

**The Ruling Passion.**

A tiny tot of only three,  
Sweet as the dew the rose inhales,  
I gayly dance upon my knee,  
The while I tell her fairy tales.  
Unclouded is her placid brow;  
"No care," muse I, "such lives distress!"  
"Dear me," says she, "I wonder how  
I'd better make my dolly's dress?"  
A fair young bride in queenly gowns  
Comes down the grand cathedral aisle;  
The mighty organ sweetly sounds,  
And on her lips a saintly smile.  
And in her heart a prayer? Not so,  
For truthfully I must confess  
She's thinking this: "I'd like to know  
What folks are saying of my dress."  
A matron near the gates of death,  
With weeping kindred at her side,  
All fearful that each fleeting breath  
Will bear her soul across the tide.  
She tries to speak! She faintly clasps  
The kindly form that bends above,  
And with the parting breath she gasps,  
"See that my shroud is ruffled, love!"  
If all the Scriptures say is true,  
There'll be more women, ten to one,  
Than men in that fair realm where you  
And I may meet when life is done;  
But all the joys designed to bless—  
Bright crowns and harps with golden strings—  
Won't please the women there unless  
Each has the nicest pair of wings.  
—Nixon Waterman.

**Couldn't Shave a Bit.**

When the famous archæologist came into the club yesterday afternoon his erudite countenance was ornamented at several points with sticking plaster, and there was a general enquiry among his friends as to what was the matter. "Razor," said the professor briefly. "Good gracious! Where did you get shaved?" asked one of the younger members sympathetically. "It's a strange thing," said the man of learning. "I was shaved this morning by a man who really is, I suppose, a little above the ordinary barber. I know of my own knowledge that he took a double first-class at Oxford; that he studied in Heidelberg afterwards, and spent several years in other foreign educational centres. I know, also, of my own knowledge that he has contributed scientific articles to our best magazines, and has numbered among his intimate friends men of the highest social and scientific standing in Europe and America. And yet," soliloquized the savant, "he can't shave a man decently."  
"By jove!" exclaimed the young member, in astonishment. "What is he a barber for, with all those accomplishments?"  
"Oh, he isn't a barber," said the bookworm, yawning. "You see, I shaved myself this morning."—Answers.

**Hans' Savings as a Legislator.**

A Pennsylvania senator told the other day an anecdote to illustrate the high standard of political morality in the Keystone state. There was an old Dutchman, a farmer, thrifty and prosperous, who had been carefully saving for many years. Finally he was elected to the legislature. It was a peculiarly profitable session. There were several railroad charters up for consideration. Hans served faithfully, never broke silence, and always voted; and after the legislature had adjourned he surprised his friends at home by laying the foundation of a \$10,000 house, while there were rumors of a \$20,000 bank deposit.  
"Have you had a legacy, Hans?" asked a neighbor at last.  
"Oh, no," was the reply. "I have only been saving."  
"But how could you manage to save \$30,000 on a three months' salary of \$3 a day?"  
"Ah," responded Hans complacently, "that was very easy. You see my wife didn't keep a hired girl last winter."  
—Boston Advertiser.

**That 'Troublesome K.**

There have been many estimable people whose stumbling block has been orthography, and it has sometimes been an almost insurmountable obstacle. There was once in eastern Tennessee a judge well versed in the law, but entirely self-educated, who had this same obstacle of orthography to contend with all his days. In early life he had lived in Knoxville, and for a long time insisted on spelling the name Knoxville. His friends at last educated him up to the point of adding the K; so thoroughly, in fact, did he learn this lesson that when, a few years afterwards, he removed to Nashville, nothing could prevent him from spelling the name Knoxville. After a few years' residence there the judge removed again, this time to Murfreesboro. One day he sat down to write his first letter from this place. He scratched his head in perplexity for a moment, and finally exclaimed: "Well, I'll give it up! How in the world can they spell the name of this place with a K?"—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

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**A New Cross.**

AN ADMIRER SAYS THE HOLSTEIN JERSEY CROSS IS A SUCCESS.

