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When from cherished friends you wander, Doomed a stranger's land to see, While your absent friends you ponder, Will you sometimes think of me?

March is said to be the most unhealthy month of the year, owing to its dampness. Therefore, take especial pains to keep your feet dry and your body warm and sufficiently clothed at all times.

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LONG PASSAGES OF VESSELS.—The New York Courier publishes a list of vessels from Europe, with the point of departure and the day of sailing, showing that sixty ships, barks and brigs are now over due at that port.

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Degradation of Polytheism.

[From a Report read by Mr. L. K. Evans before the Society for Moral & Religious Inquiry, of the University at Lewisburg, we are permitted to extract for the Chronicle the following picture of the loathsome abominations and folly of "Classic" Heathenism.—Ed.] Such was the mythology of the Greek and the Roman, that they suited their deities to the desires and notions of men, compared and resembled them to themselves, made them both male and female, attributed to them every human passion, liable to every misfortune, and subject to the most grievous wants.

GENTLE HINT.—"We believe that after men have done their utmost in a revival of religion, they must confess themselves 'unprofitable servants.'"

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Phonography in Common Schools.

This mysterious looking, but really simple, beautiful and invaluable art, had its birth at about the same period as the electric telegraph, and is destined to be an equal and similar blessing to mankind.

No teacher's qualifications can be considered complete, either in reading or writing, unless he has acquired a familiarity with the principles and practice of the art.

It secures good enunciation of all the separate sounds of the language, the neglect of which is very general and is the true source of the wretched reading so common in our schools.

It is the best possible exercise for the hand of the young writer or draughtsman; and by accompanying with lessons in the ordinary copies, prevents them from being 'practised to death' as they often are through their monotony and consequent weariness.

It cultivates the ear, the thought, the intellect and the memory, and creates a familiarity with words; thus having the effects attributed to a study of the dead languages.

It is so simple that a teacher can in a few weeks prepare himself to give instructions which children of eight years can receive as well as adults, or better.

The cost is little. The teacher can supply himself fully with the means of acquisition for one dollar, and furnish the Phonetic Department of his library handsomely for less than five dollars, including Storr's Phonetic Dictionary (\$3.50).

MESSRS. EDITORS:—"A Calm" inquires what I call "a strong wind," and "a very strong wind," remarking that "according to the table there was scarcely any strong wind, and never any storm, or even very strong wind at all," during February.

The statement that "according to the table there was scarcely any strong wind," is an error. The wind is marked 4 on seven days of the month, namely, the 1st, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 23d and 25th, one fourth of the whole number of days.

The wind is marked in six degrees, to agree with an extended system of simultaneous observations, made under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, by about 300 observers, scattered throughout the United States and Canada.

To the second question, "Did not one inch of water fall in the form of snow during all last month?" I answer, No. We had a great deal of snow in January, and it remained on the ground, but not much fell in February.

Allow me to take this opportunity of correcting a typographical blunder that occurs twice in the Record for February. The instrument which indicates the amount of moisture present in the air is called the "Psychrometer," and not "Psychometer."

Keeping Furs in Summer.

About the 1st of April, or on the approach of warm weather, lightly whip, comb and brush your furs till they are perfectly free from dust, sprinkle them with a little spirits of any kind and wrap them in clean linen.

The insects most destructive to furs, are, first, the black bug which infests smoked meats, &c. It appears and deposits eggs early in the spring.

Coarse furs—such as bear and buffalo skins—may be preserved by beating them well in the spring, and heading them up in an air tight spirit can, which has been recently emptied.

St. Patrick's Birth-Day.—On the 8th day of March it was, some people say, that St. Patrick, the first and greatest of the Irish saints, declared 'twas the 9th he was born.

LIQUOR IN RHODE ISLAND.—Wm. S. Berry was arraigned before Justice Sheffield, of this village, (Stonington side), on Tuesday last, on charge of being intoxicated.

