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FARM YARD SONG.

BY J. T. TROWBRIDGE.

O'er the hill the farm-boy goes, His shadow lengthens along the land, A giant staff in a giant hand;

Into the yard the farmer goes, With grateful heart, at the close of day; Harness and chain are hung away!

To supper at last the farmer goes, The apples are pared, the paper read, The stories are told, then all to bed.

A STORY OF A ROSE-BUD.

BY A. M. MITCHELL.

Margaret Randor stood before the mirror, drawing a scarlet ribbon round her collar and fastening it with a bow in front.

"What has become of your aunt, Mrs. Randor; that handsome old lady, who used to live here in so much style? I have not seen her now in two or three years."

"My aunt? Oh! you mean aunt Elenor," replied Margaret's mother. "She lost nearly all her property about a year ago, and having nothing left but a place called Linwood, about ten miles out, she went there with her brother to live."

"Do you never go there?" "No, not now; I did at first, but it was very lonely; and after Margaret came home from school, I had the excuse that we saw a great deal of additional company, and so I could not leave home."

"I remember her as a very lovely old lady," "Oh! she is, very; so stylish, and all that sort of thing. She sends us most tempting fruit sometimes, which is quite good, as we never go there."

"The conversation branched off upon other subjects after this, and Margaret, excusing herself, left the room. She was going out to a party this evening," she said, "and there were various preparations to be made."

"When she came down, by-and-by, in the evening, in her full dress, with her white cloak over her arm, she said to her mother, 'I am going to-morrow to see my aunt Elenor.'"

"Margaret, you are wild," said her mother, in despair. "Why need you go just now, when you have engagements every evening this week and next? Wait a few weeks."

"Now or never, mamma," replied Margaret, shaking her head. "What will Mr. Thornton say, Maggie?" asked her mother, urging her last and strongest plea.

"There he is now," replied Margaret, evading the question, and rising with a brighter bloom upon her cheek to welcome her escort, who came forward as if the sight of her was a most welcome one.

"The mother, meantime, thinking the evening's pleasure, with the prospects of others in the same company, might dispel Margaret's visions of Linwood, said nothing further; but, in a very motherly way, wrapped Margaret's cloak about her, and bade Mr. Thornton 'take good care of her.'"

"I will try," in answer, said enough, even for the mother's pleasure. "I hope I shall see you at our house on Thursday," said Mr. Thornton, as they drove home, after the party.

"You received cards, I believe?" "Yes," replied Margaret, hesitating, "but I must decline. Tell your mother I very much regret it, for I am going out of town on a visit to my aunt."

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There had been but few tracks upon the snow from the gate to the house, but Margaret stepped carefully, and succeeded in reaching the steps without getting wet.

Her ring brought a woman-servant to the door, who, in answer to her inquiry, led her to the room from which she had seen the light, and ushered her in. Her aunt, a dignified, noble-looking old lady of sixty, with soft gray curls drooping about her face, sat under the lamp reading, while her brother smoked in his easy-chair and listened.

Margaret advanced as her aunt rose. "Auntie," she said, "I've come to see you. Are you glad to have me?" "I think," said her aunt, in reply, seizing her, and kissing her between the words, "I never was so glad to see anybody in all my life!"

"Maggie, you come like flowers in spring-time," said her uncle, taking her as her aunt released her.

Margaret felt the welcome from the bottom of her heart, and as she took her seat between the two, and looked from one admiring face to the other, she felt as though she had come to a haven of rest. She said something to the same effect the next morning, when aunt Elenor had drawn her from the library into the conservatory, and was putting leaves and roses into her hands. Something about the perfume of the heliotropes reminded her of her last evening at home.

"Auntie," she said, "you cannot think what a delightful quiet this is after the turmoil of the past three months. I have been going constantly, and had engagements steadily, but I thought I would come here—"

The sentence ended abruptly, for this noble-minded, unselfish girl had no mind to tell her aunt that the vision her mother had drawn of her lonesome life, had led to her standing just where she did at that moment.

"I hope you will not find it too quiet, love. You may rest assured it is very delightful to have you here."

I cannot tell you what she was to that old couple in the weeks that followed. She sang for them, and read to them in the evening. She played chess with her uncle, and knit warm riding-gloves for her aunt. She arranged dainty dishes of flowers for the table, and made nice little bits of French sweetmeats in the kitchen.

Maggie was everywhere, and made joy out of everything. It was she who found chestnuts down in the village, and having bought them, brought them home, sat down before a great, roaring fire to roast them for her aunt, laughing and springing up as they snapped out from under the ashes. Somehow the evening paper always made its appearance now when the stage came in, and it was Maggie who discovered something new and curious to read aloud.

Fastidious and dainty as Madam De Vere was, Margaret's dress always suited her. She blended colors in a way that rested the lady's eyes when they looked at her. Dress was not thrown aside because she saw no one but the two to whom she was a daily delight. There was no difference between her appearance now and at home, and she most often wore a warm, glowing dress, with glistening trimmings, in which she had been wont to receive Mr. Thornton the evenings when he called. Margaret was very happy. She busied herself to aunt Elenor all day long. Sometimes she thought she would have liked to spend a day in the library, but there never was time.

One evening just before tea, she was standing between the heavily-curtained windows, looking out at the trees rocking and swinging in the wind, and listening to the sound of the heavy breeze sweeping round the corners of the house. The stage had just gone by, and she was waiting for aunt Elenor to come in with the evening paper. She was pressing between her fingers the odorous leaves she had just gathered, and thinking of other flowers which had been given her one night early in the winter, when her aunt's voice roused her.

"My love," she said, "I am even more glad for you than I am for myself." "For what, auntie?" "Because, Maggie, the only other person beside yourself who sometimes comes here to make us bright, is the son of an old friend of mine, and he writes me to night that he is about to pop in upon one of his unexpected visits. You will like him, I know, for he is one in a thousand, and for goodness and kindness of heart I know not a man who is his equal."

"Who is he, auntie?" asked Margaret, who was on her knees before the fire, trying to persuade it to burn brighter. "His name is Percy Thornton. He is—"

Margaret was on her feet in an instant. "Auntie," she said, hurriedly, "I know him!" "Do you, my dear? Then you know what to expect. How very pleasant that is. Was not my description correct?" "Yes, ma'am," replied Margaret, very quietly; but the hot blood mounted into her face under the smiling intent eyes of her aunt, and when she was fain to run away, Madam De Vere kissed her, and let her go.

Mr. Thornton did not know what day he should arrive, and so the two who were watching looked every night when the stage came up, Margaret from the window of her room, where she would be out of sight, and Madam De Vere from the library.

But it so happened that on the evening when he did come, Margaret had gone down into the village with her uncle, and Madam De Vere was the only one to welcome him.

"I have my niece stopping with me," said that lady, after she and her guest had been some time chatting by the library fire; "and she has been like sunshine in the house for the last three weeks. I am only wondering what I shall do with her, when she comes to go."

"I was not aware you had a niece," said Percy. "Yes, Margaret Randor is my niece—and a choice blessing she is."

Mr. Thornton started, and then said quietly, "I know a Miss Randor of Swanley—is it she?" "Yes, the same one," replied Madam De Vere, with a little amused glance at her guest. Just then the library door was thrown open, and Maggie fresh from her walk, with her cheeks all aglow, and her little plumed hat in her hand, ran in toward the fire.

"Miss Randor, this is a very pleasant, unexpected meeting." Margaret summoned all her wits to the rescue, and then replied, very sedately and demurely, "I did not know you had come, sir. I am very glad to see you here."

"Now come and get warm," said her aunt; but Margaret had recovered from her chill, and ran away without waiting for anything further. When she returned presently, she was the very essence of what Mr. Thornton had known at Swanley, with an added freshness and sweetness, which he was quick to notice. She had on a soft, dark dress, with no ornament but a cluster of pearls. But she had been into the conservatory, and there had gathered and fastened in her hair a most superb damask rose with drooping buds. She made a lovely picture, at least to those two who watched her entrance.

"And this was she who had left the gayety of the city to be the sunshine for these two old friends of his." Mr. Thornton thought he could understand what sort of sunshine it must have been.

He had free opportunity to judge; and his admiration did not lessen as the days went on, and he saw how she had wound herself around aunt Elenor's heart, with her thousand delicate acts of affection. She might give him her society, and she did, continually; but if, in any way, her aunt's comfort interfered, she would dismiss him with a word and a smile, which were almost worth her short-time absence to obtain.

