BY WILLIAM MORRIE,

Love is Enough, though the World be a-warn ing,
And the woods have no voice but the voice of

complaining, Though the sky be too dark for dim eyes to discover'

The gold-cups and daisies fair blooming there-Though the hill be held shadows, and the sea

dark wonder, And this day draw a veil over deeds pased

Yet their hands shall not tremble, their feet

shall not falter; The void shall not weary, the fear shall not alter These lips and these eyes of the loved and the lover.

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### MOON'S PHASES.

First Full. Last ( New.	2'tr. 3 h, 13 i	m. 2d. m. 10th. m. 16th. m. 24th.	Evening. Morning. Evening. Morning.
May.	DAYS.	SUN RISES.	SUN SET
18. 19. 22. 21. 22. 23. 24.	Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Thursday,	5.5. 5.6. 5.7. 5.7. 5.8. 5.8. 5.9.	7.7. 7.7. 7.7. 7.6. 7.5. 7.5.

We acknowledge, with pleasure, the receipt of the communication of our fair correspondent "X," which shall appear next week-having come to hand too late for the present issue.

Farmers are preparing to "lay by" their cotton Crops. Please "lay by \$2.00 for subscription to - you know

### Thoughts for the Month.

As the planter approaches the end of his crop-making operations, he sometimes permits himself to become a little remiss in his exertion or in his vigilance, and the "laying by" is less carefully done than the previous cultivation. This is a great error. The last working, (though it may be light, if the previous ones have been thorough) should be done with extra care, so that the field may be left clean and in full possession of the crop and nothing else. Corn must be kept clean till the blades meet across the rows, then laid by, sowing peas broad-cast at the last working. These will shade the ground and furnish a good crop of peas, or of pea vine hay, or an excellent green manure to turn under. It is not well to stop the ploughs and hoes in the cotton too soon, but when you find that the sweep will not much longer be able to pass without breaking the branches " lay by" with a careful working. Then, and not till then, consider your duty in the way of cultivation done. You want hay, but the cotton field is not a good place typake it. One crop at a time is the rule and cotton, unlike corn, requires the

whole season. -As partial exceptions to the rule of one crop at a time, we advise peas with corn, and in some cases the small grains with cotton, as they make most of their growth after the original crop has ceased to require the soil. Oats may be sown at the last working of the cotton, no extra labor being required, except the broadcasting of the seed between the rows, in advance of the ploughs; but oats sown so early in the season require to be fed off before the final picking of the cotton, to prevent them from prematurely throwing up the seed stem. Sheep do this work, with great benefit to themselvs and with no damage to the cotton, provided of course, that they are turned out as soon as the oats are well cropped- Wheat sown later, requires to be covered with the plough or cultivator. During the winter the cotton stalks must be broken down, when the grain will have full possession of the field, This plan has been found to work well, when the land has been in good condition and is worthy of a more extensive trial, where labor and mule-power are scarce; but it does not permit that thorough preparation of the land necessary to the best result in small grain culture.

-Those who are not yet prepared to abandon fodder pulling should endeavor to so time the operation as to give the best results attainable—that is, get a good article of fodder, with the least possible injury to the grain. If you pull too early the corn will suffer badly; while if you wait too long, the blade will be of little value. The grains should have begun to harden, to say the least, before a

blade is removed. The time is coming when we shall wonder that anybody ever committed the absurd folly of pulling fodder.

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Sweet potato draws, and cuttings of vines may still be put out in this latitude but do not delay this work, as it will soon be too late for a crop. In working the sweet potato crop, avoid covering the vines; many, we are aware, take pains to cover the vines, thinking it increases the crop, but there can be no greater mistake. Prevent them from taking root between the rows by lifting the vines now and then, especially after heavy rains; or, better still, if practicable, mulch the ground heavily, between the rows and thus prevent the vines from taking root.

Hay is a most important and too much neglected crop. Make all you can, and prepare to make more next year, by getting some suitable land into grass. Cow peas may be sown broadcast, as a separate crop, for hay. From a bushel to a bushel and a half per acre will be a sufficient seeding.

-Turnips should be largely planted. Prepare the land thoroughly and manure heavily, and you may make your first sowing about the last of this month; and if it fail, you can try again in ten days, and so on, till a stand is obtained; but August and September are generally better months for sowing the main crop.

### HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY.

HOW TO KEEP OUT RATS AND MICE. This is my plan for keeping them out of barrels of sugar, flour, meal, lard; &c. After the barrel as unheaded, take off the top hoop and put on an iron hoop, letting it fit tolerably tight, and let it project a quarter or a half an inch above the top of the barrel, and then have a lid fitted on quite level and let it project over the side of the barrel about two inches, and I assure you that no mouse can get in by cutting his way, as is their custom, for the iron hoop prevents them SUBSCRIBER.

SWEET PICKLED CUCUMBERS.-Pare one peck of ripe cucumbers, quarter them engthwise and simmer them in slightly salted water until you can stick a straw through them easily. Then take the fruit out of the water and put in jars. Have ready a syrup made of a pint and a half of good vinegar, four and a half pounds rf sugar, rnd spices to taste, and pour it hot over the cuuumbers, cover up and and set away in a cool place. In a couple of bays pour off the syrup, heat up again and pour hot over the fruit as before. Be careful not to have too much salt in the dirst process. The rule is, a pound and a half of sugar to every half pint of vinegar for the syrup.

SCUPPERNORG WINE,-A correspondent of the Mobile Register furnishes the following simple recipe: Gather the grapes when fully ripe and crush them in a tub or trough with a common maul, after which press the juice out as close as possible-I. E., as long as it will run; put two pounds of the best white sugar to each gallon of juice; fill a cask brimming full and leave the bung open. When fermentation ceases, stop bung in barrel tight; it will take about twenty days to ferment. Bore a spigot hole in barrel with gimlet, and put spiget in it, and try it frequently by taking spigot out to see if fermentation is entirely over.

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