SUFFERING.—The bark Amelia, Lieut. Werden, left Port au Prince for the U. S. on the 1st Dec., but began to leak, and in addition was left a wreck by a storm.

Oliver Glazier, a Revolutionary pensioner, died in Northboro', Mass., February 5th, at the advanced age of 93 years. Mr. Glazier entered the army at the age of 18, and served in New Jersey, Rhode Island and West Point.

The other day, our little boy saw a "colored lady," for the first time; after contemplating the strange phenomenon a moment, with his little hands behind him, he went up to her, and looking into her face, exclaimed, with a countenance indistinguishable, "Why don't you wash your face?"

FOXES, in Chester county, the Village Record says, have been quite numerous the past winter and many a hen-roost has suffered by them.

According to the Berlin obituary lists of last year, a remarkable and interesting hygienic circumstance is made known, namely, that not a single death from small-pox occurred during that period.

A French paper, seeing Mr. Banks styled a "Black Republican," gravely stated that the Americans had chosen as Speaker of the H. of R., "a colored man," and that the South deemed it highly offensive act.

THE FARM.—The Garden.—The Orchard.—Patent Office Seeds. MESSRS. EDITORS:—In answer to your call for information about Patent Office Seeds, I would say for one that after having made a faithful trial of those which come within the Horticultural province, I found none worthy of special commendation.

Much difficulty frequently occurs in raising young crops in strong soils, from their liability to bake on the surface, as alluded to above. A slight covering of hay or short grass prevents the formation of this crust, and enables the tender plants to get through the surface; but, unless carefully watched, and the covering removed at the exact moment, the crop will run a risk of destruction from its being shaded and drawn up tender.

Our word for it, a dozen farmers in any town who will meet and start some subject to be discussed, as for instance the best mode of harvesting Indian corn, whether to cut it to the ground or to cut the stalks and leave it to ripen on the hill; the best time to plow sward land for corn, and a thousand other things were men differ, will soon find that the loss of a dinner will be profited to missing the meeting of the club.

FARMERS' CLUBS.

Among the best instrumentalities to awaken interest in the improvement of our modes of cultivation, there are none that stand higher than the one named at the head of this article.

The great feature in cultivation is to keep the soil loose, more especially on the surface, as it retards evaporation of contained moisture, and admits the unimpeded access of the various agents of vegetable growth to the roots of plants.

With regard to the depth that seeds should be covered, it is a safe rule to cover them with a depth of soil about equal to their own thickness.

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One pint of peas will sow a row of 60 feet; for late crops the same quantity will sow 100 feet. Carrot, one ounce will sow a row of 150 feet long; parsnip, half an ounce 150 feet; Spinach, one ounce 120 feet; beans, one pint will plant 150 feet of a row; and half an ounce of cabbage, broccoli, cauliflowers, and their allies, will breed a bed of 40 square feet.

Those who have wet, late soils to work on, will find it a great advantage in their early crops of peas and beans to plant them on the surface, and throw a little soil over them with a spade.

New plantations of asparagus, rhubarb, and horseradish may be made now. The soil should be trenched eighteen inches deep, and heavily manured.

Those who have the convenience of a greenhouse, graperie, or even a spare frame may forward a few dozen pots of sweet corn, peas, or dwarf beans. By doing so, a dish or two of these vegetables may be had several days in advance of the regular crop.

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FLORIST GARDEN.—To have a good display of flowers during next summer, dig five or six inches of manure eighteen inches deep in the flower beds.

GENERAL REMARKS.—This is a season when many are stocking their vegetable, fruit and flower gardens; a little advice may not be out of place.

ROOTS OF TREES IN PIPE DRAINS.—Where drains have to be laid near the roots of trees, it is important that they should be well bedded in cement, at those places, and every small opening effectually closed.

The Albany (N. Y.) Knickerbocker says:—"A first class Shanghai book will eat as much as a horse. In consequence, it is not profitable to grow Shanghai, unless you can buy oats for ten cents a bushel, soil eggs for four shillings apiece.