"And you came away for this?" he said, one day, as he stood beside her, listening and watching her hands, as they busied themselves with some flowers she was arranging. She had been telling him of some piece of work she and aunt Elenor had accomplished together.

She understood his meaning, and replied, simply, "Yes, that is the reason and it has been a great pleasure."

"I wonder what sort of a little bird told me you were here," he said, after a few moments, watching her again as she had risen, and stood toying with a tiny bud she had chosen from the dish of flowers.

"I don't think it was any little bird," she said, smiling, "for you did not know I was here."

"And yet I left the city because I could not stay in it while you were away." She glanced up quickly at him then, with flushed cheeks. He came towards her suddenly, and taking her hand in which was the rose-bud, said shortly and abruptly, half under his breath, "I want to put this in your hair, because it is so like you; but I cannot, unless with the understanding that both the rose-buds belong to me."

Maggie stood a moment, with a confusion of thought in her face, and then stepped nearer, and he fastened in the rose-bud.

"You were very foolish to leave the city," she said, after a moment. "Why, Maggie?" "Because you might have known, that present or absent, my thoughts were often with you."

He carried the two rose-buds off together then, and showed them to aunt Elenor.

"Well," said Madam De Vere, smiling, with her eyes full of tears, "I only hope, Percy, that she will be to you, for your joint lives, what she has been to me for these few weeks."

THE WAR IN PARAGUAY.—The South American steamer which arrived in New York Saturday brings important news confirming the report of the close of the war and giving interesting details of the last battles. Early on the morning of the 12th a heavy fire was opened on the position of Lopez, which lasted several hours. At 8 several storming parties pushed forward to carry the works, a strong demonstration being made by Gen. Victorino in the meantime to direct attention from the real point of attack.

In about half an hour the ditch was crossed and a few minutes more sufficed to plant the allied flags on the abandoned earthworks. The losses on the Paraguayan side, were very great. It was intimated that there were more than 1000 killed and wounded on their side and 300 of the allies. Lopez afterward abandoned Ascurra towards Sierra de Caraguayaty, being closely pursued by the allied forces, numbering 20,000, which fell in with the enemy's rear guard of about 3000 strong, actually cutting it to pieces capturing fifteen pieces of artillery, a quantity of baggage, and over 500 prisoners.

Lopez accompanied by a few hundred men made good his escape to the mountains, and is there stated to be surrounded, but it would take some time to capture or dislodge him. The last battle was the most brilliant of the war. The soldiers of Lopez exhibited great heroism in the contest against terrible odds, sacrificing themselves in large numbers in defense of a hopeless cause. Ascension was captured on the 15th, completely abandoned, and all the valuables removed. The war is estimated to have cost the allies 66,388,000 pounds and over 180,000 men.

TO CLEAN OILCLOTH.—An oilcloth should never be scrubbed with a brush, but, after being first swept, should be cleaned by washing with a soft flannel and lukewarm or cold water. On no account use soap or water that is hot, as either would have a bad effect on the paint. When the oilcloth is dry, rub it with a small portion of a mixture of bees wax, softened with a minute quantity of turpentine, using for this purpose a soft furniture polishing brush. Oilcloth cared for in this way will last twice the time than with ordinary treatment.—[Septimus Piesse.]

A gentleman from the mouth of the Kennebec says that the recent freshet in the Kennebec has destroyed and driven away the salt water fish along shore. He describes the beach from Fort Popham toward Small Point as being largely covered with dead lobsters. The immense amount of muddy fresh water emptying into the ocean has caused this destruction. Fishermen from Kettle Bottom report that the fresh water extends out as far as that point, which is twenty miles seaward from Seguin.

OUR TABLE.

THE GALAXY for November has rather more stories than usual, but its freshness and brilliancy are well maintained. Mr. Justin McCarthy has a paper on "The English Universities," Mr. Richard Grant White one on "The Play of the Period," Dr. Dalton one on "How the Blood Circulates," and an anonymous one on "Undertakes to describe a certain fearful plot to establish 'Impertinism in America.'" The rest of the number, before the editorial departments, is all fiction,—the two serials, a complete story by Mr. Anthony Trollope, "An Editor's Tale," "The Turkish Bath," and "The Prince Suwaroff" by Jacob Spahn, and "The Fire Fiend" by Eugene Benson. Published by Sheldon & Co., New York, at \$4 a year.

THE November number of "Peterson's Magazine" is already on our table. It has a beautiful steel engraving, "The Messenger of Love," illustrating a powerfully written story. The colored steel fashion plate is one of the most beautiful we have ever seen, even in this tasteful magazine. There is also a pattern for a tidy, to be worked in Java canvass, printed in the appropriate colors; this alone is worth the price of the number. The literary contents, as always in this magazine, are from the very best authors. Mrs. Ann S. Stephens continues her masterly novel, "Marie Antoinette's Tailor." Frank Lee Benedict gives several more chapters of "Kate's Winter in Washington." Mrs. R. Harding Davis has a powerful tale, and Daisy Ventnor a charming love story. With this number we have the prospectus for 1870. The price is but two dollars a year. To clubs, the terms are cheaper still, viz.: four copies for \$6.00, or eight copies for \$12.00; in the first case a large-sized engraving being given as a present, to the person getting up the club; in the last, an extra copy of the magazine, in addition to the engraving. This engraving is a very beautiful one, large-sized for framing, its subject a child at prayer at its mother's knee, its title, "Our Father Who Art In Heaven." Specimen copies of "Peterson's Magazine" are sent gratis to those wishing to get up clubs. Now is the time to get up clubs for 1870. Address, Chas. J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

OUR SCHOOLDAY VISITOR comes regularly, richly freighted with good things; to our table. This magazine will soon commence its fourteenth year, and we hope, so that it is safe and solid. It is a good juvenile magazine and well worthy of public patronage. Terms, \$1.25 a year. Great reduction and valuable premiums for clubs. The publishers give to every subscriber, for 25 cents, a magnificent steel-plate engraving, especially drawn and engraved at immense cost, and worth \$2.50 per copy. Agents wanted at every post office in the United States. Sample numbers of the Visitor, and full instructions to agents, sent, post-paid, for 10 cents. Address Daughaday & Bookor, 424 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

FAULT-FINDING WITH CHILDREN.—Mrs. H. B. Stowe, in the Atlantic Monthly, has done a great service for both parents and children, in exposing this common mistake. The following extract conveys the pith of her views on the subject. Children are more hurt by indiscriminate, thoughtless fault-finding than any other one thing. Often a child has all the sensitiveness and all the susceptibility of a grown person, added to the faults of childhood. Nothing about him is right as yet; he is immature and faulty at all points, and everybody feels at perfect liberty to criticise him to right and left, above and below, till he takes refuge in callous hardness or irritable moroseness.

A bright, noisy boy rushes in from school eager to tell his mother something he has on his heart, and Number One cries out: "Oh, you have left the door open! I do wish you wouldn't always leave the door open! And do look at the mud on your feet! How many times must I tell you to wipe your feet!" "Now then you have thrown your cap on the sofa again. When will you learn to hang it up?" "Don't put your slate there; that is not the place for it." "How dirty your hands are? What have you been doing?" "Don't sit in that chair; you break the springs, bouncing."

"Mercy! how your hair looks! Do go up stairs and comb it." "There if you haven't torn the braid all off your coat! Dear me, what a boy!" "Don't speak so loud; your voice goes through my head." "I want to know, Jim, if it was you that broke up that barrel that had been saving for brown flour." "I believe it was you Jim that hacked the side of my razor." "Jim's been writing at my desk, and blotted three sheets of the best paper."

Now the question is, if any of the grown people of the family had to run the gauntlet of a string of criticism on themselves equally true as those that salute unlucky Jim, would they be any better natured about it, than he is? No; but they are grown-up people; they have rights that others are bound to respect. Everybody cannot tell them exactly what he thinks about everything they do. If every one did, would there not be terrible reaction?

One of those curious cases of presentiment of which we so often hear has just occurred in Atlanta, Ga. A workman in the railroad shops there persistently said that he had a revelation that he should die at 12 o'clock on Tuesday last, and at his request a fellow-workman promised to toll the bell of the works at that hour. The day and the hour came; the man dressed himself in his best and lay down upon his bed to await the speedy coming of the dread messenger: the solemn note of the bell was heard; but the man did not die.

The Marquis D'Orches offered a prize of 20,000 francs to any person who should discover a practical and cheap method of determining actual death. This prize has been gained by Dr. Caniere. His method is to place the hand of the subject before a light in a darkened room; if the subject is not dead the light will make the hand semi-transparent with a rosy hue; but if dead it will be perfectly opaque.

