Selerted Boetry

Building on the Sand.

BY BLIZA COOK.

Tis well to woe, 'tis good to wed, For so the world has done Since myrtles grew, and roses blew, And morning brought the sun.

But have a care, ye young and fair-Be sure ye pledge with truth-Be certain that your love will wear Beyond the days of youth;

For, if ye give not heart for heart, As well as hand for hand, You'll find you've played the 'unwise' part, And " built upon the sand."

'Tis well to save, 'tis well to have A goodly store of gold, And hold enough of the shining stuff-For charity is cold

But place not all your hopes and trust In what the deep mine brings; We cannot live on yellow dust Unmixed with purer things.

And he who piles up wealth alone, Will often have to stand Beside his coffer chest, and own 'Tis " built upon the sand."

"Tis good to speak in kindly guise And soothe where'er we can; Fair speech should bind the human mind. And love link wan to man. But stay not at the gentle words,

Let deeds with language dwell; The one who pities starving birds Should scatter crumbs as well.

The mercy that is warm and true Must lend a helping hand. For those who talk, yet fail to do, But "build upon the and."

From the Dublin University Magazine. The Old Oak Tree.

I would I were a child again, As when I sported free, Upon the greensward through the glen. Beneath the old oak tree. My father's calm and thoughtful brow In memory still I see; My mother's smiles shine on me now, Beneath the old oak tree.

The sunshine falls as warm and bright, As freely breathes the air : The stream still dances down as light, The flowers still bloom as fair. Where'er my tearful eyes may range, Familiar spots I see;

The scenes I loved seemed slow to change Around the old oak tree.

But gone are all those cherished forms I gazed on when a child. Like autumn's leaves when early storms "Sweep through the woodlands wild. And all alone within the glen linger musingly, And wish I were a child again Beneath the old oak tree.

Agrirultural.

Covered Drains.

in the following article, concisely and precisely the method of constructing the "covered drains," which I had executed during the past winter on my plantation. I had between a thousand and fifteen hundred vards constructed, varying from three and a half to seven, and in some instances eight feet deep. The average depth of them was about five feet—this depth being consider necessary to effect thorough drainage in co ry instance, where the quantity of land requiring it, is of any consequence. They informs us of a new and simple process of were from twenty-four to thirty inches wide making butter from the cream, which proat top, and twelve inches at bottom. The width at top should be as little as will afford room enough for the movements of the ditcher when at bottom, says Mr. Ruffin, and I found his views in this matter, as in others, sensible and worthy of adoption. The drains were laid off straight, and when it was necessary to change their direction, it was done at angles-which facilitates the regular laying of the materials used for filling them.

A fall of one inch in twelve feet was allowed in grading the bottoms of the drains, which I deem sufficient to enable water to freely escape, and carry off any particles of dirt that may be washed down from above. The materials used for filling the drains consisted of green pine poles and green pine brush. The poles varied from three to five inches in diameter—it being difficult to pro-cure them of inferior size. Attention was paid, however, while laying them down, to selecting those of the same size, and laying them side by side. Two were laid on the bottom and one on top of them-the space between them and the sides of the drains being filled with chunks and limbs of trees in order to prevent the bottom piles separating and permitting the top one to slip between them. A very little separation is sufficient to allow the water to escape freely. At each angle of the drains the poles were cut off even with the angle, so as to join well with those of the succeeding course. On the poles green pine brush was laid about oth of the drain was as great as seven or

feet, to close all hollows and prevent subsquent irregular settling. After this wa lone the top sides of the drains were sloped off about six or eight inches the slops extending ten or twelve inches below. The remainder of excavated earth was then thrown in, which filled the drains and raised them four or six inches above the surround ing land, which latter was done for the purpose of allowing fer settling, and preventing water standing on them after heavy rains .-My object for sloping the top sides was as follows: The earth used for filling any ditch will, after drying and settling, leave the sides of the ditch, and produce cracks into which rain-water will penetrate, and be apt to choke the conduit below with any loose dirt it may carry with it. B. giving the s'ope, the earth, as it shrinks, settles down upon, and adheres closely to the sides. The time occupied in procuring materials for filling the drains, and the digging them, cannot be accurately stated, as it was done by piecemeal. If poles and brush are close at hand, the work can be carried on rapidly after the drains are dug. I have considerable ditch ing yet to do, and I shall try in some portion of it, green pine rails, which I imagine will prove equally durable, with the advantage of lying more steady, and being more nearly of uniform size. On these I shall put green pine slabs, one foot long, and one or two inches thick, crosswise-and fill with brush

