## Our Book Table.

HUMAN SADNESS. By the Countess De Gosparin. Pp. 272. 1864. New-York: Robert Carter & Brother. Pittsburgh: Davis, Clarke & Co.

A new book from the author of "The Near and the Heavenly Horizons," is certain to be welcomed by that large class of readers who feasted upon that singular book. The Counters De Gasparin goes down into the depths of the suffering heart, and appreciates its burdens and sorrows. She raises him who is fallen by the wayside, refreshes him, and sends him on his way rejuicing. She wipes the tears from serrow's eyes, and enlivens them with hope. And she does all this by leading those whom she would relieve and comfort to the Balmin Gilead and the Physician there.

THE FOOT OF THE CROSS, and THE BLES-BING FOUND THERE. By Octavius Winslow, D.D. Pp. 816. 1864. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Pittsburgh: Davis, Clarke

In all of the writings of Dr. Winslow, Christ and his Cross is the great theme. Whatever subject he takes up, salvation through the Cross is ever the most prominent feature.

The present volume is redolent with the in cense that rises up from the blood shed on Cal-

vary. In it he has aimed to show how all vital, saving truth centres in, and all sanctifying bles-sing springs from, the Cross of Christ. It will interest the young, aid the inquirer after Christ, and enrich the Christian heart.

HOMES IN THE WEST, and How THEY ARE MADE HAPPY. By the Author of "Johnny Wright," "Words of Wisdom," "Who is my Neighbor?" Pp. 288. 1864. Philadelphia; Presbyterian Board of Publication. Pittsburgh: Board of Cotportage.

The scenes described in this little book are laid in the West. It sets forth the journeyings, habitations, and customs of Christian families as they took up their abodes and dwelt there, fifty years ago. Youtful minds will find it one of the most interesting and instructive of Sabbath School books. Here we have the home, the Sabbath School and the church, with all their anxieties, toils and pleasures, as they have been experienced by vast multitudes in "The West."

SAVAGE AFRICA: BRING THE NARRATIVE OF A Tour in Equatorial, South-Western, and NORTH-WESTERN AFRICA. By W. Winwood Read. With Illustrations and a Map. Pp. 452. 1864. New-York: Harper & Brothers Pittsburgh: Henry Miner, Fifth Street.

To the already large list of their publications relating to Africa, Messrs. Harper & Brothers have now added this handsome octave, profusely illustrated, and tastefully brought out in uniform sivla with the volumes of Livingstone, Barth Speke, Du Chaillu, and others, forming a perfect library in one department of geographical and ethnological research, which, until recently, was a Terra Incognita. We hail each new contribution to this branch of literature, not so much be cause it gratifies a laudable desire for knowledge as because each new ray of light that is cast upon this neglected continent may be deemed the harbinger of a brighter day that is soon to

dawn upon a loug-suffering race.

The volume before us, however, cannot be regarded as the offspring of an enlightened phi-lanthropy, or even of an ardor for scientific research. It is indeed unique. Its author claims to have been "the first young man about town to make a bona fide tour in Western Africa, to flirt with pretty savages, and to smoke his cigar among cannibals." About such a missionary as Herman Melville in Omoo, this London exquisite, transported to the land of the gorillas, describes his wanderings and loiterings among the poor savages, in a sketchy, gossipping style; whilst for the Christian reader his liveliest pages will have a melancholy interest in which their author feels no share. Mr. Reade interweaves with his travels extensive notes on the habits of the go-rilla, on the existence of unicorns and tailed men, on the slave trade, on the origin, character and capabilities of the negro, and on the future civilization of Western Africa

HARRY EDWARDS; or, THE BOY WHO TOLD LIES. By Nellie Graham, author of "Little Annie's First Bible Lessons," etc., etc. Pp. 72. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of ublication. Pittsburgh : Board of Colportage, Hand Street.

This is a story of two boys, the object of which is to teach that it is best to stick to the truth at all times. A rogue may seem to prosper for a time, but in the end he will be sure to get into great trouble.

THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER. By Rev. F. Senour. Pp. 96. Philadelphia: Preshyterian Board of Publication. Pittsburgh: Board of Culportage, Hand Street. This is a capital book for the soldier's knap-

sack, a fit companion for the "Soldier's Pocket Book." It is suitable for all soldiers, but especially for those in our army and navy who are soldiers of the Cross. Let all such be supplied with it without delay.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for August is on our table with its usual promptness. The contents are various and appropriate. The article on Theodosia Burr, daughter of Aaron Burr, will be read with special interest, as will be also the paper on "The Military Hospitals at Fortress In these hospitals three Pittsburgh ladies, Mrs. Mary B. Dully, Miss Shaiffer, and Miss Douglass, have served from the beginning of the war.