Governor Geary of Pennsylvania proves to have been an unpopular candidate and the Republicans say they will never run a risk again in carrying such a heavy weight as Geary has proved himself. Had it not been for the new registry law in Philadelphia the Democrats would have been successful. The Republican press give Judge Williams and President Grant's administration the entire credit for the victory.

The Maine Farmer says that Hon. T. S. Lang has purchased the elegant estate on State street owned and occupied by D. T. Pike, Esq., and will soon remove from North Vassalboro, with his family to Augusta, which he intends making his future home. The price paid for this property we understand was \$12,000.

THE SONG OF THE WIND.

[Everything depends upon the way one learns to repeat these verses to the baby—singing the action to the word, and substituting "her" for "his" when circumstances require it. N. B.—Grammatical and common-sense people need not apply.]

Who! who! where's his toe baby? Who! who! whirly-where; Who! who! whirly-where; Whiff! whiff! blow his hair!

Who! who! where's his eyes-ee? Who! who! whirly-bright; Who! who! whirly-bright; Whiff! whiff! shut 'em tight!

Who! who! where's his nose-ee? Who! who! whirly-whoozy; Who! who! whirly-whoozy; Whiff! whiff! make him sneeze!

Who! who! where's his ears-ee? Who! who! whirly-whisper; Who! who! whirly-whisper; Whiff! whiff! make him laugh!

Who! who! where's his tootsies? Who! who! whirly-blow; Who! who! whirly-blow; Whiff! whiff! kiss him, so!

GRACE GREENWOOD AS A GROOM. In a late article Mrs. Stowe says: "A woman who lives in the country may sometimes be able to save a life by knowing how to harness or drive a horse. It is, of course, not a proper feminine employment."

I am surprised that so sensible and practical a woman as Mrs. Stowe can make such a concession to the old, sickly, sentimental idea of feminine parities and proprieties. It seems that she would have a woman learn to buckle on a harness and handle a whip and reins, not from a hearty, whole-some love of horses, but actually from a religious sense of duty, in order that she may be able to "save a life" in some possible emergency, by "tackling up" and going for the doctor, the fire-engine, or the "military."

It is a dreadfully philanthropic and Puritanic way of looking at a pleasant thing. For my part, I never fancied this tinkering away at a pleasure to make a duty of it. I never could bring myself to spoil good wine by mixing it with biters. I never like a moral tacked on to a fine poem. I never took to didactic novels.

I would harness and drive, saddle, bridle, ride, and be much with horses, because I love them. In my honest opinion, a woman is no more out of her place in the stable than in the garden. Horticulture may be a daintier employment than horiculture (if I may be allowed to coin a word), but it contributes less to, and draws less on the sympathetic, affectionate nature of women. I truly believe that the love for and care of a fine horse would have a strengthening and ennobling influence on the character of any true woman. On this extreme ground I take my stand, against a world of proprieties.

I have always been inclined to credit the account which makes Joan d'Aro a stable-girl. There is that in her of fire and dash and splendid daring which only equine communion and companionship can inspire. In all that best fitted her for her wonderful, anomalous career she learned more from horses than from homilies. Supernatural influences guided her, but equal energies entered into her blood and muscles.

For me, the actual daily care of a horse were far from a hardship. It may be a coarse employment, but it is congenial. I never was feminine enough to tend a canary, or clean house for an old gossip of a parrot; but I can look after the comforts and deencies of a stall most faithfully. I never could comb or curl a French pouffe; but I can groom a horse, upon occasion, and after a fashion.

Once—ah me, so many years ago!—made a fair trial of my capacities in that direction. On returning to my quiet Western home, from the East, in mid-winter, I found a new inmate of the stable—a wild, wicked-looking, unkempt, young chestnut sorrel, from Indiana.

This stranger from Posey County, whence we might expect the very flower of Indian horsemanship, the expectancy and rose of the fair state, was by no means a handsome animal, though he had some good points. His pedigree had been made no account of, even in his sale. His sire was to fame unknown, and his dam was of a low degree. Yet I felt assured that there was some good blood in the creature; which blood had evidently a "determination to the head," for that was spirited and almost beautiful. He had large, watchful, warning eyes, fiery nostrils, and small, taper ears, which seemed not only sensitive to a degree, but sentient. They were like little spirals, into which his hot, quick spirit flamed up, and there threatened and quivered. They were unfailing indices of his mood, be it savage or serene.

His neck though a little heavy, was finely arched; but here the patrician stuff gave out. The tout ensemble was a rough, powerful, long-limbed, strong-willed, Ishmaelitic, unregenerate animal, of the sort which no proper young lady should have anything to do with.

At the time I made his acquaintance he was incarnate rebellion. He had never been in harness, and but for a few times under saddle. He was being kept up for the first time, probably, and was evidently bored by the solitude and restraints of the stable. He expended his nervous energies mostly in kicking—lashing out in all directions, and thundering away at the walls of the stable in gallant style.

When I first entered his stall, he endeavored to intercept my advance by a flimsy movement; but I was too quick for him. With my arm around his neck, I made immediate interest with him by means of a huge lump of sugar. He evidently had a sweet tooth, answering to a soft spot in his heart; for at once his fierce eye softened, while the laid-back ears came quivering up and forward in a pretty, pacific way that was most engaging.

From that day I paid morning and evening visits to the stable, and soon found myself welcomed with a joyous neigh. How pleasant that was I need not tell a true lover of horses. My pet showed himself as playful as he had before been sullen. He would steal sugar from the pocket of my apron, play bopeep with me, bite my arm and tumble my hair, with many other endearing and delightful tricks. One joke which was never stale with him was to snatch off the hat from my head and swing it high in the air. Once when, to tease him, I wore no hat, he caught a large comb from his place and swung it aloft.

little afraid of his charge, performed his duties but imperfectly. Then, all unlearned in the mystery of the art I would teach, this ancient craft of the agas stabularius, guided only by woman's divine intuitions, I took it on me to instruct the lad, sponge and curry-comb in hand.

Well, it most out. I actually grew so fond of that unladylike, improper business that for a time I took it out of the boy's hands, leaving him the still ruder work of cleaning the stall. It was really curious to mark the change wrought in that horse by a few weeks of such care and tending. He grew to be almost handsome. His coat became soft and sleek; his mane glossy and flowing, and his limbs looked daintily clean. The Hoosier of him disappeared; and there was about him a general air of gallantry and jauntness. I taught him to raise his feet for my inspection at a word. Sometimes, as I crouched before him, he would lift a foot and place it on my hand or arm, where it would rest light as the caress of love.

What fast, dear friends we grew to be, my horse and I! He would know me in any disguise, or in the dark. He would follow me about, up and down banks and steps. At a word from me, he would come out of a frenzy of fright or anger. And there was something wonderfully pleasant and sustaining to me in the mute good-fellowship of the big, angrily fellow. More than once, when oppressed by the vague sadness and discouragement that comes to one in the twilight, I have leaned my head against his neck for a good, comfortable cry. And though he stood still and "munched and munched" I half interpreted the little nervous thrills that now and then agitated the glossy coat under my cheek as tokens of benign pity for my womanly condition.

I was finally obliged to leave home, to enter on some literary enterprise; and with me went my poor e-m-r-a-d-o's chief occupation: He was sold as a saddle horse; yet his rash purchaser, despising all warning and advice, immediately went to work to attach him to a light buggy, only to have that piece of property dissolve before his eyes. Heavier vehicles went to swift destruction in the same way; and then did that pitiless man, bent upon subjection, hit upon a cruel expedient. He put Pegasus to his last humiliation. He coolly proceeded to harness my precious pet to a canal-boat! saying, with a dreadful oath, "Tha, I! fetch him!"

The horse, it was said, gave one sharp, intelligent look at the monstrous clug to which he was attached, then, with a wild plunge, tossed his small rider over his head and dashed forward at a furious rate. He actually ran away with that canal-boat. But he did not run far before he fell or threw himself over a high embankment, down on a heap of rocks, "struck dead into his brain," and so died.

I was touched by his tragic end, but I gloried in his spirit. I, perhaps, am not the judge. But I can not think that I am any less womanly for having performed amateur groom service for that horse; for having fed and watered, saddled and bridled him; for having rubbed him down from forehead to footlock. It is our love for any work that gives it dignity and propriety.—[Grace Greenwood, in N. Y. Independent.]

