

Ladies Department.

A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

In a little white house on the hillside green, Lives a beautiful woman as ever was seen; In the sixty-five years that she's lived, I may say...

—Selected.

Womens Influence.

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sister Patrons:—I shall endeavor to prove that woman's influence taken as a whole is greater than man's, and that it is in the direction of good rather than evil.

Men seem to think that women use their influence for evil, and waste money, that they ought not to even if they earn it themselves, and that they ought to put it in a man's hands for safe keeping.

of elevated railroads, the mower and reaper in its early perfection, and the aquarium have all been the invention of women. Who shall say her influence for good in that direction is rivaled by her brother.

By the right culture of childhood each successive generation grows wiser and better, and this influence over children which is accorded to woman is the highest and holiest that can be held on earth.

Mrs. J. M. BENEDICT.

Our Legislative Trip to the Upper Peninsula.

After writing about the Legislative trip, at length several times, and full of incidents of our excursion, I have come to the conclusion that I will not bore any editor with a lengthy account of it, however interesting it may have been to me.

Let us imagine we are seated in my parlor or library with our map open to Michigan and Wisconsin. We find Greenville our starting point in the southwestern part of Montcalm county.

Ivanhoe and sailed up the Kewenaw Bay to Houghton. Our party were here divided between Houghton, Hancock and Calumet. Tuesday morning all met and took a ride on the Torch Lake railroad to Lake Linden to see the stamp mills there.

The Calumet Guards and the Calumet Brass Band did us great honor by way of a serenade, to which our Governor, Lieut. Governor and Speaker Howard appropriately responded by way of making speeches.

In order to get a correct idea where we were, take a good look at the Upper Peninsula on the map, at the mineral range and Kewenaw Point. Here the railroad goes no farther than Calumet.

Our party stopped at Quinnessee, where the good people had made great preparations by way of preparing a bountiful dinner free. Hot tea and coffee were ready to be served and the tables were beautifully decorated with bouquets.

General Innes received a magnificent bouquet, which he honored by holding it in his hand as we were taking a survey of the mines some time afterward.

Mrs. J. W. B., Greenville, Mich.

The Old Clock.

Somewhat back from the village street Stands an antique-fashioned country seat. Across its old-fashioned portico Tall poplar trees their shadows throw, And from its station in the hall An ancient time-piece says to all, Forever, never! Never, forever.

we are quite willing to give him his due.

Ever since time was, or rather, ever since the earliest history of man, there has been a constant study and striving to measure time. This seemed of not so much importance to the savage whose only want seemed to be to know morning, noon and night, and these his great god, the sun, would tell him, when he hid not his face in anger.

The first clock that anywhere near accurately measured time (and they were very rude indeed, was a water-clock. A jar was filled with water at sunrise and it ran through a small graduated orifice at the bottom and fell upon a toothed wheel that turned a dial that marked the length of time the water was in running out.

The first clock that could be called perfect, and whose construction was best known, was made by a German, Henry DeVick, and set up in Paris for Charles V in 1559. Improvements have been continually going on, and now we have clocks that not only tell us the hours, but the minutes and seconds, the day of the week, the month of the year and the year itself.

But the clock that we love best of all and that no other can replace, is the old clock that stood on the high shelf at home when we were a child. The clock that used to mark the boundary of all our tasks and whose hands seem fairly to fly through the hours of play.

A ludicrous event once befell that old clock. It was during one of those annual house-cleanings that lay siege to every well-regulated household, that our grandmother thought the clock needed a cleaning. She said nothing to the mother about it, who at least would have remonstrated against such proceedings.

We remember that the clock-tinker used to make his visits at stated times, how the first question he would ask, "How's the clock?" as if inquiring after its health.

ing wonderful stories of when he lived "down east." We often wondered if he would be able to find a place for all the wheels again, and how we wished one would be left that we might have it. And we often thought, "would it go?" Yes, it went just the same as before, and it's going now, though more than a hundred years have passed over its face.

There were hours struck by that old clock that we shall never forget. We had a dear little brother once whose little life measured just a year. We remember so well when angels came and bore that little soul away, when time for him here was ended and eternity began.

There were merry chimes that it struck—hours that were gay with song and play, happy hours that told of birthdays and parties of little ones whose hours all passed too swiftly and that now come to that household band and find them men and women.

