## RHYME AND JINGLE.

women went forth in the glory Their heroes seturning from battle

one was in white, with a rose at her

nd one was in black from her head to As the train from the south thundered over

the rails One blushed like the rose in her bosom of

one was as pale as the petals that

the dusk and the dew, when the day-In

Two soldiers together were left by the Where the long, narrow platform lay hot

in the sun, And one had returned from his marches to

But the other-his battles were over and

For his saber was sheathed and his sash And his steed from the battlefield never

would rise. And his sleep was too deep, in the folds of

the flag. To be wakened by weeping or troubled by -Town Topics.

### "All Is Well?"

High o'er my weary day a melody is ring-Like fairy bells afar upon the upper air: Joy-bells that call with gay harmonious swinging.

Lifting the heart from pain and teasing

Not to mine cars they sound, but o'er my apirit Floateth the finest strain of woven song.

Telling of realms where hungry souls in-

Music and joy, the beautiful and strong. O breath that comes from portals wide ex-

tended. Sweet thought of sound, more sweet than

words can tell, Thine is the tone of hope and valor blended, Ever repeating: "Courage! All is well?"

Come, then, O gayest notes of gladness, falling Through earth's dark air as though a

wilderness. Joyful I hear your distant echoes calling:

Joyful I feel your gracious power to bless. -Eilzabeth French, in Springfield Repub-Hean.

# What Dorotby Says.

When first to Dottie I was wed One morning unto her I said: "The ples that mother used to make, And likewise, too, her brend and cake, Were of the best. Now strive, my lass, To get in mother's cooking class." She locked me squarely in the eye And made this innocent reply: "To cook like her I'll surely try: But"-and her look was very sly-"I want a cook stove, nice and bright, Sent up to me this very night-A stove like father used to buy."

The years are many o'er my head Since unto Dorothy I said A word about how mother cooked. I've not forgotten how Dottle looked The day I made that first bad break About how mother used to bake. But let me say a word, twint you and I.

That more than once with heartfelt sigh I've seen her unto me draw night, And with a glitter in her eye Say unto me: "I want a hat, And yards of this and yards of that; Just like my father used to buy." -Will M. Maupin, in What to Eat.

### Shut In.

There is a legend of a house that stands Alone amid th' eternal calm and stress Of tossing waters-narrow, windowless-set on a storm-swept isle by unknown

hands; And of a man who, 'mid those shifting sands. Knows of his single room-a dull duress-

Yet longs to know, and vaguely seeks to guess What lies beyond the scope his eye com-

mande

# HANDLING THE BEES.

It thould Be Aveided, if Pecalble, on Cool Days and Rainy Days In Summer.

No one should think of opening the hives and working with bees in cold weather in winter, or in cool weather in summer. There are but few days during the winter that one can do any successful work with bees, says a writer in Texas Farm and Ranca, and that is only an occasional day that is warm enough for them to fly, and at any other ume it will be a detriment to them to molest them. Bees should remain in absolute repose during all cold weather. There should not be a path or roadway near where the hives are sitting that is to be traveled by either man or beast during winter. The jarring that hives frequently get from heavy winds is very injurious to them. Not only in winter, but in spring and summer there is a wonderful difference in results by handling bees at the proper time. All handling of bees on cool days and rainy days ought to be avoided if possible. It makes bees irritable to be thus handled, and with but little effort we can have them at a fighting pitch. This is also true when handing them early in the morning or late in the evening. The proper time to work with bees is on bright days, and from nine o'clock a. m. to four o'clock p. m. Much better work can be done, and with greater satisfaction, when the bees are busy at work gathering honey, and the more busily they are occupied the less liable they are to show any opposition. During the honey season bees may be handled right along every day without the aid of smoke, and much better work can be performed without smoke if we but go about it in a proper manner. Handling bees at the time above referred to, and doing the work carefully so as to avoid arousing them by rough usage, we can almost dispense with the bee smoker during the honey season and get along much better without it. To use the smoker whenever we handle a colony of bees is to whip them into subjection, which is abso-

lutely wrong, for if the little fellows want to be on friendly terms with us, and allow us to handle them thus, why should we make battle with them and whip them into subjection, without any provocation on their part? Such treatment would seem that we had less intelligence than they.