We agree fully with the Lewiston Journal that "People who don't take the papers because they are poor, should understand that they are so because they don't take the papers. No decent paper was ever yet read in a family without paying for itself a hundred times a year. An exchange well says, 'It does not require a very wise man to go into a neighborhood and pick out those families that take and read two or three weekly papers. It does not require much experience to pick out the children in our town schools that read papers; and further along in life they improve the start that they have got from the reading of the newspaper. These readers get the best farms; in business they get the best places; in the factory and shop they are the leading workmen, simply because when young they were taught each week by the family paper. We know of men who have never seen the inside of one of our schools, where men are turned out 'liberally educated,' know nothing about Greek or Latin, but have been all the years of their life constant readers of the best newspapers, who are wiser, more intelligent and more practical men than those who have sought wisdom from more pretentious sources. The more reduced a family may be in circumstances, the less able they are to do without a paper.' In fact the news about business, chances for employment, opportunities for money-making, information about impostures, counterfeits and ten thousand things—all is invaluable, practical information, while the educating power of a newspaper of high moral tone, its correspondence, selections, local news and numberless other matters are quite invaluable for intrinsic interest and as educators."

A Washington correspondent recently had conversation with Mosby and Colonel Boyd, between whom a duel was recently pending, but objected to six-barreled revolvers at ten paces, each party to advance after the first fire and continue until the six shots of each were fired, especially as, if he had escaped with life, his office of sheriff would have been taken from him for dueling. Mosby, it seems, sent the challenge and also designated the weapons, which is contrary to the code of honor.

A shrewd business man, says a correspondent of the Evangelist, gives this advice for locating a meeting house: Put a church where you would put a store. Arrange for hearers as you would for customers.

In one of his letters from the West, "Carlton" says, "I would not make the farmers of New England discontented. I would not advise everybody to put up their farms at auction. I would not advise any well-to-do farmer of Massachusetts or Vermont to leave his old home and rush out here without first coming to survey the country; but if I were a young man measuring off tape and ribbon, or selling staves and buttons to simpering young ladies in a city store, I would give such a jump over the counter that my feet would touch ground in the center of a great prairie!"

Advices from Paraguayan sources represent that President Lopez has established new lines of defence at Sans Estanislao, where he has a considerable force of men and artillery. The allies are unable to continue the pursuit for want of horses or mules, but will resume it as soon as their army is reorganized.

A Lubec correspondent of the Machias Republican gives the following summary of the damage done in that vicinity by the late tornado: "Immense destruction of property. Twenty-one vessels disabled. One hundred and twenty-five buildings unroofed or blown down. Four churches badly damaged. Forty weirs broken down. 89,000 boxes of herring swept away by the tide. \$125,000 damage done."

"Bill, I eat a good deal of fish now; they say it's good for the brain." "It is. Well, John, I'll buy you a whale!"

The North Kennebec Agricultural Society,  
Awards of Committees.

Most of the committees who served at the late exhibition contented themselves with simply announcing the awards; and these will be found below with such reports as were submitted:—

HORSES.

On Stallions, 1st, premium to Henry J. Morrill, Waterville; 2d to Henry Lawrence, Fairfield; 3d to Benj. Hersom, W. Waterville; 4th to A. J. Hallett, W. Waterville.

There were two Stallions entered which were not shown to the com. Gen. Taylor, presented by D. L. Sawtelle, is a very fine animal but has one defect, which in the opinion of the com. should exclude him from the premium. Perhaps had some exhibiting horses in this class shown some of the stock with their animals the awards would have been different, for some very fine animals were shown but without any stock with them.

Mr. James Withee showed a very large and fine looking horse (St. Lawrence) which would undoubtedly be very good for farm and draught stock.

Breeding Mares, 1st premium to Henry Lawrence, Fairfield; 2d to A. B. Branch, Waterville; 3d to A. J. Hallett, W. Waterville; 4th to Gancelon Taylor, Waterville.

Several other fine mares were shown, one presented by Geo. Furber deserving of special notice, but the lack of her stock and our money excludes him from a premium.

Suckers, 1st premium to Abram Morrill, Waterville; 2d to H. J. Morrill, Waterville; 3d to A. J. Hallett, W. Waterville.

There were other colts entered well deserving of a premium, but these were all that we were authorized to award.

H. P. COUSINS for the Com.

On Matched Horses, the first premium was awarded to G. D. Pullen, and the second to C. B. Gilman.

On Family Horses, first to C. R. McFadden, and the second to I. H. Low.

On Walking Horses, first to C. B. Gilman, second to B. Hersom.

FRANK LAWRENCE,  
E. FISH,  
C. W. HUSSEY, } Com.

COLTS.

On Three-year-olds—first to J. Mitchell Jr.'s Knox; 2d to True Page's Black Hawk; 3d to Peter Mieux's Knox.

On Two-year-olds—1st to H. C. Burleigh's Draco; 2d to I. H. Low's Knox, "Black Belle"; 3d to John D. Richardson's Draco.

On One-year-olds—1st to N. B. Page; 2d to A. B. Branch's Morrill Knox; 3d to S. R. Hussey's Knox.

BULLS.

Thoroughbreds.—On Durhams, first premium to L. A. Dow's "Matadore Jr." On Herefords, first to Burleigh & Shores' "Compton Lad," second to H. C. Burleigh's "Canadian Chief," On Jerseys—first to "Humboldt," owned by the Waterville Jersey Stock Club.

On One-year-olds—first on Durhams to L. A. Dow's "Aladdin"; first on Herefords to H. C. Burleigh's "North Star."

On Calves—first on Durhams to L. A. Dow; first on Herefords to W. P. Blake, second to Burleigh & Shores.

Grades—first to S. Pullen for his grade Durham.

On One-year-olds—first to W. & W. Jones for their grade Durham, the only one presented.

On Calves—first to W. H. Hodges, grade Durham; 2d to W. & W. Jones, grade Durham.

MATCHED WORKING OXEN.

The committee reported nine pairs, all good. The first premium on five-year-olds was awarded to H. C. Burleigh, girth 7 feet 6 in.; 2d to Moses H. Alexander, girth 7 feet 6 in.; 3d to John D. Richardson, girth 7 feet 4 in.; 4th to David P. Morrison, girth 7 feet 5 in.

On four-year-olds—first premium to D. B. Howard, girth 7 feet 5 in.; second to J. B. Clifford, girth 7 feet 5 in.; third to L. D. Davis, girth 7 feet 1 in.; fourth to C. W. Lewis, girth 6 feet 10 in.

STEEPS.

Three-year-olds—first premium to W. & W. Jones, grade Herefords, a nice pair, girth 7 ft.; 2d to Eliab Fish, grade Durhams, a good pair, girth 7 feet 2 in.; 3d to George Rice, grade Durhams, girth 7 feet—a good pair, and worthy of a better premium if there were not so many competitors. A good pair exhibited by E. Morrill, if they were a little better matched would rank with the best.

Two-year-olds—first to W. & W. Jones; 2d to G. A. Parker; 3d to Phillip M. Chandler.

One-year-olds—1st to W. P. Blake; 2d and 3d to Andrew H. Rice.

Steer Calves—1st to Geo. E. Shores; 2d to A. P. Morse.

Trained Steers—1st to A. H. Rice; 2d to Henry Wentworth; 3d to Phillip M. Chandler.

There seemed to be but little interest manifested in this branch, yet the lack of interest was due in a measure to the loss of the Kennebec Bridge, and there was no team from the East side of the river. There was but one team on the ground, and that from Waterville, a very fair one, and to that we award the first premium.

DRAWING HORSES.

First premium to C. Bickford; 2d to A. C. Marston. If the committee on drawing horses had done their duty both competitors would have been ruled off the ground for abusing their teams.

HERDS.

First premium to Burleigh & Shores; 2d to Geo. E. Shores. No others exhibited.

FAT CATTLE.

Best fat oxen—first to H. C. Burleigh; 2d to J. D. Richardson.

Fat cow—first and 2d to Burleigh & Shores.

SHEEP.

Flocks.—Long Wool, 1st to Geo. Kenney; 2d to R. P. Shores. Medium wool, 1st to R. P. Shores; 2d to R. P. Shores.

Thoroughbred Bucks.—Merino, 1st to E. Maxham. Long wool, 1st to G. D. Pullen; 2d to A. J. Hallett.

Thoroughbred Buck Lambs.—Long wool, 1st to G. D. Pullen.

Grade Buck—1st to R. P. Shores; 2d to C. K. Sawtelle.

Grade Buck Lambs—1st to A. J. Hallett.

