



Planting an Orchard.

BY G. F. BAILEY.

Who'll eat of this orchard a hundred years hence, Or breath its sweet fragrance, or gaze on its bloom. And who'll cast a thought so far backward from thence, And e'en lay a flower on the planter's old tomb.

—Exchange.

Communications.

(Conclusion)

What Shall We Teach Our Boys. How often this perplexing question presents itself to the mind of the thoughtful father and mother. I presume that few of our ancestors did not have to deal with this same problem—a good many of them at least had boys in the family.

thorough, to complete—to go to the bottom of everything he undertakes. Teach him to love the truth and abhor a lie, and don't forget that you must love the truth and abhor a lie yourself. Teach him to love purity and despise every phase of obscenity—that there are more young men lost, morally and socially, lost to virtue, truth, lost to the endearments of home, to the highest manhood, to all that makes life worth living through indulgence in impure thoughts, and words, and actions than all other evils; that is the "downest" kind of a down-hill road; that the way of the "vile" transgressor is exceedingly hard.

away beneath its branches, when he is old and gray. A healthy body produces a sound mind and if I had the voice of all the farmers we would not drive a load of produce to market and "freeze" on a corner until some one comes to tell us what it is worth. Now, when we go into a store, we are obliged to say, "How much for this? How much for that?" The buyer goes into the country, elevates his head and says: "I'll give you so much for this!" We have no voice in the matter at all.

frequently it suspects. His individuality is stamped out; his freshness of method and organization is disturbed. He knows that too many objects are taught in a superficial haphazard way, but he can make no change for the genius of the people is against him. For really the trouble lies back of indifferent teachers, and even back of indifferent and ambitious School Boards. It rests upon us as a people. We are too eager for progress at any cost; we are too heedless of detail, and too ambitious for number, standing, and appearance.

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION.

That word examination is the most powerful engine for intellectual leveling. There is a strong feeling springing up everywhere against the tyranny of examinations, against the cramping and withering influence which they supposed to exercise on the youth of the land. Max Muller says that he is alarmed at the manner in which they are conducted, and by the results which they produce.

the school-room may be most thoroughly and effectively done. V. B.

Non-Voting.

EDITOR VISITOR:—Having read all your able articles in favor of independent voting I can hardly expect you to advocate non-voting, and doubtless all your correspondents think the non-voter can give no better reason for his position than a lazy desire to shirk the responsibilities of citizenship. The article will furnish a change. I do not vote because politics is gambling and chronic war. Some of your correspondents write about politics as if it was plural. Grammarians say it is plural in form but singular in sense; it is certainly singular in scent.





no name is given with it, by one who does honor to the calling of a farmer.

O, pride and promise of our youthful State! Build for her children such an Appian Way As Rome did never know;

The State Republican of the 19th of April devoted a half column to the GRANGE VISITOR in reply to our arraignment of its course during the late amendment campaign.

We don't care to "Thresh over again the old straw of the recent campaign," says the Republican. Nor does the VISITOR; but if the Republican persists in going back on the declarations of State Conventions of its own party,

The VISITOR has not been radical and taken extreme ground in this matter, but it has been and still is unwilling to give more credit for veracity to those east, west, north or south that took sides with those engaged in the traffic in an effort to defeat the amendment, than to representatives of the prohibition sentiment of the country.

Our esteemed cotemporary has expressed its "strong sympathy for the real mission of the VISITOR." We venture to assume it is within the province of its mission to antagonize a business in the villages and cities of the State productive of crime and pauperism,

We are glad to know the Republican and many other anti-amendment newspapers of Michigan have discovered since the election, and commenced threshing a bundle of "straw" too long by them neglected.

not be enforced. The suggestion of the State Republican that the VISITOR "Take hold with us of the work of enforcing and perfecting the temperance laws we have," was quite unnecessary as probably no paper in the State has said as much in the last half dozen years upon the subject of enforcing the laws we have, as has the VISITOR.

ARBOR DAY has passed and we presume trees have been set in every neighborhood in the State. But how have they been set? If we are to judge by those we have seen set before, on that day, and since, the number of transplanted living trees will not be much greater on the first of March, 1888, than on the first of last March.

We have noticed perhaps fifty trees, lately set in this village, and not one of them stands an even chance of being found alive and in a thrifty condition two years hence, without both seasons should prove exceptionally wet.

