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MISCELLANY.

THE MYSTERIOUS ORGANIST.

"Kind hearts are more than crowns,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

Years ago, at a grand old cathedral over-
looking the Rhine, there appeared a mys-
terious organist. The great composer who
had played the organ so long had suddenly
died, and everybody, from the king to the
peasant, was wondering who could be found
to fill his place, when, one bright Sabbath
morn, as the sexton entered the church, he
saw a stranger sitting at the crape-shrouded
organ. He was a tall, graceful man, with
a pale but striking handsome face, great
black, melancholy eyes, and hair like a raven's
wing for gloss and color, sweeping in
dark waves over his shoulders. He did not
seem to notice the sexton, but went on
playing, and such music as he drew from
the instrument no words of mine can de-
scribe. The astonished listener declared
that the organ seemed to have grown human
—that it wept, and sighed and clamed,
as if a tortured human heart were throbbing
through its pipes.

When the music at length ceased, the
sexton hastened to the stranger, and said:
"Pray, who are you sir?"

"Do not ask my name," he replied. "I
have heard that you are in want of an organ-
ist, and I have come here on trial."

"You'll be sure to get the place," ex-
claimed the sexton. "Why, you surpass
him that's dead and gone, sir!"

"No, no; you overrate me," resumed
the stranger, with a sad smile; and then,
as if disinclined to conversation, he turned
from old Hans, and began to play again.

And now the music changed from a sorrow-
ful strain to a grand old psalm, and the
mysterious organist,

"Looking upward full of grace,
Prayed till from a happy place
God's glory came him in the face."

and his countenance seemed not unlike
that of St. Michael, as portrayed by Guido.

Lost in the harmonies which swelled
around him, he sat with his "far-seeing"
eye fixed on the distant sky, a glimpse of
which he caught through an open window,
when there was a stir about the church
door, and a royal party came sweeping in.

Among them might be seen a young girl
with a wealth of golden hair, eyes like the
violet's hue, and lips like wild cherries.

This was the Princess Elizabeth; and all
eyes were turned to her, as she seated her-
self in the velvet cushioned pew appropri-
ated to the court. The mysterious organist
fixed his eyes upon her, and went on play-
ing. No sooner had the music reached her
ears, than she started, as if a ghost had
crossed her path. The bloom faded from
her cheek, her lips quivered, and her whole
frame grew tremulous. At last her eyes
met those of the organist, in a long yearn-
ing look, and the melody lost its joyous
notes and once more wailed, and sighed,
and clamed.

"By my faith," whispered the king to
his daughter, "this organist has a master
hand. Hark ye, he shall play at your wed-
ding!"

The pale lips of the princess paled, but
she could not speak—she was dumb with
grief. Like one in a painful dream, she saw
the pale man at the organ, and heard the
melody which filled the vast edifice. Ay,
fully well she knew who he was, and why the
instrument seemed breathing out the agony
of a tortured heart.

When the service was over, and the royal
party had left the cathedral, he stole
away as mysteriously as he had come. He
was not seen again by the sexton till the
vesper hour, then he appeared in the organ
loft, and commenced his task. While he
played, a veiled figure glided in, and knelt
near a side shrine. There she remained
till the worshippers dispersed, when the
sexton touched her on the shoulder and said:

"Madam everybody has gone but you
and me, and I wish to close the doors."

"I am not ready to go yet," was the re-
ply;—"leave me—leave me!"

The sexton drew back into a shady niche,
and watched and listened. The mysterious
organist still kept his post, but his head
was bowed upon the instrument, and he
could not see the lone devotee. At
length she rose from the aisle, and moving
to the organ-loft, paused beside the music-
ian.

"Bertram," she murmured.

Quick as thought the organist raised his
head. There, with the light of a lamp
pendent to the arch above falling full upon
her, stood the royal princess who had
graced the royal pew that day. The court
dress of velvet, with its soft ermine trim-
mings, the tarts, the necklaces, the bracelets,
had been exchanged for a gray serge robe
and a long thick veil, which was now push-
ed back from the fair girlish face.

"Oh! Elizabeth, Elizabeth!" exclaimed
the organist, and he sank at her feet, and
gazed wistfully into her troubled eyes.

"Why are you here, Bertram?" asked
the princess.

"I came to bid you farewell; and as I

dared not venture into the palace, I gained
access to the cathedral by bribing the bell-
ringer, and having taken the vacant seat
of the dead organist, let my music breathe
out the adieu I could not trust my lips to
utter."

A low moan was the only answer, and he
continued:

"You are to be married on the morrow?"

"Yes," sobbed the girl. "Oh, Ber-
tram, what a trial it will be to stand at yon-
der altar and take upon me the vows which
will doom me to a living death!"

"Think of me," rejoined the organist.

"Your royal father has requested me to
play at the wedding, and I have promised to
be here. If I were your equal, I could be
the bridegroom instead of the organ-
ist; but a poor musician must give you up."

"It is like rending soul and body asunder,
to part with you," said the girl. "To-
night I may tell you this—tell how fondly
I love you, but in a few hours it will be a
sigh! Go, go, and God bless you!"

She waved him from her, as if she would
banish him while she had the power to do
so, and he—how was it with him? He rose
to leave her, then came back, held her to
his heart in a long embrace, and with a
half smothered farewell left her.

The next morning dawned in cloudless
splendor, and at an early hour the cathed-
ral was thrown open, and the sexton be-
gan to prepare for the wedding. Flame-
colored flowers nodded by the wayside—
flame-colored leaves came rushing down
from the trees and lay in light heaps upon
the ground; and the ripe wheat waved like
a golden sea, and berries drooped in red
clusters over the rocks along the Rhine.

At length the palace gates were opened,
and the royal party appeared, escorting the
Princess Elizabeth to the cathedral, where
her marriage was to be solemnized. It was
a brave pageant; far brighter than the un-
twined foliage and blossoms were the tufts
of plumes which floated from stately heads,
and the lustrous robes that streamed down
over the housings of the superb steeds.

But the princess, mounted on a snow-white
palfrey, and clad in snow-white velvet,
looked pale and sad; and when, on near-
ing the church, she heard a glush of organ-
music, which, though jubilant in sound,
struck on her ear like a funeral knell, she
trembled, and would have fallen to the
earth had not a page supported her. A
few minutes afterward she entered the cathe-
dral. There with his retinue, stood the
royal bridegroom, whom she had never
before seen. But her glance roved from
him to the organ-loft, where she had ex-
pected to see the mysterious organist. He
was gone, and she was obliged to return
the graceful bow of the king, to whom she
had been betrothed from motives of policy.

Mechanically she knelt at his side on the
altar stone; mechanically listened to the
service and made the responses. Then her
husband drew her to him in a convulsive
embrace, and whispered:

"Elizabeth, my queen, my wife, look
up!"

Trembling in every limb, she obeyed.

Why did those dark eyes thrill her so? Why
did that smile bring a glow on her cheek?

Ah!—though the king wore the royal pur-
ple, and many a jeweled order glittered on
his breast, he seemed the same humble
person who had been employed to teach
organ music, and had taught her the lore
of love.

