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LETTER FROM TOPEKA. BY CORA M. DOWNS.

OFFICE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, STATE FAIR. DEAR SPIRIT: "The momentous crisis which was to have arriven has arroven!" In other words, the State Agricultural Fair is in full blast. The drums are pounding, the brass blasters screaming, the showmen are elocutionizing, and the crowd is going about and around, seemingly without special purpose or endeavor.

Coming up on the cars yesterday we saw the distinguished men of the nation jumbled in, "permisslowly in consequence of carrying so much great-

ning, where three Congressmen and one United tural interests of the State. States Senator held forth to—I suppose—an apprehend, that the audience could more easily swallow reported the same very briefly in a letter to that

He is a man of rather fine presence, but labors un- published the letter of course, leaving out the pith listen to his non-sonorous sentences, and that is be even with him sometime when I "tak' notes" of that John Randolph had a wirey shrick that used to the politicians. pierce the solid hulk of the body politic. Col. Phillips has a national reputation as one of the men whose voice and hand is for freedom, and whether with voice or pen, he fought those battles for free speech and equality which have become historic.

who were not Congressmen, call him a tame man; thing generally if the crowd is greater than the exbut he was fierce enough in his onslaught on the hibition. bolters of the Republican party. His speech was onvinces his audience that he is a good man for his place, which is a great deal for these times, when we are constantly being harrassed with hearing of the unfitness of things.

Then followed our little Cobb, with a flourish of to the Exposition in Kansas City. trumpets from the man of introductions-"Gallant nominated for Congress. I fully concur with him, into pictured significance. that he is the lest man that could possibly have been selected. When he was relating what he Gallery. would do when he got to Washington, a voice in the back part of the meeting called out, pleadingly, office I can hear the band appealing by stirring strains to the eager crowd. "Ethan Allen," not booked for a race, but stately stepping shows his gural) address, and that is, if he will only leave out and not the chief corner stone—we shall all be glad is twenty-four years old. to see him where it is his "acme" to be.

quiet, unostentatious gentleman, of kindly face and It looked wonderfully like a prognostication. prepossessing manners. The best wish I could wish itics from indignant feet, and be allowed to find the dignified and elegant leisure which he enjoyed before the political "sarpents" got after him.

So ended the Wigwam Meeting. Some loud calls were made for Pomeroy, but that jovial and pleasant farmer was doubtless taking a nap at his hotel. He looks as if all the shafts of fate were not going to pierce him,-happy, contented, and full of pleasant speech.

This morning, therefore, after that late bombardtwo legs, I have forgotten which, and a wonderful something else which I do n't dare describe. We the crowd: "Walk in-gentlemen! Don't leave on our banners!"

The fruit show this fall is without parallel, says everybody, in magnificent specimens of size, beauty, complexion and perfection.

Geo. T. Anthony is enthusiastic over his gorgeous pomological exhibition. He says that if such a fruit display as this could be kept up for three weeks at kus like"—Kalloch, and Pomeroy, and Clarke, and such a fair as the American Institute in New York, dant, and his crowds go away filled. Caldwell, and several others. The train moved it would be worth millions of dollars to this State. George T. Anthony is a success in whatever he un-The query is still in my mind as to what brings man would call him a two faced man. He is solid, tival, where one is to meet the beauty and the chivpeople out to attend fairs. I can understand why frank, brave, truthful, honest, and worth a fortune alry. the politicians turn out in force—this was demon- to the farmers of the State, representing by the strated by a performance at the wigwam last eve- press and personal endeavor as he does, the agricul-

Talking of political speech-making a while back, ciative audience. Five times we were told why we I wanted to say that Mr. Anthony makes the most should not vote for Horace Greeley. The Presi- forcible and convincing political speeches of any dent of the Grant & Wilson Club, in introducing Kansas orators I have had the happiness to hear. each speaker, first covered his victim all over with He made a splendid effort and argument for the Rean oleaginous envelope of flattery, in order, I appre- publican party one evening lately at Wyandotte. I him. Col. Phillips addressed the audience at length. most amiable of editors, D. R. Anthony, and he Exposition at Kansas City next week.

der the disadvantage of a thin voice for a man of of the letter which alluded to the Anthony who his size. There is one comfort, however, when we made the speech; for which little amiability I must

The fine arts department and the industrial exhibitions in Floral Hall are below their average.

The crowds in attendance upon this Fair, notwithstanding the splendid weather, are not so great as last year. I find that a Fair is pronounced suc-Then came Judge Lowe-who is not a low man, cessful as the crowd surges hither and thither and by any manner of means. I had heard some men the jam is insupportable. It is considered a big

In the mechanical department, so little do I know full of earnest purpose and strong in its enthusiasm of wheels and pulleys, springs, and other contrivanfor the standard bearers of Republican principles. ces of invention and ingenuity, that I am glad I am only a chance letter writer and not a reporter.

Mr. Knight's display in the photograph line is unsurpassed by anything I have ever seen in Kansas or Missouri. I hope he will take some of his work

With Mr. Knight and the sun to fasten your linand chivalrous Cobb," &c., etc., enough to crush a eaments upon a card, you can go down to posterity modest man, but entirely harmless to the unextining in imperishable light and shadows-I think it is guished orator who threw off his wrappings and said he can make a homely person look almost leaped to the front. I am entirely glad that he is handsome, as he fixes the features by his magic art

Do not go to Topeka without visiting Riverside

A race is now progressing; from the Secretary's the personal pronouns, I, me, and mine, and stick For my part, he looks to me like any other lively to the great issues of the day, forgetting himself, bay, moving lightly and nimbly in harness, and I "sinking shop," in fact, and identifying himself should never suppose that he would bring so many only with the Republican party, as he is a pillar thousands in value as they profess he is worth. He

There was a nimble pacer on the course yester-Mr. Caldwell closed the meeting by a few remarks day, as white as snow, which the crowd named upon the political aspect. He said a few rather pithy things abo. Kansas editors. He seems a up finally by coming out clear behind everything.

