

POETRY.

Not from Thee.

Not from thee the wound should come, No, not from thee, I care not what, or when, or how, My doom, Not from thee!

Yet no—my lips that wish recall: From thee, from thee— If ruin o'er this heart must fall, 'Twill welcome be.

Wit and Humour.

Say less than you think, rather than think only half what you say.

A man should be virtuous for his own sake though nobly were to know it; as he would be clean for his own sake, though nobody were to see him.

If an empty purse could speak, what love-like speech would it make?—"You'll find no change in me!"

A Yankee wishing for some sauce for his dumplings, "forget the name it, and said: 'Here, waiter, fetch me some of that gravy that you yallow your dumplings in.'"

A Cockney, who went out rabbit-shooting, observing a donkey peeping over a hedge, immediately levelled his piece, exclaiming: "By Jove! that must be the father of all rabbits."

"My dear madam," said a doctor to his patient, "I am truly gratified to see you in life. At my last visit, you know, I said that you had but six hours to live."—"Yes, doctor, you did; but I did not take the dose you left me."

A greenhorn standing behind a sewing-machine at which a young lady was at work, looking alternately at the machine and its fair operative, at length gave vent to his admiration with a "By golly, it's purty, specially the part covered with caliker."

"Coachman," said an outside passenger to one who was driving at a furious rate over one of the most mountainous roads in the north of England, "have you no consideration for our lives and limbs?"—"What are your lives and limbs to me?" was the reply. "I am behind my time!"

"Two old friends met not long since after a separation of thirty-five years. 'Well, Tom,' says one, 'how has the world gone with you old boy? Married yet?'—'Yes, and I've a family you can't match—seven boys and a girl.'—"I can match it exactly," was the reply, "for I have seven girls and a boy."

A gentleman dining at an hotel where servants were few and far between, despatched a lad amongst them for a cut of beef. After a long time the lad returned, and placing it before the hungry gentleman, was asked: "Are you the lad who took my plate for this beef?" "Yes, sir," "Bless me," resumed the hungry wit, "how you have grown!"

During a recent fire an old woman was very anxious to go through a street which at the time was considered dangerous, but all her efforts were unavailing. At length she pushed one of the policemen aside, when that worthy preserver of the public peace said—"Now, marm, you can't pass; if you do you'll be killed, and then you'll blame us afterwards."

"Look heah, Dixey, you knows a thing or two. Doesn't you think from de cloudification of de atmosphere dat we'll have rain to-day?" "Well, I declare, Sanford, I doesn't zackly understand astronomy, but I does think it looks very ominous."—"Dat's jest his chile's opinion, but I didn't have de lamology to 'spress it. Ise nebber studied skylogy."

THE SQUIRE AND HIS WIFE.—The squire had had a friend to visit him on business, and was very much annoyed when his wife came to ask him what he wanted for dinner. "Go away! let us alone!" impatiently said the squire. Business detained his friend till dinner-time, and the squire urged him to remain. To the surprise of both, they saw nothing but a huge bowl of salad, which the good wife began quietly to serve up. "My dear," said the squire, "where are the meats?"—"You didn't order any," coolly answered the housewife, "I asked what you would have, and you said, 'Lettuce alone.' Here it is." The friend burst into a laugh, and the squire, after looking lurid for a moment, joined him. "Wife, I give it up—Here is the money you wanted for that carpenter, and he denied you. Now let's have peace, and some dinner." The good woman pocketed the money, rang the bell, and a sumptuous repast was brought in.

"MORNING'S LEEPER."—Some years ago an old sign painter, who was very cross, very gruff, and a little deaf, was engaged to paint the Ten Commandments on some tablets in a church not five miles from Buffalo. He worked two days at it, and at the end of the second day the pastor of the church came to see how the work progressed. The old man stood by, smoking a short pipe, as the reverend gentleman ran his eyes over the tablets. "Eh!" said the pastor, as his familiar eye detected something wrong in the working of the precepts, "why you careless old man, you have left a part of one of the commandments entirely out; you see?"—"No; no such thing," said the old man, putting on his spectacles; "no; nothing left out—where?"—"Why, there," persisted the pastor, "look at it in the Bible; you have left some of the commandment out."—"Well, what if I have?" said old Obstinacy, "he ran his eye complacently over his work; 'what if I have?' There's more there now than you'll keep!" Another and a more correct artist was employed the next day.