"Elizabeth," murmured the monarch,

"Bertram Hoffman, the mysterious organ-
ist, and King Oscar are one. Forgive my
stratagem. I wished to marry you, but I
would not drag you to the altar an unwill-
ing bride. Your father was in the secret."

While tears of joy rained from her blue
eyes, the new-made queen returned her
husband's fond kiss, and for once two hearts
were made happy by a royal marriage.

St. ANTHONY'S FALLS. There has been
of late, a good deal of interest felt and
expressed in regard to retrogression of Ni-
agara Falls, and a change of a foot's space in
a year is something unusual there. But in
this spring, within the space of ten weeks,
St. Anthony's Falls, in the Mississippi river,
have receded no less than seventy-five
feet; and this is something more than a
point of mere geological interest, for if it
continues it will impair or destroy this
great water power and involve the material
ruin of two flourishing towns—St. Anthony
and Minneapolis. Few persons compre-
hend the extent of this water force. It is
roughly estimated at one hundred thousand
horse power. It is greater than all the wa-
ter power required by all the great manu-
facturing towns of England and Scotland
combined.

John Brougham, in company with a
friend, once called at the house of Bancroft,
the historian. "They tell me," said the
latter to Brougham, in the course of con-
versation, "that you love a glass of wine."

"Those who so informed you," replied
Brougham, "have done me a great injus-
tice—they should have said a bottle."

Gossip about Royal Children.

Napoleon's Son. Of all the numerous
and ingenious methods by which the per-
severing Emperor endeavors to associate his
name and dynasty with the daily thoughts
of the people, those that concern the little
Prince Imperial are among the most inge-
nious and interesting. The attempt to
create a sentiment of loyalty among the
modern French, savors so much of the ab-
surd and quixotic, as to be almost heroic
and touching. The latest device for as-
sociating the heir of France with the youth
who will never be his subject was his intro-
duction as a sort of patron at the grand
concert for the Lyceum that took place the
other day. Henceforth, it is under-
stood that the Prince is always to preside
at this ceremony. He listened with great
dignity to a prolonged discourse on the
"humanities," delivered by a learned pro-
fessor, and "his open intelligent counte-
nance quite charmed the audience." Poor
little baby, at eleven years old, how he
must be bored with these grand occasions
which he is called upon to patronize!

Faithful to his programme of "keeping
up with the spirit of the times," the Em-
peror intends that his son's studies shall take
a strictly scientific direction. And to stim-
ulate the zeal of the Lyceum it is announced
that the little Prince will become, each year
in turn, the honorary pupil of that institu-
tion whose system of instruction shall ap-
pear to be best conducted.

Victor Emmanuel's Children. Among
the princes of Europe the children of Vic-
tor Emmanuel, who carry in their veins
the blood of the old heroic race of Savoy,
are not the least noteworthy. The visit of
Prince Humbert to Paris has, as usual,
suggested to his polite Parisian hosts many
reminiscences and agreeable anecdotes, il-
lustrating his own character and that of his
brothers and sisters. Victor Emmanuel has
four children, of which the eldest, Clotilde,
is married to the Prince Napoleon, and
lives in Paris at the Palais Royal; Prince
Humbert, the second, is the heir to the
throne of Italy; the third is the Duc d'Aoste,
and the youngest the pretty Queen of
Portugal, who has just finished her visit
to the Exhibition.

Prince Humbert is twenty-three years
old, and is quite enthusiastically described
by the Count De Varenne, in his book en-
titled "King Victor Emmanuel." "He has
an air," writes Varenne, "so resolute
and decided, and a bearing so erect and
manly that he shows himself at once to be
no mere princelet, but a man to lead
and govern men."

He seems to be sufficiently divested of
the superstitions of rank. One day a peasant
brought him a package, and presented
it kneeling. Humbert raised him instantly,
observing, "Henceforth learn to stand like
a man before men."

On another occasion a committee of syn-
dics attempted to kiss his hand. The
Prince stepped back quickly and exclaimed,
"That must not be done again, gentlemen!"

It is doubtful whether the Prince Impe-
rial of France will learn this independence
under his present training.

The Argus advises us to take the result
of the election more kindly, and informs us
that by the time we have been whipped po-
litically a dozen times we shall feel more
like exclaiming "Lord, Thy will be done."
If we needed instruction about the propri-
eties to be observed after a political defeat,
we should rely upon the long experience of
the Argus with the utmost confidence. The
Argus has tried every adverse majority
from 4,000 to 28,000, and knows what de-
gree of mourning is suited to each stage of
adversity. But as to last week's election,
we really think we can stand a repetition
of that sort of thing as long as the Argus
can. [Press.]

A GOLDEN TAUGHT. Nature will be
reported. All things are engaged in writ-
ing their own history. The plant and the
pettle go attended by their own shadow.
The rock leaves its scratches on the moun-
tain side, the river its bed in the soil, the
animal leaves its bones in the stratum, the
fern and the leaf their modest epitaph in the
soil. The falling crop makes its sepul-
cher in sand or stone; not a footprint in the
snow or along the ground, but prints in
characters more or less lasting a map of its
march; every act of man inscribes itself on
the memories of his fellows and on his own
face. The air is full of sounds—the sky of
tokens; the ground is all memoranda signa-
tures, and every object is covered over
with hints which speak to the intelligent.

An Ohio stump, while making a speech,
paused in the midst of it, and exclaimed:
"Now, gentlemen, what do you think?"

Instantly a man rose in the assembly, and
with one eye partially closed, modestly,
with strong Scotch brogue, replied:
"I think, sir, that if you and I were to
stump the country together, we would tell
more lies than any two men in the country,
and I'd not say a word myself during the
whole time, sir!"

About Literary Men.

All the friends of Sterne knew him to be
a most selfish man, yet, as a writer he ex-
celled in pathos and charity. At one time
beating his wife, at another wasting his
sympathies over a dead donkey. So Seneca
wrote in praise of poverty, on a table
formed of solid gold, with millions let out
at usury.

It is a remarkable fact that the mass of
poetry which gave Burns his principal fame
burst from him in a very short space of
time, not exceeding fifteen minutes. It
was a sudden, impetuous flow, which soon
seemed to exhaust itself.

Balzac, the finest writer in French prose,
who gives vast majesty and harmony to his
periods, has been known to bestow a week
upon a single page of composition, and
was never satisfied with the best produc-
tions of his pen.

Martin Luther's literary labors were enor-
mous. During an interval of less than thirty
years, he published seven hundred and
fifteen volumes; some were pamphlets, but
most of them were large and elaborate
treatises. He was very fond of his dog,
which was ever by his side.

Calvin studied in his bed. Every morn-
ing at five or six o'clock, he had book un-
der his pillow and paper brought to him there,
and worked on for hours together. If he
had occasion to go out, on his return he
undressed and went to bed again, there to
resume his studies.

Byron was an exceedingly rapid writer
and composer. He produced the whole of
the "Bridge of Abydos" in a single night;
and it is said without even mending his pen.
The pen is preserved in the British Mus-
eum.

Pope never could compose well without
first declaiming for some time at the top of
his voice, and thus rousing his nervous
system to the fullest activity. He says:
"The things I have written the quickest
have always pleased me the best."

Dr. Johnson preferred conversation to
books, and owned that he had hardly read
a single book through, declaring that the
perpetual task of reading was as bad as
slavery in the mine, or labor at the oar.