The cows and calves, and sheep and pigs, I am him is that he may kick off the dust of Kansas pol- not qualified to judge of, and I will leave it for male judges to report them properly. One huge porker was worried for half an hour yesterday till it was made to stand up for ten seconds, when down it sank in porcine heaviness of heart and body heaving a sigh like an expiring engine.

I wonder if a fair pays financially for all the annoyance and hard work and wear and tear of nerve, muscle, energy and patience. Our faithful secretary, Mr. Gray, is working like a martyr, and the work grows in magnitude. Thank fortune that I ing of speech making and patriotism, we were all am only a weak member of an awarding commit-14 sleepy, and some of us were late at the Fair; but tee, where I am to be assisted by such important we found the man who dilates upon the wonderful assistants as Gov. Harvey and our new to be Auditcow with two tails and five legs, or five tails and or of State, Web. Wilder, and our pet literarian J. J. Ingalls of Atchison. And as the hour for business has arrived, I must fold my sheets "like an found him still indulging in exhaustive appeals to Arab," and deliver them over to the chief of "THE SPIRIT," who is stalking around upon the earth your ladies outside! We'll give you your money looking as if the Fair Ground was his own especial back if you do n't see everything that we show you stamping ground, and as if he owned all things terrestial, which I am certain he does not.

The hotels are crowded. Last night I suppered at the Fifth Avenue, and dinnered at the Tefft House whose only five kinds of meat were spread before me, (I wonder if my reputation as a gormandizer has preceded me.) Mr. Smith is said to make an admirable host. At any rate his tables are abun-

Topeka is a nice place. The people are generous and hospitable, and social life and festivity are the dertakes, because he is dreadfully in earnest. No order of the hour. To-night there is a church fes-

COL. SELLS.

Hon. Elijah Sells, of Lawrence, talks of moving to Colorado. He has been in this State long enough to secure a good standing, and we hope he will find it to his interest to remain,-[Humboldt Union.

We fully concur with the "Union." Col. Sells is a good citizen and an able man. He is one of the sort of men that the State cannot afford to lose. We enter a protest against his going.

#### The Farm.

#### WORK AND WAIT.

A husbandman who many years Had ploughed his fields and sown in tears Grew weary with his doubts and fears.

"I toil in vain! These rocks and sands Will yield no harvest to my hands; The best seeds rot in barren lands.

"My drooping vine is withering; No promised grapes its blossoms bring; No birds among its branches sing.

"My flock is dying on the plain, The heavens are brass—they yield no rain: The earth is iron-I toil in vain!"

While yet he spake a breath had stirred His drooping vine, like wing of bird, And from its leaves a voice he heard:

"The germs and fruits of life must be Forever hid in mystery, Yet none can toil in vain for me.

"A mightier hand, more skilled than thine, Must hang the clusters on the vine. And make the fields with harvest shine.

"Man can but work; God can create; But those who work, and watch, and wait, Have their reward, though it come late. "Look up to heaven! behold and hear

The clouds and thunderings in thy ear-An answer to thy doubts and fear." He looked, and lo! a cloud-draped car,

With trailing smoke and flames afar, Was rushing from a distant star. And every thirsty flock and plain Was rising up to meet the rain

That came to clothe the fields with grain. And on the clouds he saw again The covenant of God with men,

Re-written with His rainbow pen: "Seed time and harvest shall not fail, And though the gates of hell assail, My truth and promise shall prevail."

#### HOEING AND WEEDING.

We think many farmers fail to recognize the importance of clean culture for their field crops, and often neglect to hoe and weed as they should. If they do the work at all, it is not done in season, and so the crop suffers injury. We have seen fields where the weeds were allowed to grow until the crop could hardly be seen, and then the attempt would be made to hoe or weed it out. Such a course must be injurious. In the first place, the weeds exhaust the manure intended alone for the crop; they get such a start that in removing them the crop is often injured; it costs a great deal for labor to accomplish the work. Then the crop is often greatly benefited by hoeing. Now, the only way is for the farmer to plant or sow only so much as can be properly cared for, and then attend to the hoeing and weeding in season. Weeds should never be allowed to get more than an inch high. We remember some years ago being in Rochester, N. Y., and going over acres of ground belonging to the largest commercial nursery in that place; and on all those acres we did not see as many weeds as it would take to fill a bushel basket. The rule then was to run the plow and cultivator, and keep the hoe going constantly, so that the weeds should not be allowed to make any headway. Remember that if a single crop of weed seed be deposited in the soil, it may take years to recover from the effects. "What is worth doing is worth doing well," and this should be the motto of every farmer. Never let the crops suffer because of weeds. Only the slovenly farmer will do it unless under peculiar circumstances that cannot be avoided.

### LET US SAY RAM, INSTEAD OF BUCK.

Most of our correspondents, and in fact, a large proportion of sheep breeders, fall into the error of designating the male sheep as a "buck." It would be equally proper to call the ewe a "doe." These latter terms belong to the male and female of the fallow deer, and are sometimes applied to the goat and the rabbit, but are always misapplied when used in speaking or writing of the sheep. Just when or how the misnomer started, we cannot say, nor does it make much difference, as its application has become quite too general. With the exception of that for the State Fair of Illinois, every premium list we have examined this season uses the term "buck" in giving premiums offered on sheep. In this practical age it is better that things should be called by their right names. The word "ram" is as short, as euphonious, as elegant, as the term which has so generally displaced it, and has the additional advantage of being proper in its application to the islature of Pennsylvania: "I know wimun, Mr. Speaker; I

There are considerable capital and energy directed toward the introduction and utilization of the Angora goat, in several portions of the United States. Should their breeding get to be somewhat general, and the male animals become subjects of commerce, the indiscriminate application of the commerce, the indiscriminate application of the other; "how can you expect an account from a man who has term "buck" will probably occasion some confusion lost his balance?" and misunderstanding, as well as make apparent the folly we have so long encouraged, of giving to one race of animals the designative term which belongs to another.

