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#### Beleet Poetry.



#### THE FIRST SNOW.

BY CLARA BOTT.

With dull red splendor in his gaze,
The sun sank towards his nightly rest,
And clouds whose rims were all ablaze,
Piled mountain-high with gloom the west.

Without the sunset's golden flush
To crimson o'er the winter sky—
To make the leafless tree-tops blush,
The fields in burning glory lie.

To wander lonely wilds about,
Each lowly but from gloom to winMaking a warm fire glow without.
Where warm fires never glowed within. To wind a thread of silver light

Where streams, locked in an fey hold, Lay whitely 'mid the forest's blight. Their lips of music dumb and cold.

Nature was desolately drear,
And told, in wailings loud and deep,
A tale of hopeless woe and fear,
As, wrapped in clouds, she sank to sleep

But when the giant Cyclops, Day, Shaking the dun locks from his brow, Opened his great dull lid of gray, The world was beautiful with snow.

#### A KISS AT THE DOOR.

BY AMINADAB STIGGINS

The clock struck ter; I seized my hat Ard hade good night to all, Except the lass I sourted, who Came with me through the hall.

She stood within the portal, And I gazed upon her charms, And, oh! I louged that moment To clasp her in my arms.

She spoke about the moon and stars, How clear and bright they shone: ; I said I thought the crops would firl, Unless we had some soon.

Then I edged a little closer, Put my arms around to.

And gazed upon those rosy lips,
I longed so much to taste.

Said I, "my dearest Susy, If I leave to-night without a kiss, I'll surely grow demented."

And everything was handy; Quick from her lips I seized a kiss-Oh, Yankee Doodle Dandy!

Then off for home I started, I could no longer stay:
With a light heart and breeches thin,
I whistled all the way.

Hence learn this truth, ve backful vouth. Who seek for wedded bliss, No lass will love until you move

#### AGRICULTURAL.

#### From the American Agriculturist. WORK FOR THE MONTH.

"Thus in some deep retirement would I pass
The Winter glooms, with friends of pliant soul
Or blithe, or solemn, as the theme inspired;
With them would search, if Nature's boundless

With them would result, it would of night, frame
Was called, late rising from the void of night,
Or sprung Etrnal from the Eternal Mind,"
Its life, its laws its progress, and its end.

"Dead as December," is a proverb of rural life. The change is apparent everywhere .-The sun has retired far to the South, and even at mid-day sends down his beams aslant upon the earth. "How short the days are," is the frequent exclamation from the busy housewife, and the sentiment is often echoed from her busy sponse. The weather is drear and gloomy, and the bright sanny days are few and far between. Outdoor labors are ancomfortable, and the shelter of the barn or the fire-side is frequently sought. It is a time of endurance, and almost the whole labor of the farmer is directed to make his family and the animals dependent him to the field or forest but the stern necessities of the season.

Yet, there can be little doubt that a much larger part of the Winter is redeemed for useful labor now than fifty years ago. Then, as the old people tell us, very little was accomplished after the Winter had fairly set in. Nearly all the help upon the farm was dismissed in November, and the farmer did little else than take care of his cattle until the Spring opened.

Now many of our farmers find it practicable to retain a large part of their Summer laborers, and to give them a chance to earn their bread in Winter. All good farmers now secure their wood, when the swamps are frozen and covered with snow. Places in the forest inaccessible at other seasons, are now visited, and the corded wood is hauled home upon the accessible in Winter. It is practicable to throw

The character of our climate, and of our necessary money and labor to secure the best closed. results. Some points are already settled, and

erops will pay a great deal better thin others. In some localities be may devote his whole farm to one or two leading staples; in others, a varied system of cropping is the more profit- ter days. Give willing hands able course. The questions that arise in the and carn at least their bread. management of a farm are very numerous, and new is the time for a cultivator to give his attention to them, and determine upon the course that is best for him to pursue. The mind is cultivated and strongthened not only by reading, but by the discussion of these practical questions in husbandry. There is no menta! growth without reflection.

