

The glory has passed from the goldenrod's purple. The plum-blossomed astors still linger in bloom; The birch is bright yellow, the sumachs are red. The maples like torches aflame overhead. But what is the joy of the summer is past, And winter's wild herald is blowing his blast; For me dull November is sweeter than May, For my love is his sunshine—she meets me to-day!

THE CAPTAIN'S SECRET.

It was a pretty cottage where Captain Jonas Smith lived, standing back from the road, and almost overshadowed by a large oak tree, that had spread its protecting branches over the lovely Eden land below for nearly a century. A long row of poplars on each side of the pebbly path leading to the front door reared their prim and stately forms, and shot their pointed peaks toward the sky. Yet a scene of sadness and loneliness, not easily to be accounted for, took possession for one as soon as the gates closed behind him with its sharp click, and by the time the front door was reached, it seemed as if one was entering a tomb. Curtains down; blinds closed from the garret to cellar, and no sign of life except the thin, vapory stream of smoke issuing from a small chimney built in the L.

his dim eyes were drowned in unshed tears. Sweet Nina! We all loved her at school, Captain Smith, said Mary; "and we are truly sorry for both her and you." The Captain brightened up. "Everybody loves her, I know, except the old—my wife, I should say; and she hates her, it seems to me. Now she's good enough to me. But 'love me; love my dog,' is my motto, young misses, and atween you my me, I've got a nice little secret. My neighbors—and Mrs. Smith, too, as to that—think me a comparatively young man. I own this house, and land adjoining, and ten thousand in the bank. But here comes in my little secret. Mum's the word young misses, for Nina's sake, till I'm anchored safe 't'her side."

AGRICULTURAL.

TOPICS OF INTEREST RELATIVE TO FARM AND GARDEN. BLOATING OF COWS. Bloating indicates indigestion and is due to the formation of gas in the stomach from the fermentation of the undigested food. The remedy is to get rid of the indigestion, which may be done as follows: Give one quart of raw linseed oil, then feed bran mash twice a day with cut hay if the pasture is not good, with one teaspoonful each of powdered sulphate of iron and gentian root. Salt should be given daily.—New York Times.

gar may also be brought about sooner by running the liquid slowly in a small stream from one barrel to another, by which it is more exposed to the atmosphere than when remaining at rest in a solid body. Leaching it through beach dips or corncocks that have been saturated with old vinegar or putting a gallon or two of old vinegar into each barrel are other methods for accomplishing the same purpose.—New York World.

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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUN DAY SERMON. Subject: "In Jerusalem." TEXT: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."—Psalm cxxxvii, 5. Paralysis of his best hand, the withering of his muscles and nerves, is here invoked if the author allows to pass out of his mind the grandeur of the Holy City where once dwelt Jeremiah, seated by the river Euphrates, wrote this psalm, and not David. Araid I Hay varies greatly in quality, and it is not therefore easy to compare its actual feeding value with that of grain. In a general way corn is estimated to be worth twenty-two dollars per ton, and good medium hay, by the same standard, is considered to be worth thirteen dollars, and extra at as high as seventeen dollars per ton. If corn is worth fifty cents a bushel it is as cheap as medium hay at twelve dollars per ton.

upon the world He had come to redeem and at the heavens through which He would soon ascend. But we must hasten back to the city. The stones in the wall which a hundred men had lifted. Stop here and see a startling proof of the truth of the prophecy. In Jeremiah, thirty-first chapter and fortieth verse, it is said that Jerusalem shall be built through the ashes. What ashes? The ashes of the temple? No! The meaning has been recently discovered. Jerusalem is now being built out in a certain direction where the ground has been examined by chemical analysis, and it has been found to be the ash cast out from the sacrifices of the ancient temple—ashes of wood and ashes of bones of animals. There are great mounds of ashes, scattered about the city, and it is found that it has taken all these thousands of years to discover what Jeremiah meant when he said, "Behold the days shall come, saith the Lord, that the city shall be built to the Lord from the tower of Hannean to the gate of the corner, and the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes." The people of Jerusalem are at this very time fulfilling that prophecy. One hundred and thirty-nine years ago the building is enough to prove the divinity of the Scriptures! Pass by the place where the corner stone of the ancient temple was laid three thousand years ago by Solomon.

JUDGING THE AGE IN POULTRY. A correspondent writing from Cumberland, W. Va., asks how to tell the age in poultry. If for the table, examine the feet and legs; the size and appearance of the spur form a guide. The skin of the pullet or cockerel is smooth and has a fresh appearance, while that of the adult fowl yearly grows coarser and shriveled. Place the thumb and forefinger on either side of the back, near the "pop's nose" or oil receptacle, and press it; in young birds this part is supple, and in old birds it is difficult to bend. Another test is the feeling of the top end of the breast bone. If the grizzle forming there is tender and supple the bird is young. It is a more difficult matter to judge the age of ducks. Those ducks that have arrived at two and three years have a deep depression down the breast feathers, and their waddle becomes more and more ungainly.—New York World.