

Poetry

Flowers which never die. Oh! there are flowers which flourish far beyond this vale of tears; Flowers which angel hearts will cherish in the heaven of coming years.

Family Circle

Instilling Family Prayer Under Difficulties. Ellen was the oldest of ten children who had been given to their parents nearly at the rate of two every three years.

such a one. I would try and conduct our devotions, if you were willing and thought it was best for us to try? What could the mother say? A tear stood in her eye; a slight inclination of her head gave the answer that stayed in her throat.

Ellen had been early betrothed to a mechanic but little older than herself. Prayer and interchange of thought on the most sacred of all subjects had welded their hearts together.

Thus in two families were household altars raised, and sweet incense offered thereon daily. It is now nearly thirty years since that young man and maiden thus honored Christ in their families.

Almost every Sabbath, Ellen was able to attend on the word of truth, and once or twice a week she added her Sabbath privileges an evening at the prayer and conference room.

Ellen naturally sat at a book, and she learned to read slowly. Her mother could do ill spare her from household duties, that she had been cut off in a great measure from early opportunities at school.

Science and Art

The Union Arch. The Union arch over the Potomac, at Cabin John, Run, seven miles West of Washington, is a magnificent piece of masonry. It is a single arch thrown from the natural abutment of solid rock at the base of one hill to a corresponding one on the other side.

An iron steamship. An iron steamship has just been launched in England which, it is said, cannot sink, no matter what accident or damage may befall her.

The Enfield and Minnie Rifles. It is most generally supposed that the Enfields and Minnies are peculiar rifles; the one French and the other English, both invented by those names.

The oldest daughter in a large family was thus brought near to Christ, and made ready to follow Whithersoever he should lead. Earnest desires for the salvation of her father's household filled her soul.

and by long practice in judging, of distances by the eye, he obtained wonderful precision in his aim. The special corps of Ouhassars and Zouaves have elevating sights on their rifles.

Pluviometer. A new pluviometer, or rain measurer, has recently been contrived by a Frenchman, by which the number of showers, not only, but even the number of drops that have fallen on a given spot may be accurately determined.

White Gunpowder. The following is the composition of Anderson's white gunpowder: ferrocyanide of potassium, 28 parts; chlorate of potash, 28 parts; and sugar 40 parts.

British Railways. Since 1831 the British have laid down ten thousand miles of railway, at a cost of \$1,650,000,000. During the same period there have been laid down ten thousand miles of telegraph, with fifty thousand miles of communicating wire.

Ocean Telegraphs. The number of submarine cables that have been laid in shallow water is thirty-one, their total length being upward of three thousand miles.

An improved knitting machine has been invented. It contains from ninety to one hundred and twenty-five needles, which are not liable to break, and takes from twelve thousand to fifteen thousand stitches a minute.

The Seven Old and the Seven New. The seven wonders of the world were: 1st, the Egyptian Pyramids. The largest of these is six hundred and ninety-three feet square at the base, and rises to a height of 481 feet.

Humility. The bird that soars on highest wing; Builds on the ground her lowly nest; And she that doth most sweetly sing; Sings in the shade, where all things rest; In lark and nightingale we see What honor hath humility.

Miscellaneous

Character of the Gentleman. I have stated already that the forbearing use of power is a sure attribute of the gentleman, indeed, as we may say, that power—physical, moral, purely social or political—is one of the touchstones of genuine gentlemanship.

Orchard-Sites. The time is near at hand when the farmer will be called in his own mind to decide upon his orchard-site, for the trees he is to plant the coming Fall or Spring.

Fortress Monroe. Comparatively few persons are aware of the real strength of Fortress Monroe, and of the powerful influence it must exert, if under the right direction, all along the Southern border.

Do not seem to have been contemplated by our patriotic fathers. The war with England has not diminished our rule of that day with the conviction that the sea-board would be our weak point; that its security would best protect our commerce as it came into Hampton Roads, for safety, and that from this point our ships of war could go to clear the ocean of the hostile craft.

Apple-Trees. The practice of taking off the old bark from apple-trees has been in use nearly two centuries. The old cracked and dead bark on the stem and thick branches affords soil and shelter for various injurious growths, and also forms a fit receptacle for numerous larvae, which in time devour the tender leaves and buds as they shoot forth. By removing the old bark the living bark is brought into contact with the air, and myriads of insects prejudicial to the trees, are destroyed.

Salt for Swine. A correspondent of the Annals de Landwirthschaft, states some interesting experiments, to test the use of salt in fattening swine. He selected a number of hogs, and divided them into two hundred pounds apiece. One pair received, with their daily allowance of food two ounces of salt; the other pair, similarly fed, none.

Ventilation of the Apple-Barrel. By this we mean the boring of holes in the head or staves of the barrels that will allow the escape of the moisture that is constantly passing off from the newly gathered fruit. We hazard nothing in the statement, that one-half the fruit sent to this market is spoiled, from the moisture injured from moisture. The effect of confined vapor upon the apple is not at once apparent. The fruit appears uncommonly bright on the first opening—but as the surface dries off, the apple begins to grow dull and dark, and if a light-skinned apple, in a day or two will present the appearance of half-baked fruit.

Drains for Yards. If a barn is not set in a hollow it may always be drained, and the water which would have a wet cow-yard if it could avoid it? Nothing is gained by keeping a wet cow-yard. The caves of the barns and sheds should pour their water into the yard to run off through it—but the rains that fall from the clouds into the yard will do no harm, they are water to mellow and mix the ingredients. This water should have a chance to drain off and leave the surface dry.

Productiveness of Poultry. A French journal states that experiments, to ascertain the comparative fecundity of the different breeds of poultry, were made, last Spring, in the Zoological Gardens of the Bois de Boulogne. The number of eggs laid by the fowls in that establishment, has been immense, and the sale of them produced, in April, the sum of 8,000 francs.

Fast-growing Pork. The New-England Farmer says: "We do not work our hogs either in harness or in the manure heap. When they have taken their meals, and when they are pleased, they retire to a dry, roomy bed, lie down and grow, and make a business of it. An Irishman can over-haul the manure heap much cheaper than the hogs can. We slaughtered swine last Fall, made from pigs that weighed less than thirty-five pounds each, seven or eight hundred, and hogs weighed, when handsomely dressed, from four hundred and fifty to four hundred and seventy-five pounds each!"

Lac-Varnish for Vines. Grapes-vine may be pruned at any period without danger from loss of bleeding, by simply covering the cut parts with varnish made by dissolving stick-lac in alcohol. The lac-varnish soon dries, and forms an impenetrable coat to the vine; it may also be applied with advantage in coating the wounds of young trees.

Raspberries and Blackberries. As soon as they have done bearing, should be picked in, that is, have the tips stripped off with thumb and finger. This will start outside shoots, which should also be picked in when a foot or so in length. This treatment makes stout, compact bushes, which, if left neglected, next season will extend in every direction, and thus will be unproductive and unprofitable. Proper cultivation, and a scrub and clear every year, giving a poor crop, and leading the vines to produce a better one.

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