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HAPPINESS.

Know thou this truth, (enough for man to know) "Virtue alone is happiness below." The only point where human bliss stands still, And tastes the good without the fall to ill; Where only merit constant pay receives, Is blest in what it takes, and what it gives ; The joy unequall'd, if its end it gain, And if it lose, attended with no pain : Without satiety, tho' e'er so blest, And but more relish'd as the more distress'd : The broadest mirth unfeeling folly wears, Less pleasing far than virtue's very tears : Good from each object, from each place acquir'd, For ever exercis'd, yet never tir'd; Never elated, while one man's oppress'd ; Never dejected, while another's blest ; And where no wants, no wishes can remain. Since but to wish more virtue, is to gain. [Pope's Essay on Man.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

Death found strange beauty on that cherub brow And dashed it out. There was a tint of rose On cheek and lip--he touched the veins with ice, And the rose faded. Forth from those blue eyes There spake a wistful tenderness-a doubt Whether to grieve or sleep, which innocence Alone can wear-with ruthful haste he bound The silken fringes of their curtaining lids Forever. There had been a murmuring sound With which the babe would charm its mother's ear Charming her even to tears-the spoiler set His seal of silence. But there beamed a smile So fixed and holy from that marble brow, Death gazed and left it there-he dared not steal The signet ring of Heaven.

From Motherwell's Poems. WOMAN.

Perchance, far out at sea, thou may's have found Some lean, bald cliff-a lonely patch of ground, Alien amidst the waters-some poor isle Where summer blooms were never known to smile Or trees to yield their verdure-yet around That barren spot the dimpling surges throng, Cheering it with their low and plaintive song, And clasping the deserted cast away In a most strict embrace-and all along Its margin rendering freely its array Of treasured shell and coral. Thus we may Note love in faithful woman : oft among The rudest shocks of life's wide sea she shares Man's lot, and more than half the burden bears, Around whose path are flowers strewn by her tender cares.

remained firm and unshaken. Young Edmund, for that was the name of her lover, had joined the army, hoping that he might signalize himself by some act, or in some way become acceptable in the eyes of her avaricious father. So long as Eliza received any information con cerning him his fortune was still precarious, yet was not the ardor of his passion in the least abated, or his hopes in ought extinguished. Therefore Eliza remained callous to the addresses of her many admirers, and deaf to the earnest entreaties of her father. But now three years had rolled round since she had received any intelligence from him, and it was a current report through the neighborhood that he had fell at the battle of -------; his own sister persuaded Eliza such must have been his fate. At last this unfortunate girl, overcome by the continual solicitations of her friends, yielded at last, to satisfy the desires of her parent, and was now going to be married to a rich landholder of the first connexions, though at the same time, she declared her heart was with her unfortunate Edmund.

the present, the primal attachment of her heart.

This little interesting history made me some what anxious to see this beautiful, young and unfortunate lady-I therefore yielded to the impulse of the dandy's arm, and entered the domicile of Mr. Stanmore. A large company had convened in the expectation of the approaching ceremony - the eyes of all resting on the bride and bridegroom who were seated on a sofa, in the audience hall. I was struck with the enchanting appearance of the unfortunate Eliza, as soon as I cast my eyes on her, ed in it for centuries, and still retain much of their the impression I then felt, even at this late day remains bright in my memory. She appeared to be about in her sixteenth year, she was arrayed in the finest costume, but the natural regularity and symmetry of her countenance of the Convent, distant about a mile from the city, and the charming lustre of her snowy neck partially covered with floating ringlets of hair of the finest chesnut brown, were sufficient to render her "too charming," without the frail assistance of dress. All that is beautiful, lovely and fascinating was there; indeed I may say it, without exaggeration, I never beheld, before nor since, so interesting a being. From the dejected cast of her countenance, and languid eye, it was easily perceived that her feelings partook not of the gay festivities, mirth and glee that regaled the happy inmates of the house.