#### THE WINTER SCHOOL

is, of course, the appropriate place for the children who are to be the next generation of far-mers. Who does not remember with rapture his schoolboy days, his first introduction to that august personage, the teacher, and his early experiences under his rule?

What pleasing sights does yonder group create.
Their child ish sports, their contest and debate.
Man loves to see, as ripened wisdom grows,
Its fruits enrich the soil from whence it rose, But who can view nor see ret pleasure know Life yet in bud, and manbood on the blow?

Tis then that man's himself, no artful guise Spreads o'er its young desire its treacherous dyes."

It is the forming period of life with them, and very much of their future success will depend upon their advantages in the Winter school .-In many parts of the country the sessions of the school are confined to this season. Farmers are often tempted to keep their larger boys at home, to assist in the procuring of fuel, make his family and the animals dependent upon him comfortable. There is little to attract gain, the future good of the lad is sacrificed. This course is unworthy of any good father. The boys of the farm ought to have the full benefit of the district school, and extra advantages as they grow older. A good education

of the mind and heart is, the richest inheritance a father can bequeath to his son. THE POULTRY QUARTERS should now be looked after, You perceive the reddening combs of your pullets, which indi-

necessary noney and labor to secure the best results. Some points are already settled, and many more are rapidly approaching a solution. Our best informed farmers do not hybernate like many of the wild animals. They assume that man is the lord of Nature, and can so plan his business as to labor to advantage all through the year. Of course

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will have its place in his plans, and Winter is this best time to lay in stores of Knowledge for future use. Few farmers find time in the Summer for that reading and reflection which

### A HISTORY.

#### MORMONISM AND THE MORMONS.

From the International Magazine for Dec., 1851.

continually in debt, and heedless of their business engagements. The eldest son, Joseph, had a very limited understanding of the elementary rules of arithmetic." Associated in some degree with Sidney Rigdon, who comes before us in the first place as a journeyman printer, he was the founder of the new faith. The early history of the conspiracy of these worthies is imperfectly known; but it is evident that Rigdon must have been in Smith's confidence from the first. Rigdon, indeed, probably had more to do with the matter than even Smith; but it was the latter who was first put conspicuously forward, and who managed as follows: He at once found himself laboring in a state of great darkness and wretchedness of mind-was bewildered among the conshed, or upon the apple tree, your hope of eggs which was the true religion? The reply was, will be nipped in the bud, if you have been so that all the existing religions were erroncous, and implicit faith, and the earliest of these revsled. Muck beds are so drained that they are you want eggs. A poultry-house ought to be dians were a remnant of Israel; that when enjoined that, if they had any regard for their own souls, the sooner they provided him with Spring. It is found quite practicable, too, to ditch and drain at this season. Thick Indiagnable coots make the feet proof against water, and a laborer can now be comfortable, even in the scale with coobles are also dug and filed with coobles as a foundation for stone fances. Manures in the yard are feeked over and mixed with muck. There are many more than the neglect of their feeces, than from things to be done upon the farm now than formerly, and the farmer has a more buoyant will give your rullets warmth, eleanliness, and instructions are received, and though the imposter and the supernaturally destroyed—not, however, until tions were received, and though the imposter and carry was acquainted, as they were my has acquaint

The character of our climate, and of our population, we think, have undergone a change for the better. The cleaning up of our forests, and especially the drainage of swamps and low lands, have tended to soften the asperity of our Winters. The temperance reformation has had a happy influence upon the morals of the carried of the carrie had a happy influence upon the merals of the But if done at all, it should be done in the lags, within which lay a number of plates repeople, and energies once wasted in the tap hest manner. The sty, for Winter feeding, embling gold, and of the thickness of common toom, are now speat in useful labor. The industry of the farmer meets with a better teward, and he is stimulated by the higher price offered have an abundance of clean straw, and the food for all his products to unwearied diligence in should be cooked and fed to them when warm. for all his products to anwearied diligence in should be cooked and fed to them when warm. alied by the ancients "Urim and Thumasin," means by which it came into the possession of bis calling. The standard of education is Wood is much cheaper than corn meal, and the set in "the two rims of a bow." These stones Smith, are described in the following stategreatly improved smong the people, and the animal heat kept up by a tight sty and warm farmers now upon the stage bring a mack larger food, is so much saved in the meal bin.