A quiet man rang his neighbor's door-bell one night. "Is the gentleman in?" he asked of the servant. "I do n't know. Did you wish to see him particularly?" "Oh no! I merely wanted to tell him his house is on fire."

"I don't mean to reflect on you," said a coarse would-be wit to a man whom he had insulted. "No," was the reply, "you're not polished enough to reflect upon anybody."

#### RAISING POTATOES FROM THE SEED

Raising potatoes from the seed is, according to the "Agriculturist," an interesting but not very encouraging field for experiment. We have now many fine potatoes, and one who raises from the seed must produce something better than we now have to make his labor remunerative. Nevertheless, experiments are not to be discouraged. Potato seed is that which is produced in the balls which are found upon the vines. From the seed contained in these there is no probability of getting potatoes like the parent tuber, and each of the many seeds a ball contains may produce a widely different one from the same ball, and in this manner new varieties are produced. The ball of the potato selected for seed should be from the earliest set upon the vines; this, when ripened as much as can be upon the stem, should be cut, with a good portion of the vine, and placed in the sun to mature. In spring the seeds are to be sown, and the plants treated precisely like tomato plants. Sow in a hot-bed, or in a box in the house, and when large enough, transplant to other boxes, and, when the weather will allow, plant in good soil out of doors.

#### SHEEP AS WEED EXTERMINATORS.

It may not be known to farmers in general, that it is a common practice in some parts of the country to turn sheep into the potato field, for the purpose of eating down the weeds. The sheep will not touch the potato vine. This pasturing with sheep is advantageous, when the crop is a late planted one, so that the hoeing cannot be completed until after the having or harvesting is finished. At the growing season it is the farmer's aim to keep down the grass and weeds, so that they may be covered by the cultivator and hoe, when these are used. Pasturing with sheep will attain this object Early planted crops, the cultivation of which is completed in the early part of the summer, frequently become grassy and weedy before the time of digging, when the size of the tops precludes cul- REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE AGENT. tivation. In this stage the sheep are economical weeders. It is hardly necessary to mention that the feed thus given to the sheep makes a double profit, inasmuch as it costs absolutely nothing, while labor is saved, and weeds prevented from seeding .- ["Observer."

#### TREAT THE COWS WELE.

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"Teeth extracted with great pains," is the rather ambiguous advertisement of a dentist.

Where is money first mentioned in the Bible?-When the dove brought the green back to Noah.

A dumb man recently went to law with a deaf man. The

latter, of course, was the deaf-endant. Queen Elizabeth always displayed her worst temper in her

A celebrated wit was asked if he knew Theodore Hook. 'Yes," he replied, "Hook and eye are old acquaintal

best clothes. She was dreadfully ruffled then.

There are two reasons why some people don't mind their own business. One is that they have no business, and the other is that they have no mind.

A city missionary was asked the cause of his poverty. "Principally," said he, with a twinkle of the eye, "because I have preached so much without notes."

A gushing poet asks in the first line of a recent effusion, "How many weary pilgrims lie?" We give it up, but experience has taught us there are a good many.

A Chicago paper received a letter from a lady which reads as follows: "Why is it that that dear Lord Byron, who used to write such beautiful, beautiful poetry, keeps so quiet late-

A spirited paper thus comments on the weather: "The showers of the last three days will cause every stalk of corn to carry ears like a mule, while every watermelon will fancy itself a beer-keg dressed in Paris green."

A lady teacher inquired of the members of a class of juveniles if any of them could name the four seasons. Instantly the chubby hand of a five-year-old was raised, and promptly came the answer, "Pepper, salt, vinegar, and mustard."

The following speech is attributed to a member of the Legsay it in no disrespect; I know um; I have had a heap to do with um; they're a useful class, and-and yet with the best of 'em you may have trouble."

"Who is he?" said a passer-by to a policeman who was endeavoring to raise an intoxicated individual who had fallen into the gutter. "Can't say, Sir," replied the policeman; "he can't give an account of himself." "Of course not," said the

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THE TWO HOMES. I stopped at a cabin one night, A low and humble one, But the fire on the hearth was bright, And a light through the window shone. No carpet was on the floor, The chairs were rude and old, No bell-knob on the door,

No cornice or painted mould. And the circle that gathered there, No costly clothes array'd; No diamonds in the hair, No fringe, or lace, or braid. But pure contentment reigned From sire to tender son,

And the "mother" smiled unfeigned

Upon her little one.

And the cold winds sung a strain, A long and mournful din; It mattered not to us, For all was calm within. For a vase hung over the hearth, The green leaves twined above A sweet and beautiful flower, And the name of it was-Love.

I called at a mansion one night, A high and princely one; But the fire on the hearth was dim, No light through the window shone. For jeweled hands had turned The folded curtain down; And the stately form was clad In a rich and costly gown.

There was carpet upon the floor, And pictures upon the wall, A hell-knob on the door. A light hung in the hall. But the circle that gathered there Discoursed on the evening ball, On the newest mode of hair, Bereft of a waterfall.

No sweet contentment reigned From sire to daughter and son: The mother was proud and stern To each and every one. And the wind a sad strain sung, The same it had sung before. Round the humble cabin home. That sheltered me in the vore.

While peace and comfort stole To the poor and humble home, The dark clouds lingered o'er The rich, palatial one.

For a vase hung over the hearth, The leaves droop'd o'er the side, In their midst a thorn had grown, And the name of it was-Pride.

