannot trust it to him. We can carry it would cost nearly or quite that sum to all to God, knowing that he doeth all build simple post and board fences enough things well. How good he is to give us to cut into 40 acre fields the timberless this privilege, and how many blessings he regions between the Mississippi River and bestows upon us daily. How much we ought to bless and praise his hely name for his goodness to us poor, sinful creathe saving will be an immense sum-and tures. But although we are so poor and they are at hand In all the older settled sinful, yet we may pour out all our trials States between the Mississippi and the and sorrows, and tell him all thoughts, Atlantic, cut up, as they are, into farms, hopes and desires. He will always lend a lots, and small plots, the amount expended sympathizing ear. The blessed Saviour

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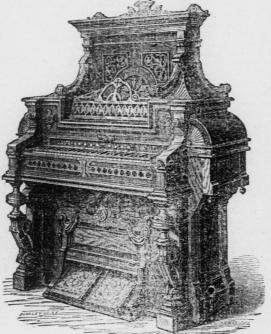
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