Ewe Lambs—best medium wool, 1st to R. P. Shores.

Fat Sheep—1st to R. P. Shores.

Pigs—G. E. Shores, Gr. Suffolk, 1st premium.

There were but four pigs in the litter entered by C. W. Lewis, and your committee had no premium for less than five. Mr. L's pigs were well worthy a premium.

POULTRY.

Hens—1st premium to H. A. Archer for his Buff Cochins; 2d to E. W. Cook; 3d to Jos. Percival.

Geese—1st to L. A. Dow; 2d to E. W. Cook.

Ducks—1st to H. A. Archer for his Rouen Ducks.

HEIFERS.

There was on exhibition a goodly number of heifers and heifer calves of thoroughbred Jersey, Hereford and Durham Shorthorns,—all of them worthy of high commendation. No Ayrshires. Also of Jersey grades, Hereford grades, and Durhams.

We shall in the first place take up the Jersey Heifers, as our attention was first called to them; not that we mean to express any preference for them over any other breeds of stock on exhibition, for indeed all have their superior points and qualities of excellence—the Jerseys, for their cheapness of keeping and butter making qualities; the Herefords for their early maturity and inclination to take on fat; the noble Durham for his majestic size, strength and docility for oxen. All are fitted for their proper sphere.

There was on exhibition and entries for premium but one thoroughbred Jersey heifer, 3 years old, and that a very superior creature entered by Julius F. Hallett, of West Waterville, named Flora, to which your committee awards the 1st premium of \$3.

To Joshua Nye, for the best thoroughbred heifer 2 years old, \$2. It being a nice one and all the thoroughbred of that age entered for premium.

For the best Jersey heifer one year old, thoroughbred, we award the premium of \$2 to W. Dyer; and to Julius F. Hallett, for the second best, the second premium, Vol. Reports.

For the best thoroughbred heifer calf we award to Joshua Nye, of Waterville, the first premium for his Jersey heifer calf, \$1; and to David Webb, of Waterville, the 2d, of a Vol. Reports.

The committee deem it right to name that Dr. N. R. Boutelle had on exhibition (though not entered for a premium) some very nice thoroughbred Jersey stock, one cow and several heifers, all worthy of high commendation and premium too.

We award to Burleigh & Shores the Society's 1st premium for their thoroughbred Hereford, 3 years old, Necklace \$3, and to their 3 year old Hebe 4th, 2d premium, Vol. Reports.

We also award to Burleigh & Shores the Society's 1st premium of \$2 for Necklace 4th; and to W. P. Blake the 2d premium of Vol. Reports for his thoroughbred Hereford Heifer 2 years old, equal if not superior to any heifer on the ground but not having a calf, we gave her the 2d premium. On 1 year old thoroughbred Hereford, we award the 1st premium to Hebe 5th, \$2, and the 2d premium, Volume Reports, to Necklace, both awarded to Burleigh & Shores.

We award to Burleigh & Shores the Society's 1st premium for their best calf, Necklace 6th, \$1; and the 2d to Stately, Vol. Reports.

We would here remark that the thoroughbred Hereford stock, exhibited by Burleigh and Shores, contributed very much to the interest of the show; and we hope that not only they, but also the farming and stock growing community around them, will reap lasting benefit for their enterprise in the introduction of such valuable thoroughbred stock.

We now come to speak of the noble Durham Short Horned stock, not a whit behind the very chiefest of them all.

We award the Society's 1st premium to Waterville Lady, of \$2, for best two year old Durham heifer, owned by L. A. Dow, Waterville; also 1st premium of \$1 for best one year old heifer to L. A. Dow.

1st premium we award to Howard and Ellis, of Fairfield for the best heifer calf thoroughbred Durham, Lady Fairfield, \$1.

We now come to speak of grade heifers, and shall not attempt to make any distinction between the particular kinds of cattle on exhibition. We will begin with grade Jersey, 3 year old heifer, 1st to Joseph Percival, the Society's premium of \$1; 2d best to R. W. Pray, Vol. Reports.

Best grade Jersey, 2 years old, to Joseph Percival, premium of \$1.

Best one year old grade Jersey to W. Dyer, \$1; second to Joshua Nye, Volume Reports.

Best heifer calf, High grade Jersey, to R. W. Pray, Vol. Reports.

Hereford grades—Best one year old to Stephen Hubbard, West Waterville, \$1; do best Hereford grade calf. Best grade Durham short horn, 3 years old, to George Kenney, \$1; best two year old, to J. J. Clifford, \$1; best one year old to Geo. Kenney, \$1.

SAMUEL TAYLOR, Chairman.

DRAWING OXEN.

On five-year-olds—1st to Moses H. Alexander; 2d to D. P. Morrison; third to W. & W. Jones.

On four-year-olds—1st to D. B. Howard.

AMOS ROLLINS, for Com.

COWS.

Dairy cows only three entries. The requirements of written statements of persons competing for these premiums prevents a large competition.

To Prof. S. K. Smith, of Waterville, we award the first premium of \$5 on his cow Nellie (pure Jersey). Her milk yielded a fraction over 8 lbs. of butter per week besides furnishing milk and cream for a family of seven persons for the last twenty weeks. And she will continue in milk through the entire season. To W. Dyer we award the second premium of \$3 on his pure Jersey cow Daisy. Her yield of butter was 39 lbs. in 30 days in June.

To David Webb we award the 3d premium on his Jersey cow Clover, 4 years old. Her yield of butter for the past 4 months has been about 1 lb. per day and furnished milk and cream for a family of eight persons.

It is not claimed for these cows that they have given a remarkably large yield of butter at any one time, but that they continue a liberal yield through the entire season and that there is no breed or race of cows that give so fine a quality or so large a quantity in proportion to amount of food consumed. We believe this claim will prove good for the race with rare exceptions.

On Stock cows there was strong competition. Thoroughbred Durhams, Herefords, and their several grades coming in competition.

We award the first premium of \$5 to Wm. P. Blake on his thoroughbred Hereford cow Nellie.

To Burleigh & Shores the second of \$3 on thoroughbred Hereford cow Necklace.

And to Howard & Ellis, of Fairfield, the 3d on their thoroughbred Durham cow, Lady Fairfield. There were a number of other fine cows shown. One by Stephen Hubbard, and by W. Hodges, several by Burleigh & Shores and by G. E. Shores. All good enough to award premiums if enough had been offered.

On best three or more from one farm, we award the first premium to Burleigh & Shores, on their thoroughbred Hereford, and their second to Geo. E. Shores, on his Hereford and Grade.

The committee were of opinion that the cows of Burleigh & Shores did not show any strong dairy points, but they conclude they must have cows that give something besides skim milk, or they could not grow such monster calves, as they show with their cows.

J. PERCIVAL, for com.

TROTTING HORSES.

First Class—D. L. Sawtelle's horse trotted alone, first heat in 3 min. 4 s., and the second in 3 min.

Second Class—S. Witham first in 2:59; A. C. Marston, second, in 2:59.

Third Class—S. Witham's five year old trotted alone in 2:53.

Fourth Class—B. F. Otis' four-year-old trotted a half mile alone in 1:45.

BREAD, BUTTER, CHEESE, ETC.

The committee on Butter, Cheese, Bread, Honey, Jellies, &c., report as follows.

Butter, 4 entries.—We award 1st premium to No. 3, Mrs. Joseph Percival; we award 2d premium to No. 1, Mrs. G. A. Parker; we award 3d premium to No. 4, Mrs. Wm. E. Drummond.

Cheese, 6 entries.—We award 1st premium to lot No. 2, Mrs. Cath. Mitchell; we award 2d premium to lot No. 3, Mrs. John Mitchell; we award 3d premium to lot No. 4, Mrs. F. A. Davis.

Bread (White).—We award 1st premium to No. 1, Mrs. Ira Low; we award 2d premium to No. 2, Mrs. Haynes.

Bread (White), by Girls.—We award 1st premium to No. 1, Clara M. Burleigh, 13 years; we award 2d premium to No. 5, Annie O. Burleigh, 15 years.

Bread (Brown).—We award 1st premium to No. 7, C. M. Burleigh, 13 years; we award 2d premium to No. 6, Annie O. Burleigh, 15 years.

Best sample of Maple Syrup, 1 entry, we award the 1st premium to No. 1, Mrs. Holway, \$1.

Best sample Jelly and Jam, 4 entries, we award the 1st premium to No. 2, (Mrs. Wm. E. Drummond.) a sample of Apple Jelly, and the 2d premium to No. 4, a sample of Currant Jelly, Mrs. E. R. Drummond.