EXAMINE THE ROOTS.

The distribution of the stage divining crystals, and the angels informed by the control of the stage bring a mack larger food, is so much saved in the meal bin.

EXAMINE THE ROOTS. share of intelligence to their work than the generations that preceded them. Then, in the matter of special training and education for their work, the farmers of to-day are in advance of those of fifty years ago. There has been a steady and healthful increase in our agricultural literature for the last twenty years, and the State and County Societies, which move hold their Annual Fairs, are the creations of the agricultural Press. These Fairs, we have a large store of roots from decay, conducted, are one of the best means of edasect of equal authority with the sacred Scriptemails husbandry. Order will be introduced into all the departments of farming, and men will have accurate knowledge of the wants of every crop, and will not hesitate to spend the necessary money and labor to secure the best results. Some points are already settled, and

Summer for that reading and reflection which are essential to the best methods of insbandry. Not only does a man want to master the general principles of the science of ag induce, and its kindred sciences, but he wishes to apply these principles to his own homestead. There is probably a considerable variety of soil in the hondred sciences he owns and hondred sciences are the general probably a considerable variety of soil in the hondred sciences, but he wishes to apply these principles to his own homestead. There is probably a considerable variety of soil in the hondred sciences, but the wishes to apply these principles to his own homestead. There is probably a considerable variety of soil in the hondred sciences, but the variety of soil in the hondred sciences he owns and hondred sciences are the carch two or three inches said, received from him a written transcript of the holes. Thrust in a wire and spit the occupant, or he will spit your apples next year. Apple and quinces trees should be examined once a year for this processor Anthon, a competent philological authors. Dr. Anthon's account of the interview is one of the most important parts of the processor. Harris and conveyed it to Processor Anthon, a competent philological authors. Dr. Anthon's account of the interview is one of the most important parts of the science of the most important parts of the processor. muck, draining making compost, digging out Anthon described the document submitted to barucellars, repairing stone fences, are some of him as having been a sort of pot pourci of anthe things that can be done in the mild. Win-cient marks and alphabets. "It had evidently ter days. Give willing hands a chance to work been prepared by some person who had before and carn at least their bread. Greek and Hebrew letters, crosses and hourishes, Roman letters, inverted or placed sideways, were arranged in perpendicular columns, circle, divided into various compartments, deck. ed with numerous strange marks, and evidently copied after the Mexican Calendar given by Humboldt, but copied in such a way as not to betray the source whence it was derived. This account disposes of the statement that the In 1825 there lived near the village of Pal- characters were Egyptian, while the very jumble of the signs of different nations, lauguages myra, in New York, a family of small farmers of the name of Smith. They were of bad repute in the neighborhood, notorious for being cient both in tact and knowledge. The scheme seems to have been, at all events, in petto when Smith communicated with Harris, but a satisfactory clue to the fabrication is lost in our ignorance of the time and the circumsances under which Smith and Rigdon came together. It must have been subsequent to that event that the "translation," by means of the nagic Urim and Thummim, was begun,-This work Smith is represented as having labored at steadily, assisted by Oliver Cowdrey, until a volume was produced containing as much matter as the Old Testament, written in the Biblical style, and containing, as Smith said the Angel had informed him, a history of the lost tribes in their pilgrimage to and in America with copious doctrinal and prophetic

commentaries and revelations.

