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MY NEIGHBOR.

My neighbor's ... and ... as the walls on ...
For the ... that ... not hope ... small ...
The days ... have drifted ... sorrow and ... fall,
But ... eyes ... gladdened by the sight of a ... sail.

And I must not offer to carry the burden her weak arms bear,
The weight that my hands are lifting she may not offer to share.
While ... sweep shoreward and ... a wreck of ...
Then I must not offer her comfort or shelter her hapless head.

And I, ... weary ... I know we are one in heart.
We pass the ... together, but in speech keep ... apart.
For I never speak to my neighbor—and she ... not speak to me—
Of the ships that we wait together by the shore of the ... sea.

But I, I may sing of courage and of hope ... the watcher's ...
Look up from the wreck strewn ... to light in the ... skies;
I may sing of the bright ... where the ... full and warm,
Far over the ... harbors, where the ships outride the storm.

I may sing of ... that can watch till the day is done.
Till ... ships are ... with their cargoes, one by one:
And I know I comfort the neighbor who is ... by me,
While we watch and wait together for the ships that we long to see.

—Housekeepers' Weekly.

Honest Regret.

Little five-year-old Arthur had been sent into the country to stay three months at his grandpa's. It was bitter March weather, too cold even for the lad to see out of doors, for the windows were coated with thick white frost.

"Can I go outdoors today, grandma?" bravely asked the lad, as he came down stairs the second morning after his arrival. "No, of course not. You must stay right here by the fire, where it is warm."

The boy sighed and began playing with the cat. "Arthur," commanded one of the three maiden aunts, "get up, quick; you will soil your stockings." The young nephew obeyed without protest. But it was rather lonesome, and pretty soon he tried the organ.

"Arthur," commanded aunt No. 2, "stop that noise immediately. Your grandpa ... to read." Again the youthful visitor obeyed. This time he went to the window and began scratching the frost off with a pin so that he could see out. "Arthur," instructed aunt No. 3, "stop that! Come away from the window."

Arthur stepped back from the window, put his hands in his pockets, looked first at the spectacled grandparents, then at at the three aunts poised about the room like statues on a pedestal, and said, "If I didn't have to live here I'd be glad."—New York Recorder.

His Fortune.

Wealth and poverty are relative terms, as almost every one must have learned by his own experience. Many a man who now thinks twenty dollars a week pretty small wages can remember the time when he felt rich with half that sum.

A citizen of Westerly, R. I., says the historian of the town, enlisted as a privateer during one of the early wars of the country. It was perilous business, but patriotic feelings and visions of gold carried the day with him.

His cruise was long and eventful, but at last he returned home and received an appropriate welcome. As soon as the first greetings were over, his mother inquired:

"Well, Harry, how have you made out? Did you get much money?"

"Oh, yes, mother; good luck. I am rich. I shall have enough, with prudence in the care of it, to carry me through life, I hope."

"I am glad, my son; but how much did you get?"

"Well, I don't know exactly, but I think when we settle up I shall have as much as thirty dollars."

Seemed Like Amos.

Silas Rolse was a strong, hard working farmer; his brother Amos was a confirmed invalid who, three or four times a year, had "spells" of expecting to die, but, nevertheless, always managed to live. Still, he was really ill, and many thought him to be in considerable danger.

But, while Amos was sick and expecting to die, it chanced that the strong Silas did actually die very suddenly. A messenger carried the sad news to his sister Elvira, a grim spinster, who lived in a distant part of the town.

She heard the message with ... incredulity.

"'Taint Silas ye mean; it's Amos," she said in reply.

"Why, no," answered the messenger. "I mean Silas. Amos is all right. It's Silas that is dead."

"Wal, p'r'aps it's so," was the reluctant rejoinder, "but I wouldn't ha' b'lieved it o' Silas; 't seems a good deal more like Amos."—Youth's Companion.