### CHEERFUL SUNDAYS.

I can never tell why country clergymen do not shut up their churches in summer, and selecting some lovely grove, there talk, not "preach," to their people. Where could be the harm of letting the "Jews" and the "doctrines" alone till cold weather, and giving, now and then, a natural "burst," born of the woods and hills and streams? Every summer how I long, as I travel about, and these lovely, calm, sweet Sabbaths dawn upon us, to have an out of door church. Nor would it distress my sanctity to see the little children rambling round us-now listening to catch a word, now straying off to pluck a flower; now spell-bound by the sweet hymn, as the leaves whisper to each other, "Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth and good will to men." No admonishing hand should be laid by me on their little shoulders with the petrifying announcement, so impossible for young childhood to understand. play-it is Sunday." "You must not laugh-it is now on the stairs or overhead in the sick chamber; Sunday."

How can a little child, of four or five years, keep from "laughing" because it is Sunday? How can he keep his little busy, restless hands folded while birds are singing, and leaves are dancing, and the brooks are sparkling in the sunlight, and earth is as fair as his own sweet, happy face.

Oh, do n't make him hate Sunday by this mistaken method of teaching him to keep it holy. Do n't begin so early to make him a little hypocrite. You will soon find in his pockets strings, and balls, and pins, and dead bugs, and every other surreptitious contrivance to relieve the horrid tedium of such a "Sunday." Do you never, my good sir or madam, get up later and go to bed earlier on that day than any other? Do you never sleep away its noonday hours because your mind gets weary with prolonged reading? Do you never, under the disguise of a ride, or a beautiful Sunday, think it best to go to a ring prayer, many sit without posture, and during more distant church than your own chosen one to the sermon some almost lie down. We once saw a hear preaching? Do you, who exact of your rest- layman in a conference meeting lead in prayer with less child such motionless propriety in these hours, his hands in his pockets. Ministers also frequently never stray off yourself to discuss warm political questions or vexed business matters with your next neighbor? Look closely into these points before elbow, as if too languid to support themselves. If settling your children's programme for the Sabbath

this the way to make it so? Will there not come and vigor for his want of magnitude. If a tall man to children so managed a terrible rebound of license and lawlessness when they are out of leading or elbow on the desk while he preaches, he will be well-meaning but mistaken parents to consider a people, than which nothing can be more offensive. seems to me preferable to this compulsory Sabbatism nity of what is said from oratory to conversation. a little child so brought up say, sorrowfully, "Oh, as though no desk were before him, and speak thus dear, it is Sunday again." Oh, put down that with conscious strength, and with a suitable respect Scott's Commentary you are already half asleep for himself and his hearers.

over, and take that disgusted, weary little child by the hand, and walk out into the fields with it, and show it God's wonderful workmanship in the varieties of trees, leaves, and flowers. Do you call that "wicked?" I tell you it is much more wicked to make a sanctimonious hypocrite of a little creature whose heart is so bursting with love and glee that you might as well try to stop the birds from singing till Monday as to repress its utterances because "it is Sunday."

Sunday? Why, on Sunday throw open all the blinds, instead of closing them as if joy lay confined and shrouded within, as truly it often does with these mistaken people. Sunday? Why, on every mantel and table lay bright, odorous flowers. Sunday, always have something very nice for the little palate to mark the day-prepared on Saturday if you choose-but have it. Sunday? Why, give your children twenty kisses on that day over above every other day in the week. Look more smiling on that day; speak more cheerfully; devote yourself to happifying your house and your children instead of groaning over "Doddridge's Rise and Progress" and calling yourself "a miserable sinner," as indeed you are! Try to mend matters, if you are sincere, by active "piety," such as this. Let your children look back from a serene old age upon happy Sundays, instead of feeling even at that late day, when its light dawns upon them, an impulse to escape its rigidity and tedium. It is because I love the day and its sweet, calm hours that I ask this. It is because I want those children to have this home anchor to keep them from straying into the paths of lawlessness and license in after years. It is because God is love that I dread your teaching your children to run away from Him instead of into His open arms.—[Fanny Fern.

#### AFTER THE FUNERAL.

Of all the returnings, that one "after the funeral" is the saddest. Who will say it is not so, that has ever followed a beloved one to the grave? While he was sick, we went in and out, anxious, sorrowing, suffering. The solicitude to relieve, and care for, and comfort him, engrossed us; the fear of losing him excited and agonized us; the apprehension of our own desolation in case he should be removed from us, almost drove us wild.

While he lay dead beneath the home roof there was hurry and bustle in preparation for the final rites. Friends are sent for, neighbors are present, the funeral arrangements are discussed, the mourning procured, the hospitalities of the house provided for; all is excitement; the loss is not yet per-

ceived in all its greatness. But, "after the funeral"-after the bustle has all subsided and things begin to move on as usual, then it is we begin to know what has befallen us. The house seems still and sepulchral, though in the heart of the city; and though its threshhold is still trod. den by friendly feet, it is as if empty. The apartments, how deserted! Especially the room where he struggled and surrendered in the last conflict. There are his clothes, there his books, there his hat and cane, there his ever-vacant seat at the family board. During his sickness we had not so much noticed these things, for we hoped ever that he might use or occupy them again. But now we know it cannot be, and we perceive the dreadful

vacuity everywhere. Oh how dark and cheerless the night shadows come down after the funeral. No moon or stars ever shone so dimly: no darkness ever seemed so utterly dark. The tickings of the clock resoun "You must not run—it is Sunday." "You must not like bell strokes all over the house. No footstep no nurse or watchers to come and say, "He is not so well and asks for you." No indeed; you may sleep on now and take your rest, if you can. Ah, poor bereaved heart! It will be long before the sweet rest you once knew will revisit your couch. Slumber will bring again the scenes through which you have just passed, and you will start from it but to find them all too real. God pity the mourner "after the funeral."

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#### MUSCULAR CHRISTIANITY.