PRACTICAL Turkey Raising is the title of a 28-page pamphlet that tells all about the business, beginning at the bottom and proving beyond a question that with good sense, which means in this case good management, turkey raising is profitable; and while we do not intend to go into the business this year we are quite sure from an examination of this book that Fanny Field, its author, has so well told how to run the business that any one who has room and a disposition to try the experiment will find it to her advantage to send twenty-five cents to R. B. Mitchell, 69 Dearborn St., Chicago, for a copy of the pamphlet.

A BROTHER has sent us a three-column sermon of some old foggy preacher in which the good man has proved to his own satisfaction that the Grange—a secret organization—is "no good." We decline to give space to the sermon.

Life is too short to waste on such narrow-minded men that don't know what they are talking about. They will soon die off if let alone and be out of the way. Besides they are really doing no more harm than the man who lives in the woods and persists in pounding his corn in a wooden mortar with an iron wedge struck in a handle for a pestle.

FROM a late circular of Femo Bros. & Childs, of Boston, we clip the following. This is the firm, with a change in one of its members, that Patrons for some years have shipped wool to and so far as we know they have been treated in a very honorable and satisfactory manner. That has certainly been the case with those in this vicinity who consigned to this firm:

We see it stated that merchants in the interior are forwarding to members of the Legislature protests against the reduction of passenger fares to two cents per mile on the ground that such reduction would hurt their business by encouraging more people to visit the cities to make their purchases.

FROM time to time we have heard it claimed that the present Legislature was quite superior to its predecessors in such matters as common honesty and morality. But with all the excellence claimed for it there seems to be some black sheep in the lot that might not have been discovered in a session of six weeks.

As fools or knaves Saginaw might claim the first; and the Representative reported by a correspondent of the Evening Journal as an agent of one of the graveyard insurance companies would seem to head the list of the other. If the session continues three months longer the list is likely to be lengthened.

SECRETARIES of Subordinate Granges have so far this year reported fairly well. But there are delinquents, and in the next VISITOR we shall give the Nos. of Granges whose Secretaries failed to report last year and for the first quarter of this year. Of course, we don't expect Masters or Secretaries who don't take the VISITOR to see this reminder of neglected official duty; but perhaps some more enterprising brother or sister will, and through this channel an officer may be reminded of his delinquency.

A FARMER who would put his cattle out in a bleak and windy yard on the north side of his barn might think no harm would be done. His dog that seeks a sheltered corner to bask in the sun knows better than that. The cattle might, indeed, live and not seem to suffer, but the same cattle put out in a sheltered sunny yard, protected from the wind and getting the full benefit of the solar furnace, will eat less hay and give more milk.—From "A Star for a Stove" in The Chautauquan.

Florence Nightingale Assembly, Detroit. We were honored, a short time ago, by an invitation to visit the Florence Nightingale Assembly on their third anniversary.

This is the mother assembly of the working women's organizations of Detroit, and well may she be proud of her offspring. Three years ago it started with 14 members, organized in Judson Grenell's parlors—and now it has 60 members belonging to the parent assembly, besides various other organizations or unions, which have been but subdivisions of this, and all under the fostering care of the Florence Nightingale.

We were courteously waited upon by a committee, who came to the hotel to meet us and conduct us to their hall. "Forwarned is forearmed." We had been previously told that we would be surprised at the quantity and quality of the audience, and surely we were not prepared to find a large, well-lighted and elegantly-furnished hall, packed with an intelligent, refined and cultivated audience of ladies with a liberal sprinkling of gentlemen.

Ladies acted as ushers, who saw that all members and guests were comfortably seated. When the Master Workman's gavel fell, Miss McCarthy, with the ease of a lady, presided, and with such grace as to be really charming. The piano solos were fine indeed, and the song solos were rendered with such sweetness and melody that they linger in our memory still.

Some one had done much hard work in preparing so complete and varied a program, which was carried out without mar or failure.

The account of their struggles and trials was saddening, but the recital of their achievements and victories were wonderful. Starting with scarce more than a dozen working girls, and at fearful odds, with both public and private sentiment against them; with a road before them that was dark and boded danger, these brave girls laboring for bread, for a decent and honorable livelihood, striving for such a cultivation of heart, head and hand as should make them better workers, better wives and mothers, grander and nobler women, with right on their side, with hope in their hearts, have toiled and struggled up the dark way, and now the light dawns, and yet it is but the dawning.

