A SUMMER MORNING.

The storm is o'er; calm as an angel's breast Is the untroubled lake; while far on high Soft, snowy cloudlets rest in the pure sky, Like spirit's blest

The very air around seems fraught with bliss ! Music is singing from you green retreat ; The early zephyr is as pure and sweet

As childhood's kiss.

Forget thy little griefs, O heart of mine ! Glad birds give thanks to Him in tuneful lays; While myrlad creatures breathe their grateful praise Oh! mingle thine.

Country Churchyards.

#### An English journal of recent date complains of the uninviting and deso-late appearance so common in the plots, set apart in villages and towns for the interment of the dead. If the remarks made by our contemporary are applica-ble to the rural churchyards of England, where every hamlet, from its very age, supplies the elements of the picturesque, they are doubly true in reference to the barren and forbidding en-closures found in the newly built villages which abound in our own coun-

We do not of course refer to those magnificent cities of the dead which adjoin our great towns, for on these every resource of art and skill has been unsparingly lavished; but to the simple acre or two of land, which either surrounds the rural church or else is fenced off, solitary and alone, on the outskirts of the populated quarter. Every one is familiar with its appearance; bleak, bare and desolate, totally devoid of ornamentation, the surface of the ground broken and irregular with heaped up mounds of earth, and covered with headstones and monuments standing stiff and white, like ghosts, over the graves. If trees there be, they are generally clumps of pines, lugubrious and solemn in these dark shades. The grass is long, and coarse, rank weeds abound, while the few flowers that bloom here and there are wild and uncultivated. Perhaps a few plots within the enclosure, the family burial places of the magnates of the village, are surrounded with cheap iron railings which, while adding to the prim formality of the spot, convey the impression that its occupants main tain their exclusiveness even in the

It is a beautiful idea, taught us by science that, our bodies after being buried in the ground are consumed and reappear in the shape of the fragrant flowers that bloom over our resting places. Even this consolation, if so it may be termed, is denied us in the modern burying ground, for the mind cannot but revolt at the thought of sleeping beneath rank weeds or moldering in the damp, heavy shade, away from the clear bright sunshine. The practice of making mounds over graves is one which should have long since been abolished. They doubtless served in the beginning as marks of locality, but now they simply disorder the ground, We could rest as calmly under the turf of a smooth, level lawn as under a surproper keeping of a flat graveyard would be easy compared with that of

an uneven one. Niggardliness of space within the limits of a city may be a matter of necessity, but in the country, thus prescribing limits as to render the making of a few walks or the planting of a few ornamental trees an impossibility is without reason. In churchyards alsee constantly being bod out, it is question worthy of consideration whethence be obtained so as to admit of some ation in their general style during the past century. The matter of designing inexpensive yet beautiful headstones is worthy of the attention of our architects, if only to relieve us from the grotesque or painfully plain pieces of sculpture which emanate from the work-

shop of the rural stone cutter. n laying out a piece of ground for a burial lot, paths should be at first formed, and then the planting of suitable trees should follow. Among the latter the weeping varieties, from the habit of growth they display, consort best with the character of the place. Flowering trees, especially, should be set out. Soft colors or whites should be selected, but nal to go ahead. not yellow, as the laburnum, as that would be inappropriate. For foliage trees, the beech, horse chestnut, weeping ash, birch, elm, and others of grace-ful outline should be preferred, while a very few pines or dark toned shade trees may be interspersed for the sake of contrast. Evergreens of low growth, such as the arbor vita, together with flowering shrubs, hollies, may bloom, syringas, lilacs or elders would form a pleasing variety, and at the same time furnish the bare sward without adding dullness or density. Creeping vines, twined around monuments, make even the plainest of stones an object of beau-The trumpet creeper, sweet honeysuckle, woodbine, climbing roses, German ivy, and especially the hardy English ivy, are all graceful and appropriate, If we dispense with mounds, the place of interment might be covered with flower beds, or the shapes of the graves might be marked out on the green turf with flowery plants. Nothing could be prettier than a margin of snowdrops or lilies of the valley, inside of which might be a small cross of white crocuses. In spring time, exquisite designs may be worked out in purple and white hya-cinths. The more delicate tinted flow-

pinks, with candytuft for borders, can be arranged with exquisite effect. These are all Nature's ornaments, and they were given us to brighten those spots which to the mind carry the most

ers should be selected or else those of

deep toned hue, neither brilliant nor gaudy. Pure white lilies, callas, purple

violets, drooping white and pink fuchsias,

cape jessamine, moss roses or white

know, for I am sure we never have any-thing nice in the kitchen that we don't of the heart, should not bathe without send some of it up in the parlor."

#### A Narrow Escape.

Frederick Gerstacker describes the following adventure on the Mississippi : I was in New Orleans, and wanted to go up to Cincinnati, but had no money : so I shipped as fireman on one of the large Mississippi steamers—the Chilli-cothe—at one dollar a day.

