

Poetry.

SUMMER FIELDS. BY MARY HOWITT. The summer! oh 'tis joyous— The sunny summer time!

Miscellany.

MAY-DAY.

Tuesday next is the first day of May, that fatal day big with the fate, not of Cato or of Rome, but of many broken cups, glasses, and chairs—many aching heads, aching backs, and aching hearts.

The custom of setting up May-poles, dressing them with garlands, and dancing round them, was practised among the ancient Brittons before they were converted to Christianity.

THE TEARS OF OLD MAY-DAY.

To her no more Augusta's wealthy pride, Pours the full tribute of Potosi's mine; Nor fresh-blown garlands village maids provide

reigns of Henry the Seventh and Eighth as thus:

To the menstrol, on May Day 0 0 4 For 2 payres of glovys for Robynhode and Mayde Maryan . . . 0 0 3

Our phonographists can take a lesson in spelling from these quaint records. In "Stow's Survey of London," (1603) we find the following:

"In the month of may—namely, on May-day in the morning—every man except impediment would walk into the sweet meadows and green woods, there to rejoice their spirits with the beauty and savour of sweets flowers and with the harmony of birds, praying God in their kind, and for example hereof Edward Hall hath noted that K. Henry the Eight, as in the 3 of his reigns, on May-day in the morning, with Queene Katheren his wife, accompanied with many lordes and ladies, rode a Maying from Greenwich to the high ground of Shooter's Hill."

Our ascetic Puritan ancestors made dreadful war on those pastimes, by preaching and invectives. Poor Maid Marian, the May queen, they termed "the Red Lady of Babylon," Friar Tuck was "a romant popery," and they were all put to rout as the bitterest enemies of religion.

Charles the First, in 1663, was not quite as fastidious, though really a pious man. In a warrant dated October 18th of that year, he directs that "for his good people's recreation, after the end of divine service his good people shall not be disturbed, letter, or discouraged from any lawful recreation: nor from having of May games, Whitson ales, other sports therewith used, so that the same be had in due time without impediment or neglect of divine service."

How contemptible all kinds of religion fanaticism appear to the enlightened mind! We have however, no May-poles to dance round on Tuesday next. Instead of floral wreaths for the Queen of May, our queens will be crowned with mob caps and bandanna handkerchiefs, filled with dust and cob webs, instead of lilies and honeysuckles—a boom instead of a sceptre, and the rattling of crockery instead of the bells of the morris dancers, the wassail cups, or summer bowers.—Times and Messenger, April 29th.

TO MARY ANN. Your face Your tongue Your wit So fair So sweet So sharp First bent Then drew Then hit Mine eye Mine ear Mine heart Mine eye Mine ear Mine heart To like To learn To love Your face Your tongue Your wit Doth load Doth teach Doth move Your face Your tongue Your wit With beams With sound With art Doth blind Deth charm Doth rule Mine eye Mine ear Mine heart Mine eye Mine ear Mine heart With life With hope With skill Your face Your tongue Your wit Doth feel Doth feast Doth fill O face O tongue O wit With frown With check With smart Wrong not Vex not Would not Mine eye Mine ear Mine heart This eye This ear This heart Shall joy Shall bend Shall swear Your face Your tongue Your wit To serve To trust To fear

From the New York Morning Star FIVE PAGES A DAY.

To all whom it may concern. Beware of undertaking too much. There cannot be a greater fault in the business of life. Knowledge is acquired—wealth gained—(if that knowledge is worth having, or that wealth, to be reckoned upon with safety,) by little and little.

At the end of five years, he who has read five octavo pages a day, regularly, every day, and neither more nor less, under any temptation, has read 9125 pages—equal to thirty volumes octavo of 300 pages each.

Now, thirty volumes octavo, of well-chosen, well-understood, and well-digested science, would be worth more than a collegiate education, to ninety-nine persons out of a hundred.

Suppose they had been satisfied with reading five pages a day—and only five pages a day—suppose the average reading life to be fifty years—and that all began to read with advantage at five. Instead of thousands or tens of thousands of books hurried through, and forgotten; leaving no more impression upon the understanding, than the drifting clouds leave upon the summer sea—in no way exercising, clearing up, or strengthening the judgement—they would have read, or studied, thought over and remembered, but so as to be always ready their knowledge to the every day concerns of human life, only two hundred and seven-three volumes, octavo.