Three bottles of Relishes were presented.—1st a bottle of Ketchup, 2d a bottle of Tonic Sauce, made of Horse plums &c., 3d a bottle Chili Sauce made of Horse Plum, &c. All very nice, and the committee think they are entitled to a premium of \$1.

The Butter and Cheese, as a whole, were very nice, and we wish we had a premium to bestow upon each lot.

The Brown Bread, made by girls under 16 years of age, was equal to any we ever saw, made by persons of any age, and we think the two young Misses are entitled to great credit for their proficiency in bread making.

J. Nye and wife, SETH HOLWAY, and wife, for Com.

FARM IMPLEMENTS.

First premium on Plow, Harrow, Cultivator and Wheel-barrow to Jos. Percival.

Your com. also would recommend a gratuity of a Vol. Report, to Alvin Atwood, of West Waterville, for his washing machine.

OBEDE EMERY, Com.

GIRLS' WORK.

To Bead Work by Helen J. Taylor, we award \$1.00; to Tatting, by Ella E. Hodson, 9 years old, 50¢; to 'crochet mittens, by Sarah C. Blake, 10 yrs. old, 50¢; to Rose D. Blake, for knitting stockings, \$1; and a gratuity of 50 cents to Mabel Osborne for a rug.

E. W. HALL, for com.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In this department the committee find but two classes represented, for which premiums are offered.—Collection of Insects injurious to vegetation, and Bouquets of cut Flowers.

Insects injurious to vegetation, there is but one collection, which was presented by E. Hitchings. To this we award the premium, \$3.00. We would suggest to future exhibitors in this class that a brief descriptive catalogue would add greatly to the value and usefulness of entomological collections.

Of bouquets of cut flowers, there were two collections offered for the Society's premium, both of which were very fine. To No. 17 presented by Mrs. E. R. Drummond, we award the first premium of \$1.00, and to No. 18, by Mrs. Joseph Percival, the second premium of 50¢. Two pretty bouquets, consisting of everlasting flowers and ornamental grasses (No. 16) presented or exhibited by Miss Clara Maxwell, added materially to the display in this class, and the committee recommend a gratuity of 25¢.

No. 15 is an assorted case of files of fine workmanship, and apparently of first quality, by Wm. Fisher. We are glad to see this manufacture established among us, and hope that it will receive the substantial encouragement which it deserves.

No. 12 is a miniature velocipede, from Frank Philbrick, which is, perhaps, in this diminutive form a pretty correct index of the present magnitude of the late velocipede mania.

The remaining contributions to this department do not come within the specific offers of premiums by the society, but many of them being both elegant and useful, and all conducive to social enjoyment, the committee have concluded to recommend gratuities, perhaps more freely than the finances of the Society will warrant.

There were four specimens of "worsted work" presented, each of which exhibits much skill and good taste, and to which we recommend gratuities as follows; to No. 3 sofa cover, by Miss Caroline Wheeler, \$1.00; to No. 4, 2 titles by Miss C. Wheeler, 50¢; to No. 5, lamp mat by Miss C. Wheeler, 50¢; to No. 6, 2 ottoman covers by Miss Wheeler, 50¢.

No. 7, bead basket, by Miss Caroline Wheeler. A very pretty and tastefully arranged ornament. We recommend a gratuity of 50¢.

To No. 8, a very beautiful bouquet in wax by Miss C. Wheeler, we recommend a gratuity of 50¢; and to No. 9, a wax cross, by Miss C. Wheeler, 50¢.

To No. 14, moss house, by Miss Caroline Wheeler, a landscape ingeniously represented in moss work, the committee recommend a gratuity of \$1.00.

To Burleigh & Shores the second of \$3 on thoroughbred Hereford cow Necklace.

I. J. TRAYER for Com.

SAMPLES OF CORN.

Although limited in number and variety we find them all very good and judge the exhibition in this department to be inferior to former ones in quality. Several samples of seed corn were entered, all of which were of excellent quality, and if they were to be taken as a fair representative of the corn crop in this vicinity, our farmers would have no reason to complain and corn-fed pork would be abundant. We award the premium to C. D. Breed.

Potatoes we found in excellent variety, and we award the premium to sample No. 5, presented by J. P. Ellis, in which were 10 varieties. No. 27, presented by L. Crommett, we consider superior in appearance as a single lot, and to that we would recommend a gratuity.

On Onions we award the premium to Cyrus Wheeler.

In sample No. 28 we found Pumpkins, Cabbages, Turnips, Citron Melons, &c. Those being the only Cabbages and Citron Melons on exhibition, and the sample in our judgment containing the best pumpkins, we award a premium to W. Balen ice.

Of Beets we found three samples. To No. 31, presented by Stephen Hubbard, we give a premium. No. 2, presented by G. A. Parker, we found of mammoth size, but judged them of inferior quality; but as the produce, must have had a very rich garden and is consequently entitled to much credit we recommend to that sample a gratuity. In No. 12, presented by W. Jones, we found a very good sample of Carrots the only one exhibited, and we award it the premium.

On Turnips we found it not very easy to decide. There were two baskets, Nos. 11 and 32, of very excellent appearance; but judging No. 11, presented by W. Jones, of superior quality for table use, we award it the premium and recommend a gratuity to No. 32, presented by Weymouth Jones.

We found No. 10, presented by Obed Emery, the only sample of Watermelons, and to that we give the premium.

Also one sample of Sweet Corn No. 3, presented by Augustus Crowell, which is entitled to a premium.

Two samples of Snap Corn were on exhibition, and the committee found it difficult to decide which should have the preference. No. 14, presented by W. Jones, contains the largest quantity, and to that we award the premium.

Some very fine samples of Wheat are exhibited and doubtless either of them, well milled, would make flour to suit the most fastidious; but No. 26, presented by Edwin Springs, is apparently of superior quality and to that we award the premium.

To a fine sample of Norway Oats, presented by B. Wilkins, the only one on exhibition, we award the premium.

The only sample of Beans was presented by Obed Emery. In appearance they were very excellent, but we could better judge of the quality if they were well baked. We award them the premium.

C. A. CHALMERS, for Com.

HOUSEHOLD.

The list of prizes on Household Manufactures is small and the competition not very spirited. The articles presented were without an exception a credit to the makers, but they were less in number than usual.

In Filled Cloth only one piece was presented and that by Mrs. A. Mayo, which should receive the first premium of \$2.00.

Cotton and Wool Flannel, three pieces. No. 10, presented by Mrs. Benj. Stevens, is worthy of the first premium; \$2.00. No. 17, by Mrs. Reuben Cook, the second, of \$1.00.

Four pieces of Rag and Yarn Carpets were entered. No. 1, by Mrs. E. Cook, should receive the first premium, of \$2, and No. 26, by Mrs. Olive Osborne, the second of \$1.00. A piece by Mrs. Rebecca Burrill, 86 years old, is a good article, and we were sorry there was not a premium for her.

There were a dozen entries of Hearth Rugs, all good ones. Four of them were contributed by Miss Newhall, of Waterville, all good and pretty, one especially, and should receive the first premium of \$2.00. No. 19, by Mrs. Joseph Spencer, is entitled to the second of \$1.00.

Three nice Bed Spreads, or Coverings, were shown. No. 6, by Mrs. Thos. Pratt, is the best and prettiest, and is entitled to the premium of \$2.00. No. 24, by Mrs. [unclear], the second of \$1.00.

There were several lots of Woolen Yarn shown, all good; but no premiums were offered for such.

No. 22, a nice and pretty Knit Wool Scarf, made and presented by the lady 86 years old, Mrs. Rebecca Burrill, who made the carpet, is entitled to a gratuity of 50 cts.

No. 7, an ingeniously made and pretty Fancy Basket, to hang upon the side of the room, to catch and hold all sorts of household things, presented by Miss Bridges, is entitled to a gratuity of 50 cts.

Nos. 8 to 16, inclusive, are samples of all kinds of Knit Goods, and good ones too, and knit thoroughly, shown by Mr. T. M. Goding of this town, who is Agent for Lamb's Knitting Machine, one of the wonders of the wonderful age. The committee are of opinion that no family, especially where there are children, can afford to be without one of these machines.