Dr. TYN'S NEW CHURCH. The impos-
ing church edifice of Dr. Tyng, which was
destroyed by fire, has been renewed and is
nearly completed. It has not risen phen-
ically like from its ashes, but bears more
the relation of the butterfly to the grub. It
was a very plain church and had a barn
like appearance. The chancel was very
homely and without ornament. The struc-
ture as renewed is one of the most gorge-
ous in New York. The front of the gal-
lery is ornamented in the gay style of a
North River steamboat. The ceiling is
blue and studded with golden stars and
other ornaments. The walls are very
gaily with gilding. The chancel is form-
ed like the ring of a circus, with a walk
all around it, and a stone bench for kneeling.

What is unusual in an Episcopal Church
the chancel is hidden by a huge pulpit,
placed at the head of the center aisle, the
pulpit being much larger and broader than
those usually found in non-Episcopal church-
es. But it is typical of Dr. Tyng's ideas.

He preaches before the forms and
ceremonies of his church. This house will
be open for worship on the first Sunday in
October. [Boston Journal.]

RIPPLED SHOT. Henry Ward Beecher,
in a sermon delivered in Plymouth Church
recently, produced the following picture:

"Men seemed ashamed of labor, and
often you will find those who have made
themselves respected by labor, have built
up a business and amassed a fortune, who
turn to their sons and say: 'You shall lead
a different life; you shall be spared all
this.' Oh these rich men's sons! They
aim to lead a life of elegant leisure; and
that is a life of emasculated idleness and
laziness. Like the polyp that floats use-
less and mazy upon the sea, all jelly all
flabby, no muscle, no bone—it shuts and
opens, and opens and shuts, and sucks in
and squirts out again, of no earthly ac-
count, influence or use. Such are these
poor flocks. Their parents toiled and grew
strong, built up their names of iron and
bone; but denying all this to their sons
they turn them upon the world boneless,
muscleless, simple glisto, and soft at last."

ANOTHER PURCHASE OF TERRITORY.
The general feeling is that the finances of
the country are not exactly in a condition
to warrant the purchase of additional terri-
tory, but Mr. Seward does not seem to
share this feeling. Not long ago he ne-
gotiated the purchase of the ice, snow and
rocks of Walrusia, for \$7,000,000. Not
satisfied with this, he has since been en-
gaged in bargaining for territory in a
warmer climate, and it is reported that he
has purchased a small tract on the Bay of
Samana, in the island of St. Domingo. If
we can spare the money, (\$5,000,000,) this
acquisition will probably prove more
valuable than the Walrusia desert.

BREVITIES.

Censure is the most effectual when mixed
with praise. So, when a fault is discover-
ed, it is well to look up a virtue to bear it
company.

Excess of ceremony shows want of breed-
ing. This civility is best which excludes all
superfluous formality.

What is the difference between a hungry
man and a glutton? One longs to eat and
the other eats too long.

What is the difference between a bear
hunter and a fruitful cornstalk? One shoots
the bear and the other bears the shoot.

Charley, the other day, on seeing a num-
ber of funerals, expressed a wish that he
might die before Heaven was full.

Who is the greatest poetaster in Shakes-
peare? Claudius, King of Denmark, be-
cause he "murdered most foul."

An author has easy times in the world;
whenever he gets out of money all he has to
do is write for more.

There are forty thousand cats in the city
of Louisville, which makes the city the home
of the mews.

For a good watering place go into the
cellars of some of our liquor dealers.

When can a farmer not bear well? When
he has corn in the ear.

The poorest man in the world, is one who
has nothing but money.

They have a man in New York that car-
ries his arm in a sling, because he is too
lazy to swing it.

If any one speaks ill of thee, consider
whether he has truth on his side; and if so,
reform thyself.

Why is a tight boot like a windmill? Be-
cause it grinds the corn.

A certain lord mayor, hearing of a gen-
tleman who had had the small pox twice,
and died of it, asked if he died the first
time or the second.

A man died at Cairo, Ill., one day last
week, from the effects of holding a piece
of ice in his hand while he was overheated.

Why do ladies like to visit the seacoast?
Because it relates to marry time.

"What ever made you marry that old
woman?" said a mother to her son. "Be-
cause you always told me to pick a wife
like my mother."

Base all your actions upon a principle of
right; preserve your integrity of character,
and, in doing this, never reckon the cost.

The Boston Journal says:—"A lady at
Saratoga having decided to return by the
middle of September, has begun to read
her luggage by instalments. She will ac-
company the last car load herself."

A witty and popular clergyman, being
one day asked by a lady parishioner, what
difference there was between a clock and a
woman, instantly replied: "A clock serves
to point out the hours, a woman makes us
forget them."

If every word man utter fell to the
ground and grew up a blade of grass, most
public speakers would be worth ten times
as much as they now are.

Rev. H. M. Gallagher, in noticing some
instances in education of children, says he
heard of a woman who used to tie her boy
to the bed post on Sunday, while she
went to church, and make him learn the
hymn beginning, "Thine earthly Sabbath,
Lord, we love."

A pretty good story is told of Thad Ste-
vens. Some year or two ago friend Lang
went to Washington to help get the tariff
on wool regulated, and was introduced by
Mr. Blaine to old Thad. He was very
much pleased with the old quaker, and told
Mr. B. that he was "astonished to find
so well informed, genial, intelligent and
talented a man."

"Yes," said Mr. Blaine, "he is a pretty
nice man, but so are the majority of them
in my district."

"Why don't they send some of them to
Congress, then?" said old Thad, with a
look that said "You owe me one."

Yesterday, at the machine-shop of the
Bangor, Old Town & Millford Railroad, in
this city, was broken up, the oldest lo-
comotive engine in America, probably.
It was the "Pioneer" (well named) a ten
ton engine, and one of the early machines
built in England by Stephenson, the in-
ventor of the locomotive. It was built at
his works, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in
1835, and ran its first trip over the B.
O. & M. R. R. Nov. 6, 1836. Its last
work was done Aug. 16, 1867—it having
been used at Oldtown on the mill-tracks,
for the past five years. [Whig.]

Moral Courage.

Moral courage is an essential element of success in every department of life. A great many men would like to do right, but they have not the courage to carry their good desires into execution. We often see this in religious and moral things. There are hundreds of persons in the world who never even dare express an opinion upon these subjects, until they look over their shoulder and first see who is hearing, or get the opinion of the person or persons they are talking with. Such individuals are generally seen drifting about with the crowd, swimming with the tide, and travelling with the multitude. They favor that religion which is possessed by the majority, attend that church which is most thronged, or if it is more fashionable to deprecate the Sabbath by staying at home, loafing around the streets, going a fishing, gunning, or visiting, they follow suit. Such persons have no opinions of their own, but like the vane upon the church spire, are ever veering about with every wind that blows.