Harper is for sale in Pittsburgh by John P.

Hunt, and also by Henry Miner, both of Fifth

DENIS DUVAL. A Novel. By W. M. Thack-eray. With illustrations. Pp. 80. 1864. New York: Harper & Bros. Pittsburgh: Davis, Clarke & Co., Wood Street, and Henry Mine , Fifth Street.

The last production of the imagination of its popular author, whose pen, in the midst of a forever. The imperfect work, preceded by a tribute to his memory from his life-long friend Charles Dickens, and followed by a few edito rial notes, will possess a melancholy interest for the admirers of the genius of the great satirist.

GUIDE-BOOK OF THE CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY, and its Connections through the Coal-fields of Pennsylvania. Pp. 120 1864. New-York: Harper & Bros. Pitts-burgh: Henry Miner, Fifth Street.

The American traveler is not so well provided as the European tourist, with guide-books to convey all necessary information in regard to his route, thus saving him time, trouble and dis-appointment, whilst pointing out all the locali-ties of interest and such as, if he have leisure, may deserve a visit. This volume, handsomely printed, and illustrated with twenty-five en gravings, is just the companion which the invalid in his search for health, and the lover of the grand and beautiful in nature, would wish to take with him in his Summer excursion to the coal-fields traversed by our Eastern Pennsylvania railroads-a district abounding in romantic scenery and containing many spots that possess

NORTH BRITISH REVIEW .- The number for May is unusually good. The articles are 1. Lord Elgin—In Memoriam; 2. A Fortnight in Farce; 3. Energy; 4. Mr. Trollope's Novels 5. Day-Dreams of a Schoolmaster: 6. Christian Missions; 7. The Old Anglo-Scottish Dialects 8. Rambles in the Deserts of Syria; 9. Sporting Books; 10. Our Foreign Policy. The North British is re-published by Leonard Scott & Co., New-York, and sold by Henry Miner, Pittsburgh.

## Fireside Reading.

From the Congregationalist. The Cocoannt.

How many of you, children, have ever seen a cocoanut? Those great black things like cannon balls, that you see in all the nut shops are cocoanuts, but if you should take one of them to a man near (in India) who has a whole garden of cocoanut trees, I don't think he would know what it was Cocoanuts are not black here (in India). When growing they look like great green walnuts, and when they are ripe they are yellow, and sometimes almost as bright as a good ripe orange. Walnuts have two shells you know; one is green and the other white. So the cocoanut has two shells, but the inside one is not black either, until after it is very old. It is light kind of yellow. The outer shell is very tough when ripe, and is made of a great many little strings, which are used for making ropes, and twine, and mats. Your black cocoanuts are not good to eat, either, as the heathen's cocoanuts are. ] don't think your mother ought to let you eat them at all, any more than they would let you eat pieces of leather with a little sugar on them. Then the milk that is in-

in a warm day.

branches. It has a great tall trunk that alone. you would say at once was taller than any tree you ever saw, and on the top of it is a great crown of leaves and nuts. There are usually about twelve bunches of nuts on the tree, one ripening each month, and each bunch may have ten or fifteen nuts on it. And O. what monstrous leaves. Sometimes they are more than twenty feet long. Such great leaves make a nice shade, so the missionaries often have meetings under the cocoanut trees. A meeting was held one evening not long ago, under some cocoanut trees a lew miles from here. If you had been there I don't think any of you children would have dured to sit down under the trees, if you had looked up and seen the great nuts on them. They are very large-larger than any of your heads, or than most of your father's heads; and if one of them should fall on you it would hurt you very badly. Many children, and men and women, too, have been killed by

cocoanuts falling on their heads. But God who made the cocoanuts did not mean them to kill men, but to keep men alive; and he has made them so they do not often fall in the day time or night, but usually at about sunrise in the morning, when the people are asleep. So the people had come together under the cocoanut trees for a meeting. It was in a village where they said a missionary had never held a meeting before. There are more than fifty thousand people in this parish, so many of them have not yet been reached by the Gospel.