Covered drains should be constructed with great caution to render them effectual, otherwise time and labor are unprofitably employed. If properly done, they will amply repay the cost, as I can testify, so far as my work has been tested-the cotton now growing on the land being vigorous and healthy, and the land thoroughly relieved of superabundant moisture. I was detained at sorene and mild; vegetation was raphome while the work was progressing, and visited my plantation but once only during

I instructed my overseer as to the "modus

pperandi," who, judging from the effect produced, executed the trust faithfully and creditably. The opportunity presented almost induces ma to descant upon the subject of draining generally; but I forbear, as long articles forbid their being read, and as I am aware that the opinions and suggestions of young planters fail to carry with them the weight, and exert the influence, which those of more practical and experienced men do. Want of thorough drainage is a radical defect in Southern agriculture, and it must be extensively performed before our rich and extensive river and creek flats can be profitably and successfully tilled. Health is promoted by it-the temperature of the soil i changed-ip products increased, and its tillage frendered less laborious. I will add, in relation to using green pine poles for covered drains, that Mr. Ruffin, whose experience in their use extends beyond that of any farmer or planter in the Seuth, says he had occasion to take up the poles in one of his drains after they had been there five years, and they were perfectly sound. If sound at the expiration of that time, I see no reason why they will not last for fifty years. We all know they decay rapidly under ordinary circumstences-but when cut green, the turpentine in them, after exading a short time, becomes hardened, seals the pores and pre-vents the absorption of water to the extent that would occur with seasoned materials. This, in connection with their being constantly wet when buried, and not subjected to alternate moisture and dryness, renders them durable. Similar reasons might apply destruction of their crops by frost declare to other green materials. Winter, I think, is the folly of such a system. the proper season for ditching, as the earth s full of water, and temporary sources are absorbed. But, as some locations are too wet to operate on in inclement weather, it is proper to mark them out and stake the aurse of the drains, and perform the work in summer, after the crop is laid by, or in autumn, which I think preferable, -- Correspondence of the Soil of the South.

NEW PROCESS OF MAKING BUTTER Mr. James Stubbs, of Cuttyhunk Island. mises to supersede the labor of the churn at least during the warm season. At his dairy recently, a quantity of cream which had obstinately refused to become butter under any reasonable or even unreasonable amount of "agitation" in the usual mode. wus at length emptied into a clean "salt bag" of coarse linen and deposited in the ground at a depth of about twelve inches pelow the surface, to cool On the following morning it was found that the butternilk had entirely separated and disappeared, and the butter remained in the bag perfectly nice and sweet. He has since requently manufactured butter by this method with invariable success, in from six to twelve hours. As an effectual preventive of any earthy taste becoming imparted to the butter, Stubbs suggests that the bag containing the cream be placed in an other bag or cloth of the same metrial. The value of the discovery may be easily tested .- New Bedford Mercury.

Colts.—The breaking of a colt should be commenced before he is twenty-four and the winter when he is two years buckle the girt lowely. Take it off at night, and after doing this a few times, add the breeching, and pursue this course eight feet, two feet thick, as sufficient depth with all parts of the harness, until the earth would still be preserved for the whole is familiar to him. Then add the whole is familiar to him. Then add the whippletree, and while a careful person leads him, hold back so that he may feel brush were chopped so as to he store, and leads him, hold back so that he may remove as possible, filling all places around the coller or breastplate poles well. This being done, earth was gradually. If he is high spirited, so much the better—if you do not beat him. Be resolute and firm with him, but not abusive.