If it is popular to be temperate, they will preach temperance; on the other hand, if the majority are for rum and "License," they take a little "for the stomach's sake," and talk flippantly about the constitutional rights of every man to eat and drink what they please. This was especially true in the early days of the temperance reform. Some ministers of the gospel then (and even now) cater in the pulpit to the depraved appetites of their congregations. A most humiliating exhibition of the kind was seen in Boston last winter—venerable ministers of the gospel volunteering to go before a committee of the Legislature, and there testifying that prohibition in Massachusetts had been a failure, and all because they had as prominent supporters of their ministry, a set of heart-hardened brewers and rum sellers. Least we do injustice to the clergy, we desire here to say that the cases above referred to are exceptions to the rule, the great majority of that profession being right upon the great question of prohibition. It was so for years after the inauguration of the anti-slavery reform. Thousands of ministers of the gospel, and members of the Christian churches in the great North became convinced that slavery was morally wrong, yet "abolition" was then so unpopular, they had not the moral courage to say so. Lovejoy was murdered in Alton, Garrison was dragged through the streets of Boston with a rope about his neck, anti-slavery meetings were assailed and broken up by drunken, howling mobs, and yet comparatively few even among the churches had the courage to openly rebuke their horrible outrages. In the political organizations of the country, moral courage has always been a prominent element. Years ago, almost any number of men could be found who would admit privately that slavery was wrong, yet they would vote "every time" to sustain a political party then entirely controlled by a slaveholding oligarchy. That great, higher law of right and justice, which should always be the guide of every good man, was made subservient to party obligations, and party ties. The war has changed the aspect of things upon the slavery question most astonishingly. Where we used to have one moral hero upon the slavery question, we have hundreds now. A great many men who before the rebellion were without back bone, and whose knees smote together like the old drunken Babylonian King's, now stand erect as a "May pole," and bravely boast that they were always opposed to slavery. But it is not alone upon the slavery question that we find a great lack of moral stamina in political parties. Look at the cowardice of the great Republican party of the country in not denouncing the shameful drunkenness of Andrew Johnson on the day of his inauguration as Vice President, in the time of it.

Then again, what a tendency there is to cover up and hide the villainous acts of defaulter and public swindlers in high places, merely because men have not sufficient courage to condemn the wrong acts of one of their own party. The men who always "dare to do right" always succeed in the end. The men of true moral courage may be persecuted for a time, they may even go down to their graves covered with obloquy, yet they will live after they are dead, and their virtues shine as the brightness of the firmament forever and ever.

ATLANTIC MONTHLY. The number for October is at hand. It contains part ten of the Guardian Angel; a poem by Wm. Everett; Ben Jonson, a sketch by E. P. Whipple; The Rose Rollins, a sketch by Alice Cary; International Copyright, by Jas. Parton; The Flight of the Goddess, a poem by T. B. Aldrich; The Throne of the Golden Foot; The Autobiography of a Quaker; A Native of Borneo, a sketch by a colored linguist found in So. Carolina by a Miss. officer; with articles by Tuckerman, Taylor and Hale, Reviews, etc., Boston: Ticknor & Fields, Publishers.

A few cases of diphtheria have occurred at Norway, this week. Two have proved fatal, the patients dying Tuesday morning within a short time of each other.

Secretary Seward, after hunting successfully, Denmark, St. Domingo and Spain to sell him an island in the West Indies, has failed in the undertaking. He wants a port that can be made a convenient naval station for the United States.

Burglary at Norway!

The Savings Bank and Town Treasury Robbed!

On Saturday night was accomplished one of the most extensive and daring robberies ever perpetrated in this vicinity. The Norway Savings Bank, whose place of business is in the store of Messrs. Mixer, Favor & Co., Norway Village, had their safe opened, and rifled of every valuable it contained.

Circumstances indicate that the villains are professionally trained, though some part of the work seems to have been planned in a manner unnecessarily elaborate.

The safe is one made by the Tremont Safe Company, Boston, and was considered perfectly secure by its owners. It was situated in the counting-room of the store, directly by a window. The rogues procured an entrance by prying up the window with a bar stolen from the saw-mill. They then darkened the windows with a large piece of camellia cloth brought with them, fastened in place with eight new carpenter's brad nails. The first attempt was to enlarge the Key hole, so as to get at the lock; but after increasing its size one half that was abandoned, and a hole bored through the outer shell of the door opening into a cavity below the lock which would hold a pound of powder. A piece of fuse set fire to this, blowing the outer part violently back, at the same time detaching the soapstone lining which dropped to the floor. It was only the work of a moment then to snatch the valuables in the drawers and make their escape. To insure a clear passage, the locks had been taken from both the front and back doors. There was money in two drawers in the store; but the safe was the game sought and nothing else was touched. They left behind, the curtain, awls, etc., but took good care of the tools used.

It has been found that they fed their horse in the shed back of the Congregational Church, and probably left him there while they were up in the village. Several persons heard the noise of the explosion, but attached no importance to it; and a young man who passed the store at 12.45 saw a man front of the store, who passed back of it, but he supposed it was some one belonging in the shoe shop.

There was due to depositors last Saturday, the sum of \$11,024.16. Some of this is in cash; some in Gov. bonds owned by the bank and deposited as collateral; but a large part was in notes on mortgage, and endorsed notes, which of course will be valueless to the burglars. A small sum in Hallowsell bonds will be secured to the owners, also. A full statement will be given to the public shortly. Meantime we venture the opinion that depositors will not suffer largely.

Mr. Favor was Treasurer of the town, and lost of cash in his hands as Treasurer, and some other funds in his hands about \$400. There was also notes paid and not defaced, the sum of \$1,150; and orders paid and not canceled, and not on interest, \$304.65. Persons should be careful not to purchase orders on the town, not on interest, as payment on all these will be stopped. The firm had in the safe about \$70.

The rogues were traced to Portland, where they arrived at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. It was found that a man had been hired to carry them to Saco, whence they went by the first train to Boston. The police of the latter city had a full description, but failed to make any arrest. The detectives have traced them further; and as the parties are well known they may be arrested. It is stated that persons who saw them on the route to Portland, report that there were three in the party.

A paper says that these are the same fellows who broke open Mr. O'Brien's safe at Cornish. The last we heard of them, the officers were within three hours of them; and if that is true, it is singular that they should have come back to Portland and spend a week preparing for another raid.

The officers of the bank have offered a reward of \$1000 for the arrest of the robbers and recovery of the property.

The proprietors of the Norway Pine Grove Cemetery have removed the fence on the Norway side, so as to include the land recently procured of Mr. Brown. This gives them a lot with square front and enlarges the cemetery. Several lots have been fitted up this season. Among these is the one belonging to America Bishop, Esq., which has a neatly cut granite coping, and a tasteful monument.

Gen. G. L. Beal and Mrs. Gilkey are at present fitting up a lot which will be very elegant, when completed. It is surrounded with a heavy granite wall, with octagonal posts, those at the entrance being surmounted with a neat cap. The work on both these lots was executed by Mr. J. C. Perry.

The neatness and good taste displayed by the citizens of Norway, in the fitting up and caring for this lot is winning for them words of commendation from every one who passes it. We know of no burial place outside a large city that approaches it in beauty.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Androscoggin Temperance Alliance, will be held at Mechanic Falls, Sept. 30th, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., and continuing day and evening.

The Journal says a Sommer just built to run on Lake Auburn, made her trial trip last Friday. She was at once engaged for several picnic excursions. The little steamer can make a circuit of a dozen miles on the lake.

Sup. Judicial Court, Oxford County.