The people were seated on the ground around. The missionary was resting on a log of wood rolled up against the trunk of one of the trees, and had begun to question some of the people. All at once the people rose and stood on each side, to let a tall, good-looking old man come forward near to where the missionary was. One man ran in one direction, and two others in another, and soon returned bringing a beautiful spotted deer skin for him to sit on, and two little pillows to put under his knees, as he sat tailor fashion on the fur. All the people remained standing until he was seated, and then took their seats. The missionary soon learned that he was the village doctor, a man who was celebrated for his learning and heathenism. He had journeyed far away to visit celebrated idol temples, and many of their heathen books, and was a man of great influence in the village.

Christianity. He preached to the people ground and commit an immense amount of only fattens the animal, without increasing very well that evening. Though he was a injury. The squirrel is said to bring forth his physical energy or actual health. heathen, yet his testimony was such that we think the influence of it is still felt in that village. This is the way he preached. three months, which is about as bad as rats | pan-is severely condemned, and compared One of the speakers was trying to prove and rabbits. the foolishness of heathenism by stories taken from their own books. He told them that their Bible, as they call it, told about a thief who was killed while robbing a temple, but while his soul was being carried away to hell, one of their gods came and claimed it; and carried it away to heaven. because in order to see where the jewels were which he wished to steal, he had trimmed the lamp which was burning before the idol. This trimming the lamp, according to their religion, saved his soul, though he died while stealing. When he said this story was in their Bible, one man shouted out, "That's a lie." "It is true," said the doctor, and I think he named the place where it was to be found. The Christian went on to show other foolish things taught by their Bible, and the Doctor declared them all to be true stories according to their religion, though he did n't believe

The moon was shining brightly down through the great cocounut leaves as the missionary came away from that meeting, and he could but think of the day when the bright Sun of Righteousness shall soatter all the darkness of heathenism, and while he praised God for the precious privilege of doing a little for Josus, he prayed that he might meet in heaven some of those who had for the first time heard of a Saviour there under the cocoanut tree. ATWOOD.

-Things to be Remembered. Little knees should lowly bend At the time of prayer; Little thoughts to heaven ascend

To our Father there. Little hands should usefully In employment move; Little feet should cheerfully Run on works of love.

Little tongues should speak the truth, As by Scripture taught; Little lips should ne'er be loth To confess a fault.

Little ears should listen to ... All the Bible says; Little bosoms throb to do What the Lord will please.

Little spirits should be glad Jesus died to save; Oh, how cold, and dark, and sad,

Else would be the grave! Little children sinners are; But the Saviour says, All that seek him now by prayer Shall obtain his grace.

Little infants dying go To the world above; And our souls shall join them, too, If we Jesus love.

Idle Girls.

The number of idle, useless girls in all of our large cities seems to be steadily increasing. They lounge or sleep through their mornings, parade the streets during the afternoons, and assemble in frivolous companies of their own and the other sex to pass away their evenings. What a store of unhappiness for themselves and others are they laying up for the coming time, when real duties and high responsibilities shall be thoughtlessly assumed! They are skilled in no domestic duty-nay, they despise them; have no habits of industry, nor taste for the useful. What will they be as wives and mothers? Alas, for the husbands and children, and alas for themselves! Who can wonder if domestic unhappiness or domestic ruin follow?

It is one of the world's oldest maxims, ers especially—forget this, and bring up their children in dainty idleness. They are but sowing the wind to reap the whirl wind.

Small Home-Faults.

but it has been kept so long that it is spoilt. but he scarcely can escape the mosquitces and hills, hunting up his little bugs, beet-When the cocoanut was green the whole that infest the air he breathes, or the fleas les, mice and small frogs. He is a quick, thing like milk porridge, sweetened a lit- drunkard has been known to renounce his this California ground owl, the dimensions Sometimes when away from home, the mis- travagance, her besetting sin; but the badgers and possums are unwontedly famil sionaries got thirsty, and one of their wasping temper, the irritating tone, the liar in places where they had not been seen drink. The soft shell is cut at one end, nameless negligences that spoil the beauty | plentiful, smelling not sweet but loud, the and they drink from it, not needing any of association have rarely done other than make havoe on eggs and chickens, and pitcher or tumbler. It is very refreshing proceed till the action of disgust and gradcocoanut trees. It is not like any tree you nothing but a barren track over which the have ever seen. It does not have any mere skeleton of the companionship stalks

## Miscellaneous.

Gratitude to Christ.