Referring to Mr. Havemeyerr's plan of "putting new life into the Jerseys" by crossing them with Simmenthal bulls, Mr. S. Hoxie writes in the *American Agriculturist*: The impression is strong that Mr. Havemeyerr might have found breeds nearer home more suitable for his purpose. The Ayrshire is a beautiful animal, of unquestioned health and stamina; the cow gives nearly or quite as much milk as the Simmenthal, and it is as rich. The Red Polled, with equal stamina, is not behind in any dairy quality. And last, though not least, the Holstein-Friesian gives as rich milk and more of it. One of the largest breeders in California writes that he has largely crossed the Holstein-Friesian on other cattle. He says, "I have a half-bred Jersey and Holstein—thoroughbred on both sides—which produced 662½ lbs. of butter last year by the Babcock test." I have advocated the crossing of breeds for several years, and have made enquiries in the subject. From what information I am able to gain and from my own limited experience, I am led to the tentative conclusion that a cross of medium weight Holstein-Friesian bulls with Jersey cows is a success. A cross thus made by me resulted in no difficulty of birth, and the produce was a large and very rich milker. I sold her to a large dairyman, who has often said to me, "She was the best cow I ever owned." I cannot recommend the opposite cross—that of Jersey bulls on Holstein Friesian cows. As breeders say, "it does not seem to be a good nick."

**A Prolific Breed of Sheep.**

The Shropshire branch of the Down family partakes of the general characteristics of the Southdown, although much heavier both in fleece and body and also more robust. It is said to be the most prolific of all breeds of sheep, the average rate of increase in some flocks of Shropshires often being 150 per cent., while the product from the cross of the Shropshire ram on half-breed long-wool ewes frequently reached 200 per cent. Of course the increase in any breed is materially modified by the nature of the land, quantity and quality of food, and the general care and management of the flock; and no greater mistake can be made with regard to sheep husbandry than to suppose that heavy fleeces, good mutton and a large number of strong, healthy lambs can be produced from barren land and scanty food. No animal whatever can thrive without a good supply of proper food. The prolific tendency of the Shropshire is a point of great importance with the breeder, as it materially increases the profit in furnishing early lambs for the market. They are also good mothers, and generally have an abundance of milk for their young, in this respect differing from many of the large breeds. The Shropshire has a longer face, of uniform dark tint, than the Southdown, a full and spirited eye, spreading ears of good size and a forehead rather flat and well woolled. Their fleece weight is generally from five to seven pounds. The meat is like the Southdowns in fineness of texture, the presence of fat in the tissues and richness of color. These sheep are hardy in moist climates and will endure a wide range of soil and feeding. They are peculiarly adapted for crossing on native sheep, and readily impress their desirable qualities upon their progeny.—*American Agriculturist.*

**About Pasturing Grasses.**

Orchard grass alone is not as satisfactory for hay as timothy. The hay from orchard grass is more difficult to cure just right, does not sell for as much as timothy, and is not relished as well by stock as timothy or clover or a mixture of the latter two. For pasture it is greatly superior to timothy. It comes early, lasts all through the season, and is even good when bluegrass or timothy is dried up. It is a good plan to have a field of orchard grass to pasture from July to October, when the bluegrass is short. In fact, orchard grass supplements bluegrass admirably. We have out orchard grass for seed in June and pastured it from July until October. By that time the bluegrass had grown up and was ready to carry the stock in good shape until snowfall. Orchard grass will not stand the close pasturing that bluegrass will, especially when the weather is frosty. With a pasture of bluegrass and one of orchard grass, more stock can be carried than on the same number of acres in bluegrass alone, and a crop of orchard seed grass extra can be obtained. In such case the stock has to be taken off the orchard grass in October and kept off until July. During this period the bluegrass is at its best and the orchard grass will make its crop of seed.