-Scientific American at H 3 astronan I

Thoughts on the Culture of Cotton.

There is no branch of Agriculture which merits a larger share of attention than the ulture of Cotton. Its importance to the preservation of the peace of the world, as well as its importance to those who grow it, would seem enough to concentrate public attention to its culture, and inspire men of competenut qualifications with an inclination to try experiments in the mood of its cultivation, with the view of protecing themselves from the frequent disaster which now destroy their crops. The experience of the last few years proves beyond cavil, the supreme folly of adhering to the old ystem of culture, when it has lost its adaptation to the seasons. It is a histoical fact, that countries become colder as the primeval forests are cleared up and the land put in cultivation. This is true of the seasons in the Cotton States. Our climate is annually changing, and approxmating to that of North Alabama. Plan-ters are now exposed to mishaps, which were unknown to them ten years ago. This Spring may be regarded as a type of future seasons, and as showing the umerous trials and drawbacks to which farmers will be subjected; yet I by no neans design to be understood as saying that it will be exactly similar in all respects. There is diversity in all animate and inanimate things; and there is a marked diversity apparent when we compare two seasons together. The past winter was remarkably cold, but about the middle of February the weather became idly developed, and planters pushed forward their preparations, with emu-lous cagerness. They planted corn in defiance of the experience of the ast few years, and until the 17th of March they seemed to have adopted the wisest course, as the weather was balmy and the corn thrifty and growing. But the wind shifted 'round to the North-the weather became bitingly cold, and the round was completely frozen. Since that ime we have had an occasional spell of good weather, whose influence on the rop was neutralized by heavy rains ac-

ompanied with both wind and bail. It is not strange that men, whose sucess is so much dependent on the seasons hould be content to plod on without any effort to note the changes of seaons? Were they to note the period when veretation developed itself; mark the vaious drawbacks that occurred from seed ime to barvest; and contrast one year with another, it does seem to me that they might escape many vexatious disasters, and raise larger crops. We would pronounce a farmer who should plant corn in Virginia in February, a fit subject for Bedlam; yet, notwithstanding the seasons have been so materially changed even since 1850, there are these among us who conceive that they would be irreparably ruined, were they not to plant corn before the first of March. Is there any more rationality in their course than that of the Virginia farmer? Let the repeated

evious observations, that Cotton ought ot, even where the land is prepared, to planted prior to the 5th or 6th of April. As a general thing, the spring rains are over by this time; the ground becomes warm nough to make the seed sprout in a few days, and the weather balmy enough to make it grow off just as soon as it comes up. I hail it as a favorable omen, that this opinion, once so much scouted, is gaining ground, as year after year shows that late planting is more certain to secure a good stand of cotton, and that the cotton s less liable to be stinted by bad weather, or destroyed by insects. Nor should the ground be prepared too soon where there abundance of team, as it then becomes weedy and is covered with a hard incrusation before the cotton gets up. In such case, the land has to be thoroughly broken up miew, before the cotton can grow off, or the land be worked to savantage. For verification of this fact, if any were county, I might appeal to the parame al experience of every observant farmer.

Just as soon as the cotton is well up, the harrow should be run close to the drill, and a sweep put behind it to re-open the water furrow. Harrows are preferable, beause they are not half so apt to cover up cotton as sweeps—they sift the dirt among t better, drag the clods and stalks from the cotton, and leave the ground in admirable order for subsequent working. Deep plowing in light and porous soils is too exhaustive to the nutrition which feeds the plant, and on that account should never be attempted unless in very wet sea ons. In weedy land, or where a crust is apt to be formed on the bedit is best to run the bar of a turning plow close to the cotrow. This mode of plowing greatly fa-cilitates "chopping out," and renders the land loose and pleasant to cultivate during the rest of the season. We rarely bring Cotton to a perfect stand the first workng, unless the weather is peculiarly unitard serens; but from the 1st of April

