

DEAD VIOLIN.

A few dead violins, withered, old and faded! All meaningless and dull to stranger eyes; Yet, oh, the blessed hope, forward ahead!

A woman's dream of pure and high devotion— Life's sweetest music—earth's divinest song!

All these, and more—forever ever shattered, I see and feel within these withered leaves: The song and music hushed, the hopes all scattered.

Oh, when I gather up my harvest sheaves, Will they return again? In ruddy harvest moon, Will wind and music and the crown of love

Once more upon my loving heart be given, And all be perfect in the world above!

A Useful Tree.

Consul Morgan, in his supplementary report on the tree of Brazil for the year 1874, just issued, makes special mention of a most useful tree, which would be a valuable acquisition to any country where it would be introduced.

Intermarriages in Germany.

In the upper classes marriage is determined, if not chiefly, yet perhaps decisively, by means of money.

Bracelets.

Perhaps the history of no other article of jewelry can be traced so far back as that of the bracelet. This may be owing to the fact that it was more easily manufactured, being in the earliest times but a rude band of flexible metal wound around the arm.

An Engineer's Story.

In the autumn of 1856 I was an engineer on the Galena and Chicago Union railroad, now the Galena Division of the great Chicago and Northwestern railway.

East-End Day.

The reason why Easter will fall this year on the 10th of April, rather than on the 9th, is explained as follows in the Churchman.

AGRICULTURE.

A GOOD WAY TO MANAGE BULLS.—No system of managing stock bulls is more objectionable than the prevailing practice of keeping such animals in a pen.

It is well known that the bull, when kept in a small pen, will become debilitated and his procreative energies will be so feeble that he cannot be relied on.

Stock Fovels.

Many farmers living in the prairie districts have suffered greatly for the want of water for their stock the past fall and winter.

Remarkable Bird.

The London Daily News writes that a very remarkable bird was seen near the coast of the island of Sumatra.

Lightning on Vines.

A recent issue of the Scientific American contains an account of a lightning stroke which in the month of June last year struck a vine in the garden of a gentleman in the city of New York.

Climate and Weather.

Climate is geographically fixed, while weather is atmospherically variable; climate is a calculated quantity, while weather is an unknown one.

The Pineapple.

The history of the pineapple dates back for several centuries. Columbus found it growing on the island of Guadalupe in 1492.

Family Fowls.

The poultry nation scolds city people for paying out so much money for eggs which they might just as well get for next to nothing.

Poultry Manure.

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SCIENTIFIC.

The Alcocosa.—This tribe of plants (belonging to the species known as Alcocosa) is one of the most valuable from the admirers of handsome foliage.

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DOMESTIC.

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Novel Idea.

A novel idea for a new kind of building has been suggested by a man who has been thinking of a new way of building houses.

Corrugated Iron Buildings.

Wrought iron buildings are being built in many places, and are being used for many purposes.

Show Cases.

Shows cases are being built in many places, and are being used for many purposes.

Chicken Salad.

Take the meat from a chicken, and mix it with a dressing of oil, vinegar, and herbs.

Penitentiary and Potash.

The penitentiary and potash are being used for many purposes.

Coating for Lamp Shades.

A German chemist has suggested the following composition as a coating for lamp shades.

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Plants and parts of plants are the source of many of our medicines.

How to Clean Paint.

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