But if these two hundred and seventy-three volumes were properly chosen, and well adapted in every case to the phenological character of the individual—he would be master of more facts; he would be richer in the knowledge that is gained by books, than perhaps any other living man of equal capacity.

Suppose a young man about learning a trade. He is already acquainted with reading, writing and arithmetic. He has had a common-school education, and nothing more. He has been brought up to believe that learning is a sort of luxury—only to be had in colleges; that the learned professors, as they are called, are the anointed rulers of the multitude. At any rate, he sees that such is the fact, understand it as he may.

It never enters his head, poor fellow! that he can educate himself without the help of mortal man—without his living help—that is. He wants to take a high place among the sons of God—but feels discouraged and ashamed. He is poor—and his bread must be earned by a life of hardship, drudgery and self-denial; and it never for a moment passes through his mind that Books are TEACHERS—that he wants no other help than he may find in any one of a thousand libraries, open to all the world. Still less, that if he can save time to read five pages a day, he may make himself any thing he pleases, in time.

Is he a printer, a ship-builder, a blacksmith, or an apothecary? Is he a merchant or a manufacturer? a tanner and a currier, a mason, a shoemaker; or any one of a hundred classes in life, he may make himself thoroughly master not only of all that concerns his own particular business—immediately or remotely—its history, progress, and changes—but of almost every collateral branch of human science, before he gets through with a regular apprenticeship. In seven years he would have mastered—not merely read but mastered—about fifty volumes octavo, of 300 pages a piece. And he would be worth a fortune.—habits for life—habits of quiet, determined perservance.

Five such volumes, would give a young man all that he would require to know, of geometry, drawing, perspective, and architecture. Five more would make him a good chemist—so far as a familiarity with the science of Chemistry is concerned. And so with every other branch of study!

But why confine the spirit of enquiry to five pages a day? Why not say ten, twenty, fifty or a hundred? Simply because five pages a day, every day, will do more toward enriching and strengthening his mind, than a hundred pages a day, with intervals. Let him say to himself, thus much I will do every day of my life—rain or shine—before I sleep; and then, let him if he will read the newspapers and magazines, the novels and poetry of the age; for all these if read as they ought to be read, with interruptions and moderate, will be a help to him through life, by keeping him well acquainted with the doings of his fellow-men.

Beware of undertaking too much. Begin with five pages a day; as a regular daily task, and never go to six, till you are absolutely sure of being able to read six every day; and so on from year to year, till you average what you are capable of understanding, digesting and remembering—and then stop. Nothing is more common—nothing more fatal, than trying by over study to make up for past omissions.

Candidates.

FOR SHERIFF. The friends of A. R. Bradham, Esq., announce him as a candidate for the office of Sheriff at the next election.

We are authorized to announce MALLY BROGDON, Esq. a Candidate for the Office of Sheriff of Sumter District, at the next Election.

We are authorized to announce Col. JOHN C. RHAME, a candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the ensuing Election.

The Friends of Richard B. BROWN, announce him as a Candidate for the Office of Sheriff of Sumter District at the ensuing Election.

We are authorized to announce Major JOHN BALLARD, as a candidate for Sheriff at the ensuing election.

The friends of William A. COLCLOUGH, Esq., announce him as a candidate for Sheriff at the next Election.

FOR CLERK. We are authorized to announce Mr. JOHN O. DURANT as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court at the ensuing election.

Mr. Editor:—Please announce JOHN DARGAN JONES, as a candidate for reelection to the office of Clerk of the Court for Sumter District, and oblige the SUMTERIANS.

We are authorized to announce DANIEL H. RICHBOURG, a candidate for the office of Clerk at the ensuing election.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR. We are authorized to announce ALEXANDER WATTS, Esq., as a Candidate for Tax Collector, of Claremont county at the ensuing Election.