### STRUCTURE OF AN EGG.

### An Interesting Picture Showing Cross Section of a Hen's Egg Before incubation.

The cut shows a cross section of a hen's egg before incubation. A, yellow part of yolk; b, germ spot which is always present in fertile eggs and can be readily seen on breaking the shell; c, white part of yolk, consisting of a central flask-shaped mass and a n...nber of



Helped by a Tip. "I don't see how it happens, that you get the start of your business rivals so often," said the man to the prosperous undertaker. "Why, you must have nearly double the trade of any of

the others. "Guess I do," said the man of caskets, frankly; "guess I do. Of course, mum is the word, but the fact is, Dr. Cutter always gives me a tip when he's going to dig for appendicitis-and I'm invariably the first man to apply for the job."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

That Was All. Weary Clerk (after cutting off 25 samples of dress goods)-Is that all, madam?

Miss Grabbe-Um-I would like one more sample. My mother is so particnlar. Cut me off a piece from that roll under your hand.

Little Sister (loudly) - Why, Moll, that won't do at all. Mother said she wasn't going to have any blue in that erazy quilt, 'cause it always fades .- N. Y. Weekly.

> A Bookish Pair. Professor Jones was old and bald, Of habits sedentary. He was so wise that he was called A walking dictionary. He married a loquacious dame, So talkative and merry, That on his work she soon became A running commentary. -Puck.

BARN-DOOR AMENITIES.



Tramp-I reckon you'll know me when you see me again, starin' so hard. Countryman-1 shan't if you wash yourself .- St. Faul's.

So Small. "Some awful stroke has caused relapse," The anxious doctor said; The patient paid the modest bill And promptly fell down dead. -N. Y. World.

Little Virginia-My mamma says you live in a haunted house, Little Winnie-The idea! We don't either. Nobody ever heard of a ghost being inside of our house. Little Virginia-Yes, but it's always

haunted by a crowd of collectors .- Chicago Daily News.

Averting a Tragedy. Chapple-Averted tewibble twagedy

just now. Chollie-No! How?

Chappie-Man said he would pound me to mincement if I did not give him half a ewown, and I gave him half a

His Only Opening.

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## MODERN FRUIT FARMING.

### It Pays Where a Unir Proportion the Crop Can Be Sold Directly to the Consumer.

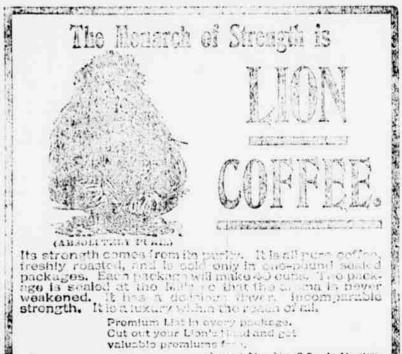
That well-conducted orchards, ineluding the small fruits, are more profitable than ordinary branches of farming is a fact that thousands of farmers are beginning to learn. But it is not the natural conservatism of average farmers that keeps them from making this change. It is one which, if made over the whole farm, will involve expenses that few farmers can afford. In fact, it can only be done by large purchases of commercial manures, chiefly potash and phosphate. Yet so many are the enemies of fruit that, even when the trees and plants have been fertilized at great expense, the fruit may be destroyed by blight, and the farmers be left in the lurch. The only remedy, as farmers are

slowly learning, is to cultivate as great a variety of fruits as possible, so that if two or three entirely fail, there may be enough others to take their place. We do not mean by this that a large assortment of varieties of the same species be planted. Most market orchards have far too many, and if their owners were asked which of all these had more than paid expenses, their answer would be restricted to not more than two or three sorts of any species, and in some not more than one. For home use as many varieties as there are tastes may be grown. But this is not business. Usually the farmer, whose orchard is all of the best paying variety, finds that kind good enough for himself and family. If it isn't, then he had better grow something else, for popular taste is capricious and cannet be long depended on to favor what is not really good.