A few moments elapsed after I had gained a seat, when the priest announced that all was ready. A slight paleness flashed over the countenance of the unfortunate Eliza and a cold trepidation shook her gentle frame; yet with as much composure as the case would admit of she approached the threshold, where her destiny was to be confirmed forever. Never can I forget the feelings that pervaded my breast at that dread moment. - Worlds would I have sacrificed, could I have produced the unfortunate Edmund. The ceremony was about commencing, when a considerable tumult was created at the door. Mr. Staumore called to know what was the matter-a waiter entered and told him a stranger was contending with the porter for admittance, swearing he would speak to the gentleman of the honse that instant. " Let him enter," observed Mr. Stanmore. The waiter retired, and in a few moments returned, conducting in a middle aged man of ordinary the parched lips, and the black hue of sickness size and appearance; his garb was sufficient about the mouth and around the sunken sockets to tell he was a minstrel. "What is thy busi- of the eyes; and in some the sightless orbs were ness friend," observed Mr. Stanmore, " that you are so importuna.e ?" " The loon I ask is small," replied the stranger, with becoming modesty, "and Heaven itself, will bless thee for granting it." " Name it," replies Mr. Stanmore, somewhat impatiently .- " It is," replies the stranger, "that I may play an epithalamium previous to the solemnization of your daughter's marriage; I pray you deny me not this small request," You shall, undoubtedly, have liberty," said Mr. Stanmore, " and we will thank thee for thy performance, good sir," A triumphant smile played upon the lips of the minstrel-he nodded a respectful obeisance, and rivetting his eyes on the bride, sung (accompanying his voice with his harp,) the following pathetic verses, in the most plaintive man-

momentary gleam of sensibility, again she spoke.a=" Be assured good minstrel," she cried. the vow I gave to my only beloved is yet unbroken;" "and believe not," she said, again addressing her father, "that I am raving, for you will find it true enough I have given my last farewell to carth." Her cheeks, which had for a moment been suffused by a fierce rubicundity, now became ashy pale-her eyes grew dim, and it was easily seen that death was fast approaching. One deep convulsion rent her soul; she fell upon her father, and casting one filial glance, sunk in the bosom of rest. "O my God !" exclaims the unfortunate father, my daughter dies-she is dead-one look my dear child; yet awake, I will not claim thy unwilling vow." But his heart became lenient too late-she heard him not. The minstrel cast a pitying glance upon the lifeless corpse of Eliza, and finding it was true enough she was dead, a supernatural smile glanced across his countenance and exclaiming, "by Heavens, a noble soul," immediately disappeared through the crowd. ----- Itwas Edmund. ONSLO.

Wonderful Catacombs.

One of the foreign correspondents of the National Intelligencer, gives the following description of the regions of the dead beneath a convent in Palermo:

Chief among the wonders of Palermo are the Catacombs of the Capuchin Convent, near the Porta d'Ossuna. It is said to be a place of great antiquity : many of the bodies have been preservoriginal freshness. I had heard of these catacombs in Paris, and my visit to Palermo was induced chiefly by the extraordinary account given of them. Entering the ancient and ruinous court we were conducted by a ghostly-looking monk through some dark passages to the subterranean apartments of the dead. It was not my first visit to a place of this kind, but I must confess the sight was rather startling. It was like a revel of the dead-a horrible, grinning, ghastly exhibition of skeleton forms, sightless eyes, and shining teeth, jaws distended, and bony hands outstretched, heads without bodies, and bodies without heads the young, the old, the brave, the once beautiful and gay, all mingled in the ghastly throng. We walked through long subterranean passages, lined with the dead on both sides : with a stealthy and measured tread we stepped, for they seemed to stare at the intrusion, and their skeleton fingers vibrated as if yearning to grasp the living in their embrace. Long rows of upright niches are cut into the walls on each side, in every niche a skeleof black ; the face, hands, and feet naked, wither-ed, and of an ashy hue, the grizzled beards still hanging in tufts from the jaws, and in the recent cases the hair still clinging to the skull, but matted and dry. To each corpse is attached a label upon which is written the name and the date of decease, and a cross or the image of the Saviour. Soon recovering from the shock of the first im-