soul of commerce and wields a powerful West Indies, owing to the forcing effect of a tropical climate, which occasioned the stalk to grow up too luxuriantly to allow the bolls to mature, have almost abandon ed the growth of cotton to the Southern States of our Union. England has expended millions in the effort to raise cotton in India, but though she procured the aid of persons familiar with the whole process of making cotton, her efforts have been in vain. Similar ill success has attended her efforts to find a subtitute for cotton. The sense of dependence on us for a supply of the raw material is galling to her pride, as well as a wholesome check on her characteristic insolence and grasping ambition. Hundreds and thousands of her subjects

depend, as much as the infant does on the nutrition it draws from its mother's breast, on our Cotton for the pittance that enables them to keep body and soul together; and hence no prophetic ken is required to predict the deplorable consequences of a war to her population.

Such being the paramount importance of Cotton in a commercial point of view it well deserves careful consideration. All chemes for regulating the price of Cotton are idle and visionary—and in all probability would produce a re-action as disressing as the evils which were designed ed to be cured. Liberal sentiments, moderate duties, and a fair interchange of commodities, will be found more conducive to the maintenance of remunerative prices than all the wild schemes that have been suggested. The only feasible way of preventing a depression in the price of Cotton is, to diminish the amount of the crop :yet the certain success of such a diminu tion of the crop, by no means, helps us in the solution of the original difficulty-inasmuch as neither elequence nor self-interest can induce men to forego present gain for a remote, prospective increase of their incomes. Their minds have so long been aught to look upon " a bird in the hands as worth two in the bush," that they seldom look beyond the present. Exhausted nature will necessitate a curtailment of the cotton crop, and force farmers to seek out new channels of profit.

The purient itching of many farmers to e rich, has blinded them to the ruinous effects of their careless mode of cultivation and left them neither inclination or leisure o restore their worn out lands. If this mode of culture is persisted in, lands which now yield a fair crop of cotton will be hopelessly exhausted—the country will be rematurely worn out-our population will rush to new States in search of richer and and every branch of trade will decline and languish. The reflection is nel ancholy; but we are assured that it is well founded, whenever we pass a field which has been exhausted beyond resuscitation. What shall we do ?" is now the engrossing question with Planters. How are our impoverished lands to be r stored !-These are questions of vast import to Farmers, and need no gew-gaws of rhetoric to commend them to attention. If they would not bequeath to their children barto begin the work of restoring them. We ust alternate our crops, sow small grain n worn-out lands, husband barn-yard and stable manure, and apply it to a small lot of land every year until all is manured, and be always on the watch for gullies and stop them in season. We need agri-ultural papers to desseminate correct principles; explain the utility of new improvements ; explode hoary fallacies ; to snatch Agriculture from the slough into which it has fallen, and elevate it, in spite of clogs, has fallen, and elevation in society. need county societies, to beget emp among us, by bestowing encouragemen on skill and management in all the branch es of agriculture, and to familiarize us with each other's mode of culture.

I have not the vanity to suppose, Me ers. Editors, that I have presented any new ideas, or improved the dress of any old ories; yet, as these remarks embody my brief experience, I have given them to you. There are better modes of culture than the one here suggested—and my object will be attained, as well as my ambi tion gratified, should these crude remarks lead to the publication of wiser, and eafer mode of Culture for Cotton.—Correspondence of the Southern Cultivator.

Treatment of Poultry.

The following rules are authoritatively said down for the treatment of Poultry:

1. All young chickens, ducks and turkeys, should be kept under cover, out of the weather, during many seasons.

2. Two or three times a week, pepper, shallots, shives or garlic should be mixed up with their food.

3. A small lump of asafotida should be placed in the pun in which water is given them to drink.

4. Whenever they manifest disease, by given them to drink.

4. Whenever they manifest disease, he the drooping of the wings, or any other outward sign of ill health, a little seafortide broken into small lumps should be mixed with their book.

judicious; sake off the indurated cover-g on the point of the tongue, and give use a day, for two or three days, piece of garlic about the size of a a. If garlic cannot be readily obtained, tion shalles or ships and the sake of the s onion, shallot, or shives will answer; and if neither of them be convenient, two grains of black pepper, given in fresh butter, will

answar. 8. For the snuffles, the same remedy as for the gapes will be found highly curative but in addition to these, it will be neces ter, and rub the chicken about the nostrils aking care to clean them out. 6. Grown up ducks are sometimes taken

off rapidly by convulsions. In such cases four grains of rhubard and four grains of Cayenne pepper, mixed in fresh butter, should be administered.—Scientific Ameri-

Selected Articles.