The following poetical gem is from the Latin of the famous Jesuit misionary of India, St. Francis Kavier, [1540,] and is well worthy a place in every hymn book:

Jesus, I love thee-not because I hope for heaven thereby, Nor yet because, if I love not, I must forever die.

I love thee, Saviour dear, and still I ever will love thee, Solely because my God thou art,

For me, to lowest depths of woe Thou didst thyself abase; For me didst bear the cross and shame, And manifold disgrace.

For me didst suffer pains unknown. Blood-sweat and agony, Yen, death itself—all, all for me, Who was thine enemy.

Then why, O blessed Saviour, mine,

Should I not love thee well; Not for the sake of winning heaven, Nor of escaping hell; Not with the hope of gaining aught,

Nor seeking a reward— But freely, fully, as thyself. Has loved me, O Lord! Even so I love thee and will love, And in thy praise will sing; Solely because thou art my God,

And my eternal King. -German Ref. Messenger.

Waifs of Animal Life in California.

As the capricious and extraordinary season of 1864 advances, the zoological life f the valleys and mountains, pestilent to the cultivator but diverting to him who wanders by flood and field, increases and multiplies. The ground squirrels, the kin garoo or jumping rat, and gopher mole, furnished with pouches and baskets to store spare morsels-all three of which burrowing animals are represented in our State by distinct species of each familyabound and multiply this year as they offered many sacrifices to them: had read never seemed to abound heretofore, and al most defy efforts of extermination. They all breed below the earth in colonies, and The missionary soon found out that he not only devour the crops of vegetables was not satisfied with his heathenism; but and grass on the surface, but attack with against the system of horse food in vogne was apparently desirous to learn about greediness the roots of all fruit trees under He is opposed to corn, which, he maintains,

> to a few localties on the coast and in the scaming. He even suggests that a sort of mountain valleys, and is specially abundant coarse bread be made for stable use. This in many parts of the Tulare country. is no whim. Such a plan is common There are not less than twenty kinds of these small rodentia not bigger than a sail to see a carter feeding himself and squirrel, which are met with inside the seed off the same loaf. confines of California, several of which live above ground, and seldom trouble the far. ley, wheat and ryc, when properly soaked mer: but all the underground ones are his are more wholesome food. Peas, beans and unrelenting and pertinacious enemies other esculents should be planted liberally Une of the sylvan rats, twice the size of a for horses, and cut when green. There is mouse, constructs a nest of sticks in the | nonecessity for confining horses exclusively unmolested oak groves, as big as an Indian hut and as high as a two cord pile of

wood. The fore-mentioned rodentia increase in tremendous ratio in the settled parts of the State where the cultivators and herds men have thinned off their natural destroyers—the bears, lions, coyotes, cats, skunks, ferrets, hawks, owls, and snakes. Every green crop is attacked by the squirrel, and they are terrible on all eggs and where grain and hay are stored.

A tired citizen wandering in the country few days ago, tells us that he came across a mustard field in blossom, where he sat for hours admiring the hundreds-the diment, which by the way, makes the best of honey pasture for the busy bee in Cali-

Bears and lions have made great havoc among the cattle and horses, as their food promptings; it yearns for something on of cats and wild fruits is everywhere scarce | which its abundant love may gush forththis season. As the former are thick in a fellow prisoner—a goat—a dog—a cat the mountain pastures where the stock ani- even a fowl; but man esteems it his pri mals have been recently taken, which have mary duty to clear the stable of all possible to be accustomed and acclimated to their companionship; and the creature which new ranges, great numbers have been lost; would rejoice, were it only permitted to and it is feared that the sheep in thousands | worship its enslaver, he rarely approaches will soon fall a prey to these enemies, if without a loud voice, a harsh word, or a not to regular nostalagia, before they can harsher blow, announcing his presence to

be thinned off by December next. Ants, flies, musquitoes and tarantulas with all sorts of weasels and bugs, infest they were very seldom known before, and are becoming excessively troublesome.

have effected much damage in localities jury to young grain.

Crows, ravens, and rooks, are as up their noses at worms and caterpillars. Hundreds of bives of bees in lazy, neglectful or ignorant hands, have deserted to the forests or been starved out, as their flowery pastures dried up early in February; and even among experienced apiarists they will do very badly, and occasion unusual

expense and labor. ' The orioles, finches, linnets and canaries, of rainbow colors, and indigenous to the country, of which there are over twentylightful notes, and well worthy the arts of grain of corn lodged in a corner is a fortuthe bird fancier, are extremely familiar and nate discovery, as the displacing of it af clattering, surging, fife noising flocks, is anxious curiosity. All this shows that the The house martin was curtailed of the he bestows upon his steed. that idleness is the nursing mother of all evil and wretchedness. How sadly strange is it that so many parents—moth. sence, and fills the air near sunset, cramm sanity. The horse has few pleasures, but

continual recurrence of small faults than ful music and bar-room two-loo-koos in the by the actual presence of any decided vice.

