

Poetry.

Little streams are light and shadow,
Flowing through the pasture meadow,
Flowing by the green wayside,
Through the forest dim and wide.

For the Young.

Lilly Ward's Boycot.
There they lay on the plot of green—
The two beds—just alike, only that
The earth in one was dried a little more
In the sun, because the gardener had made it first.

"I want, John, I shall not buy any flowers
to-day," said Lilly, looking about at the
banks of blossom that crowded up the
sides of the observatory as if they meant
to climb into the free air outside.

Lilly made a huge bouquet—twenty Sun-
flowers! She could scarcely lift it in her
hands. Rossie laughed until she cried to
the alderman, "I wish you were here to
place one after another full out before
she could fasten it. At last it was ar-
ranged, and Lilly sought her mother.

"See, mamma," she said, and she held
it before her until it nearly hid her little
person. "I don't sell this for over so
many dollars if they were all gold, because
—you know Susan Gray—well, I was there
once and she was coughing dreadfully, and
her grandmother said if she only had some
Sunflower seeds to make a syrup of, it
would cure her."

about, and they provisionally got off, and
safely arrived the next day at the place of
their destination. After the rebellion, Volney
showed himself no less weak in requiring
several of the passengers not to mention
his behaviour on that awful occasion.—
Churchman's Monthly Penny Magazine.

Of ALL STATES New Hampshire is the
most economical. Its public debt is only
over \$6,000,000, rendered necessary by the war.
The salaries of its public officers are, for
1863: Governor, \$10,000; Secretary of
State, \$800; Treasurer, \$600; Attorney
General, \$1,800; Adjutant General, \$400;
President of the Senate and Speaker of the
House, each \$2,500 per day.

Volney, while prosecuting his philoso-
phical discoveries in North America, had
taken passages, with about twenty other
persons, in a vessel from one port to
another on the extensive Lake Ontario.
He was very communicative; lost no op-
portunity of ridiculing Christianity; and
behaved altogether in a very profane man-
ner. In the course of the voyage, a tremen-
dous storm came on, the schooner
struck upon a shoal of rocks, at a consid-
erable distance from an inaccessible shore,
and continued to beat so violently that they
expected, every moment, she would go to
pieces, in which case their destruction
would have been inevitable. In this emer-
gency the vain philosopher literally lost
his reason. One moment, he was quite
frantic, and raged like a madman; and
another, he was in a state of morose and
wild consternation, he looked into some
of Voltaire's works, which he generally
carried in his bosom; then despair took
hold of him, and he turned to the writ-
ings of the pious and good, and the
incredible sum of money to the captain to
prevail on him to attempt what was utterly
impossible, namely to put him ashore in a
small boat.

Twinkling of the Stars.
According to Arago, astronomers and
others have failed to arrive at a satisfactory
explanation of the twinkling of the stars,
on account of their failure to give an exact
definition of the term "scintillation." He
tells them, that, in far as naked-eye
observers of the heavens are concerned,
scintillations, or twinkling, consist in very
rapid fluctuations in the brightness of the
stars. These variations are always accom-
panied by variations of color and secondary
effects, which are the immediate conse-
quences of every increase or diminution
of brightness, such as considerable alteration
in the apparent magnitude of the stars, and
in the length of the diverging rays, which
appear to issue in different directions from
their centres. It has been remarked, from
a very early age, that the phenomenon of
twinkling is accompanied by a change of
color. It is asserted that the name of
Bark-shed, given by the Arabians to the
star Sirius, signifies the star of a thousand
colors. M. Arago also asserts that the
planets twinkle.

THE OWNERS of pine trees in Maine
have discovered that it is not necessary
to use a pine resin shingle in New Car-
olina to produce turpentine. They are
establishing the business in that State
by tapping the trees, and if they run well,
distilleries will be established, and spirits of
turpentine and rosin manufactured.

W. J. Volney writes to the American
Agriculturist: "All who are familiar with
the pine resin shingle, which is used in
New Carolina to produce turpentine, will
allow newly-hatched chickens to be
committed to their care. This is probably
because the mother hen has become ac-
quainted with her own chickens, and con-
sidered the new owners as intruders, which she
frequently punishes by pecking. To avoid this,
the first hatch should be hatched in a
her chicken, and another brood hatched
there, and substitute the second brood for the
first, and the charge of the former. When
a third hatch comes, put her in the place
of the second, with all three broods; if the
aggregate number does not exceed thirty,
she will be a good care of the whole."

THE CORN GRUB.
The corn grub has several formidable en-
emies to contend with, and among them
is the grub, which sometimes literally de-
stroys whole fields, and frequently causes
the crop to rot. One of the best and
most judicious remedies, perhaps the very
best ever suggested, is the application of
salt as soon as the plant makes its ap-
pearance above ground. Take one part
common salt, and three parts plaster or gypsum,
and apply about a table-spoonful around
each hill, and it will be found to be a sure
protector. The mixture should not come
in contact with the sprouts, as it may de-
stroy them. This method has been tried
over and over again by some of the best
farmers of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and
New Jersey, and when properly applied,
has never failed to be perfectly successful.
We hope farmers will try this mixture, leav-
ing a few alternate rows of corn without
the salt, and communicate to us the result.
We are aware some waters say salt has no effect
upon vermin; but we speak in this matter
on the best authority.—Germania's Tele-
graph.

FORM OF A DEVISE OR BEQUEST.
THE BOARD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
The State laws which require that no
form will answer in all the States, but in every
case it is essential to give the proper
form. The Board of the Presbyterian Church in
the United States of America, in its
annual meeting, held at New York, in
1862, resolved to prepare a form of
bequest, which should be suitable for
use in all the States, and which should
be simple and easy to understand. The
Board of Church Extension of the Gen-
eral Assembly is incorporated under the
laws of Pennsylvania under the style of
"THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA." The Board of Church Extension of the
General Assembly is incorporated, but the fol-
lowing form of bequest, it is supposed, would
be suitable for use in all the States.

AGRICULTURAL.
A Hint on Melon Culture.
I have always been much troubled with
melon-bugs, and resorted to lime, ash,
pepper, &c. to destroy them; when calling
upon a friend of mine, I found his vines
in a most flourishing condition, and asking
him how he got rid of the insects, he answered,
"Look at these melons covered with
pepper." I said, "Yes." He continued,
"Melon-bugs like radish tops better than
any other. I therefore always plant a
few near the cantaloup vines; and hence the
'new-condition' of my vines."—Germania's
Telegraph.

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POST-GRADUATE CLASS FOR
LADIES.
The Rev. Dr. ALDEN, late President of Jefferson College,
proposes to give a course of instruction to a Class of Young
Ladies who have finished their School Education. He will
meet on the first of November at the first of his term. No text-books will
be used; the course will be made to the satisfaction of the ladies,
and will be conducted in such a manner that those who
cannot command an hour daily, can secure all its advantages.
An experience of more than thirty years in teaching and oral
discussions, has convinced him that he can best benefit his
pupils by placing them face to face with truth, without the
agency of books. Verily cannot, then, be readily mistaken
in saying:
Special attention will be given to the expression of thought
by pen and pencil.

From Mrs. C. Bryant, Esq.
The above plan and course eminently deserve and merit
my approval, as being a course of instruction to a Class of Young
Ladies, to whom it refers, for the highest and most
valuable acquirements of life. I believe Dr. Alden to be
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