

The Farmers' Department.

Recommended Fruits. A friend—a member of the Fruit-growers' Society of Eastern Pennsylvania...

We beg to say, only, to the foregoing that we thought "marketing pears" was the leading question in the selection...

ABOUT HOGS.—Though not a farmer, I have seen much of farming, and once upon a time did some at it...

It is a great error to suppose the hog is a filthy animal, and fond of dirt; they are in truth among the most cleanly of our four-footed beasts...

MANURING.—Never scant your crops. Plant no more land than you can manure well. It is better to have one-half an acre of soil well managed...

CHARCOAL FOR SWINE.—In every hog pen there should be a trough, in which there should be deposited weekly, a quantity of charcoal...

Educational Department.

Reading Good and Bad Books. BY HENRY WOOD HILL.

Books may be compared to men, with the exception that whilst the latter speak with the living tongue, the former give utterance to ideas in silence.

But, books have an advantage over men, in that they enable one to contemplate at leisure the finished productions of mature reflection, whilst many of us are not content with a memory sufficiently capable of retaining the exact words of the speaker.

There is something peculiarly beautiful and soothing in the manner in which the silent processes of the mind are brought into action when we are reading attentively.

When perusing a book, we are apt to apply the ideas therein contained to ourselves, to identify ourselves with those spoken of, and more or less to allow ourselves to be actuated by the interpretation of their ideas.

Persons who read inferior books acquire a distaste for superior books. They falsely imagine the latter to be too learned and abstruse, though the language and manner in which they are worded may be the most simple and the least complicated.

GAMBLING.—Let every man avoid all sorts of gambling as he would poison. A poor man or boy should not allow himself even to toss up for a half-penny, for this is often the beginning of a habit of gambling.

A SINGULAR RE-UNION.—Ten years ago last night ten young ladies, who were attending school in this city, agreed with their teacher, Miss Stearns, to meet in just ten years, and have a supper at the Worcester House.

Religious Department.

The Social Hazards of a Sinful Life. It is this deceptive, this concealing of the skeleton beneath a beautiful mask which makes a life of devotion to sinful pleasure so perilous.

Dr. Dodd, as we have seen, was foolish enough first to love and then to court the flattery of the great. That folly led him into habits of extravagance. Those habits plunged him into debt.

BORROWING TROUBLE. The most miserable mortal, perhaps, upon this misadvised sphere, is he who has no present ill to complain of—except an overburden of gold and nothing to do—but who beats the bushes of future till he wakes up wild cats, lions, and tigers.

Rich, and surrounded with all the comforts that the world can bestow, he will go a-fishing in the stagnant pools of the future for ills that he knows not of; and he is sure to get more bites in a minute, than I would fish for a week at his elbow.

THE GOD FASHION.—There is only one thing more powerful than the steam engine, and that is fashion. Fashion rules the women, the women rule the men, and men rule the world; ergo, fashion is more powerful than all other influences combined.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is writing a series of articles for the Christian Watchman and Reflector, on "Men of our Times." In the issue of that paper of January 7th, she says: Abraham Lincoln is, in the strictest sense, a man of the working classes.

In 1832, in the Black Hawk Indian war, the hardy boatman volunteered to fight for his country, and was unanimously elected a captain, and served with honor for a season in frontier military life.

Little did the Convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for President know what they were doing. Little did the honest, fatherly, patriotic man, who stood in his simplicity on the platform at Springfield, asking the prayers of his townsmen, and receiving their pledges to remember him, foresee how awfully he was to need those prayers, the prayers of all this nation.

Lincoln is a strong man, but his strength is of a peculiar kind; it is not aggressive, so much as passive, and among passive things it is like the strength not so much of a stone buttress as of a wire cable.

In the time of our trouble, Abraham Lincoln had his turn of being the abused man of our nation. Like Moses leading his Israel through the wilderness, he has seen the day when every man seemed ready to stone him, and yet, with simple, wiry, steady perseverance, he has held on, conscious of honest intentions, and looking to God for help.

W. S. & A. G. BOYD. This firm is pursuing its accustomed plan of doing business. They are receiving New Goods all the time, and are now filling up with a large Stock of New Goods of all kinds.

IMPORTANT NOTICES.

U. S. 5-20'S. THE Secretary of the Treasury has not yet given notice of his intention to withdraw his popular Loan of \$100,000,000, and small daily notes given as understood, as "General Subscription Agent," will continue to supply the public.

It is a Six per Cent. Loan, the Interest and Principle payable in Gold, the yield over Nine per Cent. per annum at the present rate of premium on gold.

WAVELY MAGAZINE. FOR FAMILY AMUSEMENT AND INSTRUCTION. Edited by Moses A. Dow. This paper is the largest Weekly ever published in the United States, and is the most valuable and interesting of any published in this country.

THE QUIET TOWN OF BUTLER. THE undersigned, at the earnest solicitation of his numerous friends and patrons, has determined to publish a new and complete edition of his "Quiet Town of Butler."

R. C. SHARP, DEALER IN FRUIT & ORNAMENTAL TREES. IS now prepared to fill orders for the Spring season, and is now filling up with which no other Fruit Agent can compete for FRESHNESS, VIGOR, SIZE AND GOOD ORDER.

PROPER PLANTING. WITHIN the past two years, he has sold in this county THOUSANDS of TREES of every description; nearly all of which are now in a thriving condition.

Tin Cups. He will sell to himself with a self-satisfied expression of countenance, "I've made one good investment in my life, any how."

PERIODICAL NOTICES.

Terms reduced to Old Prices! GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK. For 1864. Great Literary and Pictorial Year! The publisher of Godey's Lady's Book, thankful to the public which has enabled him to publish a magazine...

THE BEST Lady's Magazine in the World, and the Cheapest. THE LITERATURE is of that kind that can be read aloud in the family circle, and the clergy in numerous numbers are subscribers for the Book.

GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH. A Family and Agricultural Journal, DEVOTED TO CHOICE LITERATURE, POETRY, INCLUDING Novels, Tales, AND MORAL AND ENTERTAINING READING GENERALLY.

NEWS DEPARTMENT. The same industry, care, and discrimination in gathering and preparing the news, which has been one of the marked features of this paper, will be continued with unabated efforts to meet the increasing demands of the public.

ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE. For 1864. Edited by T. S. JOHN AND VIRGINIA F. TOWNSEND. VOL. XXII. AND XXIII. THE HOME MAGAZINE for 1864 will be conducted in the same spirit that has distinguished it from the commencement; and continue to unite as one periodical the attractions and excellences of both the Ladies' or Fashion Magazines as they are called, and the graver literary monthly.

Stray Cattle. CAME to the residence of the subscriber in Cherry township, in the month of June last, four head of cattle, one year old, last spring, described as follows: One Black and White Bull, one Brindle Heifer, one Red Heifer, one Flecked Heifer, one other valuable make. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property by oath, and take them away, otherwise they will be disposed of according to law. H. W. HOFFMAN, Jan. 6/64.

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