KENT, J. PRESENT.

THIRD DAY.

J. D. Fiddler, Esq., was appointed and sworn as stenographer of the court.

Lucey M. Hale, Adm'r. of estate of Hon. F. Hall vs. Hiram D. Abbott. Trever to recover the value of a set of double harnesses, 2 horse blankets, 1 buffalo robe, 1 leather halter, 1 carriage, 1 carry-cum-bag, 1 pair of shoes.

It is admitted that most of the articles named were once the property of the deceased, Hon. F. Hall, and that they afterwards came into possession of defendant, but the administrator demanded the articles, and that the defendant refused or neglected to return them. The defendant said he never had the carriage and break but never had, the shoes were present, left as he never taking away, the halter and carriage, to be sure, were on defendant's premises, but the defendant said no claim to them, never did, the plaintiff could have and can have them at any time. He says the buffalo robe he bought for \$15 for the set of double harnesses he took in pledge for \$25 which he had previously lent to Hall in his lifetime and had, never received pay for, that one of the blankets was given to another was given up in exchange for two borrowed and never returned, to be kept till the originals were returned.

He says that there was nothing unsettled between the parties. That he was willing in the lifetime of Hall, and is now to give up the harness on payment of \$25, and the blankets on return of his own, and the other articles they may come and take at any time.

All this was denied by plaintiff. Much evidence was given on both sides of oral testimony and counter evidence. The defendant was not allowed to go in to testify as to facts occurring before the death of the party.

The jury took the case at 3 P. M. Friday morning. Verdict for plaintiff—\$40.00.

Blanchard.

Harlow.

FOURTH DAY.

Wm. F. Northam vs. Packard B. McAllister. Assumpsit on two promissory notes given by def. to plff., dated July 14, 1866, attested by A. S. Poole, who has since deceased. Date of writ, July 1866; the first note for \$15 on demand, the second for \$10 payable in sixty days. The notes were admitted genuine, but the def. says the attesting witness did not sign at his request, or with his knowledge, and that therefore it is no legal attestation.

The notes were given as a balance between horses on exchange. Northam received from McAllister an old mare worth \$25 or \$30 and delivered McAllister a horse weighing 1200 lbs. fat, sleek, and fair.

Defence. 1st Statute of Limitations, 2d, Warrant, 3d, total failure of consideration.

McAllister says the notes were not witnessed in his presence or by his knowledge or consent, and plff. said the horse was all right and sound. The horse was utterly worthless, diseased, and had the glanders, and died within three months after the exchange, that it was with difficulty that he got him to his home in Andover and was unable afterwards to get him as far as Portland, on his next trip being obliged to leave him on his way.

The plff. on the other hand says there was no warranty, that he told the def. the horse was what the def. brought the horse to Portland several times, certainly twice, that he promised to pay the note sometime after it was given, that he had delayed putting the matter in suit because several times informed that the def. was not solvent. The subscribing witness, A. S. Poole lived at the time, and has since deceased.

The notes produced showed a pale pencil like the color of the writing of the subscribing witness being the same as that of the body of the note.

Hammans for defence. In the matter of the attestation asked the court to instruct the jury, that to be valid from the attestation must sign at the request of the maker.

There was much discrepancy of testimony, and Foster for plff. introduced two witnesses to impeach the reputation of def. for truth and veracity, for counter, introduced many more who had never heard his truthfulness called in question. The judge instructed the jury on the point of attestation, that to make an attestation within the statute it must appear that the witness put his name to the note at the time of the signing, or while the parties were present, and before the signature under such circumstances as to satisfy the jury that it was done with the knowledge of the signer and a part of the transaction in the making of the note.

Saturday morning the jury returned a sealed verdict for plff.—\$120.00.

Foster.

FIFTH DAY.

The Grand Jury came in, reported 6 bills and were discharged.

Jonathan Swan, app't vs. George Burnham and also named executors of the will of Joseph G. Swan, deceased. The parties live in Oxford. Joseph G. Swan deceased, was born in 1800, married to Mary A. Burnham July 26, 1828, and died January 31, 1867. Mary A. Burnham, the sister of Isaac Adams of Oxford, was born and brought up in Oxford, N. H. and married for a first husband, Perry P. Burnham, by whom she had seven children, six of whom are now living. The other died without children. Perry P. died leaving his widow a farm well stocked. Joseph G. Swan on his marriage with the widow Burnham entered into a written agreement with her in contemplation of marriage, by which she was to retain possession of her own property. This property has since been entirely changed, some of it used in bringing up the children and others of it for the common good of the family. Her contract was not put in evidence in the case. Virginia offered the agreement in contemplation of marriage to show that she brought property to him. Hammans objected to its introduction, at first, and Virginia withdrew the paper. Hammans on examination of the paper was willing to admit it, because if by the agreement she was to retain possession of her property that would be a reason why she should not receive her estate. Virginia having withdrawn the paper, Hammans expressed a desire that it go in. Virginia changed her mind and chose to keep it out. There was a disparity in years between Swan and his wife on the wrong side, she being his senior by some 12 years a disparity twice as great as existed between Shakespeare and Ann Hathaway. He died leaving no children of his own. There is no evidence that the parties did not live happily together.

The facts in regard to the making of the will were that Swan was taken sick with a throat disease in January 1866 and a son of his wife by his former marriage living was called to make a will. He took down an informal statement of the disposition Swan wished to make of his property and Swan signed it. He afterwards discovered that this was not formal and re-wrote it, observing the same disposition of the property, but giving a formal acknowledgment and due to the will and changing the formal parts throughout. At the request of Swan the first paper was destroyed, and the second substituted for it. This second paper was signed by Swan and one witness the Sunday morning next before the Wednesday of his death. A second will was called in subsequently and also attested the will.

Swan never read either of the papers he signed. Neither of them were read to him. The jury were called upon to answer certain questions, the second giving that the answer should be accepted in lieu of a more formal verdict.

The jury retired Monday 3 P. M. and in 30 minutes returned the following answers.

1st. Was the instrument presented as a will, signed by the testator, Joseph G. Swan, and did he at the time understand that he was executing a will and intend that it should be his will?

Answer, Yes.

2d. Was that instrument duly attested? Answer, Yes.

3d. Was the testator, Joseph G. Swan, at the time of the execution of the will of sound and disposing mind? Answer, Yes.

4th. Was the paper signed by Swan, before signing, known and understood by him, and did he read it, or otherwise? Answer, No.

5th. Did the paper contain in fact what the testator, Joseph G. Swan, designed and intended to be?

the provisions of his will, and each in all respects as he had dictated to the person who wrote it, and had he requested the person to write his will? Answer, Yes.

The effect of these findings is a question of law to be settled by the court hereafter.

Hammans & Frye, Virgin.

SAVENTH DAY.

David A. Sawyer vs. Winthrop Stevens, Adm'r of Albert A. Cross.

ACCOUNT ANSWERED.