pression, I was struck with the wonderful variety of and marked expression of character in the faces and forms around me. There were progressive dates of death, extending from remote centuries up to the present period, the niches being so arranged as to admit of a regular order of deposite. Many of the bodies stood erect, as if just lifted from the death-bed, the faces colorless, and the horrible agonies of dissolution stamped upon the features; the lower jaws hanging upon the breast; the teeth grinning and glistening between open and staring with a wild glare of affright, as annually a certain sum for the preservation of the if peering into the awful mysteries of the unknown bourn from whence none return; while others wore a grotesque laugh of derision still more appalling, with the muscles of the mouth drawn up, the evebrows lifted, the head jilted knowingly ou cne si lo, the hair matted in horny tufts, the bare spots on the skulls, like the piebald wig of a harquin; the skeleton arms streched, and the bony tingers spread as if to clutch the relentless destroyer, and wrestle with him to the last. These I fancied were lively fellows, who were carried off suddenly after a midnight carouse. I sat down on a box containing a dead child, and looked up at a row of bodies opposite that attracted my notice in a particular degree. In the middle stood a frolicking fel ow, about two years dead, whose sunken eyes appeared still to burn with the fire of life and humor. His hands were lifted in a deprecating manner over a congregation of corpses sitting on a shelf below. Some appeared to be listening; some grinning at his humorous harangue; others, with their heads together, seem to question the propriety of his anecdotes; old gentlemen, with knitted brows and lantern jaws; ranges of bodies stood on each side of him as it laughing, talking, praying, dying, suffering, listening, rejoicing, and feasting at the banquet of death. One little man, in a dingy suit of black, sat in a corner; the end of his nose was eaten off by the worms; his mouth was compressed, and had a pinched expression; his hands grasped eagerly at something. I thought that little man was a miser, whose death was caused by starvation. Another figure, a large portly body, stood in a conspicuous part of the vault ; it was the corpse of a fat old bishop, whose jaws were still rotund and smooth with good living, and his sleek hair patted down to his head as with the oil of by gone roast beefs and macaroni soups, and jolly east of countenance, betokened a system liberally supplied with the juices of life, and a conscience rendered easy by attentio 1 to the creature comforts. That man lived an easy life, and died of good feeding. He was carefully labelled, and carried on his wrists a jewelled cross. There stood in another part of the vault a fiery orator, with open mouth and distended arms. The head was thrown back, the breast partially bare, a few tufts of black hair fell from his piebald skull; his round staring eyes were stretched open, and his brows archee high on his wrinkled forehead; he looked toward heaven for inspiration. I fancied I could hear the flaming torrent, as it blazed and crackled and scintilated from his thin ashy lips. It was the glow-ing cloquence of an ardent soul that left its parting impress upon the clay; the form yet spoke, but the sound was not there. Passing on from vault to vault, we saw here and there a dead baby thrown upon a shelf-its little innocent face sleeping calmly among the mouldering skulls; a legor

wonted animation and seeming to obtain a a startling three from its niche, or a grim skeleton in the constitution of the soil are cured, even afin its dark corner chuckling at the ravages of the destroyer. Who was the prince here? Who was the great man, or the proud man, or the rich man? The musty, grinning, ghastly skeleton in the corner seemed to chuckle at the thought, and say to himself, 'Was it you, there on the right, you ugly, noseless, sightless, disgusting thing ?--Was it you that rode in your fine carriage about a year ago, and thought yourself so great when you ordered your coachman to drive over the beggar if he did not get out of the way? Don't you see he is as handsome as you are now, and as great a man; you can't cut him down now, old fellow.