We had reached the upper part of Tennessee, with Arkansas on the left; and, for perhaps the tenth time since we left New Orleans, we were looking out for a wood-pile, our supply being nearly The Chillicothe was a very large boat, with seven boilers, and consumed, when running against the stream, from ferty to forty-two cords daily. We there-fore "wooded" twice a day, usually morning and evening, but sometimes in the night. For this purpose, on the morning of the fifth day of our trip, we ran up close to a wood-yard on the Cennessee shore. The bell was rung, a nan appeared on the bank, and from the hurricane-deck the necessary ques-tions were asked as to the quality of the wood, the price, etc. Every thing being satisfactory, we landeu—that is, we ran up to the bank, the gang-plank was run out, and all the boat's hands were soon at work, assisted by the deck-passengers, who got a deduction in their fare for helping at the wood-landings. With this force, the twenty cords—more or less

-usually taken in were soon on board. On the way, one or more of the buckets -planks-in the larboard wheel had come loose, which not only kept up a continual clattering, but prevented this wheel from doing as good service as it should, and thereby making the boat difficult to steer. The engineer had promised to have it repaired, but neglected to do so until the pilot came down and jogged his memory. Then he sent a man into the wheel to see what was wanted. He found that it would be necessary to put in two new buckets, after first removing what little remained of the old ones.

I was sent into the wheel to assist the

carpenter. We soon had the broken buckets out, and the new ones in their places, it being only necessary to screw them on, which was not easy, as the bolts were very rusty, and the buckets had to be screwed on very tightly. The carpenter, finding the wrench we had insufficient, sent me to his locker, near the stern, for a longer and stronger one. We had been too busy to notice what progress they were making in "wooding;" and the engineer, a drunken, goodfor nothing fellow, had probably entirely forgotten that he had two of his men in one of the wheels. The wood was on board and paid for, and the signal that all was ready to start must have been given while I was looking for the wrench; or, when I ran forward with it, I was thunderstruck to hear the command. "Haul in the plank!" and then, in the same instant, to hear the pilot's bell give the usual signal to back, in order to get out into the stream. In an instant, the wheels were in motion. I knew the carpenter could not have finished his work; but had they called him face of ridges and hollows, while the out? I could see him nowhere; I therefore dropped the wrench, and sprung forward to the engineer, crying, frantically: "There's a man in the wheel! there's a man in the wheel!" The boilers were very hot, and we were blowing off steam, so that it was almost impossi-ble to be heard. I cried out three or four times before the half-tipsy engineer understood what I was saying; but, when he did understand, he was as terready in existence, this defect may not rified as I was, and stopped the engine well be remedied; but where new ones immediately. The pilot cried down through his speaking-tube: "Go shead! purstion worthy of consideration wheth an aread?" adding some hearty curses: Alexander Campbell, Washington, Yolo but the engineer did not heed him. I County, California, has invented a steam pleasing effect being produced by the hands what was the matter, and we stationary engines, with plowing apparexercise of taste in its arrangement, in- hastened to enter the wheel-house in atus. It is claimed for these engines stead of making calculations with a search of the carpenter. We saw him that they are capable of cultivating from clinging to one of the lower arms, which thirty to sixty acres per day of ten ial purposes, every available inch of fortunately was above the water; but, hours, from seven to twelve inches deep; In monuments and grave- despite all our cries, he did not stir a or of cutting one mile of ditching, three stones, we hardly hope to see any change. Save the magnificent memorials which mark the graves of the ened out of his senses, but not out of his Added, the engines are available for wealthy, there has been but little alter- physical strength, for he clung to the wheel as tightly as though he had grown to it. We all clambered down to him as quickly as possible, but were scarcely able to loosen his arms; they seemed rigid, and we were compelled to loosen

> the unfortunate man on deck. In the mean time, the boat had drifted down-stream, stern foremost, until she struck the branches of some trees that hung out over the river in consequence of the bank having settled, and was fast swinging around when we sung out "All right!" to the engineer, and he hastened to comply with the pilot's sig-

ceeded, with great difficulty, in getting

The carpenter lay unconscious the whole day, talking incoherently to himself, and occasionally crying for help in a tone that pierced one's inmost soul. This was disagreeable to the captatn; so, when we reached Cairo, where the man partially regained consciousness, he had him put on shore, because, he said, there was no physician on the boat. The clerk gave him the few dollars that were due him, and we steamed on up the Ohio. He was, doubtless, soon forgotten by the others on board, but not so by me. The sensations he experienced for a few moments must have been terrible, as he was turned round and round, now submerged in the water, and now high above it his limbs clasped convulsively around one of the arms of the wheel. Had I not, providentially, been sent for the wrench, we should certainly have both met with one of the most horrible of deaths. In my travels and adventures, I have met with more than one narrow escape; but this is the only one I cannot think of without a shudder.