If the farmer has money enough to tide over nonproductive seasons, will it pay him to set his whole farm in fruits?. We believe it will, if the farm is reduced in size, so that one man can do all the work of cultivating and caring for trees until fruit-gathering time. Most of the castern good farming land is destined, we believe, to be divided into small holdings and set with fruit. It will produce more in money value, and, we believe, also in nutritive value thus, than if eropped with ordinary farm crops. An apple tree which occupied less than four square rods of land has been known to bear upwards of 55 bushels of fruit in a single season, and this at the time sold at a price that would make the land yield more than \$720 per acre. There were more than 18 barrels of apples on the tree, and they sold at one dollar per barrel. With berries, and these are surer than large fruit. larger money returns per acre than this have been secured.

With better understanding of the means for fighting insects and fungous diseases, the growing of fine fruit is much less hazardous than it used to be





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life may seem a dim unwindowed room Wherein we wait with eye upon the latch, As if impelled to turn the fatal key: We yearn yet fear to pierce the outer gloom,

And ever bend an erger car to catch The secret of th' illimitable sea. -Harper's Weekly.

### In the Mendow. Why should I ask of any love A relie or a wreath? I know the sky is blue above-The meadow green benenth, And there is no danger hidden In the lily's snowy sheath.

The rose's white or crimson Shall never make you weep; The violet shall not wound you When in velvet vales you reap; If the poppy hides the poison, Yet the poppy bringeth sleep.

Then, for the wild, green gardens, With a blue-bright sky above! The robin's breast is bloody-red But the white down's on the dove; And the wide world's a-blossom With the lilles of God's love! -Atlanta Constitution.

### Rondel.

What if we're growing old? We have been young together. O'er fields of fragrant hether, By sunny ways we've strolled.

Our hearts have ne'er grown cold Through all life's drearest weather. What if we're growing old? We have been young together.

So why should we care whether Some years have past us rolled? I'll wear, by love consoled, Age gayly as a feather. What if we're growing old? We have been young together. -Columbia Literary Monthly.

The World of Thought.

fou think your world a narrow sphere. And long to follow fancy's flight, which makes the outside world appear ore fair than that which lies so near, Because it is beyond your sight.

ach life is very much the same, Environment's the common lot. and few have won a deathless name, and yet this life need not be tame. E'en though by destiny begot.

or lying at your very door is all the whole wide world of thought. h, why its vastness thus ignore. Then all its realms you may explore? Loss waits you while it dies unsought. Ella Martin, in Minneapolis Housekeeper.

### As You Look at It.

ly neighbor's girl's a nuisance. And I wish that they'd move away: hey've purchased a plano, And she's learning how to play; t's "tump, tump, tump!" day after day, The same thing o'er and o'er; wish the strings would break and they Could ne'er find any more.

by hos has got a fiddle, and he's learning how to play; expect that he'll be getting dich and famous, too, some day; ich and famous, too, some day; practices ten hours at of every twenty-four, I I wonder why the neighbors whit friendly any more. Hoago Daily News.

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# STRUCTURE OF AN EGO.

layers arranged around it, the outer layer of white yolk lying just beneath the vitelline membrane, d. Outside this after d membrane is f, a layer of more fluid al- Judge. bumen; g, chalaze; h, air space; i, shell membranes; j. shell; k. layer of thicker albumen outside the yolk; I boundary between outer and middle parts of the albumen or white of the egg .-- Orange Judd Farmer.

# NOTES FOR THE APIARY.

The greatest hindrance to large honcy crops is letting the bees run short of stores in spring.

When the brood-chamber becomes so full of bees that they are somewhat crowded for room, additional space should be added.

We cannot look for much surplus honey if we allow the bees to swarm at will, because excessive swarming will new party dress of yours. be the rule with them.

A colony that is slow in building up now may have a defective queen or may have none at all. An examination will

usually disclose the trouble. Cross, stinging bees are usually the result of improper handling. Rough treatment will not succeed, but will irritate the bees almost beyond redemp-tion. In handling do not kill a bee if you can possibly avoid it.

No one can get aong without a bee smoker when working with bees; even a specialist does not think of handling bees without it. The smoker is indispensable, and many fail to perform the work necessary by being without one.

It is a very erroneous idea that some people have, that bees are always looking around for some one to attack and sting. Bees as a rule do not venture an attack on anyone or anything. They simply defend, when attacked, in a vicious manner, and only make a defense of their hives and stores .- Journal of Agriculture.

