

**A Dying River.**

A narrow stream of water that meanders through Blackstone Valley, and is termed a river by the natives, has a fall in a distance of eighteen miles of one hundred and forty-six feet. At one time it afforded splendid power to the numerous mills built along its banks, but now, notwithstanding the river has the same precipitous descent, its availability as a means of supplying power to the great manufactories is a thing of the past, and is a matter entirely unthought of.

All, or nearly all, of the mills in Woonsocket are provided with auxiliary steam power, the owners having learned, particularly by the experience of the past three years, that even rivers can run very nearly dry in the course of time. At frequent intervals the bed of the Blackstone River is plainly visible in some places, in fact it is oftentimes exposed to view. It has been gradually growing lower for the ten years last past, and the meadows that in the old times were at this season of the year entirely covered with water to a greater or less depth, are as dry as pasture land to-day, and quite suitable for house lots.

No water-power machinery, whatever, has been put in the new Nourse mill, although the factory buildings are built contiguous to the stream. Old settlers contemplate the rocks lying in the river bed, over which scarcely a drop of water has flowed for "many a moon," and recall the days when the noble Blackstone thundered along the valley with a force sufficient to supply power to all the mills in Rhode Island. Manufacturers are gradually dropping water power elsewhere along the valley, although a number of years may elapse before it is discarded altogether.

One of Woonsocket's prominent mill-owners said lately that somewhere back in the "forties" he predicted that the Blackstone River would, sooner or later, become useless as a water power agent. He does not attribute the primary cause of the gradual subsidence to continual dry seasons, but to a combination of conditions, the principal one being the running out, or diversions, of the river's numerous tributaries.—*Providence, (U. L.) Journal.*

**The Handshaking Art.**

President Arthur is said to have suffered so much from the prevalent custom of shaking hands that he has made the subject a study and has reduced it to a fine art. This art is simple in plan and surprising in effect, but inoffensive. When the President sees a man coming at him for the usual salutation he stands impassive, with his hands at his sides, until his friend reaches him. Then the President, by a quick movement, seizes the extended hand, shakes it, and drops it before the handshaker is fairly aware what has happened. By this dexterity the President escapes having his hand wrung until the bones crack—a process which, repeated several hundred times in a day, is naturally painful.

President Arthur's plan of handshaking will doubtless be copied without credit by some other public men, but not generally. The most of them have larger hands than the President, and have not so much cause to fear a squeeze. For others the method is not cordial enough. Mr. Blaine, though he has a medium-sized hand, prevents it being squeezed by seizing his friend's hand in both his own.

President Garfield used to have the habit, also practised by some others, of taking his friend's hand lightly, adroitly giving him a vigorous slap on the back, and then withdrawing his hand before the victim had recovered from his surprise. As no visitor ever dared to slap back, this plan seemed to work very well indeed. It indicated sufficient cordiality, saved the President's hand, and at the same time the exercise of slapping kept him in good health.—*Luf-tulo Express.*

**Ten Thousand Acres in Vines.**

We had the pleasure recently of viewing the immense vineyard of Governor Stanford at Vina. The vineyard is probably the largest in the State. There are at present 10,000 acres planted in grape vines of different varieties, the greater portion of which are young and as yet have not been productive. The old Gerke vineyard, which forms the nucleus, covers a space of seventy-five acres; to this 1,000 acres of young vines were added in 1882, and 1,500 in 1883. The system that has been followed in planting vines is very systematic—the vines being an equal and exact distance apart. They are all very thrifty and form a beautiful sight when viewed from any direction.

The irrigation of this vineyard is, perhaps, the most complete in the world. At regular intervals through the vineyard avenues are cut which are fifty feet in width. Through these avenues are run irrigating ditches, with a drive-way on each side. The blocks thus formed by the irrigating ditches are about fifty yards wide, but extend a great length, and contain about a hundred acres each. In this way the system of irrigation is made complete and all the land receives an equal proportion of water. Every two of these blocks are planted to a different variety of grapes.

The main ditches run east and west across the field, and where the field is uneven intersecting ditches are made. In some cases it has been necessary to construct flumes to carry the water over lower lands. A flume 1,800 feet long has been built to carry the water over the alfalfa fields.

Besides the 10,000 acres planted in vines, the Governor owns 10,000 acres more that he has lately acquired by purchase, some of which he is now putting in grain and some is used as pasture.

**Two Little Songs.**

**I. WE DON'T ADVERTISE.**

There is a land of tears and bitter wailing—  
A land most like that drearer one Dante knew,  
Where wan faced Niobes, with dark robes trailing  
In a sad procession move, brow bound with rue.  
It is a land peopled by witless mortals—  
Compared with them the Virgins five were wise—  
And it is writ about the gloomy portals:  
"We did not think it paid to advertise."

**II. WE DO.**

There is a land that flows with milk and honey—  
Not the condensed nor yet the sorghum strains—  
Each dweller bears a gripsack fat with money,  
Bonds, coupons, stocks and various other gains.  
Happy are these as at high tide the fishes:  
Nor tear doth drown the laughter in their eyes:  
For better luck they have no sort of wishes:  
The pastry's theirs—they learned to advertise.

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