

DEBRIS.

After the house is finished, the debris often contains a few choice brick and some stone that did not seem to exactly fit in anywhere. There is a barrel or so of good mortar, half a load of sand, a little nice lumber, a bunch and a half of shingles, and one of lath. There are remnants of nails and screws, paint, oil, putty, glass, and wall-paper. Some of these are as good as any employed in constructing the building. The most worthless fragments are carted away and covered up or burned.

So in writing a lecture, a story, or a book, there will often be more or less surplus materials. A change in the plan, perhaps, will make it seem best to leave out some things for want of a suitable place to use them.

I once supposed the following quotations among many other things would certainly find a place in the former pages, either as headings to chapter or paragraph or in some other place. A few were thus used, but most were left over. Here are some of the remnants:

"Go to grass."

"All flesh is grass."—*Isaiah*.

"The staff of life."—Said of wheat.

"Let the earth bring forth grass."—*Leviticus*.

"Sweet fields arrayed in living green."

"Grass is rather a good savings bank."—*Joseph Harris*.

"Grass is the pivotal crop of American agriculture."—*Geo. Geddes*.

"Grass is king among the crops of the earth."—*Alex. Hyde*.

"The grasses are the foundation of all agriculture."

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures."—*23d Psalm*.

"A water meadow is the triumph of agricultural art."—*Pusey in Jour. Roy. Ag. Soc., 1849*.

"Farmers pay too little attention to their pastures."—*N. H. Agrl. Rept.*

"The cheapest manure a farmer can use is clover seed."—*American Proverb.*

"No grass, no cattle; no cattle, no manure; no manure, no crops."—*Belgian Proverb.*

"Then learn to toil and gaily sing,
All flesh is grass, and grass is king."

—*Missouri Agrl. Rept.*

"The term grass is only another name for beef, mutton, bread and clothing."

"Feed your land before it is hungry; rest it before it is weary; weed it before it is foul."—*English Farmer.*

"One year's seeding
Is seven years' weeding."

"He who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, is a great public benefactor."—*Dean Swift, in about 1720.*

"And the ripe harvest of new-mown hay
Gives it a sweet and wholesome odor."

—*Colley Cibber.*

"The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year,
Of wailing winds, and naked woods, and meadows brown and sear."

—*Bryant.*

"Plants do not grow where they like best, but where other plants will let them."—*Dean Herbert.*

"How doth the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour,
By carrying pollen day by day
To fertilize each flower."

"And he gave it for his opinion that whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together."—*Gulliver's Travels.*

"But of all sorts of vegetation, the grasses seem to be most neglected; neither the farmer nor the grazier seem to distinguish the annual from the perennial, the hardy from the tender, nor the succulent and nutritive from the dry and juiceless. The study of grasses would be of great consequence to a northerly and grazing kingdom."—*White's Nat. His. of Selbourne.*

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