

THE EVENING NEWS.

Thursday, December 1, 1870.

THE GOOD OLD PLOW.

Let them sing who may of the battle fray,
And the deeds that have long since past,
Let them chant in praise of the tar whose
days

Are spent on the ocean vast;
I would render to these all the worship you
please,
I would honor them even now,
But I'd give far more, from my heart's full
store,

To the cause of the Good Old Plow.

Let them laud the notes that in music float
Through the bright and glittering halls;

While the am'rous twirl of the hair's bright
curl.

Roun't the shoulder of beauty falls;
But dearer to me is the song from the tree,

And the rich and blossoming bough,
O, these are the sweets which the farmer
grows.

As he follows the Good Old Plow.

Full many there be that daily we see
With a selfish and hollow pride,

Who the plowman's lot, in his humble cot,

With a scornful look deride:

But I'd rather take a hearty shake

From his hand than to weath'ld I bow,

For the honest clasp of his hand's rough
grasp.

Has stood by the Good Old Plow.

All honor then, to those gay old men,
When at last they are bowed with toil;

Their warfare o'er they battle no more,

For they've conquered the stubborn soil;

And the chaplet each wears is his silver
hair.

And yet shall the victor's brow
With a laurel crown, to the grave go down

Like the son of the Good Old Plow.

THE HEALTH OF OUR GIRLS.

How many perfectly healthy women

of thirty-five, or even twenty-five, do

any of us know? Could they not all be

told on our fingers? And oh, what a

weariness in life to a broken-down

mother, with the wants and cares of

life clustering about her; while she has

no strength to meet them? The cause

and fault is largely with mothers. They

are chiefly responsible for the sad con-

dition of our American women. The

remedy must be in paying more atten-

tion to the health of our little girls.

That should be the great considera-

tion next to our moral training. The in-

tellectual culture must give place to this

most important matter, or the saddest

results will surely follow. If the culti-

vation of a sound, vigorous constitution

is made the main object for the first

fifteen or sixteen years, there will be a

vast amount of suffering swept away

from our land in the next generation.

The present school system for young

ladies is a terrible drain on the life force,

and a thorough change should be de-

manded by mothers before entrusting

their girls to its tender mercies. The

overflowing spirits of our boys drive

them to vigorous out-door sports, which

largely counteract the influences of the

poisoned, heated air in ill-ventilated

school rooms, and the over-taxing of

brain by the multiplicity of lessons.

But the girl's habits and the general

sentiment of "good society" tend in her

case entirely to the other way. Hearty

play is "unlady-like" and what well-

bred girl will risk acquiring such a reputa-

tion? This sentiment works its dead-

ly mischief, but it may in a measure be

counteracted by giving our girls do-

mestic employment. This may be

varied and is very healthful, because of

the multitude of muscles brought into

action. Besides, it is a lesson which

will be of life-long service to them.

Early instill into their minds the prin-

ciple that work is noble and honorable

—that to be a useless drone in the

world's hive is despicable. Teach them

to live for a purpose, and to consider all

right knowledge as so much gained to-

ward the great end. No one can tell

where or when these little lessons,

learned so thoughtlessly at the time,

may come in use, nor how great may

be their value. But with all your ac-

quitements, let "a sound mind in a

sound body," be your study and aim

unceasingly, and if God spares your life

you will not fail to see your reward.—

Country Gentleman.

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THRILLING STORY OF A WESTERN

VENDETTA.—St. Louis, November 2.—

Intelligence received from Southeast

Missouri gives an account of a desper-

ate and fatal affray which occurred at

Vather's River on Friday last. Ander-

son Shephard, an old hunter, 65 years

of age, was in his boat on the river,

when he was approached by another

boat containing three men, between

whom and Shephard, an old feud has

existed. As soon as the boats came

within shooting range one of the men

fired at Shephard and broke his right

arm. Shephard seized his rifle, rested

it on the side of the boat and killed his

assassin. The two others then began

firing at him, but he managed with his

teeth and left hand to load his rifle, and

finally, after receiving seven bullets in

his body, killed them both. He then

managed to reach the shore, where he

was received by persons attracted to the

river bank by the firing, and taken home, where he now lies in a critical

condition.

UNCONSCIOUS INFLUENCE OVER ANI-

MALS.—The horse is like his master, and

the dog like his master. A nervous

timorous man is almost sure to have a

skittish horse, shying at anything, un-

steady, and a runaway if he gets the

chance. Many a cow is spoiled by lack

of patience and quietness in the milker,

and the amount of milk depends more

upon the milkier than the pasture.

If a man is afraid of a horse, the ani-

mal knows it before he goes into the

stable. We have seen the most offend-

ive cow in the herd so wrought upon

by the nervousness of a greenhorn son

of Erin, so as to dexterously plant her

foot in his breast and send him rolling

heels over head. A noisy, boisterous

follow about fattening tables will cause

a serious loss in gain of flesh to the ani-

mal, so important is quiet to them

when they are digesting their food.—

Miss. Ploughman.

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