And you, there on the left. What a nice figure you are with your fleshless shanks and your worm-eaten lips! It was you that betrayed youth and beauty and innocence, and brought yourself here at last to keep company with such fellows as I am. Why, there is not a living thing now, save the maggots, that would'nt turn away in disgust from you. And you, sir, on the opposite side, how proud you were when I last saw you; an officer of state, a great man in power, who could crush all below you, and make the happy wife a widowed mourner, and bring her little babes to starvation; it was you that had innocent men seized and cast in prison. What can you do now? The meanest wretch that mocks you in this vault of death is as good as you, as strong, as great, as tall, as broad, as pretty a piece of mortality, and a great deal nearer heaven. Oh, you are a nice set of fellows, all mixing together without ceremony! Where are your rules of etiquette; your fashionable ranks, and your plebeian ranks; your thousands of admiring friends, your throngs of jewelled visiters? Ha! ha! This is a jolly place, atter all; we are all a jolly set of republicans, and old Death is our President !'

Turning away from this strange exhibition of death's doings, I followed the old monk into the vaults allotted to the women. Here the specta-cle was still more shocking and impressive. The bodies were not placed in an upright position like those of the men, but were laid out at full length in glass cases, the walls on both sides be-

ing covered. The young, the gay, the beautiful, were all here, laid lowly in the relentless embrace of death, decked out in silken dresses, laces, and jewelry, as in mockery of the past. Each corpse had its sad history. I saw a young bride who was stricken down in a few brief months after her marriage. She was dressed in her bridal costume; the bonnet and veil still on, the white gloves drawn over her skeleton fingers; a few withered flowers laid upon her breast by the mourning one she had left behind. Through the thin veil could be seen a blanched, grinning, bony face; sunken sockets, marked around with the dark lines of decay; and her long hair was drawn in luxuriant masses over her withered bosom. Another held in her arms a skeleton babe. Some were habited in walking dresses; others in all the finery of ball-room costume, with gay silks, slippers, silk stockings, and tawdy lace. It was a ghastly sight to look under the bonnets, and gaze upon the sunken ashy features, decked around with artificial flowers, and trace in those withered lineaments no lingering line of beauty, no flickering ray of the immor-tal spirit, but a dreary htstory of mortal agony, decay, and corruption. Yet here the hu-band comes to hold communion with the beloved soul that once dwelt in that mouldering corpse; to look upon those blanched features, that were once animate with life and affection; to kiss the cold lips, and feel no returning warmth. And here, too, the father, brother, sister, and wife come to gaze npon the dead; and here the mother comes to weep over the withered corpse of her babe. Once a year, as I learnt from the old monk, the relatives of the deceased come to pray for the salvation of their souls, and deck their bodies with flowers.

"From the conversation of the monk, I learnt that these catacombs are supported by contribu-tions from the relatives of the deceased, who pay bodies. Each new comer is placed in a temporary niche, and afterwards removed to a permanent place, where he is permitted to remain as long as the contributions continue; but when the customary fees are not forthcoming, the corpses are thrown aside on a shelf, where they lie til the relatives think proper to have them set up again .-Whole shelves are filed with skulls and bodies of the dead, put out of the way to make room for others of a more profitable character. "It might be supposed that the air of the catacombs is in some degree affected by the fresh bodies, but this is not the case. There is no offensive odor; and the visitor would scarcely know, he did not see them, that he was surrounded by the dead. I could perceive no difference in the atmosphere of these vaults from that of any other subterranean places, except a slight smell of mould not altogether disagreeable The fresh air is adnot altogether disagreeable The fresh air is ad-mitted from the top, and it is to its extreme dryness that the preservation of the bodies may be attributable.

ter the stimulant and fertilizing effects of the lime have long ceased to operate. Lime is also peculiarly beneficial in improving moorish soils, for making them produce good herbage where nothing but heath and impalatable grasses grew formerly, of which instances, too numerous to be repeated, must be in the recollection of every experienced farmer. The expense of this article, and the distance to which it is carried, in some parts of a tland; is stated to be enormous: in Aberdeenshire, for instance; very little of it is produced in this county; it is carried inland to the distance of more than 30 miles, after being imported from Suderland: yet lime is there considered to be so absolutely necessary to to the land as to be cansidered the foundation of all substantial improvement."

From the Alabamg Planter. Small Crops.