A PRACTICAL JOKE.—On one occasion two or three friends came down for day's shooting, and, as they often did, in the evening they rowed out into the middle of the little lake in an old punt. They were full of spirits, and had played off one or two practical jokes on their host, till on getting out of the boat, leaving him last, one of them gave it a

push, and out went Hood into the water.—Fortunately it was the landing-place, and the water was not deep, but he was wet through. It was playing with him, and he quietly determined to turn the tables. Accordingly, he presently began to complain of cramps and stitches, and at last went in doors. His friends, getting rather ashamed of their rough fun, persuaded him to go to bed, which he immediately did. His groans and complaints increased so alarmingly that they were almost at their wits' end what to do. My mother had received a quiet hint, and was therefore not alarmed, though much amused at the terrified efforts and prescriptions of the repentant jokers. There was no doctor to be had for miles, and all sorts of queer remedies were suggested and administered, my father slaking with laughter, while they supposed he had got ague or fever. One rushed up with a tea-kettle of boiling water hanging on his arm, another tottered under a tin bath, and a third brought the mustard. My father at length, as well as he could speak, gave out in a sepulchral voice that he was sure he was dying, and detailed some most absurd directions for his will, which they were all too frightened to see the fun of. At last he could bear it no longer, and after hearing the peevish offenders beg him to forgive them for their unfortunate joke, and beseech him to believe in their remorse, he burst in a perfect shout of laughing, which they thought at first was delirious frenzy, but which ultimately betrayed the joke.—Memoirs of Thomas Hood.

JOHN MILLER. 19

Agriculture, &c.

Deep Plowing—Testimony of the Corn Crib.

In the July Agriculturalist, last year, page 206, was published a statement from a Texas subscriber, to the effect that corn planted by him on ground plowed 15 to 20 inches deep, was looking badly, while that on land merely scratched over, appeared thrifty, and an opinion was asked as to whether the surface work were not better for that section. We replied, that though the plow might have been put in deep at one time, yet should drought occur, the benefit of thorough working would be seen; and requested to hear the testimony of the corn crib in the Fall.—We have just received a letter from the same gentleman, stating that he is a thorough convert to deep plowing. A severe drought came on, shriveling and destroying his corn and that of his neighbors, on land which had only shallow culture, while that on the deeply plowed field stood up bravely, came to maturity, and gave a fine yield. It is well here to repeat the caution that the soil should generally be deepened gradually, say an inch or so at each plowing, particularly where the subsoil is unfit for growing plants; in time it will be ameliorated by the atmosphere.

A Small Farm Well Tilled

Elihu Burritt gives an account in the Homestead of a visit to the farm of Wm. Birnie, of Springfield, Mass., a small man, more stock, and raises more grain and grass than many one hundred acre farmers. Mr. Burritt says he has 32 head of cattle, 3 horses and several hogs, all fed from the produce. The past year he raised 17 tubs and bushels of roots—rutabagas, mangle wartzel, and yellow turneps. Besides corn, oats, rye, and potatoes, he also grew \$1000 of tobacco. There is, adds Mr. Burritt no good reason to doubt if the number of farms in Connecticut were doubled, by making two of each and concentrating the labor and manure now spread over one hundred acres upon fifty acres the production of the half would exceed that of the whole on the old system of agriculture. Mr. Burritt cuts and steams all the fodder for his stock and thinks he thus effects a saving of 33 per cent, in the cost of wintering his stock.

Management of Cream in Cold Weather.

For some reason not yet known, cream skimmed from milk in cold weather, does not come to butter when churned, so quickly as that from the same cow in warm weather. Perhaps the pellicles, which form the little sacks of butter in cream, are thicker and tougher. There are two methods of obviating this trouble in a great degree. One is to set the pan of milk on the stove, or in some warm place, as soon as strained and let it remain until quite warm—some say until a quart of cream begins to form on the surface. Another mode recommended, is to add a table spoonful of salt to a quart of cream when it is skimmed. Cream thus prepared will generally come to butter in a few minutes when churned. It is thought the salt acts upon the coating of the butter globules and makes them tender, so that they break readily when beaten with churning.—Maine Farmer.

Useful Receipts.

Hard Soap is made by slacking five pounds of lime with twelve quarts of boiling water, and mixing it with another twelve quarts of boiling water in which five pounds of sal-soda had been previously dissolved. Let it stand twenty-four hours; pour off all that will run clear; put it over the fire, and add three and a half pounds of clean grease and a quarter of a pound of rosin, let it boil an hour or two; pour into long pans to cool, and cut into bars. This makes very good hard soap, and is cheaper than soft soap, if you have to buy the materials; as the soda is much cheaper than potash.

To clean ribbons, or silks, take equal quantities of brandy, soap, and molasses; beat well together; lay the ribbons on a clean board or table, and rub them well with this upon both sides (till you think they are spoiled) rinse in clean rain water till the liquid is all out—then dip them in cold (sweet) skimmed milk or glue water, and spread them upon a table to dry. When nearly dry, iron them upon the wrong side with a moderately warm iron, and they will look nearly as well as new.

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