quainted with the antiquarian learning here displayed, if it were not supernaturally communicated to him?" But to this question there detailed have of course been denied, but have was soon an answer equally explicit and satisfactory. The real author of the Book of Mormon was a Rev. Solomon Spaulding, who wrote it is impossible to explain the hold which Rigdon always possessed on the Prophet; for ne was it as a romance. Its entire history, and the ment, by Mr. Spaulding's widow:

"Since the Book of Mormon or Golden Bi-

ble (as it was originally called,) has excited

much attention, and is deemed by a certain new

tures, I think it a duty to the public to state what I know of its origin. \* \* Solomon Spaulding to whom I was narried in carly life, was a graduate of Dartmanta conege, and was distinguished for a lively imaginasion, and great fondness for history. At the time of one marriage, he resided in Cherry Valley, New York. From this place, we removed to New Salom. At the Large Property of the New York. conducted, are one of the best means of edu-cation in the first we enjoy. We may be attended to in the field days of De-are approaching slowly, but surely, the surely, the surely thingsboat them. Another witness, Oliver Cowery, was afterwards an annunensis to Jo-are approaching slowly, but surely, the surely thingsboat them. Another witness, Oliver Cowery, was afterwards an annunensis to Jo-seph; and another, Martin Harris, was long a temain hisbandry. Order will be introduced be exercised in Cherry Valley, New Cowery, was afterwards an annunensis to Jo-seph; and another, Martin Harris, was long a temain hisbandry. Order will be introduced be exercised in Cherry Valley, New Cowery, was afterwards an annunensis to Jo-seph; and another, Martin Harris, was long a temain hisbandry. Order will be introduced be exercised in Cherry Valley, New Cowery, was afterwards an annunensis to Jo-seph; and another, Martin Harris, was long a to consequence of the best means of the best with the company of th his health failed, and he was laid aside from active labors. In the town of New Salem there are numerous mounds and forts, supposed by many to be the dilapidated dwellings and forti-fications of a race now extinct. These relies arrest the attention of new settlers, and become objects of research for the curious. Numerous implements were found, and other articles evineing skill in the arts. Mr. Spaulding being an educated man, took a lively interest in these developements of antiquity; and in order to beguile the hours of retirement, and fornish employment for his mind, he conceived the idea of giving an historital sketch of the long lost race. Their antiquity led him to adopt the most ancient style, and be imitated the Old Testament as nearly as possible. His sole object in writing this imaginary history was to amuse himself and his neighbors. This was about the year 1812. Hull's surrender at Detroit occured near the same time, and I recolprobably a considerable variety of soil in the hundred or more acres he owns, and he wants time to mixture plans for the economical introduced and the subject of the whole. Even after one has studied the subject of drainage, he cannot tell drainage. The swamps and swales, of course, most need this improvement. It will take time and study to tell how much intriber up the slopes and hill-sides he may extend his drains with profit. Some of his soils need lime probably and how large an investment he can afford to make in this article.