The farmer should not own a farm so large that he cannot find time to devote to his grounds, yards and garden. A farmer with too much land is more the slave than the lord of his domain.

It is generally supposed that such things as sawdust have little or no value; but when they are used as absorbents to collect the liquid manure they at once attain a commercial value not to be despised.

New land is advocated if turnips high in quality and free from worms are desired.

According to the live stock report, the imports of wool for the year will be about 100,000,000 pounds.

According to the government report, the potato crop is not only a big one, but of fine quality.

Every farmer should have a thrifty asparagus bed for the use of his family in the spring.—Farmers' Review.

Color Blindness.

An English engineer, forty years of age, was dismissed from his situation because he was unable to correctly distinguish colors. Dr. M. Reich, who examined the man, and who afterward published the results of his examinations in a Russian paper, found sight, focus and sensation of light normal, and discovered no disease by the ophthalmoscope, yet the patient could distinguish no colors where of a dark shade, and only yellow and blue when of a light shade. The patient assured Dr. Reich that he had been able to distinguish colors correctly and with confidence up to the summer of 1889. He said that through overexertion and insufficiency of sleep he had then suffered from violent headache for two weeks, and that afterward he saw everything as if it were red. The latter symptom had continued for three months, after which time he had lost all sensation of color. In the beginning of May, 1890, he presented himself again, declaring that he had perfectly regained the power to distinguish colors. A thorough examination completely confirmed the assurance given by the patient, who was consequently again fit for service. Dr. Reich believes that "erythropsy" is due to central ... The case seems to show that sensation of color is perfectly independent of the physiological function.—New York Ledger.

Metal Protected by Oil.

If the method of charging ... oil with lead, which is said to have been discovered, is found practicable, the value of that abundant product will be greatly increased. The process as at present defined is of the utmost simplicity. One gallon of pure ... oil is placed in a suitable iron vessel into which twenty pounds of molten lead are poured. After a thorough stirring the lead separates into globules, and when the oil has been poured off, after cooling, there is found to be about seventeen pounds of lead, the remainder having been absorbed by the oil.

On the lead being again melted and the operation repeated to the fifth pouring—the amount of lead absorbed being less at each succeeding pouring—the total amount of lead absorbed is about ten pounds. The oil thus charged with lead is then used as a paint, being applied in the ordinary way to metallic surfaces. It is claimed that this liquid, which adheres closely and becomes very hard, is especially useful in protecting metals from oxidation or corrosion.—New York Telegram.

Killing an Artist's Pet.

A little story is told of Du Maurier, the well known artist of Punch, the Englishman's ... idea of wit, humor and burlesque. The artist lives in a beautiful country home near London, and one of his pet views is from his study window across his own lawn out beyond to the landscape surrounding Harrow. An American, of America to the west, recently visited him for a day, and Mr. Du Maurier was showing his guest about the place.

"There," he said, coming to his favorite window, "is the prettiest thing of all. That is Harrow."

The American looked out for a minute or two.

"Harrow?" he said inquiringly.

"Yes," repeated the artist, "Harrow."

"Is that so?" questioned the visitor. "Well, now, do you know, I took it for a lawn mower."

And he wasn't joking, either. He had overlooked the landscape entirely, and was looking at an agricultural machine on the lawn, and the artist's heart was broken.—Detroit Free Press.

Queer Superstitions.

If you pay out money on Monday morning you will pay out money all the rest of the week. It is unlucky to spill salt at the table, and to rub a humpback will bring luck to any immediate project you have in view. To leave the house and then suddenly return to it is considered a bad omen. This is a very old superstition, but a common one with us. Lucilanda refers to it in her letter to Protesilaus, after he had left for the Trojan war.

Some years ago I asked a neighbor to haul a dead horse from the premises. He declared that if he did so one of his own horses would die within the year. I reasoned him out of the superstition and he removed the horse. Strange to say, one of the span of horses which he used for the purpose died shortly afterward.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Ammonia Poisoning.