## To Bathers.

The Humane Society of London has ssued the following advice to bathers: Avoid bathing within two hours after meal, or when exhausted from any cause. Avoid bathing when the body is cooling after perspiration, but bathe when the body is warm, provided no time is lost in getting into the water.

Avoid chilling the body after having been in the water. Avoid remaining too long in the water. Leave the water im sombre reflections. "God's Acre" should mediately, if there is the slightiest feelbe pleasant and cheerful, and not a ing of chilliness. Avoid bathing altoplace to be avoided as only suggestive of gloom and death.—Scientific Ameribeen a short time in the water, there is a sense of chilliness, with numbress of the hands and feet. The vigorous and "James," said a gentleman to his ser- strong may bathe early in the morning vant, "I have always placed the utmost confidence in you; now tell me, James, weak had better bathe three hours after how is it that my butcher's bills are so a meal, after breakfast being the best large, and I almost invariably have such time. Those subject to attacks of gidbad dinners?" "Really, sir, I don't diness and faintness, and those who suffirst consulting their medical adviser.

### AGRICULTURAL.

Sowing Grass SEED .- Prof. Charles L. Flint makes the following assertions, which the same he would dare to main-

First: That early Fall seeding, without grain, should be adopted in practice in preference to seeding in Spring.

Second: That, as a general rule, it is poor economy to take any grain crop either with or immediately preceding the seeding down to grass. That the grass being the ultimate and paying crop, it is bad practice to reduce the land by the draft which a grain crop makes pon it. Third: That wherever from any local

erop of spring grain, it is more economical to sow the grain alone in the spring, and to plow up the stubble and sow the grass seed alone in the early fall. Fourth: That in cases where it seems

desirable to sow grass seed in spring, it is better to sow it alone and let it take

its chance, without compelling it to struggle for existence under the disadrantages of a grain or any other crop. Fifth: That in seeding down in August or early in September we are following nature as to time, and that, unless the ground is already rich and in high coulition, it is necessary to give the seed the benefit of an application of manure on or near the surface to which the seed

is applied. Sixth: That in the selection of seed for mowing lots and hay, we should se-lect varieties to mix that blossom at or nearly at the same time, and not mix very early and very late varieties to-

Horse Importations.—The increasing demand for heavy draft horses in this country has induced considerable importations of Percheron stallions and few mares from France. At the stables of Robert Stoddart, in Greenwich street, N. Y., near the dock of the Havre steamships, we learn that already this season have been received forty-two of these horses, which have mostly gone to Illinois. Last week we saw a lot of four Percheron stallions debarked from a Havre steamer, the importation of M. . Covell, of Delaware, Ohio, all carefully selected in Perche, of the best blood and make-up. Stoddart, who is an old horse-dealer, says one of these is the best Percheron he ever saw, and as we looked apon his mighty and beautiful form, and saw his splendid action, we could not dispute it. We hope these horses of Mr. Covell's will not be allowed to be taken beyond Ohio for a market, as were a lot of the same breed which he brought from France last year. From the same steamer, we saw another lot of two splendid trotting Percheron stallions, a ercheron mare, and a draft stallion, selected and imported by J. J. Parker, of West Chester, Pa. A valuable stallion of this lot died on the passage, which was a long and rough one, from which all the horses suffered severely.

AMERICAN STEAM PLOWS .- There is a good deal of interest manifested in regard to steam plows and plowing in this country-not as much as there should be, we are satisfied. We do not expect that steam plows will enable our farmers to plow their lands much cheaper per acre, but the application of steam power may enable them to stir the soil (invert it, or otherwise, according to its needs deeper and more thoroughly, at the same cost. This will not require to be done here every year, but, as in England, every three or five years. We notice that Alexander Campbell, Washington, Yolo quickly told four or five of the deck- | plowing apparatus. It involves two threshing, pumping, sawing, hoisting, or or traction service. It is claimed that by direct traction land can be plowed at about one dollar per acre, while by rope traction (engines stationary) it can be done for seventy-five cents per acre. them by main force. This done, we suc-

BEANS A REMEDY FOR GARGET .- We had two valuable cows, which for a couple of years had been much troubled with garget in the bag, and last spring it set in again, bidding fair to destroy them. I had read in your paper about beans as a remedy and prevailed on the men to bring some, which I boiled a few times, and I have heard no more complaint about garget. The disease and advanced so far in a new milch cow that the men said she had already "gone up;" but the beans brought her back again, and she has been an excellent cow all summer. The beans used were what is called the butter bean, which are black when ripe, and as I cooked them for the cows, I found them to be very strong and beany. From our experience here with beans for garget, I had come to the conclusion that beans had hardly prominence enough. It strikes me as being the remedy above all others.—A Subscriber in Rural New

