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POETRY. OUR BIRTHDAYS. As seasons come and seasons go...

"Where does she live?" "On a splendid farm in the upper parish. It's a magnificent place. Don't you wish to be introduced? Very likely you could cut out Clifton."

"I need not say that though the bed was sought it was not to sleep. Toward morning Deacon Cluff awoke, rubbed his eyes, and shook his benumbed limbs."

Double Canoe of Ceylon. Every object that meets the eye on entering the Bay of Galle is new and surprising to the eye of a stranger.

A New York correspondent of a Chicago paper, with a singular story about a precious nugget represented to be of California gold.

Facts and Figures. There are said to still be 2,000,000 cannibals in the world. The sugar-cane of Louisiana has degenerated to such an extent that the planters have sent an agent to Java and Sumatra to procure vigorous cane from the East Indies.

THE STORY-TELLER.

THE DEACON'S COURTSHIP.

The handsomest and richest woman in all the countryside was the widow Adams. The reigning toast and belle at sixteen, a bride at eighteen, and a widow at twenty, endowed with the largest and best farm in the upper parish...

The widow Adams was an orderly woman—she never infringed upon custom or propriety; she would certainly have attended the lecture had not her next-door neighbor slipped on the wet door-stone and broken her leg...

The deacon certainly experienced a nervous start. For an instant his tongue was paralyzed, his brain whirled, all his ideas seemed resolving to chaos. But he was a man of the world, prided himself on always being equal to any situation.

On a lovely winter evening he again found himself riding up the long lane. The large house was thronged. The door was opened by a young girl, who looked as lovely as ever maidens look.

Not long since, we alluded to the wonderful instinct of animals and insects. Now the instinct, or tendencies, of plants come under notice.

Sandspits in Nevada. For several hours yesterday afternoon there were visible from this city, on Twenty-two mile Desert, five or six tall columns of sand, backed up by a number of whirlwinds.

Exhibition of Choice Cattle. Probably the largest and finest exhibition of cattle ever held in the United States will come off at Boston in September next, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture.

A tight fit—The delirium tremens.