These svils are apparently of very dissimant and birds, and the little ground owl, a fellow-altized in the barrows with one than with the other. The Eastern and snakes. The ground owl is very spite.

side is n't good, either. It is only old sour | traveler can combine his forces and hunt | ful this hot year. He is seen skimming | milk. It was once very sweet and nice, down the tiger that prowls upon his path; and scouring near to earth, over the plains inside was soft and sweet and good, some- that swarm in the sand he treads. The choleric, nervous, excitable little fellow tle, with a little pine apple juice in it. darling vice; the slave to dress and ex- of a pigeon and gray as a badger. And friends brings them a young cocoanut to rude, dogmatic manners, and the hundred before in years, and with skunks unusually thank heaven, squirrels and gophers they ual alienation has turned all the currents seatter some. And we are reminded here But, children, I wish you could see a of affection from their course, leaving that Don Coyotte, a mighty sly and greedy fellow, has made his teeth tell on many 'at young wether and calvling not out of the months, and which the herdsman had taken his best care of, as most likely to live and make up some of his losses. As to tame animals, it is now undoubtedly well known throughout the State for 1864, that no calving, foaling, or lambing is worth a

> and the young must die. It is a pity the natural history of California is not better known. It merely exists in long, dry, and scientific lists and catalogues, scattered in hundreds of volnmes in every language and country of Europe and America, and no Goldsmith or Audubon has worked their gambols and tricks and sly ways, or habits and uses of vantage and disadvantage into model lessons yet. The arcana of the mountains. valleys, and uplands are even yet very imperfeetly listed, particularly the insect life but it is high time they were, for all this kind of thing has gone on since the year One, during the howlings of war and the pipings of peace, and science never stands still no more than human passions, by the beneficent law of Providence. - San Francisco Bulletin.

pound of salt. The mothers have no milk

The New-York Tribune says: "The number of immigrants landed at this port between the 1st of January last and the 31st of May, inclusive, is £8,078, of whom 41,283 were from Ireland, 15 348 from Germany, 8,114 from England, 1,186 from Scotland, 214 from Wales, and 1,933 from all other countries; being an increase of 18,396 over the corresponding period of last year. The like ratio of increase during the remainder of 1864 will give a total immigration at this port of 214,876 souls, which is an increase of 58 032 over 1863 138,570 over 1862, 149,347 over 1861 109,714 over 1860, 135,554 over 1859, 136,287 over 1858, and 31,103 over 1857 The number of immigrants arriving this year at New-York compared to the whole number arriving in the country, is considerably greater than formerly, and will not, in all probability, fall short of 90 per cent. of the sum total.

## Farm, Garden, &c.

Management of the Horse.

Mr. Mayhew, in his recent and valuab's on the Horse, makes a vigorous crusade to an offering of little pebbles; and the The kangaroo rat, however, is confined author u g s in t the grain be softened by throughout Germany, where it is not unu

Oats meet with disapprobation, for bar to hay made of the grass of the field. In foreign countries quadrupeds thrive on other food than hay and oats. The Arab, which stands first among the tribe, and is recognized by some writers as the original of the species, thrives on barley and chopped straw. The American breed in some cases is fed on Indian corn. Damaged wheat is eaten by agricultural teams all over the world. Rye is given as a supporting diet w an long journeys are traveled in Russia. joung chickens this year, and very wasteful in India the cavalry charger exists chiefly on a grain called "gram." In Ireland the

general food is raw potatoes. In Iceland. dried fish is employed as provender. But if the treatment of the horse i wron ; and his food utterly without variety, swarms of humming birds, hunting up his home is particularly deserving of cenmusquitoes and aphids, flashing in and out | sure. In building a stable, nature and her and filling their crops to depletion among requirements are seldom considered. Man the fragrant flowers of the beef-eater's con | still treats the horse as though he honored the quadruped by enslaving it, and ennobled a life by conferring upon the animal the title of servant. The animal is gifted with affections; it longs to gratify their