### How to Confine Ducks.

Use wire netting 18 inches wide. Ev ery six or eight feet nail a sharp-pointed stake to the wire. The pointed end should extend down below the bottom edge of the wire, 10 or 12 inches. Such a fence is easily set, and when not wanted the stakes can be pulled out, and the wire and stakes can be pulled up and put away for future use. The apple orchard or a portion of it, if in grass, will make a good place for the ducks. It is best to build the pen where there are some trees, on account of the welcome shade during hot weather. But any out-of-the-way place will do .-Farmers' Beview.

Mrs. Johnson-Don't yo' feel terrible, Mrs. Jackson, 'cause yo'r son Mose bin arrested fo' stealin' chickens?

Mrs. Jackson (sobbing)-Y-yais. De poor fellah won't be good fo' nuffin' after dis disgrace except in politics.-

### A Talented Youth.

Johnnie-I wish I was Tommy Jones. Mother-Why? You are stronger than he is, you have a better home, more toys and more pocket money. Johnnie-Yes, I know, but he can

wiggle his ears .- N. Y. Journal.

### The Way Men Are.

Lilian-Marie, does your husband get vexed if you interrupt him when he's talking? Marie-No; but he gets furious if I

interrupt him when he's eating or sleeping .- Detroit Free Press. Wrong All Round.

# He-I'm not at all pleased with that

She (coldly)-Aren't you? He- No, the dress itself is altogether too low, and the bill for it is altogether too high .- Somerville Journal.

### Judging from the Sample.

Handout Harry-When I wuz a little kid dey useter say I wuz de best boy in de village.

Tiepass Teddy-Gee! Dat must 'a' been a tough village,-N. Y. Journal.

Couldn't Crow Over Him. Boy on the Fence-You ought to see the rabbit's foot I've got at home. Boy in the Next Yard-That ain't nothin'. My little brother's got a harelip,-Chicago Tribune.

#### It Was Cheaper.

Landlady-It is our custom to return thanks each meal. New Boarder-Well, I rather think I will like that better than the old way of paying cash .- Indianapolis Journal.

### Keeping a Close Watch. Tom-Edna and May appear to be in-

separable. Carrie-Yes; each is afraid to trust the other out of her sight .- Town Top-

> A Libel Refuted. "Women are cats," snapped Jarley,

viciously. "Nonsense," said Dawson. "Did you ever see a woman try to climb a fence?"

-Harlem Life.

# Labeled.

"Look! There's a colored messenger boy running."

"Sure enough. They ought to adver-tise him as 'warranted fast black."-Philadelphia Bulletin.

Much, however, depends on having a good location and with the small fruits on a good near retail market. This, of course. limits the amount that each individual grower can produce. At least part of the crop ought always to be sold at retail. The farmer who goes into fruit growing depending wholly on selling it to commission houses, will find so many profits taken between the field and the consumer that his own share in the profit will be nothing .--American Cultivator.

### Her Estimate.

"You ought to be very proud of your husband," remarked a caller to the wife of a great man.

"Proud?" was the response of the worried-looking wife. "What's the use of being proud of a man who can talk political economy and the needs of society, if he hasn't sense enough to put on an overcoat when it's chilly?"-Washington Star.

### She Was Right.

"I cannot sing the old songs now," She trilled in alto, cracked-And those who heard her try, all vow couldn't for a fact. -L. A. W. Bulletin.

### One Sort.

"You sold this dog to me for a birddog. He doesn't know a bird when he sees one. I took him out yesterday and he wouldn't look at a bird."

"Well, how was the bird cooked?"-Brooklyn Life.

### Injustice of Fate.

"A man can't do much without money."

"No, and when he has money he doesn't need to do anything."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

### She Merely Retaliated.

Paterfamilias-Nelly, I want an explanation from you. I saw you kiss young Johnson this evening. Nelly-Well, papa, he kissed me first.

-Harlem Life.

A Friendly Tip. Parke-Did you see that scurrilous nasty attack on you in the paper? Lane-No; you're the first friend I've met to-day.-Town Topics.

A Pertinent Question. Scribbler-I-ah-write for a living,

you know. Miss Pert-How Interesting! Do you get it?-N. Y. Journal.

No Place for Bickering. "A balloon club has just been organized in Paris."

"Well, let's hope the members will not fall out."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.





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