With the markets he has to supply, some crops will pay a great deal better than observed and name and hard you agreed and name wood, digging out the supplied and hard to be supply and name and hard to have been recovered to make and sundy to tell how markets he has to supply, some crops will pay a great deal better than observed and name and hard to have been recovered the date well from that circumstance. As the paids, but that he intended to sell his seed he pates, but that he intended to sell his troit occurs and I recoil received the proceeds to enable Smith to proceed to enable Smith and rive the proceeds to enable Smith to proceed to enable Smith and rive the proceeds to enable Smith to proceed to enable Smith and rive the proceeds to enable Smith to that he intended to sell his the contain and it that he intended to sell his the contain and it was the proceeds to enable Smith to proceed to enable Smith the intended to sell his date with the tite proceed to enable smith that the intended to sell his date with the title smith an to introduce many singular names, which were particularly noticed by the people and could be easily recognized by them. Mr. Solomon Spaulding had a brother, Mr. John Spaulding in the place at the time, who was perfectly familiar in the city, nor for any details of the aggreswith the work, and repeatedly heard the whole sions from without. On the 27th of June of it. From New Salem we removed to Pittsburg 1844, Joseph and Hiram Smith were murderin Pennsylvania. Here Mr. Spaulding found a ed, while under the especial protection of the friend and acquaintance, in the person of Mr. Patterson, an editor of a newspaper. He exhibited his manuscript to Mr. Patterson, who served of Joseph Smith was much pleased with it and borrowed it for perusal. He retained it a long time, and informed Mr. Spaulding that if he would make thought out a title-page and preface, he would publish Spanding refused to do. Sidney Rigdor, who has figured so largely in the history of the Mormons, was at that time connected with the printing office of Mr. Patterson, as is well known in that region, and, as Rigdon himself has frequently stated became acquainted with Mr. Spaulding's manuscript, and copied it. It was a matter of notoriety and interest to all connected with the printing establishment. At length the manuscript was returned to its auther, and soon after we removed to Amity, Washington county, where Mr. Spanning died, in 1816. The manuscript then fell into may hands, and was carefully preserved. It has frequently been examined by my daughter, Mrs.

McKenstry, Monson, Massachusetts, with whom I now reside, and by other friends. After the Book of Mormon came out, a copy of it was taken to New Salem, the place of Mr. Spaulding's former residence, and the very place where the to retain the preeminence. The account of the preeminence. The account of the pretended revelation, as given by Smith is The devotion of Harris to the imposter secured a fund sufficient for defraying the cost of read copious extracts from the Book of Mormon. printing the pretended revelation, and the sect. The historical part was known by all the older began slowly to merease. The doctrines of inhabitants, as the identical work of Mr. Spauldflicting doctrines of the Christians, and could Smith were not at first very clearly defined; it ing. in war in they had all been so deeply interfind no comfort or rest, for his souls. In this is probable that neither he nor Rigdon had de- ested years before. Mr. Jon Smalling was state, he resorted to earnest prayer, kneeling in the woods and fields, and after long persection of his brother. He was an according to the interesting history of bright light in heaven, which gradually descended until it caveloged the worshipper, seeded until it caveloged the worshipper, and he arose on the spot, and expression and the test time of his brother. He was an according to the worshipper, and he arose on the spot, and expression and a slave to all his own borse of thousands and a slave to all his own borse of the worshipper. face to face with had no hesitation in deciding on one cardinal sed to the moeting his sorrow that the writings cate eggs early if they are kept comfortable. who found himself standing face to face with had no hesitation in deciding on one cardinal sed to the meeting his sorrow that the writings if left to shift for themselves under the old two supernatural beings. Of these he inquired point, that the revelations made to Smith at any of his deceased brother should be used for a purpose so vile and shocking. 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For anght we know, time and a part of every farmer's establishment; but if they first entered America they were a power- own souls, the sooner they provided bim with from embracing an error so delusive. This was out the muck in the coldest neather, and to you cannot have a separate building, finish off ful and enlightened people; that their priests fool and taiment, and everything he needed, in the year 1834. Dr. Huribut brought with him an introduction and request for the many sled it to the gards for mixing with manure, or to the fields, where it will be wanted in the Spring. It is found quite practicable, too, to ditch and drain at this season. This I have a separate building, finish off to the process of their bistory and to the better it would be for them; and in a third and request for the manurature, and coveryming ne needed, and the better it would be for them; and in a third and revelation, Joseph was informed that the was signed by Messrs. Henry Lake, upon them for a few hours in the day. Further than the better it would be for them; and in a third doctrines, but that, having fallen off from the upon them for a few hours in the day. Further the better it would be for them; and in a third doctrines, but that, having fallen off from the upon them for a few hours in the day. Further the better it would be for them; and in a third doctrines, but that, having fallen off from the upon them for a few hours in the day. Further the better it would be for them; and in a third doctrines, but that, having fallen off from the upon them for a few hours in the day. Further the better it would be for them; and in a third doctrines, but that, having fallen off from the upon them for a few hours in the day. 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talents. At one time—a critical moment in the history of the new church—a quarrel arose between the accomplices; but it ended in Smith's receiving a "revelation," in which Rigdon was raised by divine command to be equal with himself, having plenary power given to him to bind and loose both on earth and in heaven.