MESSRS. EDITORS :- In this country we have great variety of things that according to soil, locality and circumstances, we may profitably cultivate, and it is good economy to vary and multiply them by such means. If one article fails or is light, another may be good and in some measure supply its place, and then there is a variety for our stock, and it is probably as grateful to the beasts as to man to change his diet once in a while, nor is it less grateful than healthful to do so to either man or beast.

Potatoes .--- This nutritious and healthy root is so congenial to our climate that it grows on almost any soil so well that few neglect to raise a small crop. A fine sandy loam seems their proper place, but as before said they grow almost every where. Horses eat them with avidity and are healthy and thrive well on them; sheep and cattle likewise. To the former they would be doubtless an excellent winter food; to milch cows they would be very superior either raw or boiled, but the latter best. They will fatten hogs first-rate; as an article for market they nre among the most saleable. Planted near rivers, railroads, &c., they might be made the source of much profit, but producing largely, they are of great value to fatten pork and with no trouble in gathering. Gouber or Pindar Peas --- These, like the potatoes, grow aimost every where, but best on sandy lands. They require not much work, and succeed well even on poor land. They are very saleable and not heavy to take to market. Plant them and if you have not time to dig all, when you quit, turn the sows and pigs on them. They will dig at them all winter, and if there are enough they will keep fat too, as the peas keep sound till spring. They are equal to anything for either young or old hogs. They might be profitably raised either for the market or for the hogs. Lately a very fine ta-ble oil has also been obtained from them.

Turnips .--- A well manured piece of ground, either old or fresh, is pretty sure for turnips, especially as in this climate we can sow a second time if we sow early and miss the first time; they are very valuable as the food of man or beast. They should be more cultivated, as we neglect vegetable food too much in this country. They can be cultivated profitably for sheep, cattle and hog feeding ; for the two latter they are best boiled, with meal mixed with them according to the circumstances and design of feeding. In cultivating new land, naturally rich, they sometimes do without manuring. All land either new or old should be rich and finely pulverized.

THE BRIDAL EVE.

'Twas on one of those beautiful evenings in May, when all nature is clad in her richest robes, and each blossom yields its odours to the passing breeze, that I perceived the inhabitants of the little village of L. to be in a complete flutter : Beaux and belles were seen tripping along the streets, rigged out in all their finery; and the playful smile which illuminated the countenance of cach passing nymph, told there was somewhat of unusual occurrence about to take place. Reader, be not surprised when I tell you it was nothing more or less than a wedding.

I had been a few days in the village, and had formed an acquaintance with some of the chief inhabitants, among whom was Mr. Bevil, one ot the principal dandies of the place, and who at this moment came running up, and seizing my hand and hitting me a hearty tap on the shoulder, in the exuberance of good friendship exclaimed, " Mr. Warring you are going to the wedding of this beautiful creature ? To which I replied in the negative, and inquired who it was, for I had not yet heard; "who is it?" replies he in evident surprise, "why, none else, to be sure, than the lovely Miss Eliza Stanmore, for whom more men have run mad, than for any other since the Trojan War-But come, you must go, the good old Mr. Stanmore will be proud of your company," and at the same time interlocking his arm in mine, hurried me along towards a stately mansion in the eastern part of the town.

In our walk, I learned from him that Eliza had for a long time reigned pre-eminent as the belle of the country as well as of the village, and had, as is usually the case, been solicited in marriage by many of the most respectable and eminent men of the place, yet, (strange to relate,) to all of whom she had given the most unqualified refusal. The fact of the case was this-in extreme youth, she had formed an attachment for a young man against her father's

- 1. "O know you not, my lady bright, Who now the bridal wreaths are wearing,
- An absent youth a gallant knight, Of high renown and noble bearing.
- 2 "Where is that youth? Oh! lady fair, For thee he breath'd his dying pray'r; His aching head was on my breast; My blessings bear to her, he said, Whisper'd thy name then sunk to rest, Too true to thee, thou faithless maid.'