SUBPLUS STOCK .- The National Live-Stock Journal speaks of the advantages of "sale days" in stimulating improvement in the character of the farm animals and to promote a market for surplus stock. Such sales are regularly held in the counties around Lexington, Ky. There are four counties lying contiguous, in one of which the County Court meets on the first Saturday of the month, and in another on the second Saturday, and so on, and the county seats on such days present a scene which would astonish farmers in other States. Droves of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, etc., fill the streets, while nearly every person in the county comes out, and makes a regular business and settlement day of it. men who buy and the men who sell are on the ground, and if prices do not suit the seller, an auctioneer is secured, and all the buyers are brought together, and the highest price which the market will justify secured without difficulty and without risk.

CONTENTED .- A captain of a whalehip, in alluding to the severe climate and various privations suffered by the inhabitants of Spitzbergen, told one of them that he sincerely pitied the miserable life to which he was condemned. "Miserable!" exclaimed the philoso-phic savage. "I have always had a fish-bone through my nose and plenty of train-oil to drink; what more could

possibly desire?"
This is true contentment

Plough deep while others sleep.

### Robinson Crusoe's Island To-Day.

All who have read the story of Rob-

inson Crusoe, will be glad to lears how that island looks to-day. Prof. Agassiz has recently visited it. He says: The Island of Juan Fernandez is more celebrated from DeFue's fiction than from Selkirk's history. Fernandez discovered the island in 1763, and introduced

goats here. In 1771 an Indian was left here, and subsisted on the goats three years before he was taken off. In October, 1804, a Scotch sailor, Alexander Selkirk, was left here, and taken off in 1809, having lived here four years and four months in absolute solitude, living like his Indian predecessor, mostly on goat's flesh. He told his story to eason it becomes desirable to take a DeFoe, and out of it grew "Robinson Crusoe.

The wild goats are still numerous here, and flocks of hundreds of them may be seen upon the mountains. The island is about ten or twelve miles long by four in breadth; the shores mostly precipitous, and the mountain ridges 3,000 feet in height. The water around the island is deep, and the whole ap-pearance is as if there had once been an extensive island with a splendid rugged chain upon it; that suddenly the bottom had been knocked from under all except this patch of ten miles by four, and all but this patch had sunk into the gentle slopes are all cut off by

sea. Valleys and mountain spurs and this pre ipitous edge, and there are but few places on the island where you can effect a landing. There are to-day twelve persons, including several chil-dren, living on the island. They have good poultry and vegetables, splendid beef, and can get goats by climbing after them. Other things they purchase with the proceeds of their beef, milk and poultry, for which they find a market in passing ships, especially in Amer-

ican whalers. We spent May-day in rambling on the island and about its shores, gunning. fishing, herborizing, and collecting generally. Sharks, crabs, crayfish, shrimps, mollusks of various sorts, star fish and sea urchins of divers kinds, a few insects, some humming birds, etc., were among the fruits of our labor. The plants of the island bore a general resemblance to those of the continent four hundred miles to the eastward, which surprised me, as both the prevailing winds and ocean currents are opposed to any transmigration from the southern

#### Wet and Dry Bathing.

If any one in these days will exercise in the open air so that each day he will perspire moderately, and if he will wear thin undergarments, or none at all, and sleep in a cold room, the functions of the skin will suffer little or no impediment if water is withheld for months. Indeed, bathing is not the only way in which its healthful action can be maintained by those living under the conditions at present existing. Dry friction over the whole surface of the body, once a day, or once in two days, is often of more service than the application of water. The reply of the centenarian tothe inquiry to what habit of life he attributed his good health and extreme longevity, that he believed it due to "rubbing himself all over with a cob every night," is significant of an important truth. If invalids and persons of low vitality would use dry friction and Dr. Franklin's "air bath" every day for a considerable period, we are confident they would often be greatly benefited. Cleanliness is next to godliness, no doubt, and a proper and judicious use of water is to be commended; but human beings are not amphib-Nature indicates that the tions of the skin should be kept in order mainly by muscular exercise, by exciting natural perspiration by and, delicious as is the bath, and healthful, under proper regulation, it is no substitute for that exercise of the body without which all the functions become abnormal.—Dr. Nichol's Fireside Science.

THE "HEATHEN CHINEE."-The San Francisco Bulletin says: "A manufac-turer of bird cages and other ware in the city, a short time since, thought to enlarge his revenue by substituting Chinese cheap labor for the white workmen he had in his employ. The Mongols did well enough, at \$1 a day, for a short time, until they mastered the bus iness, when the whole party resigned and set up for themselves, and are now "bearing" the bird cage market at a earful rate. The author of this enargement of their sphere of enterprise prone to believe that "we are ruined by Chinese cheap labor."

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