J. PERCIVAL, for Com.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

But for the fine display of Photographs, by Mr. Carleton, this committee might have resolved itself into a floral procession and turned away in disgust for with this exception, a brief, half dozen floral combinations, chiefly hair work, were made the basis of all our investigations. But all these were wrought with great ingenuity, and received, special attention from visitors. Four unusually choice and elaborate hair wreaths, severely by Mrs. Alvin Atwood, Mrs. P. Spratt, Miss Sarah Field, and Miss Caroline Wheeler, are by no means of exactly equal merit, but as comparisons are odious, especially as the hands of those who do not know how to make them, we give four equal half-dollars to the lot, one to each. The credit of executing even the poorest of them is worth a hundred fold more. A bouquet of natural flowers, by Mrs. G. H. Matthews, and wax flowers, by Miss Annie Jewell, presented the rivalry of nature and art in strong terms; both gems and much admired. "The loss of the bridge" compels us to divide a dollar between them. As household jewels they are worth none the less to their owners.

Mr. Carleton's contributions was the chief attraction at the hall; though his former exhibitions had shown what he could do in his line. He has few equals—and the proof is at hand. His very marked success is the result. We award him three dollars—(remembering that his generosity matches his genius, as shown by the fact that all premiums heretofore awarded him have been donated to the Society.)

E. MAXHAM, for Com.

FRUIT.

Apples and grapes, alone are brought for

premiums—the former only in the department of winter fruit. Obed Emery takes the first premium of \$2 with 4 varieties; Frank E. (Wm.) [unclear] \$2, with 13 varieties; Abram Morrill the third with two varieties—leaving T. Osborn with choice samples that should encourage him to try again next year. In all these cases the specimens are so nearly equal as to leave little room for choice.

The grape department is plainer, leaving no shadow of doubt that Mr. Lemuel Dunbar, the veteran grape "specialist," is entitled to the first premium of \$2. He deserves to eat freely of the fruits of his own vines, for the perseverance and intelligence with which he has pursued a commendable "hobby." Success rides hobbies, the world over; Fulton and Morse for example—but we particularly like Dunbar's Concord, Hartford Prolific, Delaware, Israeli, Rogers' Hybrid, and another we cannot name, make a fine dish, of which we have freely tasted. Each proves what can be done in good hands and with a favorable season. Mr. Bray Wilkins sends good samples of the Sweet Water, from his beautiful and well tilled farm in Fairfield. We give him the second premium of \$1, with which to buy the latest work on the Grape. He is a believer in books.

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OUR TABLE.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for November opens with another paper of Mr. James Parton's Washington series...

Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston, at \$4 a year...

THE LADIES will find a charming array of beautiful things at the shop of Misses E. & S. Fisher...

THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE has held a session in Bangor this week...

THE KENNEBEC JOURNAL has spread itself to the size of the Boston Advertiser...

THE HALLOWELL GAZETTE, which for some time has been a duplicate of the Kennebec Journal...

THE PORTLAND DAILY ADVERTISER, while it has nothing to say against Mr. Morrill...

MOTHER EARTH shook herself vigorously about half past five o'clock on Friday morning...

THE CATTLE MARKETS.—The Boston Advertiser reports crowded markets at Cambridge Brighton...

Spain.—Gen. Prim declares that he is a monarchist and opposed to the establishment of a republic in Spain.

CHILLY.—Telegrams report a snow storm at St. Louis on Tuesday—the snow remaining in inches deep.

A Catholic fair, as will be seen from our advertisement, is to be held in this place on more particular notice of the time to be given hereafter.

THE OLD FARMERS' ALMANAC FOR 1870.—We are indebted to Bailey & Noyes, of Portland, for a copy of this handy annual.

The war steamer Cuba, formerly the Hornet, surrendered to our government recently...

Nearly complete returns from the Ohio election indicate that Governor Hayes's majority is a little over 8000.

Gov. Moses McDonald, ex-member of Congress from the first Maine district and Ex-Congressman of Portland...

THE ELECTIONS.—It is now conceded that Republicans have carried Ohio, Pennsylvania and Iowa...

Ohio elects a Republican governor by a ten thousand majority...

THE VERMONT.—The vote of Iowa strongly resembles the vote of Vermont...

The Bangor Whig reports a highway robbery in a neighboring town...

Mr. Dearborn of Bangor, a wool buyer, was robbed by three men between Clinton Gore and Hunter's Mills...

THE TROT POSTPONED.—The great horse trot at Waterville Park, set for Friday and Saturday this week...

The sweepstakes, and also the 2.50 purse, are to be trotted Monday...

The most perfect and convenient Nursing Bottle in the World...

Weak Back, Pains of the Side, of the Hips, and about the Kidneys...

Attention is directed to the new advertisement of the Boston Medical Institute...

For the Mail.—Dexter, Oct. 14, 1893. Editors of the Mail.—Having just attended the Grand Lodge of Good Templars...

CRISTADORO'S EXCELSIOR HAIR DYE, has been subjected to the most rigorous tests...

USE KENNEBEC'S PAIN KILLING MAGIC OIL. "It Works like a Charm."

DR. WARREN'S BILIOUS BITTERS. For purifying the blood, curing Liver Complaint, Jaundice, Biliousness...

CONSUMPTION. Dr. SERRAVALLO'S TONIC for the cure of Consumption and all the ailments of the Stomach...

THE full vote of Pennsylvania gives Geary a majority of 4,595, and Williams for Judge of the Supreme Court...

A FOREIGN LOAN.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald says that M. Friguet, agent of the Rothschilds...

There is great suffering among the destitute exiled Cubans in New York and throughout the country...

A Phillips correspondent says the damage by the late flood in Phillips will exceed \$100,000...

Young Men and Women! Do not delay in procuring the important and interesting medical work recently written by Dr. A. H. Hayes...

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TO THE PUBLIC: We have recently noticed "going the rounds" in the papers of Maine...

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23, 1893. Dr. BROWN says: "I received him (Shattuck) and treated him as a gentleman on account of Dr. Greene's information..."

THE public will remember that we proved beyond all question that the Shattuck case was a medical student in Boston...

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Twenty-five Years Practice in the treatment of Diseases incident to Females, has placed DR. DOW at the head of all physicians making such practice a specialty...

MARRIAGES. In this village, Oct. 20, by Rev. Dr. Sheldon, Mr. Frank Bowman and Miss Carrie A. Heath...

DEATHS. In Fairfield, Oct. 19th, of dropsy, Mrs. Rebecca Gibbs, in the 80th year of her age...

DEATHS. In Fairfield, Oct. 16, Mr. George W. Goodwin, aged 41 years...

DEATHS. In West Waterville, Oct. 14, Mrs. Ruby, wife of Charles Hallett, aged 66 years...

DEATHS. In Irving, Jackson Co., Wis., at the residence of H. N. Wither, Miss Cynthia Longley, aged 88 years...

SOMETHING NEW IN HATS! CAMBRIDGE AND OXFORD! SCOTCH CAPS and SAILOR HATS!

Infants' Hats made to order. At the MISSES FISHERS, Waterville, Oct. 21.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF Ostrich Feathers IN ALL COLORS. Suited to Fall and Winter trade.

FRINGES, COLLARS AND CUFFS, Embroidered Sets, Neck Ties, ROMAN SCARVES, &c. AT THE MISSES FISHERS.

LOST. The finder of a jet and gold breast-pin with a star shaped top of gold...

WANTED IMMEDIATELY. A GOOD PRESSMAN at GARDNER & WATSON'S.

FOR SALE OR TO LET. AT 47 MAIN ST., KENDALL'S MILLS, Lot and Building, consisting of a three-story building...

DISSOLUTION. THE Partnership between the subscribers has this day been dissolved by mutual consent...

THE OLD STAND RE-OPENED. Having bought the Stock in trade of the late W. A. Coffey, I propose to continue the business of the old stand...

FURNITURE, Lounges, Mirrors, Seaters, &c. And all goods usually kept in this line of business.

CROCKERY & GLASS WARE. Ever opened in Waterville. Also Tapestry, Three-ply, Ingrain, Hemp, Straw, and Oil Cloth Carpetings.

Burial Caskets and Coffins always on hand, at satisfactory prices.

I shall keep a full assortment of CHAMBER SETS, Walnut, Chestnut, Ash and Pine. The Pine sets I have made body which can be found in no other place...

DRY GOODS. The attention of the Ladies is especially invited to our large stock of DRESS GOODS.

PEAKS BROTHERS, KENDALL'S MILLS, ME. Having leased the store formerly occupied by McFadden Bros. have just returned from the market with a full stock of DRY GOODS.

Grand Catholic Fair. AT WATERVILLE. Amongst the many articles to be disposed of are TWO GOLD WATCHES, ONE FRENCH CLOCK, ONE CHAMBER SET, ONE SILVER TEA SET.