Burning Fluid.

At Mr. Ennis's lecture, in Library Hall 3 stated that very unfavorable and unjust views are entertained by many, about the common burning fluid now much in use as fuel for lamps. Camphene is spirits of turpentine; burning fluid is a combination of alcohol and camphene; phosphene gas, the brightest and best of these articles, differs from burning fluid in having all of the water taken out of the alcohol before mixture, and on this account it will combine with a much greater amount of cam phene. The great error now in the com munity is the supposition that it will explode dangerously. The danger is not in any explesion. A glass lamp was exhib-ited before the audience, which had been burning for more than three hours; the fluid was nearly out, and above the fluid in the upper par of the lamp, was a mixture of the vapor and the atmospheric air. The whole was considerable heated, from the length of time it had been burning from the two tubes. The le-turer extinguished the hame, unscrewed the metallic op and laid it a ide, and then applied a lighted taper to the opening in the tube of the lamp. The result was a slight puff, searcely audible, and no movement whatver, either of the lamp or the remaining fluid within it. A great many such ex-periments had been tried by Mr. E.: "a with these three substances, camphene, burning fluid, and alcohol, and in all cases the results had convinced him that the explosions are by no means dangerous, and that they have nothing to do with the many accidents we hear of from the careless use of burning fluid.

The real sources of danger may easily be avoided if once they be pointed out, and then there can be little or no object. ion against the use of these really good articles—so far superior to oil in cleanliness, handiness and pleasantness of light.

The only way that mischief can be done is by spiling the fluids in a burning state over things that easily take fire; and this spiling generally takes place in two this spiling generally takes place in two ways. By suddenly shaking a glass lamp quite full of burning fluid, then, unless the wicks be very tight in the tubes, the fluid will flow out at the tops and run down all on fire on the outside of the glass. Of course the heat will crack the glass, and all the fluid within will flow out over the an the hald within will low out over the surrounding object in a devouring flame. This may happen in a person's hand, from violent shaking while walking along; and the garments of ladies being combintible, many lives have thus been lost, Every one who uses the burning fluid, nave new wicks, and see how much violent shaking they will bear. If you see the finid coming rapidly out of the tubes in a stream of fire, blow it out quickly with

stream of fire, blow it out quickly with your breath, and do not light it again, if much has come out, until it has been cleanly wiped off.

The lecturer once was present when a young lady quickly took two lighted glass lamps from the mantlepice, and placed them upon the testable. As the fluid gushed out and ran ignited down on the glass, she and the whole company started back, instantly expecting an explosion. He rushed up and blew them both out, and no harm was done. Again they were lighted, without having the fluid wiped off, and they required to be blown out instantly again. Had they not been so quickly blown out, the glass would have cracked, all the fluid would have run flaming over the table cloth, with the table, would soon have been on fire. The very plain remedy for all this is, to put in the wick tightly, and then my how much agitation the lamps will bear when full.