No poison brings death with more maddening agony than ammonia, but that fact does not seem to discourage the suicide. The man Horowitz, who deliberately swallowed a fatal dose of the drug in New York, is only one of the many who have gone the ammonia route to death in spite of the excruciating pain. Dr. Blyth has recorded thirty cases of ammonia poisoning in the small London district of which he is health officer. Professor Mitchell mentions twenty-two cases, and four have occurred during the short time Dr. Jenkins has been connected with the coroner's office in New York.—Exchange.

A Mean Bridegroom.

Dr. Howard, of Flatbush, L. I., was routed out at midnight to marry a couple and was compelled to arouse his family to act as witnesses. He was given a fat package by the bridegroom, upon the latter's departure. The good doctor spent half an hour or so unwinding paper after paper from that package only to find at last a silver quarter which had been used as a sleeve button. One face had been ground smooth and ornamented with a monogram.—New York World.

Water is Cheap.

In the old days when water was carried around on carts the price per barrel was nine cents. That price did not seem exorbitant; was thought cheap. Now the cost to the consumer is about one-third of a cent per barrel—thirty barrels for ten cents. And at that rate the city makes large profits. Out of these profits is paid the cost of pipe extensions and renewals and of various other matters, and still there remains unbudgeted revenue amounting to nearly $600,000. The rate of profit will rapidly increase in the future, inasmuch as a great deal of piping has been done in advance of population. Vacant spaces will henceforth be filled in with improvements and people rather than new spaces acquired. Extensions of the water service in many directions and to extreme distances are therefore nearly complete and permanent.—Chicago Herald.

ABOUT CABBAGES.

Favorite Tried Varieties—How to Keep Late Kinds Through the Winter.

With a deep, rich soil, good seed and thorough cultivation, cabbage growing is pretty sure to be a success. Plants for early use are started in a hot bed or cold frame, and seed for winter cabbage is sown in a seed bed early in spring. In the south seed is sown from the middle of September to the middle of October, and transplanted into cold frames, where it is preserved through the winter for early setting into open ground. In transplanting cabbage the general rule is that they must be set into the ground up to the first leaf, no matter how long the stem may be. Many gardeners sow seed in the fall for early spring and winter the plants in cold frames, protecting them with boards or matting; in the spring they are transplanted as soon as the ground can be worked.

Cabbage that is to be kept through the winter should be pulled on a dry day and turned head down to drain well for a short time. Then they may be stored in a cool cellar or buried head down in long trenches dug in well drained soil. In the middle states the head and a portion of the stump is buried in the open ground and a little covering of straw or boards protects during the coldest weather.

EARLY WINNINGSTADT CABBAGE.

Of early varieties the Wakefield is a favorite with market gardeners, being a very sure heading sort. The All Seasons is a recent acquisition which may be planted early or late, forms very large and solid heads, is said to stand heat and dry weather remarkably well and keeps well. The wrinkled leaved Savoy cabbages are the standard English sorts for table use. They are considered as of finer flavor than the smooth sorts, especially after being touched by the first autumn frosts.

A favorite variety for general use is the Early Winningstadt, an early variety, yet if sown late it is good for fall or even winter. It has been claimed that it suffers less from the cabbage worm than any other sort. In shape it somewhat resembles Jersey Wakefield, but is larger and later. Popular Gardening says: "Early Winningstadt, here illustrated, was always a favorite of ours. Wherever you plant it, if the soil conditions are only half way favorable, you may be sure of getting good heads. We might say that we have never made a failure with this variety, which is more than we could say of any other. It seems to make little difference either where the seed was grown, whether in Germany, France, Long Island or on Puget sound, the results have always been satisfactory. Whoever has usually but indifferent success with cabbages, let him try this variety." The late flat Dutch and the large Drumhead represent excellent fall and winter varieties and good keepers.

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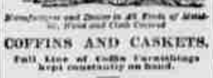

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