Mrs. PERRY MAYO. Battle Creek.

My Flowers

[The following essay was read before Hudsonville Grange by Helen W. Corwin, a girl of fourteen and has been sent to us for publication.]

The culture of flowers is the most interesting occupation in the world. Every day brings forth new pleasure, and the most experienced gardener will always find something new to wonder at and admire.

We frequently hear it said: "Oh, yes, the flowers, they are beautiful, but they are luxuries, and we cannot afford them." Such remarks have led us to consider whether or not they are superfluous or are they necessities? Have they been bestowed by a kind Providence for no purpose? Are they a waste in this wide world of nature?

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fallen snow, they will never forget the gardens of their childhood, and they will not think of them without thinking of mother. Mother and flowers will be associated together. Some of you will be astonished to see what an interest the children will take in bringing the first flowers and vegetables to mother. Mother is always sure to get the first of everything. I believe in having flowers where they are children, for flowers have a refining influence.

The verbenas are one of the most popular bedding plants in cultivation. It is readily grown from seed, and embraces nearly every shade of color in its flowers. It will grow in almost every soil and blossoms from early spring till late in the fall, and the pansies, who does not love pansies; with their thoughtful, earnest faces upraised to yours they seem almost human.

The North American Review for October presents a most attractive table of contents. Senator N. P. Hill writes of "Gold and Silver as Standards of Value," and maintains that silver should be coined as well as gold, not for the purpose of inflating the currency, neither in the interest of the silver-mining industry, but for the broader and more equitable purpose of preserving uniformity in the value of metallic money, and of preventing the contraction of the volume of money as would produce financial disaster.

The Rev. E. E. Hale presents an inventory of the volume and distribution of "Social Forces in the United States." Published at 30 Lafayette Place, New York, \$5.00 a year, 50 cents a number.

The New Postage Stamps.

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A County jail is about to be erected in Dorsey county, Arkansas. Instead of a jail being in Dorsey county, Dorsey should be in a Dorsey jail.

A little four-year-old says to her sister who looks sad: "What is the matter? If you can help the trouble why don't you? If you can't why do you feel bad?"

A hot shovel held over furniture removes white spots.

The next Quarterly meeting of Eaton Co., Pomona Grange, will be held at Brookfield Grange Hall, October 17, 1883. J. SHAW. Charlotte, Sept. 17, 1883.

WHEN one has had a fever, and the hair is falling off, take a teacup of sage, steep it in a quart of soft water, strain it off into a tight bottle, frequently wetting the roots of the hair.

(Continued from last week.)

How Watch Cases are Made.

A plate of SOLID GOLD 14-2-10 karats fine is soldered on each side of a plate of hard nickel composition metal, and the three are then passed between polished steel rollers. From this plate the various parts of the cases—backs, centers, bezels, etc. are cut and shaped by dies and formers. The gold is thick enough to admit of all kinds of chasing, engraving, and engineering. The composition metal gives it needed strength, stiffness and solidity, while the written guarantee of the manufacturers warranting each case to wear twenty years proves that it contains all the gold that can possibly be needed. This guarantee is given from actual results, as many of these cases have been worn perfectly smooth by years of use without wearing through the gold.

I have used one of your James Rose Gold Watch Cases for seventeen years. I bought it second-hand and know of its having been used before I got it, but do not know how long. It looks good for ten years longer. Did not suspect it was a filled case until so informed by a jeweler a short time since. I most cheerfully recommend your cases to be all they are represented to be, and more.

Send 2 cent stamp to Keystone Watch Case Factory, Philadelphia, Pa., for handsome illustrated pamphlet showing how James Rose and Keystone Watch Cases are made.

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Kent Co. Pomona Nurseries. Peach Trees a Specialty. We offer for the Fall trade a good assortment of Fruit Trees, Grapevines, Plants, Ornamental Shrubs, and Evergreens at the lowest living rates.

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Table listing various farm harnesses and their prices, including Round Lines, Breeching, and Double Light Buggy Harness.

Mr. T. Kininment for the past five years has been foreman for Mr. A. Vandenberg, and now in order to build up a trade offers special inducements to the Grangers of Michigan guaranteeing a better class of work than was ever given to them by anybody.

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The "BEDETTTE" is a soft, easy spring bed without springs or mattress, which is not true of any family bed without one.

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