It is but a few years comparatively since the revival of muscular christianity commenced. Since then it has had a great run, so great indeed that it has been nearly run into the ground. Mr. Wilkie Collins wrote the novel of "Man and Wife" to show as he does very effectually—that a very poor sort of a man may be great on his muscle. It is true enough that man may serve his God, and himself, Though we are happy to say that we are in no netendency of the day undeniably is to cultivate muscle at the expense of mind, to determine our young men to become perfect human animals, at any rate, leaving the intellect to take its chances. The type of this present tendency Mr. Collins has given us in his sketch of Geoffrey Delamayn. This person has features "as perfectly regular and perfectly unbecause he is nothing more that Mr. Collins draws up this formidable and highly colored indictment. This modern Briton, he tells us, is the result of the present devotion to athletic pursuits, a devotion bad both for the intellectual progress of the race and for its moral purity. A desire to surpass all others in physical pursuits is a desire to become a savage. Uncivilized man becomes an expert oarsman, a swift runner, a skillful horseman and a crack shot; but he is a brute. It is becoming every day more true that those who devote themselves racing, base ball and cricket, are very apt to become ficult to trace the divide between the amateur and the professional. With this theory Mr. Collins has age, and that of the baser sort, which constantly tends to animal brutality. He becomes a seducer, because he has no self-restraint; he abandons and civilized man.

This picture, drawn with great artistic skill, coning has been pushed too far, is very numerous. We have forgotten about softening of the brain and dyspepsia, and are now impressed with heart dislack of exercise, is not characteristic of Americans. The principal objections are, the distaste of intellectual pursuits consequent upon this practice, the physical ills which flow from it, and the evil assodiscovered that literature tends to longevity, while special physical exertion too frequently leads to an with long life, and eminence in literature is not isually associated with eminence in physical puruits. Constant attention, however, to these sports s found to create serious mischief, in that it disracts the attention of young men from their paranount intellectual occupation, and degrades their leal. A physical athlete is a beautiful animal to ook upon, but a withered, hump-backed king may ad an army of them to battle. The "professional" ement invariably enters into these sports, and this rofessional element has nothing to do with intelctual life. It means, too frequently, intimate asiciations with a set of boors who may be able nei- for the good of the State, and the improvement of fficult to get out of it. Doubtless it is a fact that eration, and while they should have no voice in the ced, in their choice of colleges, quite as much by e rowing as the educational advantages of these stitutions.

christianity may be said to be on the decline. It is the home stretch on the last heat without stirring schools." When the day arrived, he took for his to be hoped that the benefits derived from the love his admiration for the horse and his gratification at of manly sports may not be entirely overlooked, such a splendid trial of speed. and that in seeking to prevent our boys from becoming roughs, we do not drive them to the clois-

#### THE LEAVENWORTH FAIR.

We started from home last week with our little Jerseys, etc., intending to visit the Leavenworth and Atchison Fairs, and then return via the State Fair at Topeka. But who does not know that

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men

cessity of finishing the stanza in the plowman's mournful strain:

"And leaves us nought but grief and pain For promised joy."

Two days of rainy, drizzly, chilly and gloomy weather put all our matters aback, so that when we telegraphed John Martin at Atchison to know intelligent as human features can be," "an expres- yours truly," and got answer, "To-day between one sion of immovable composure," "brawny muscles and two o'clock," it then being the witching hour showing through his light coat," "deep in the chest, of 12 M., and the Atchison train having been gone thin in the flanks, firm on his legs," is in short, a some three hours before, we concluded not to go to Topeka via of Atchison. The weather, among other gloomy effects, brought George down with an attack of the ague, and so we concluded, ex necessi-

Leavenworth is a good place to visit. They may gratulated. talk as they please of its duliness and deadness, it is the only CITY in Kansas. It is really the only exclusively, or give a considerable portion of their of people that graced the grounds the last few days of the Fair. And then, Leavenworth is a tolerably Before he can begin to say: "Fellow-citizens of "gentlemanly" roughs of the higher sort. It is dif- from home to spend a week, it is mighty pleasant to go where he can entertain himself—or, what is gin as he can hold out—to try his lungs a little—but created a peculiar character. Geoffrey Delamayn by his friends—at a first class restaurant; visit such the word go. elegant and elevating amusements as the Black betrays his friend, and finally murders his wife, be- headquarters as Anthony keeps; ride behind such

ease, incident to over exertion, and broken bones. things of the kind ever had in Kansas. In the first self slowly round, and fixing his fatal glance on the The victims of the midnight oil are sufficiently numerous on paper, but it is possible that the victims or expense in getting ready for it. The have contained blows his trump to call the alseping of physical abuse people the graveyards in much structed a most magnificent amphitheatre, and several dead to judgment, and its solemn tones reverberate jection to the present system, although as a general bles in good repair, and done everything in their from Chicago will sing out, 'Louder, Gabriel, Louder eral other needed buildings, put the sheds and sta- through the ambient air, I suppose some d—d fool power to please and accommodate exhibitors. Mr. ER!" Mr. "Louder" was not heard from again. P. G. Lowe, the President, and Mr. Ed. Russell, the Secretary, are well known gentlemen, in the best told. One is more familiar, but will bear repeatsense of the term, and we are a witness to the un- ing. Mr. Henry was an ambitious little whipperciations which seem inseparably connected with everything go off with dispatch, accuracy and satisces, but not, of course, in Kansas—who was big wearied assiduity with which they labored to have snapper—such as may have been seen in other pla-

> pect. If they suppose it is any fun or any profit for if he is fortunate in the matter of premiums, they darned infernal little fool that told me to holler!" are greatly mistaken. It is an annoying, troublesome and costly business. But enterprising exhibitors are willing to subject themselves to all this choice of judges, they should have a right to object to the prejudicial or the incompetent.