From the commencement of this song, I had observed a sudden paleness, as of death, to seize the unfortunate Eliza, and an immense trembling to agitate her whole frame; but scarce had the minstrel concluded the last line, when uttering a faint scream, she swooned, and would have fell, had not she been supported by the bridegroom. "What is the matter, my love ?" exclaimed he most affectionately ; "speak, I beseech you ;" but she returned him no answer. Her countenance assumed the aspect of a maniac, her eyes rolling in trighful wildness-at last by a wonderful effort, she gathered a degree of composure, and in the most plaintive manner, thus addressed the minstrel :-- " No, good minstrel, 1 have not yet breathed the nuptial vow, nor will I-I am yet true and faithful to the object of my first predilection." Then turning to her father, she cries-" O my father, do not, you cannot force from thy unfortunate child, an oath to Heaven, which, though thy cruelty might force my lip to utter, my heart never could sanction." The bridegroom and her father raved in all the agowill, from whom she was torn by her unfeeling parent. Yet, although she was constrained to is a maniac." For a while she sunk in a state drop the idea of marrying him (at least.) for of stupidity-again her features recovered their jaw had fallen; now a lively corpse, jumping with as well as an active medicine; and that defects of 'em.

Use and Benefits of Lime in Scotland. Falkner, thus speaks upon this subject:

"There is no country in Europe where calimproving districts of Scotland. This may be partly owing to the total absence of chalk, which abounds in many parts of England, and which renders calcined lime less necessary there; but is principally to be attributed to the great benefit which has been derived from its use, which would hardly be credited were its effects not too correctly stated to be disputed. In bringing new or maiden soil into cultivation, the use of lime is indeed found to be so essential, that little good could be done without it. Its first application in particular, gives a degree of permanent fertility to soil which can be imparted by no other manure. Maiden soils in Lammermuir, of a tolerable quality, will, with the force of sheep's dung, produce a middling crop of oats and rye; but the richest animal dung does not enable them to bring any other grain to maturity. Peas, barly, or wheat, will set out with every appearance of success, but when the peas are in bloom, and the other grains putting forth the ear, they proceed no further, and dwindle away in fruitless abortion; while the same soils, when sufficiently limed, will, in good seasons, bring every species of grain to maturity.

This fact proves that oats and rye requires less calcareous matter than what is necessary an arm, or an old skull, from which the lower for other grains; that lime acts as an alterative,

PEAS .- Go under a variety of names, as cornfield, blackeyed, tory, cow, black? &c .--The tory, which rather a red pea, has some good qualities. They do not rot soon and bear well, though the yellow or common cow pea is esteemed by some as good and by some a better bearer, and generally a healthier and better pea for stock; hence, though not keeping so well as the tory from rot, it is yet preferred by many. This crop is attended to with some care. but by no means as it should be. Some planters estimate it as worth half as much as the corn and many one-fourth. It is usually raised by planting between the corn hills at the last plowing but one and generally hoed once after the corn is laid by. No planter should fail to raise peas. Stock of all kinds, horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep are healthy and fatten upon them. There are always too few gathered to meet the demand for the market and planting. Some kinds are good for man also .--They may be raised with facility in wheat, rye, or oats' stubble, especially the latter, or on a

cined lime is used to so great an extent, and fallow. Raised in this way the vines may be in such quantities, as in the more improved and | cut off or pulled up and thus produce a large amount of fodder for stock. Ploughed under when green, it is said by some that they are equal to clover as a fertilizer. This is worthy of further trial. The crop is worthy of more attention than is usually given to it by plant-

> BEETS, CARROTS AND PARSNIPS .- These crops are grown largely at the north and produce from 500 to 1500 bushels to the acre, according to kind, soil, &c. They make a large part of the feed for horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs. They are accounted among the most profitable crops.-Might they not be successfully raised here, and after supplying culinary purposes make a valuable addition to our food for stock ? By greater variety in our resources might we not feed and raise and fatten stock more successfully than we do?

Talking about women voting, the Burlington Sentinel says:

Cradles are the ballot boxes for women. in which they should deposite, not votes, but voters. That makes a Warwick of every mother