The other mode of camphene accidents is the sucleu taking fire of the fluid, that in the lamp and in the can, when the fluid in the lamp and in the can, when the finic frightened, throws down both can and lamp, and the blazing liquid is thrown in every direction, atting fire to all combustibles within the reach, bush accidents may be asolded, just as easily as not, simply by filling the lamps in the daytime. When any of these fluids are warm, by ng an hour or two in: a lighted la

may be done in the following ways: Pour some of the buring fluid into a small plate or saucer, and with a light set it on fire, and see the mode of its burning. Also unserew the top of the lamp when lighted,

THINNESS OF A HOAP BURNE. - A SORP bubble, as it floats in the light of the sun, reflects to the eye an endless variety of of the most gorgeous tints of colors. Newton showed that to each of these tints corresponds a certain thickness of the subresponds a certain thickness of the sub-stance forming the bubble; in fact he show-ed in general, that all transparent substan-ces, when reduced to a certain degree of tenuity, would reflect these colors. Near the highest point of the bubble, just before t bursts, is always observed a spot which effects no color, and appears black. New on showed that the thickness of the

bles at this black point was the 25,000, 000th part of an inch! Now, as the bubow, as the bubble at this point percess the properties of water as essentially as does the Atlantic offows that the ultimate moleforming water must have less dimen-ons than this,—Lardner's Handbook.

ANECDOTE.—An old gentlemen in one of the Southern States, being very ill, and supposing the his end was approaching, gave directions that an aged slave, who had been very faithful to him, should be called into his room. Sam soon made his appearance, and with a joyful face drew near his master, expecting that he was about to announce to him his purpose

of leaving him free. "You know," said the master, "you have been a fathful servant to me, Sam. " massa," he replied. Poor Sam the next sentence to contain "But," said the mater, "you know, Sam, I always treated you kindly." "You know, Sam, I always treated you kindly." "You knassa," he said, you did." Sam was now all anxiet to hear, and he looked gratefully into the face of his dying master, and waited to hear the charming word, Freedom! But what was Sam's disappointment when he said, "In consideration of your long and faithful services." But," said the p ation of your long and faithful services, I have directed in my will that when you die you shall be buried by my side." After a long pause, Sam replied, "Me no like lat, massa," "Why don't you like it! It will be an honor to you." " Me no like it, indeed, massa, for some dark night Debel come, look for massa and make mistake and take poor Sam."

BAD LUCK BY DEGREES .- "Well, Peter. hat news?"
"Nothing particular, massa, scept Bob's

ame."
"Bob lame! What's the matter with Bob !" "He hurt himself trying to stop de hor-

es, massa/ 'Horses! what horses?" "Old massa's horses run away wid de arriage ?"

"Horses our away with the carriage What started them?" "Cannon, Massa." "What was the fing for !" "To alarm de folks, and I make

ome to put de fire out " "Fire! What fire ?" Your big new house burnt down." "My new house burnt down!"
"He catch fire while we all gone to

"Funeral! who's dead?" "Your father dead, massa, cause he

eard de bad news. "De Bank fail, massa, and he loose all e money."

"You rascal, why didn't you tell me this bad news at once?" "Cause, massa, I fraid it is too much at once, so I tell you little at a

DOWN EAST ELOQUENCE .- The Ban gor Republican gives the following as specimen of the eloquence of the of the land of the celebrated Downings, chiefest: "The wind blew a terrible hurricane—the sea rolled mountains high— and behold! a great clam stuck up in the mud!"

The editor of a paper somewhere out in Pennsylvania, has been travelling in the country, and having get stack in the mud he tore off the following:

"The roads are not passable, Not even jackassable— And those who will travel 'em-Should turn out and gravel "em !"

LITTLE FATEROS My James is a very ood boy," said an old lady, "but he has ittle fallings, for we are none of us per-ect—he put the eat in the fire, flung his grandfather's wig down the cistern, put his daddy's powder-horn in the stove, tied the coffee pot to Jowler's tail, set off squibs in the barn, took my cap bobtin for fishing lines, and tried to stick a fork in his sisters eyes, but these are only children colles.

with his first sip of coffee, and says "there is nothing in it," and who turns up his nose at typographical blunders, might flud a profitable exercise in trying to make a paper of his own some evening, and then get the candid opinion of his friends

ing recipe is the best known, combining excellence and durability. Take a barrel and slack one bushel of freely burned lime in it, by, covering it with boiling water. After it is slacked add cold water enough to bring it to the consistency of cold white wash. Then dissolve in water, and add one ib. of white vitrol (sulphate of airc) nd one quart of fine as

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