Again, there should be two races at set times on every day of the fair. We shall not stop to argue The physical aspects of the question should not this. It is enough to state it. People do not go to overlooked. In boat-racing, and similar sports, fairs to see races only. Of that we are well aware. is almost impossible to avoid excess, and excess But most persons who go are more interested in this attended with the most serious dangers. Most than in any other part of the exhibition. Perhaps hear the sound of his chapier's coming. Done you sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming. Hear the sound of his chapier's coming. The exhibition in the sound of his chapier's coming. The exhibition is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming. The exhibition is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming. The exhibition is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming. The exhibition is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming. The exhibition is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming. The exhibition is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming. The exhibition is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is a sustained by evidence are in the sound of his chapier's coming is attended with the most serious dangers. But it is a pity that it is so. But it is so. There is no sleep," said the disgusted unbeliever. "Do you force. The "everlasting harping" has become weato superinduce heart disease, and no insurance doubt about that. There was not enough good rac-suppose Gabriel is such a darned fool as to come on risome. It can do the men denounced no harm. It ice will insure the life of a man, married or sining at Leavenworth. So everybody said. And wheels in such a sleighing as this?" His wife was who has this diseased heart arising from boat- what everybody says must be true. The race on cured. ing. Rheumatism is also almost inseparable the last day between St. Elmo and Mr. Tough's

But we commenced neither for criticism nor comwe have had to pay the penalty of staying at home during most of the days of the State Fair. But all Leavenworth gentlemen much success. And if This finished the Sunday school for that year. they will profit by friendly admonitions, and go on

#### FUN AND FROLIC.

Marsh. and Bent. Murdock slept in our editorial sanctum one night during the Convention, and didn't enjoy the mus-quitoes.—[Kalloch's "Spirit."

Well, we should say we did not. We voted for you for Congress, though, and conclude we are now "one ahead of you." After eating at your hotel, reading your SPIRIT, sleeping in your sanctum, and voting for you for Congressafter all this, and then being spoken to on Massachusetts street in Lawrence, and called "Mr. Kalloch," by a lady—"louder, if you please, Mr. Speaker, LOUDER!"

That's too thin. We don't believe a word of it. The lady might have spoken to us when we were in Bent.'s company—notwithstanding the company -and Bent. might have imagined himself the lucky tate, to make the most of a week at Leavenworth. man, but that is the most our imagination will al-That, by the way, is not a very hard thing to do. low. However, if it was so, consider yourself con

The "louder" story to which Bent. refers, is good one. At the risk of furnishing it for free use place big enough to hold a big fair in. It has a in the campaign, we give it circulation. It is an it, and not only capable of it, but disposed to do it, speakers have an acquaintance with, and instinctive as was abundantly proven in the splendid concourse horror of, the man in the crowd who yells out "louder!" before he has got his mouth half open. Butler county"-some squeaking voice cries out "louder!" A speaker has to pitch his key-to be-Mr. Louder has no patience. He must hear from

Tom. Marshall was once announced to speak in Crook; eat a meal or two at such a splendid table Chicago. When the committee went after him, as the Planter's House men will set just as long as Tom. was pretty tolerably tight. However, he told they keep a hotel; lounge in such newsey editorial them if they could get him to the hall, and stand him up with something to lean on, it would be all horses as Ben. Akers furnishes for his friends; loaf right. In due course of time the celebrated orator away his spare time in such club rooms as the is before his audience, one hand on the desk and tains much essential truth. The number of those know how to keep up; and, in short, enjoy the forth. At length he commenced: "Shentl'men of the Convention:" "Louder!" cried a shrill voice The Fair itself got a bad set-back by the bad from a back corner of the gallery. "Shentl'men"weather of the first few days. Had it not been for said the orator. "Louder!" cried the squeaker. this, it would have been one of the most elegant. Now thoroughly aroused and soher, turning him-

Many good campaign anecdotes of the kind are instances men foremost at the bat have ranked highple, we predict for the future Leavenworth exhibiered at a certain political gathering. To make sure
and more dollars. Lend us a helping hand, and we faction. Taking this opening exhibition as a sam- with a speech of which he was bound to be deliv- words that greet us. But we want more friends of an opportunity for his delivery, he engaged a will make THE SPIRIT all you want it. various departments of learning have not been dis- to a friendly suggestion or two. First, avoid all cian, who had not the honor of his personal ac-Especially if the managers will give earnest heed pertinacious, but somewhat unsophisticated polititinguished on the ball ground, or at the row-lock. log rolling, packing, or favoritism in the appoint- quaintance, to call for "Mr. Henry" at the conclu-The necessity of extreme physical exertion to health ment of committees. This is a point that must be sion of every speech, and to keep calling for him guarded, especially in a place where personal griefs until he heard him, and then he would hear someand grievances run as deep as they unfortunately thing worth hearing. Accordingly, no sooner was do in Leavenworth. Put none but competent men any speaker through than Verdant called for "Mr. early grave. A man may die of mental laziness and on committees. It is an outrage to exhibitors to Henry." His calls grew louder, "Henry! Henry! leed, scholastic pursuits frequently improve rather Leavenworth managers would inaugurate this respeech, but, being unknown to the Chairman, was than impair constitutions. The general fact is uncause, to challenge any member of a committee. If menced, when Verdant arose and said: "Mr. Chairhe knows that he is entirely incompetent to judge man, there have been loud and repeated calls for in the department, or if he knows of his entertain- Mr. Henry. The audience want to hear Mr. Henry. ing any personal animosity towards any exhibitor I now insist on hearing Mr. Henry!" The Chairthat might color his judgment, he ought to have the man, having in the meantime been informed who right to object. In a word, exhibitors have some Mr. Henry was, arose and said: "Will the gentlerights that the managers of fairs are bound to res- man please keep his seat and patience? Mr. Henry is now addressing the audience." "That Mr. Hena man to prepare his stock and take it to a fair, even ry !" screamed out Verdant; "why, that 's the Verdant never served in Gideon's band again.