Drugs and Medicines, AT CHARLESTON PRICES. Z. J. DeHAY, SUCCESSOR TO J. A. CLEVELAND, DRUGGIST AND APOTHECARY, NEARLY OPPOSITE MASONIC HALL, CAMDEN, S. C.

Takes this method of informing the citizens of Sumter, Darlington, and the adjacent country, that he keeps always on hand, a fresh and well selected stock of Drugs, Chemicals, Paints, Oils and Dye Stuffs; Window Glass and Putty, Patent Medicines and Perfumery. Soaps, Brushes, Combs and Fancy Articles. THOMPSONIAN MEDICINES, Embracing every article now used in the Practice; &c. &c.

All of which will be sold as low as articles of the same quality can be bought in Charleston, for CASH or CREDIT. Physicians, Planters, and Country Merchants will do well to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere.

A CARD. The subscriber, having taken, the corner Store, (known as McLane's) would, most respectfully, acquaint his old Friends, and the Public at large, that he will at all times take pleasure to accommodate them, in Cutting and Making up Garments, in the most Fashionable and substantial manner.

He will keep constantly on hand a fresh and seasonable assortment, of outfitting, of the latest and most approved Fashions, and hopes, by punctuality and his desire to please all, he merit a continuance of their Patronage and confidence.

NEW GOODS. A. J. & P. MOSES, Are daily receiving from New York and Charleston, and are now opening, large additions to their usual variety of GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Dry Goods, Ready-Made Clothing, Groceries HARDWARE, &c. &c.

Hats, Shoes, Saddlery, Mechanics' Tools, Salt, Iron, Paints, Medicines, Dye stuffs, &c. all of which, have been selected with great care and direct regard to the wants of this section of country, and will be sold as cheap and on as accommodating terms as can be bought in this place.

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LAW NOTICE. GREGG, PALMER & GREGG, Will practice in the Courts of Law and Equity, for Fairfield District; and GREGG & GREGG, will practice in Kershaw and Sumter, in addition to Richland.

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J. L. HAINSWORTH, SURGEON DENTIST, SUMTERVILLE, S. C.

A CARD. The subscriber takes this method of informing his friends and the public, that he has purchased the DRUG STORE of Dr. J. A. Cleveland, where he will continue the business on his own account; and hopes by strict attention, and constant endeavors to please, to merit a continuance of their patronage.

\$100 Dollars Reward. Runaway, from the subscriber, on the 21st of March, his son WILLIAM, aged 14 years, looks very hearty. At the last accounts, he was seen on the rail road, walking to Camden.

THOS. HANCOCK. Black River, Middle Salem, 29th March, 1840.

NEW DRUG STORE. The subscriber would respectfully inform his customers, friends, and the public generally of Sumter, that he has, and will constantly keep on hand, a Fresh and well selected stock of Medicines, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Window Glass and Putty; Fine Soaps and Fancy Articles; all of which will be sold cheap, by R. SIDNEY MELLETT, M.D.

New Goods. The undersign has just received a full and general assortment of New Goods, which he will sell very low for Cash or good paper.

NOTICE. The Subscribers have formed a Copartnership, under the firm of CLARK & LEWIS.

NEW GOODS. The subscribers would respectfully inform their friends, and customers, that they are now receiving their SPRING STOCK, from New-York and Charleston; which they will sell as low as can be purchased in this place, either for cash or to approved customers.

10,000 SEGARS for Sale by L. B. HANKS.

Wanted. Three or four Negro Shoe Makers, for which liberal wages will be given.

Encephalus, Jr. The subscriber, through the solicitation of his friends, has made arrangements to stand his celebrated Horse BUCEPHALUS, Jr. in Sumter District, the ensuing Spring.

Encephalus, Jr. Bucephalus, Jr. was got by J. P. Rodgers' Bucephalus; he by Williams' Bucephalus of Virginia, and he by Old imported Bedford. Old Bucephalus dam was by old king Herod, and he by Twig; Twig by the old imported Jancy; his dam was, according to information, a Medley.

Encephalus, Jr. will be let to race at \$4.00, \$5.00 the season, and \$10.00 to insure, 25 cents to the mare for the insurance. Parting with the mare for the insurance in every instance. Every care will be taken to prevent accidents, but no liability ahead any occur.

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