1864 Feb. 11 weeks board, 2.30 27 25
1000
Hire and carriage to Paris, 1.50
March 2 weeks board and nursing, 10.00
Postage stamps, 42

Albert A. Cross was a minor and died in the service. His parents did not live together and he had no home. Commenced only to work his own way. He worked at Sawyer's in 1862 burning at 8 dollars per month, boarded with him in winter and went to school 7 months. He enlisted at Augusta in March and after receiving one hundred dollars bounty took a furlough home; went to Sawyer's where he was confined with a bilious fever, and before he recovered returned to his company; received and sent \$200 bounty to Sawyer and left immediately for Washington from whence he wrote Sawyer's son to send him postage stamps. On his way to Sawyer's on his furlough he stopped over Sunday at Mr. Richardson's who testified that he deposited \$20 with him for safe keeping and then withdrew it, intending as he said to deposit it with Sawyer. This \$20 is not traced further.

It was not denied that young Cross was at Sawyer's the time charged but it was insisted in defence that the young man worked for his board while attending school, that he was visiting Sawyer's when he came on a furlough, and that he had money to pay all his bills if any when he left and it is improbable that he left in debt. Sawyer himself was not a witness, a creditor of an estate not being allowed to testify in his own behalf. The positions of the debt though plausible were not sustained by proof, and the jury found a verdict for plff. \$20.14.

Coleman Hemmingsway vs. Charles F. Bartlett. Treason, that on the sixth day of June 1866 the def. entered upon the plaintiff's premises in Grafton and forcibly took and carried away the plff's mare.

The def. admits that he did take the mare from the possession of plff. and says it was his own property. Plff. replies, true it was your property, but I had possession and the right of possession. This right the def. denies. The plff. offered a written agreement, produced by def. at plff. request as follows:

I the undersigned, Coleman Hemmingsway, have bought of Charles F. Bartlett a five year old mare said mare is dark red color with a black mane and tail. I am to pay the said C. F. Bartlett, six dollars, which are to come from said mare when they are old enough to sell, which is at 4 months, and the said C. F. Bartlett is to pay for the Horse for said mare and the mare to remain the property of said C. F. Bartlett until said colts are paid.

signed.

COLEMAN HEMMINGWAY.

Two years passed and no colts were paid when the def. took possession of the mare as before stated. What would be the adjudication of the rights of the parties under this singular contract we can never know. The parties were settled upon the matter before the coming in of the court on Wednesday morning and the case was entered Neither Party.

Hammans GIBSON.

EIGHTH DAY.

John Reed vs. Josiah B. Huston. Trespass for personal assault and battery. The case in brief is that Reed took certain horses in doing damage within his enclosure, and put them in his barn with the intention of putting them in the pound if damage were done. He sent a written notice to Huston to come and pay damages, that he had put the horses in his barn. Huston came with his son Josiah B. Huston the def., and John Phelps, an old neighbor of his. After a little talk, Reed stated was crossed on both sides, and the defendant party undertook to take forcible possession of the horses. The plff. fortified this, and undertook to restrain def. by force from entering his barn. Def. shook him, threw him into the 21st of the barn yard and held him down, while the rest of the party were liberating the horses. While in this situation, and after the horses were on the way home, def. stood behind long enough to strike the plff. white down, many severe blows, and in peace and scratch the throat of the plff. severely. The result was that the def. injured the use of his voice, lost a front tooth, and bled considerably from outward flesh wounds. For the breach of the peace, the def. was fined \$5 and cost. This is a civil action to recover the personal damages.

The defence is that the plff. had no right to put the horses in his barn, and that they had a right to take their own property out of plff's possession. The plff. replies, I had a right to keep the horses a reasonable time before impounding them, and whether right or not, the beating was unnecessary and malicious.

The judge instructs the jury among other things, that the def. had no right to retake the horses by force, and that the jury had a right to add smart money to the actual damages if they thought best. Verdict for plff., \$25.00.

Reed vs. Richardson.

Reed vs. Josiah B. Huston, for assault, with intent to kill. The County Attorney prosecuted a bill against Reed to assault, and was fined \$50.00 and cost, some \$125.00.

NINTH DAY.

Albert Colby vs. James W. Clark. Opened to the jury last night, it is in progress as we go to press.

Monday, Lowell L. Smith presented a bill against charging him with larceny of money from the store of Messrs. Hubbard and Hiram, and was sentenced to two years in the State's prison.

In several of the southern States, negro conservative candidates are announced. How this is brought about, appears from the letter of a colored barber of Mobile to the New York Tribune. He states that three prominent citizens recently called upon him and offered him \$2000 and their patronage, if he would allow himself to be used as a tool for the conservative party. He very wisely told them that he preferred to stick to his business.

Both the papers at Farmington have been purchased by Mr. A. C. Phillips, who has combined them. He will continue the publication of the Farmington Chronicle in an enlarged form. Mr. Prescott goes to Nashville, Tenn., where he will enter into other business.

DRAMATIC READINGS. We learn that Prof. C. D. Robinson is to give his Dramatic Readings in this State during the fall and winter. Paris is one of the first places to be visited we hear.

The Bethel Post office was made a money order office some fourteen months ago. It has proved a great convenience to the people, under the care of the attentive postmaster, M. C. Kimball, Esq.

Cattle Show.

The twenty-fifth Annual Exhibition of Oxford County Agricultural Society, will be held on the 1st, 2d, and 3d days of October.—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The season has been so good that doubtless the show will be more than ordinarily good; and as the people all seem pretty well determined to go, there seems to be little to say, other than to announce the time.

We learn that the citizens of So. Paris and Norway have subscribed the sum of Fifty Dollars, to be distributed as prizes among the Base Ball clubs that shall play during the exhibition. All Clubs in Oxford County are invited to be present and contend for the premiums. The society has added to the above the sum of \$25 to be distributed as prizes to individual players among the members of the clubs. The prizes are to be awarded by a committee chosen by the citizens of the two villages.

We hope the ladies will contribute more liberally than last year, the products of their taste and skill in domestic and fancy articles. The Trustees can hardly fail to award them some special premiums this year, which should make it an object to fill up the tables to their utmost capacity.

The fruit crop is a poor one this year; but the usual good exhibition can be made up by increasing the number of exhibitors. Let every one who has even a few specimens bring them to the Fair. In fine, as this thing is wholly an aggregation of individual efforts, we hope that it may be a success. We give below the programme published by the Trustees:

FIRST DAY. In the forenoon, receiving, entering and arranging Stock, and articles for exhibition. All persons are required to observe this, and have whatever they propose to exhibit on the ground before 11 A. M.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., Trotting Match for Colts not exceeding 3 years old. At 4 o'clock, P. M., Trotting Match for Colts 4 years old.

SECOND DAY. At 9 o'clock, A. M., Plowing Match. At 10-12 o'clock, A. M., Awarding Committees will proceed to their duties. At 2 o'clock, P. M., Drawing Match. At 4 o'clock, P. M., Annual Meeting of the Society.

THIRD DAY. At 9 o'clock, A. M., Trotting Match, for the best Trotting Horse that has been raised and always owned within the limits of the Society. At 11 o'clock, Trotting Match, for the best Trotting Horse owned in the State. All horses that have taken the first premium at the State Fair will be excluded from competition. At 2 o'clock, P. M., Awarding Committees will report. No animal will be entitled to a premium unless it is on the ground before 9 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, the second day. No entry for trotting horse will be received after 2 o'clock, P. M., of Wednesday, the second day. Horses will be furnished to stock from Monday, P. M. to the close of the Show.