Marshall's allusion to Gabriel reminds us of the effectual method in which an unimpressible old codger in Maine cured his wife of Millerism. The its stock. But they should be treated with considence its stock. But they should be treated with considence its stock. woods were ablaze with camp-meetings. Ascension robes were made ready. The only thing that prevented many from going up was not getting the "right flop." The old chap to whom we have referred was particularly annoyed by his wife, who was an advanced believer in Millerism. One night she awoke him out of a sound sleep, crying out:

text: "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees." "My brethering," said he, "thar ain't narry text in this yer Bible that warent guv to us for a rule, and a plaint. We had a good time at Leavenworth, were guide, and a consolation—ah. Now, my bretherwell treated by everybody, and staid till the last ing, when we want a hoss to stop when he is gettrain on Saturday night. For which indulgence tin' too reachin', we sing out to that yer hoss, woe -ah. So the Bible, seein' ther Scribes and Pharisees strikin' out too reachin' a gait-like these yer indulgences have to be paid for. We wish the Sunday school fellers-says to them, woe-ah."

We have all heard of a certain minister who once with the energy and liberality with which they took for his morning text, "Ye are of your father, have begun, we do not see why they will not have the devil"-and in the afternoon, unconsciously, 'Children, obey your parents.'

A minister made an interminable call upon a lady of his acquaintance. Her little daughter, who was present, grew very weary of his conversation, and at last whispered, "Did n't he bring his amen with him, mamma?" Perhaps it is time to ask if there is any "amen" to this fun and frolic. Here it is.

#### THE EDITOR ABSENT.

Our readers may have seen the statement last week that the editor was absent attending the fairs, and a week or two before that he was absent in the East; but he writes this to say that, though occasionally absent in the flesh, he is present in THE SPIRIT. Our absences, though frequent, are short, and we anticipate them by a copious supply of copy. It remains for a faithful and competent foreman to do the "make up," which he does so well that he leaves little to be desired. An editor, however, has no business being absent. His place is at his post. And it gives us great pleasure to know population capable of remuneratively patronizing old story, but not so familiar as some others. All shall be "at home" this winter, and we promise to give our readers as good a paper as we can make. All we want of them is to help increase its circulation. A little pains on their part will be of great advantage to us.

We are greatly encouraged by their expressions of interest in THE SPIRIT. A friend in Maine writes:

"Your paper is the most welcome one that comes to our iome. And you know we have a taste in that line. Probably something of our interest arises from personal interest in ourself, but, aside from that, we cannot help regarding THE SPIRIT as a most admirable paper. If your people sustain it, it will speak volumes for their intelligent appreciation." The following private note explains itself:

CANON CITY, Col., Sept. 5th, 1872. DEAR SPIRIT: We did not have the pleasure of giving you welcome week before last on Thursday, as has been our custom, and therefore U.S. has had to bear the blame of spoiling the story which so far promises to be very fine. We have manufactured a link to fill the vacancy, but as the original will doubtless give us better satisfaction, please send us the number for August 17th (if I calculate correctly), and much Yours for Grant, (if I had a vote),

J. L. PRENTISS.

And so does the following:

LEAVENWORTH, Ks., 9-9, 1872. DEAR SPIRIT; Y ue of Aug. 31st not received. Wife says it is the best paper in Kansas, and cannot spare a number of it. I see you have been moving and suppose in confusion you missed me. Will forgive you, but don't do so any Yours. R. W. PUTNAM.

A Wyandotte lady-not our brilliant co-worker from that city-speaks of it as "the paper which I admire more than any other published in Kansas." J. K. Hudson, whose good opinion we highly appreciate, says: "THE SPIRIT is one of our most

### A LITTLE REST.

We profoundly sympathize with the following remarks of the Iola "Register." The "everlasting harping" is becoming slightly monotonous. Our State has been sufficiently advertised for its rottenness, and perhaps it will not be harmed by a little

The everlasting harping about bribery in Kansas politics can find a little rest now, for in the nominations recently made at Topeka and Lawrence there was not the smallest show of influencing votes through illegal means. Indeed so afraid were the candidates of being charged wiff this disgraceful habit of former office seekers, that they effered not even a cigar or a treat to a delegate, and were half afraid to shake hands for fear some detective should fancy they were conveying some sort of forbidden intelligence in that manner.

We suppose that all our Kansas political affairs have not been conducted on the highest moral points, but we do not believe that they have been worse than the conduct of political affairs in other States. There has been no more corruption; there has not been as much bribery; and there has been a higher standard of personal character and conduct among our prominent politicians than is usually found. Our Governor, Senators, and Representative in Congress, and our candidates for Governor and Representatives, of both parties, are gentlemen of social standing and influence, of temperate habits, and unimpeachable decorum in the walks of life. We have had some little observation of public men for the last twenty years, and we say without hesit ation that in these respects they will average with the representative men of any other State.

Now let us quit fouling our own nest. Specific certainly can do the State concerned no good. It horse was a most interesting and exciting spectacle. serious matters, as when an Arkansas preacher, of tempt. And we submit for the benefit of all contends to rob our representatives of any power they The reaction against excessive physical exercise with which Elmo came down separate to become manifest, and muscular magnificent stride with which Elmo came down following Sabbath he should "preach agin Sunday" tempt. And we submit for the benefit of an confollowing Sabbath he should "preach agin Sunday" tempt.

#### Telegraphic Summarn.

A London dispatch from Stockholm announces the death of King Charles of Sweden

The Geneva Board of Arbitration has awarded damages to the United States to the amount of \$15,500,000. President Grant expresses himself as pleased with the result. The contest, in his opinion, was not for dollars and cents, but for the preservation of amity between the two countries, with a full and firm determination of our national dignity. These points have been achieved and our nation should feel satisfied.