A beautiful CHAIR, gothic frame and elaborately wrought Cushions, by the "Sisters of Notre Dame," Portland.

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WANTED HOMES & FORTUNES. In the West and South. How, and where to find them.

BOOK AGENTS WANTED FOR STRUGGLES AND TRUMPHS OF P. T. BARNUM.

Just Now! THE PUBLISHERS OF THE LARGE DOUBLE WEEKLY NEW YORK OBSERVER.

FREE THE WANDER WATERS. HOW SHALL WE PAINT OUR HOUSES?

New Scale Pianos. WEISSMAN'S OPTIMISTIC HARP & ORGAN.

WHO HAS A HOUSE TO PAINT. Ready-Made Colors.

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Agents! Read This! WE WILL PAY AGENTS A SALARY OF \$30 PER WEEK...

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MILLINERY!

NEW FALL GOODS. Mrs. Bradbury. Respectfully informs her patrons that she is getting in an unusually large stock of FALL GOODS...

LATEST FASHIONS & STYLES. She invites Ladies to call and examine her Stock and Prices.

Mrs. E. F. Bradbury. Report of the Condition of the PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK.

REOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$128,504 02; U. S. Bonds on account of circulation, 60,000 00; U. S. Bonds on hand, 13,800 00; Other Stocks, 200 00; Due from Redeeming and Reserve Agent, 7,922 46; Banking House, 1,000 00; Fractional currency, including nickels, 83 28; Legal tender notes, 14,800 00.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock paid in, \$150,000 00; Surplus Fund, 17,000 00; Profit & Loss, 8,776 49; National Bank Circulation outstanding, 12,000 00; Individual Deposits, 15,558 96; Due to National Banks, 24 41; Due to other Banks, 600 00.

STATE OF MAINE, County of Kennebec. I, Homer Percival, Cashier of the People's National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HOMER PERCIVAL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18th day of October, 1893.

THOS. W. HERRICK, Justice of the Peace. Correct. Attest, L. W. TRAYNE, N. G. H. PULPITAN, Directors. LUCK BROWN.

WATERVILLE NATIONAL BANK, REPORT, OCT. 9, 1893. REOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$70,554 74; U. S. Bonds on account of circulation, 127,000 00; U. S. Bonds on hand, 23,700 00; Other Stocks and Bonds, 6,000 00; Due from Redeeming Agent, 2,500 00; Due from other National Banks, 1,771 49; Banking House, 2,750 00; Cash items, including stamps, 1,587 87; Bills of other National Banks, 225 00; Fractional currency, including nickels, 19 10; Legal Tender Notes, 10,000 00.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock, \$125,000 00; Surplus Fund, 12,000 00; Profit and Loss, 3,448 56; Bills in circulation, 111,923 00; Deposits, 220,255 14.

Sworn to before D. L. MILLIKEN, Justice of the Peace. Correct. Attest, D. L. MILLIKEN, James Mackpole, Directors. REPORT.

TICONIC NATIONAL BANK, OCT. 19, 1893. REOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$103,000 00; U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 100,000 00; U. S. Bonds on hand, 500 00; Other Stocks and Bonds, 1,100 00; Due from Redeeming Agent, 2,100 49; Banking House, 2,500 00; Cash items, 6,821 46; Bills of other National Banks, 700 00; Fractional Currency and Nickels, 321 11; Legal Tender Notes, 12,000 00.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock paid in, 100,000 00; Surplus Fund, 10,000 00; Circulation, 89,400 00; Profit and Loss, 2,700 75; Deposits, 38,276 78; Due National Banks, 53 70.

STATE OF MAINE, County of Kennebec. I, A. A. Plaisted, Cashier of the Ticonic National Bank of Waterville, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. A. PLAISTED, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of Oct., 1893.

E. L. GETCHELL, Justice of the Peace. Correct. Attest, S. Heath, J. E. GARDNER, Directors. E. G. H. GARDNER.

PAINT STYLES! At Gardner & Watson's, Opp. the Post Office.

FOR SALE. 2 1/2 Acre place on College Street with a part or whole of fifteen acres of land adjoining.

Kennebec County.—In Probate Court at Waterville, on the second Monday of October, 1893.

THOMAS J. TUBBY, Trustee under the last will and testament of CHARLES H. PLYMER, late of Waterville, in said County, deceased, having presented the said account for allowance.

ADVERSE party thereof be given three weeks respectively prior to the second Monday of November next, in which said newspaper printed in Waterville, that all persons interested in the estate of CHARLES H. PLYMER, late of Waterville, in said County, deceased, are desired to exhibit the same for settlement, and to be held at August and above cases, if any, who the same should not be allowed.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been appointed Administrator on the estate of JOHN F. HARRIS, late of Waterville, in the County of Kennebec, deceased, and he undertakes that he will give bond as the law directs.—All persons, therefore, having claims against the estate of said deceased are desired to exhibit the same for settlement, and to be held at August and above cases, if any, who the same should not be allowed.

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MISCELLANY.

TWO PICTURES.

LOOKING OUT. Roy and warm the freight falls, In the rich man's house to-night, On the pictures hanging against the walls, And the children's faces bright. They have parted the curtain's crimson folds, Away from the window high, And their eyes look out in the whirling snow, And the dull and stormy sky.

UNEARING EYE PRESERVERS

Lazarus & Morris' CELEBRATED PERFECTED SPECTACLES AND EYE GLASSES.

PERFECTED GLASSES. In a proof of their superiority. We were satisfied that they would be appreciated here as elsewhere, and that the result of the advantages offered to wearers of beautiful Lenses, viz. the ease and comfort, the assured and ascertained improvement of the sight, and

The Brilliant Assistance they Give in all Cases! We claim they are the most Perfect Optical Aids ever Manufactured.

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ONE MILLION DOLLARS. Our facilities for transacting this immense business are better than ever before.

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A nice line of White Goods, CONSISTING OF Piques, Cambrics in plain, check and stripe; Plain Linen Table Damask, Napkins and Towels, Plain Muslins, and White Flannels.

A Good Assortment of Cloths For Men and Boys' Wear. Broadcloths, Tricots, Plain and Fancy Cassimeres, &c.

A Good Line of Hosiery & Gloves. A Very Nice Assortment of Kids.

Stocks of Domestic Goods. Good style Prints for 10 cts. Sheerings for 10 cts and upwards.

VERY LOW FOR CASH. C. R. McFADDEN. Waterville, May 22, 1869.

BOOTHBY'S Insurance Agency!

Office at Express Office, Main-St., Waterville. HOME INSURANCE COMPANY. Cash Capital and Surplus \$4,243,234.53.

SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY. Cash Capital and Surplus \$1,000,303.53.

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NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INS. CO. OF HARTFORD. Cash Capital and Surplus \$499,487.54.

I will write Policies against Accidents of all kinds. It is safe to be insured. L. T. BOOTHBY, Agent. Waterville June 1, 1869.

Rubbers, Rubbers!

Keep your head cool and your feet warm, and you are all right. What is the use of going with cold, damp feet, when you can get such nice Overhoops at MAXWELL'S, to keep them dry and warm.

VARIETY OF BOOTS & SHOES, FOR OLD AND YOUNG. high you can have at a very small profit for cash, as that is what sells in trade.

Don't mistake the old place - At MAXWELL'S. L. P. MAYO, Teacher of Piano-forte and Organ.

MARBLE WORKS. The subscribers will furnish at short notice, MARBLE & GRANITE MONUMENTS, GRAVE STONES, &c.

WANTED - Agents for Our Family Physician. JUST THE BOOK KNOWN IN EVERY FAMILY, and as cheap as all can afford it.

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CARRIAGE REPAIRING. All work entrusted to me will be warranted to give satisfaction, and prices will be reasonable. A. W. NYE.

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THE OLD WEST AS IT WAS. Agents should not attempt to sell imitation boots, or those which cover but a small portion of our western territory.

Agents can now get Territory for MARK TWAIN'S NEW BOOK, WITH 234 ENGRAVINGS. Who has not heard of the author? Who has not laughed over his quaint and original sketches, and fairly accompanied to his grave by the author's pen?

THE INNOCENTS ABROAD, Or the New Pilgrims' Progress. In the quietness of himself, the condensation and concentration of all his powers.

DR. E. F. WHITMAN, Oculist and Aurist. Artificial Eyes Inserted without Pain. Treatment for Catarrh. No charge for consultation. 112 COURT STREET, BOSTON.

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