The Press says that Hon. John A. Poot had his carpet bag and coat stolen at the Eastern depot, Boston, last Wednesday evening. The bag contained valuable papers. The overcoat was found subsequently at a pawnbroker's, and a man arrested for the theft.

The Price Current says the Portland Glass Works will be rebuilt immediately. Most of the former employees will be employed in clearing away, and on the new building. Temporary ovens will be erected so that the manufacture of glass will commence in three weeks.

The Press says the visits of drummers to the rural districts in July and August were not highly successful, and that the country dealers are now buying in Portland. This is as it should be. The business of sending drummers is terribly expensive, and of course the consumer finds it charged in his bill.

In the account presented to England, for depredations committed by pirates, fitted out in her ports, citizens of Maine claim eight hundred thousand dollars. The whole sum claimed is about eight millions.

The Androscoggin club of Lewiston, and the Bowdoin club played a game of base ball, at Lewiston, last Saturday. The score was 16 to 16.

The Press says the lameness of Rev. Mr. Walker, Pastor of the State Street church, Portland, continues, and he will renew his request for dismissal.

We have received the Winthrop Bulletin, a neat sheet just established at Winthrop by Messrs. W. H. Berry & Son.

The Baptist Society in this village have just placed in their church, one of Messrs. S. D. & H. W. Smith's organs. It is a fine instrument, with two banks of keys and fourteen stops, finished in black walnut. The cost of the organ was \$700.

BASE BALL. The second game between Trunk of South Paris, and the Pennesseewassee of Norway was played on Saturday afternoon. The Norway boys were the winners by two runs, which gives them the match.

After the game they entertained the Paris club, in fine style at Concert Hall, Norway Village.

The Young America club of Paris Hill, played the first game of a match with the Snow's Falls club, Wednesday afternoon, beating them by score of 68 to 12. Scores, Chas. J. Mallon for the Young America, and Eph. Stone for the Snow's Falls club. E. A. Chase, Umpire. The next game of the match will be played on Saturday, week.

It is now thought that court will adjourn Saturday morning.

MAINE ITEMS.

One of the Penobscot tribe made his mile in five minutes at Salisbury Beach, a few days since. He ran against time.

Nathan Swain, formerly of Wilton, died in Texas, of yellow fever, as his friends just learn by letter.

The Saco Democrat understands that Jason W. Fairfield, son of the late S. S. Fairfield, Esq., formerly of Hiddelford, died last week at New Orleans of yellow fever.

The king of Tomatoes was brought into our office a day or two since by Joseph Marston, Esq., of our village. It weighed two pounds and ten and a half ounces beating the crowd by eight ounces.

A Sabbath School Convention will be held at Wilton, Oct. 30th. Rev. A. C. Adams of Auburn, and Rev. Mr. Buzzell of Portland, Missionary for the S. S. Union, for this State, are expected to be present, and address the meeting.

The Bath Times says among the numerous rich and useful articles presented to Horatio A. Daman, of the Marine National Bank, in that city, on the occasion of his marriage, was a Silver Tea Service, presented by the President and Directors of the Bank.

THE BENEFIT OF IMPARTIAL SUFFRAGE. Not only are there no indications of that war of races which President Johnson foreshadowed as the terrible result of enfranchising the negroes of the District of Columbia, but the measure seems to have been primitive of the peace and prosperity of the whole community. The last "Occasional" letter of the Philadelphia Press says:

"We were told that when the colored men carried the election here, trade would languish, emigration would stop, and the District would become a paradise for free negroes. What is the result? Washington City was never so prosperous. New buildings are going up in every quarter. The lands in the neighborhood, long neglected or devoted only to slave labor, are being rapidly purchased at high prices by farmers and others from the neighboring States of Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Jersey. Another railroad is being built from Baltimore to Richmond, with another branch running into the District of Columbia; and when the Republicans obtain complete possession of the municipal government, as they will next year by the election of a progressive Mayor, the city will take a new start in commerce and manufactures, and be made the winter residence of thousands who were only prevented from living here in other days because of the presence of human slavery."

MARYLAND ratified the new State constitution by a vote of a part of her people on Wednesday. Among the reforms embraced in the constitution is the abolition of the common school system and of the test oath for rebels. If the quasi Union men of Maryland, a State where the rebel element was never strong enough to carry it out of the Union, take such unpromising measures, what would have been the result if the governments of the genuine rebel States had been left in the hands of the secessionists? Maryland, by reason of the full license which the disloyal element has, is now one of the most dangerous States in the Union. It is organizing a standing army of 50,000 men, appropriately clad in gray. The work of disciplining this army is carried on with so much energy that not even Sunday is observed as a day of rest. Moreover a military fund of \$300,000 is placed at the absolute disposal of Gov. Swan. Artillery is being procured in large quantities. This attitude of Maryland may get become a serious matter. From her position she could easily delay another rush to the capital like that which took place in April 1861. Then no preparation had been made; but now those who have the best means of knowing, declare that these warlike movements have express reference to the anticipated revolutionary designs of the President. [Press]

The records of Kittery go back to 1618, and are in tolerable preservation. They contain matters of historical interest of much value, and now rest in a wooden chest liable to any casualty that may destroy them, and forever annihilate their valuable contents. The question is asked will the town, State or its Historical Society take some measures by which they can be preserved? The late Wm. Fogg, an intelligent farmer of Elliot, made a rare collection of documents and facts relating to this part of York county which are still preserved. In the records of the county now kept in the neighboring town, Alfred, is the original record of the General Court for Sir Ferdinand Gorges, Province of Maine, commencing in 1643, as also the records of the courts of law of about that period. [Journal]

As if it were not enough to have one's belief in the real existence of William Tell, Captain John Smith, and we know not whom else, rudely trampled on and crushed, a discussion has lately been started in France, which threatens to utterly destroy the story of Newton and the falling apple and the subsequent discovery of the law of gravitation. It is now claimed by certain members of the French Academy, that to Pascal belongs the honor of a prior discovery, and they have produced from some source or other certain letters from Pascal, Montesquieu and others to the English philosopher, which would seem to prove this if they are genuine. The discussion has not yet progressed very far, but seems likely to be warm. Whatever may be the issue, our faith in the story of the falling pippin can hardly be shaken. [Boston Advertiser]

Farmers' Department.

"SPEED THE FLOW."

All the arts and sciences pertaining to life, are closely linked together, and are intimately connected with Agriculture.—*AGRICOLA.*

From the Massachusetts Ploughman.

The Agricultural Fair.

We trust the readers of the Ploughman and everybody else will attend the Fair of their own locality, at least if no others. Some people stay at home for one reason and some for another. The fact is that whatever may be said as to the manner of managing fairs, or whatever objections may be brought against them, they offer the means of getting and doing good not to the community only, but to every intelligent farmer.