We are here reminded of Jeremy Taylor's beautiful comparison of the waking of the human intellect to the sunrise: "First opens a little eye of heaven; the curtains part and a star pins them back; a beam of light falls through; it call the birds to matins, and whispers, oh, so softly, to the dew; by and by this ray gilds the fringes of a cloud; then, all aglow with life and light, with joy and gladness it peeps coyly over the eastern hills—day has dawned." And so with you, toiling sisters, day has just dawned. Higher and brighter will rise the sun until it stands in all the brightness and clearness of high noon. Use its light well, improve every hour to beautify and ennoble your lives, and when the shadows shall begin to lengthen, and the sunset of your lives draw near—may the glorious dawning, that was such a grand and glorious benefactor to you, be but as a single ray compared to the beauty and refugence that shall shine through the western gates that swing wide open to let your glorious, toil-crowned lives go through.

Oh, ye Florence Nightingales, sing sweetly in your hearts the melody, the grand melody of the psalm of life, March on and up to the measure. May the keynote which you shall strike be right, and may the song rise clear and full until it dies away on earth to be sung again on the other shore. May your toiling lives be God blessed.

Mrs. Perry Mayo. Marshall.

The Two Glasses. There at two glasses filled to the brim, On a rich man's table, rim to rim; One was ruddy and red as blood, And one as clear as the crystal flood.

Said the glass of wine to the paler brother, "Let us tell the tales of the past to each other; I can tell of banquet and revel and mirth, And the proudest and grandest souls on earth Fell under my touch as though struck by blight, Where I was king, for I ruled in might. From the heads of kings I have torn the crown, From the heights of fame I have hurled men down. I have blasted many an honored name, I have taken virtue and given shame. I have tempted youth with a sip, a taste, That has made his future a barren waste. Far greater than a king am I, Or than any army beneath the sky.

"I have made the arm of the driver fail, And sent the train from the iron rail. I have made good ships go down at sea, And the shrieks of the lost were sweet to me, For they said, 'Behold how great you be, Fame, strength, wealth, genius before you fall, For your might and power are over all.' 'Ho! ho! pale brother,' laughed the wine, 'Can you boast of deeds as great as mine?'"

Said the water glass, "I cannot boast Of a king dethroned, or a murdered host, But I can tell of a heart once sad, By my crystal drops made light and glad— Of thirsts I've quenched, of brows I've laved, Of hands I've cooled, and souls I've saved. I've leaped through the valley, dashed down the mountain, Flowed in the river, and played in the fountain, Slept in the sunshine, and dropped from the sky, And everywhere gladdened the landscape and eye. "I have eased the hot forehead of fever and pain, I have made the parched meadows grow fertile with grain; I can tell of the powerful wheel of the mill, That ground out flour and turned at my will; I can tell of manhood debased by you, That I lifted up and crowned anew. I cheer, I help, I strengthen and aid, I gladden the heart of man and maid; I set the wine chained captive free, And all are better for knowing me." These are the tales they told each other— The glass of wine and its pale brother— As they sat together filled to the brim, On the rich man's table, rim to rim.

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PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various goods including sugar, flour, and oil. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

Table listing market prices for coffee and tea. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

Table listing market prices for foreign dried fruits. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

Table listing market prices for whole and pure ground spices. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

It is Absurd

For people to expect a cure for Indigestion, unless they refrain from eating what is unwholesome; but if anything will sharpen the appetite and give tone to the digestive organs, it is Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

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Miscellaneous.

A GRIST FOR THE FARM.

A BOY on the farm is better than a bumper in town!

A CROOKED rail is worth more as firewood than as part of a fence.

KEEP the towels clean and free from vermin and filth or do not pretend to keep them at all.

CAUTION should be exercised in the use of hay or tough grass in the hen-yard as it often causes crop-bound.

HORSES work more freely under the influence of kindly treatment from their drivers than they do under the lash.

PROGRESSIVE enthusiasm in farming is often looked upon with distrust, and yet great things are not accomplished without it.

THE dropping of wool in sheep is occasioned in various ways; irregularity in feed, exposure to extreme cold and "scab" being the most common.

THE farmer who stays at home and tends to the business of the farm and trains the coming statesmen of his country (his sons) should be regarded as his country's benefactor.