the captive. Then the horse's stable-even in the country, where there is plenty of room, is the air and the water in vicinities where so confined a place that, in comparison with its dimensions, a sentry box is a mansion as a human abode. The horse is unable to Geese and ducks have been multitudinous- turn around; his head is tied to his many abundant and familiar this year. They | ger; he must lie down where he stands and stand where he laid down; with great where the young grass is first seen and keenness of vision, he passes half his time longest preserved, and have done great in gazing vacantly at a blank wall but a few feet from his nose; with an intense sensi bility of hearing, he is confined where only thick as musquitoes near willow swamps, the nibbling of a rat or the stamping of his and a bigger set of thieving rascals never own impatient hoof can gratify this faculty waylaid the good things of the farmer or | with a keenness of scent which can appre orchardist, and the black villains now turn | ciate substances that to human sense are devoid of odor, he is permitted only to in hale the fragrance of the stable; and with a power of fleetness of motion almost his peculiar privilege, he is kept hours, and often days, in a state of forced idleness-of absolute stagnation, which must ultimately produce bodily incapacity. This, of course refers to horses kept for pleasure.

For pastime, the wearied horses nibble the woodwork of their troughs, and are called "vicious." With their soft tongues five species, the most of which carol de they lick their mangers and a stray oat or plentiful near houses, and in the neighbor. fords some distraction from the prevalent hood of springs and water-pools. The so- ennui. A stranger enters the stable, and cial blackbird, or chenate of California, in every equine eye is turned upon him with scen in sections of cultivated lands or the horse feels his imprisonment, while at the neighborhood of swamps, often in such szme moment, probably, the owner is conclouds and swarms as to seem myriads. gratulating himself on the excellent care

ing his crop with musquitoes and such ver- nature makes all life suffer acutely when min as most infest the heavy atmosphere forced to continue inactive. The creature of the declining day. We forgot to mention the velvet, mouse- dies call accomplishments. It has no powcolored mole, without eyes and with very er to consume its existence in silent study. small teeth; he is "death" on "garden Like all animal vitality, its delight is to do, Homes are more often darkened by the sarce." Hont owls or takalotees make aw- and that is the very thing which its groom

ern stables. He proceeds to point out, with careful minutenes, precisely what those evils are, and also the methods of obvia iog them. He shows how horses waste food by "puttering" with it when they have nothing else to do; how they ought to have a lighted lantern hung up in the stable at night, as, like children, they really suffer fear when in the dark; how they gnaw their halter asunder merely to pass away the time; how, by their physiological structure, they are necessarily wearied by standing on a stable floor which slants backward, as is usually the case; and how their so called "vices" are, generally, simply the result of having nothing to do...

Rural Relinements.

Our people have yet to learn what value there is to a family in a well kept flow r garden. Does it not supply to children their most beautiful memories? A child who has nothing but a dirty house and neglected grounds to recollect, as connected with his early home, lacks an important impulse to a well-ordered life. Beauty in morals can hardly be expected from deformity in condition. And not only to childhood do flowers minister happy influences, but also to the labors and fatigues of manhood and old age. Is not the farmer, who returns from the labors of the field to repose in a well kept house, in the midst of green lawns and beautiful flowers, a happier and better man for their presence? Does not old age find them an added element of its repose? It were useless to ask, "What good comes of flowers? Can we eat, drink, or wear them? How can T spare the time to cultivate them, when the necessaries of life demand so much of my attention?" Just as if ministering to our love of the beautiful is less of a necessity than eating, drinking, or wearing. Virtue and happiness depend as much upon neatness, order and beauty as animal life upon eating, drinking and sleeping. This our people will feel before they will rise in the scale of civilization. No class is so unperdonable in neglecting to beautify their homes as the farmers, who live where the means of doing it may be had with so little care and cost.

There is a sad defect in our rural architecture. We do not speak of cost; we lay out enough upon our buildings; but not in a way to ensure the greatest comfort and convenience. Even in those parts of our country where the people still live in log houses, there is all the difference imaginable between a well-constructed, well-kept, and pleasantly situated house of this kind, and one that is otherwise. A refined family will show their refinement in such a house, as much as in a palace; and the vulgar will make their vulgarity equally conspicuous. It is not costliness which is demanded in our rural architecture, but taste and refinement. And these may appear in putting logs together into a cabin, and in the air of neatness with which they are surrounded; as much as in a palace on Fifth Avenue or on Walnut street. - Chronicle.

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