In attending a fair we often hear the remark falling from the lips of this or that visitor to the effect that he could have done better. "That's nothing. I have better squashes than those at home." We always feel tempted to say, "then why in the name of all that's good, didn't you bring them along?" The public wants to see the best of everything, and the farmer who thinks he has the best of his kind, no matter what animal or article it may be, ought if he is within reasonable distance, to take it to the Fair, where he may compare it with animals or articles in the same class produced by other farmers. We often hear the remark made in reference to the education of the young, that there is no place like college to take the conceit out of a youth, no place like it where he can measure his own attainments by way of comparing himself with others. If he is a bundle of self conceit he will soon have the starch taken out of him. If he thinks he knows so much more than anybody else, he will soon find that there are others in the world who are quite his equals, if not his superiors in attainment and efficiency. The same may happen at the agricultural fair. It is a sort of school, and no one is so blind that he may not learn something there.

But apart from the opportunities there offered to learn something and to compare the products of one farm with another, the social influences of a well managed fair are by no means to be overlooked. The farmer, from the very nature of his position and occupation, is necessarily more or less secluded, shut out from social intercourse, and cut off from some of the advantages which other pursuits afford. He is apt to lose some of that quickness of mind which is incident to a frequent intermingling with others engaged in the same calling. It is his duty, therefore, to guard against the narrowing influences of the position, by availing himself of opportunities thrown in his way, to associate with his fellow men, so far as is consistent with other and imperative duties.

Let an intelligent farmer attend the Show, with his eyes and his ears open, and he will be quickened in his energies. He will return with new resolutions and new courage. He will both see and hear many things that he can turn to advantage. We believe, therefore, that as a general rule, the time spent at the cattle show is well spent, and if it is otherwise, it is usually the fault of the individual and not of the society. Exhibitions, of course, differ widely in usefulness and efficiency. Some are better managed than others. Some are more complete in all their parts, more up to the times, more active and alive to the wants of the public than others. But if any are wanting in these respects, every farmer can do something to remedy the defects, by aiding them with his presence and his encouragement.

Agricultural exhibitions are a growth of modern civilization. It is rather significant fact that they have been established and are maintained in nearly all if not in all the civilized countries on the face of the globe. There is scarcely a county in the more thickly settled parts of our own sparsely populated country, where there is not an agricultural society, maintained; and if we look over the map of Europe we find the same to be the case there. Every county in England, we think, and every department in France has its agricultural organization, and often its farmers' club besides. This fact alone shows that the agricultural society is generally regarded as a means of great usefulness to the public. If it is not an institution calculated to do much good, it is quite remarkable that so large a part of the civilized world should have deluded itself with the idea that it is so. The thing must be right in principle to have commanded so universal an assent to it. Associated effort is powerful in other directions and it cannot fail of good results when brought to bear on the development of agriculture.

Let every one take hold therefore and do his part to make the fair in his own vicinity a success. Let every farmer go himself and see that the members of his family are counted in.

The Ohio Farmer says that corn in horse feet are the cause, in most cases, of sprung knees. In order to relieve the heels sore with corns, the animal throws his weight mainly on the toe, thus relaxing the tendons and suspensory ligament of the leg contraction of which naturally follows. Corns are mainly produced by improper shoeing, which contracts the heel. Instead of bevelling from without inward, making the foot to rest in a concavity, which resists the natural expansion of the hoof and forces the heel inward, the shoe should be made level.

The Zealand flax shows its origin by its name.

Harvesting Carrots.

Mr. Ware of Marblehead stated to the Board of Agriculture the method of harvesting carrots as practiced there as follows:

Our method is to top them, either with a hoe or shovel, (we generally use a shovel) and then use a subsoil plough; and so far as my experience goes, it is the only use to which a subsoil plough can be put to any advantage in our country. Previously to ploughing, the tops are raked off the field, so as to be entirely out of the way. We then run the subsoil plough directly by the side of the row of roots, which lifts them out of the ground about two inches; then with potato diggers, forks or hoes, we go along and rake them out, so as to lift them from the ground, and throw them inward, leaving room for the team to go through again. We first turn a back furrow in the centre of the piece, and go round that back furrow, drawing the carrots into the centre and leaving a space for the horse or ox to travel, without treading upon the carrots. That leaves them spread all over the surface of the ground. We do that in the forenoon; we pick them up, throw them into the carts, and put them into the cellar. That gives about half a day's time for the carrots to dry; and in picking them from the ground and throwing them into baskets the dirt is mostly shaken off; so that, if the weather is suitable, and dry weather ought to be chosen for the harvesting of roots, they will go into the cellar dry, which, in my opinion, is very important.

[State Agricultural Report.]

The Use of Machinery upon the Farm.

One of the most cheering indications of the times is the rapid introduction of improved implements in husbandry, especially of those that are moved by horse-power. In this matter the West is far ahead of the East, and the grain growing districts greatly excel the dairy regions. Corn, whether it is grown upon a large scale, is now very generally cultivated by horse-power, without the use of the hand hoe. Five times cultivating is much better than three times hoeing, and much cheaper. Some drill in their corn, one kernel in a place and one foot apart, by a horse drill, and claim that they not only do the work at much less expense, but get a much larger crop. There is no hand labor about it until you come to the harvesting, and even this, we anticipate will soon be done by machinery. Potatoes are cut, dropped, and covered, cultivated and dug by horse-power, and, we think will soon be bagged and binned in the same way. Wheat is put in by the horse drill, and cut by the horse reaper. The hay harvest is now all secured by horse power. These machines are not indeed universally introduced, but their economy is so apparent, and they put the hay and grain harvests so completely into the power of the farmer, that no man can long afford to do without them. The manufacture of these machines has become a vast business, giving employment to tens of thousands of men, and the demand for them is constantly increasing. They are a powerful argument for the clearing out of stumps and boulders, and for making the rough ways smooth. The man who clings to the time-honored tools, and the good old ways, will be badly beaten in the market. [Am. Agriculturalist.]

FIREPROOF WASH FOR SHINGLES. A

wash composed of lime, salt, and sand or wood ashes, put on in the ordinary way of whitewashing, renders the roof fifty per cent. more secure against taking fire from falling cinders, in case of fire in the vicinity. It pays the expense a hundred fold in its preserving influence against the effects of the weather. The older and more weather-beaten the shingles, the more benefit derived. Such shingles generally become more or less warped, rough, and cracked; the application of the wash, by wetting the upper surface, restores them at once to their original or first form, thereby closing up the space between the shingles; and the lime and sand, by filling up the cracks and pores in the shingle itself, prevents its warping.

MANURING TREES. Too many in applying manure to their fruit trees, forget the position of the roots and apply within a foot or so of the body. If they were to carefully remove the soil, they would find that trees of vigorous growth, and from seven to ten feet high, have roots, that are really the main sources of nourishment, varying from six to ten feet from the body. The application of manure, therefore, to give the best results, should be distributed around the tree at a distance of from five to eight feet from the trunk. In positions where the turf is desired to be maintained, cut and roll it back, put on the manure, fork it in lightly, and then replace the turf.

FATTENING ANIMALS. It is better to begin to feed swine liberally now, than to postpone it to a later day. Whatever the animals are, feed plentifully, and make them comfortable in their yards and sleeping rooms, and they will gain faster than they will in cold weather. They prefer a variety of food, and will do better upon it than they will if confined to a single article, even though some portion of the variety be of a poor quality.

A correspondent of the Maine Farmer says: "Many a housewife may be glad to know, when she has a piece of fresh meat she wishes to keep a few days, that it can be successfully done by placing it in a dish and covering it with buttermilk. I have practiced the plan for years."

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