IT is a singular fact that the gait of a horse may be influenced by the manner of shoeing. A pacer may be turned into a trotter by increasing the weight upon the fore-feet.

A GOOD way to kill out sorrel is to salt sheep on it. Care should be taken never to allow the sorrel to seed, as it can be carried to other points in the manure.—Cleveland Leader.

A FEW years ago, a farmer started a fish-pond with a few carp three inches long. He now reports his stock at over a thousand fish after having sold hundreds. The fish are tame and a source of pleasure as well as profit. Here is food for reflection.

A WILCOXIN farmer says: I have kept wool sheep for near thirty years, but I propose for the future to handle nothing but mutton sheep. I can make more money out of my lambs than I can out of wool, and always have a sure market for them.

THE safest way to catch a sheep, says the New York Weekly Times, is by one hind leg, and as soon as the animal stops struggling to put one arm around the neck and thus hold it. This may be done by using a crook, either of some tough wood steamed and bent, or a natural hook, so close that when it is put around the leg above the hook it will hold the sheep until the leg can be seized by the hand.

HAVE you found some of your fowls with one side of the head swollen up? If you examine you will probably find that the affected fowl sleeps in a draught; probably there is a crack in the side of the building, and the bird roosts in a position where the draught strikes the side of the head. Shut up the crack and bathe the fowl's head with coal oil and lard, and all will be well in a few days.—N. E. Farmer.

HOGS are generally marketed now when from fourteen to eighteen months old. To have them well fattened at that age, they must be kept gaining constantly from the time when they are weaned until they go to market. To insure this they require good, comfortable quarters during the winter, and all the food they will eat up clean. A variety of food should be given, as this will improve the appetite and make them gain more rapidly.—N. Y. Examiner.

GOOD clover hay is well adapted to the wants of dry cows, to supply their losses during the milking season. The dairyman need not waste his straw or poor hay; but, if he feeds these, it should be in small quantity, with good clover; or he should give with the straw, wheat bran, or middlings, oats or corn ground together, malt sprouts and corn-meal; or two pounds new process linseed meal with two pounds of corn-meal, or some other grain, to make the straw as good as clover hay.—Montreal Witness.

THE following was given as advice at an agricultural gathering in Massachusetts, which is worthy of consideration: "Cut the corn at the roots, and shock firmly as soon as the corn is glazed. The fodder will then be worth as much as English hay at twenty dollars per ton; but calling it fifteen, the fifty-bushels crop will cost but twenty-eight cents per bushel; a sixty-bushel crop would reduce the cost to thirteen cents per bushel, while a seventy-five-bushel crop would make the grain all clear profit. The larger the crop the cheaper the cost."

IN regard to the cultivation of evergreen trees a few words of advice may here be given: If evergreen wind-breaks or shelter-belts are desired, proceed in the following manner to erect them: Take the two-year-old seedlings, slender little plants about five inches in height which require great care in transplanting, and in fact for the first year, bed them out very closely together and sift finely-cut hay or straw between them. With due attention seedlings transplanted from the forest in this manner will afford a fine lot of trees to put out where wanted.

THE larva of the May beetle, usually called the white grub, is the insect which most often eats the young potatoes, causing the scab or scaly appearance of the matured tubers. This larva lives in the soil three years, and the best means of eradicating the pest is to throw out the field from the rotation and turn in hogs to root out the pest. In relation to destroying insect pests generally, the application of salt must be excessive, so much so as to injure crops. Lime has no influence on soil insects unless applied in moderate quantities, and even then there is no definite conclusion that lime will destroy.—Farm, Field and Stockman.

A little girl of eight summers, so the story is told by the Boston Budget, stopped into the store of an Italian fruit vender the other day in order to secure some peanuts. She was going to make a call upon a little friend, and wished to bring something with her to add to the entertainment. Stepping up to the fruit vender she said: "I want five cents' worth of peanuts, and," looking appealingly into the Italian's face, "please give me a lot, for there's nine in the family."

ENGLISH artist (on board a Rhine steamer)—How do you like the Valley of the Rhine? American girl—Oh! it is lovely! English artist—In my opinion there is no valley so beautiful as the Valley of the Yosemite, in your country. American girl (in astonishment)—My country! Why, I am an American, not a Japanese.

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KALAMAZOO DIVISION TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for train names, times, and destinations. Includes sections for 'GOING SOUTH' and 'GOING NORTH'.

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