

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, OCT. 17, 1884.

LOVING EXILE.

Sedexil Remembra
n always
How gladly thy pauses were stirred
When her hand in time trembling lay,
Like a bird.

Recall with what chanted delight
Thy heart overflowed in the hour
When her breathing perfumed the still night—
Like a flower.

She is gone, and the dream of delight
Ends with the hope deferred,
Thou dost know that a memory takes flight,
Like a bird.

Over thy heart, how to sorrow a pray,
Already the clouds of doubt lower,
Thou dost know that love waits away,
Like a flower.

—Francis Copper.

ABSOLO PULTRY STATISTICS.

GROSS EXPENDITURE in the Estimated Value
of Poultry Products.

For many months past some figures, which any reasonable man must know at a glance to be perfectly absurd, have been in circulation in the papers, as regards the enormous value of the poultry products of this country. Several times as they have attracted our notice, it has occurred to us as only matter of duty to prick the bubble, but other subjects of more importance have intervened, and we have dropped. Who was the discoverer of the statistics now lost sight of, what origin they were derived—unless from some publication of the United States department of agriculture—we cannot tell. In the latest publication of them they are credited to the *Poultry Bulletin*, and read as follows:

According to the statistics of 1882 the value of the poultry produced in the United States, exceeds the value of either wheat, cotton or dairy products, at the following figures will show:

Wheat.....\$48,000,000.

Hay.....\$48,000,000.

Cotton.....\$40,000,000.

Dairy.....\$24,000,000.

The only light readily accessible on the subject must be from the United States census of 1880, and in the official summary of the statistics of agriculture in that work, part 3, page 21, we find the following, which is simply a condensation of detailed tables published later on:

"Probably few persons appreciate the importance of the contribution to the annual production of wealth by the common barn yard fowl. The statistics of poultry and eggs were gathered for the first time, by the census of 1880. This is a subject which the limitations of popular statistics do not permit us to discuss in these remarks, apply with special strictness; yet there is no reason to doubt that the figures approach the facts of the case for the country as a whole, and exhibit with great accuracy the relative importance of this interest in the several sections and states."

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