

POETRY.

The Drunkard's Son.

His clothes are torn and shabby, too,
Care's marks are on his face,
And of the seal ling bitter tears,
There is a certain trace.
He feels the pitying look of scorn
That falls upon him now,
And as his heart with sorrow bleeds,
He wipes his moistened brow.

He hears the whispered words that fall
From lips of youth and age,
He's turned thus early in his life
O'er many a bitter page,
And when he hears bright, merry boys,
Tell of their father's fame,
He sighs to think that he must bear
A drunken father's shame.

And though he bravely struggles on
In weary paths of life,
He knows his way is flowerless
And full of weary strife;
He knows and feels the deep disgrace
That darkens every joy,
And shades the sunbeams on his way—
He is a drunkard's boy.

O, take him kindly by the hand,
And lead his steps aright,
Help him with sympathy and love
To battle for the Right.
Let not despair his young heart fill
Lest dark temptation win
Him to the devious ways of wrong,
Of misery and sin.

Farm and Garden.

"Agriculture is the General Pursuit of man: It is the Basis of all others, and therefore, the most Useful and Honorable."

Covering Manure.

It is remarkable that more attention is not given to the subject of covering manure from weather, and especially from too much rain. Those who have given the matter particular attention have found that manure so projected is worth "double" that which is left out in the open air. Two loads for one is a profit few farmers can afford to lose. There is no question which so vitally concerns the farmer as this one of manure. Much that he does has reference to it. Straw is not to be sold, because it makes manure. Stock is fed through the winter for the express purpose of manure making. Articles which scarcely pay to send to market, are nevertheless taken to the city in order that manure may be brought back as a return load; and yet the whole of the manure made remains all the season exposed to the sun, wind and rain, until it is diminished in value to so great an extent as it is.

The trouble is probably that few really believe that exposed manures undergo this loss. But the matter has been too thoroughly tested to admit of a doubt. We know first-class farmers who did not themselves believe it, until by actual experiment they found out its truth.

In arranging farm buildings it will pay well to look as much to the preservation of the manure as of the hay or grain; and those who have their buildings already finished without these manurial arrangements will find that twenty-five or fifty dollars spent in boards for a covered shed will rank among the best investments ever made.—[GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH.

PASTE THAT WILL KEEP A YEAR.—Dissolve a teaspoonful of alum in a quart of warm water, and when cold stir in as much flour as will make it as thick as cream—mixing the flour in a separate cup so that it will not be in lumps. Add as much powdered rosin as will lie on a dime; and throw in a dozen cloves, to give it a pleasant odor. Put a tea-cup of boiling water into a tin dish, and pour in the flour mixture.

Boil for fifteen minutes; if cooked in another pan of boiling water it will be less likely to burn. Let it dry away, and when needed, dissolve a piece in a little boiling water.—[COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.

TO PICKLE MEAT IN ONE DAY.—Get a tub nearly full of rain or river water, and put two pieces of thin wood cross it, and set the beef on them, distant about an inch from the water. Heap as much salt as will stand on your beef, and let it remain twenty-four hours, then take the meat off and boil it, and you will find it as salt as if it had been pickled for six weeks, the water having drawn the salt completely through the beef.

Replace all the bars where you often pass, by strong gates, and then wonder that you didn't do so before.

Never kick nor scream at a horse nor erk the bit in his mouth.

THE CHILDREN.

How they Dispose of the Dead.

The Chinese bury upon a hill-side; a perpendicular wall is cut in which a cave is scooped out. In this the dead Celestial is laid; and, in order that he may not suffer the pangs of hunger, rice and other articles of food are deposited within the tomb.

The Egyptians make of their dead what are called "mummies." When a person dies in that country, he is first embalmed, then wrapped in a great many layers of cloth, and, lastly, laid in a sepulchre or tomb hewn out of rock.

This process of embalming preserves the body so well that even the features retain their shape hundreds of years.—A few years since, a mummy, supposed to be the body of an Egyptian princess, was discovered, whose face, though two thousand years had elapsed since her death, bore some traces of its original beauty.

One tribe of Indians bury their dead in a sitting posture, with his implements of war by his side. Another tribe erects a scaffold on which dead bodies are laid. Here they are allowed to remain until picked to pieces by vultures, when the skulls are taken down, and placed in a circle around the scaffold. The Latookas bury in their own yards, near their huts, and ornament the graves with chicken feathers and trinkets of wood and iron; but when they think the unfortunate African has lain long enough for decomposition to take place, his bones are taken up and thrown outside the village. A great many other modes might be mentioned, but these must suffice.

MARY K. H.

The Difference.

"Willie, why were you gone so long for water?" asked the teacher of a little boy.

"We spilled it, and had to go back and fill the bucket again," was the prompt reply; but the bright, noble face was a shade less bright, less noble than usual, and the eyes dropped beneath the teacher's gaze.

The teacher crossed the room and stood by another, who had been Willie's companion.

"Fredly, were you not gone for the water longer than was necessary?"

For an instant Fredly's eyes were fixed on the floor, and his face wore a troubled look. But it was only for an instant—he looked frankly up to his teacher's face.

"Yes, ma'am," he bravely answered; "we met little Harry Braden, and stopped to play with him, and then we spilled the water and had to go back."

Little friends, what was the difference in the answers of the two boys? Neither of them told anything that was not strictly true. Which of them do you think the teacher trusted more fully after that? And which was the happier of the two?

WHO IS LITTLE SUNSHINE?—The child who does not pout, or frown, or say cross words, but goes about the house laughing, smiling, singing, saying kind words, and doing good deeds—that child is Little Sunshine.

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