The remaining history of the Mormons is eminently interesting. Ignorant and superstiples, and atrocious as have been the tricks of us kouves who have led them on amid all the varieties of their good and evil fortune, there have occasionally been displayed among them an enthusiasm and bravery of endurance that demand admiration. Nearly from the beginning the leaders of the sect seem to have con templated settling in the thinly populated regions of the western States, where lands were to be purchased for low prices, and after a short residence at Kirkland, in Ohio, they determined to found a New Jerusalem in Missouri. The interests of the town were confided to suitable officers, and Smith spent his time in travelling through the country and preaching, antil the real or presended immeralities of the sect led to such discontents that in 1839 they were forcibly and lawlessly ex-pelled from the State. We are inclined to believe that they were not only treated with re-

markable severity, but that there was not any

reason whatever to justify an interference i

their affairs, of From Missouri the saints proceeded to Illiois, and on the sixth of April, 1841, with imposing ceremonies, laid at their new city of Nauvoo the corner-stone of the Temple, an immense edifice, without any architectural order or attraction, which in a few months was celebrated everywhere as not inferior in size and magnificence to that built by Solomon in Jerusalem. Nauvoo is delightfully situated in the midst of a fertile district, and a careful inquirally moral society, than occupied any other town in the State. Whatever charges were brought against Smith and his disciples, to justify the outrages to which they were subjected, the history of their expulsion from Nauvoe is simply a series of illustrations of the fact that the ruffian population of the neighboring country set on foot a vast scheme of robbery in or-der to obtain the lands and improvements of the Mormons without paying for them. We have not room for a particular statement of the discontents and conspiracies which grew up authorities of the State. A writer in the Christian Reflector newspaper, soon after, ob

"Various are the opinions concerning this singular personage, but whatever may be reference to his principles, objects, or moral character, all agree that he was a most remarkable man. Notwithstanding the low origin, poverty, and profligacy of these mountebanks, they have augmented their numbers till more than 100,000 persons are now numbered among the follow-ers of the Mormon Prophet, and they never were increasing so rapidly as at the time of his death. Born in the very lowest walks of life, reared in poverty, educated in vice, having no claims to even common intelligence, course and vulgar in deportment, the Prophet Smith sucsucceeded in establishing a religious creed, the teuets of which have been taught throughout America; the Prophet's virtues have been rehearsed in Europe; the ministers of Nauveo have found a welcome in Asia; Africa has litened to the grave sayings of the seer of Palmyra; the standard of the Latter Day Saints has been reared on the banks of the Nile; and even the Holy land has been entered by the emmissaries of this imposter. He founded a city in one of the most beautiful situations in the world, in a beautiful curve of the 'Father of Waters, of no mean pretensions, and in it he had collected a population of twenty-five thousand, from every part of the world. The acts of his life exhibit a character as incongruous as it is remarkable.

of thousands and a slave to all his own base passions -- a preacher of righteousness and a profaue swearer -- a worshipper of Bacchus, mayor of a city, and a miserable bar-room fiddler-a judge on the judicial bench, and an invader of the civil, social, and moral relations of men; and, notwithstanding these inconsistencies of character, there are not wanting thousands willing to stake their soul's eternal salvation on distance will embellish his life with some new and rare virtues, which his most intimate friends failed to discover while tiving with him. Res-

have fresh eggs all through the Winter, if you The record, it was said, contained many propher respectance precenter, and the farmer has a more buoyant will give your pullets warmth, cleanliness, and extracts from the materials to work with. Meat is essential. for the gathering of the saints into a temporal vation precluded the notion of his having by