A Washington special to the St. Louis Republican says that Secretary Delano, in his talk with the Indians, hinted very strong to them that the Great Father had serious thought of changing his policy in relation to them; that his peace policy had been, in other words, a failure. He informed them that none of anything promised them would be given to them unless they were peaceable, and if they were not, the Government would make them obey the same as they made the white

#### KANSAS AGRICULTURAL NEWS AND NOTES.

Rev. E. Green of Atchison communicates an interesting letter to the Chicago "Standard" on the religious needs of the Northwestern portion of Kansas, in the course of which he takes occasion to say this good material word: "The old bugbears of the drought and the grasshoppers, which frightened so many away from the country, are frightful no more. This is now my third summer in Kansas, and I can truly say that I never knew three successive summers in Iowa, where I spent more than twenty years, so seasonable with alternate showers and sunshine as these three have been in Kansas. Verily, this is a goodly land."

The editor of the Augusta "Republican" has been "raiding" on the country, and discourses as follows: "We have been making a 'raid' out in the country this week, and was very favorably impressed with the progress our farmers are making on their new homes. We saw large fields of excellent corn. some of which was nearly ripe enough to pick. Also considerable sugar cane, which the farmers are stripping ready to make up into molasses. As a general rule the crops looked well. We are at a loss to know what they are going to do with such abundance of corn. There are not a fourth enough swine in the county to consume the corn which will be har-

The Olathe "Mirror" is right in standing up for Kansas as a wheat country: "The farmers of our county are now busily engaged putting in their wheat. We hope no one will fail to sow the usual amount on account of the failure of the present year. Kansas is a good wheat country, and we have no doubt all who may engage in the business will be largely rewarded." Among many agricultural items which, as usual, appear in

the Emporia "News," we extract the following: A good many farmers have sowed their fall wheat. Some are waiting in fear of grasshoppers that are reported as knocking around up in Nebraska, though none have come this way

The cheese factory of this place sold about 30,000 pounds of cheese to Moses Noll, last week.

Corn, oats and root vegetables have never been so abundant in this vicinity as at present; and prices are very low. A good many families are drying peaches on a large scale

It would appear from the following note, clipped from the Eureka "Herald." that peaches are as plenty in Greenwood county as in other parts of the State: "The peach crop is immense this year-so large that it is a question what to do with it. An offer was made a few days since to supply a quantity at twenty-five cents per bushel-a price which would hardly repay for the trouble of picking and bringing them to town They should be preserved in some way: it is hard to tell what another year may bring forth."

The Holton "Express" is "chuck" full of interesting agri-

cultural items, from among which we take a few: The corn-stalks along the narrow guage are so long that politicians will undoubtedly use them to "knock the persim-

Most of the farmers have put in their fall wheat, considerable of which is up and looking nicely. The high price of seed has prevented nearly every one from putting in anything more than a limited quantity, which is very much to be re-

We noticed a field of broom corn coming up on the train the other day. Some of the passengers argued that it was sorghum, but after a scrutinizing examination all were willing come into his family. If they could do anything to alleviate "acknowledge the corn."

buckwheat sown east of Grasshopper Falls. The most of the ever, from assuring the good Bishop and his wife that the enfarmers here put in from three to five acres of it, which is tire community has the keenest sympathy in their hour of said to be looking fine.

From the Eldorado "Times"—another paper that does not fail to cater most happily to the wants of the agricultural portion of its readers—we clip the following items:

Here is a rule for estimating the mumber of shingles required for a roof of any size. It is very simple, and every mechanic and farmer should remember it: First find the square inches in one side of the roof; cut off the right hand or unit figure, and the result will be the number of shingles required to cover both sides of the roof, laving five inches to the weather. The ridge board provides for the double courses at the bottom. Illustration: Length of roof, 100 feet; width of one side, 30 feef;-100x30x144-432,000. Cutting off the right hand figure, we have 43,200 as the number of shingles

required. We understand that a new drill has been invented for drilling small grain in fields of standing corn. This will certainly be appreciated by nearly our entire farming community. It is arranged so as to expand or contract to suit the width of the rows. Our corn crops should be followed with that of wheat, but to do this we would have to cut the corn before it is fairly ripe or else be late in sowing. To sow broadcast in the standing corn makes the distribution more uneven, and insufficient harrowing. The one-horse drill will therefore be hailed with pleasure by our farmers, and we hope to see this machine imported to the Southwest at an early day.

The Oxford "Press" publishes a warning of universal application in Kansas: "Parties who are herding stock in the vicinity of the growing crops of corn, should use the utmost watchfulness to prevent their cattle from making little incursions into the neighboring cornfields. Fow that the grass is becoming a little dry, unusual precautions will be required to prevent the usual depredations and consequent damaging loss The interview at the Castle can hardly be read without tears, to the farmers, to say nothing of the unpleasantness such a result invariably produces."

The Ellsworth "Reporter" closes an eloquent little article on the character and capacities of Ellsworth county as follows: "Probably there is not a better stock country in the United States. Cattle kept fat on native grasses, and only need feeding one or two months of the year. We are confident that if the thousands of farmers struggling for existence on hard and rugged soil, in an unhealthy and uncongenial climate, knew the advantages this country possesses, it would not be long until these thousands of acres of virgin prairies would be cultivated, the homes of thousands of families. Let us go to work to settle up the country with farmers and mechanics. If each one does something in this direction it will not be long until there is no vacant land in Ellsworth country."

#### Town Talk.

A NEW PUKE.—In his Topeka speech Marc. Parrott calls Caldwell "a pusillanimous puke."

KNAPP.-Mr. Knapp, one of the gentlemanly conductors of the Parsons "Enterprise," called at THE SPIRIT office last

JUDGE PENDERY.—The beaming countenance of our old riend Pendery illuminated THE SPIRIT office a few minutes last Monday. It is a sight that it always does us good to see. THE JOURNAL.—The Olathe "News Letter" pronounces the "Republican Journal" "one of the best papers in the State." and advises the Johnson county people to subscribe

POULTRY .- Mr. 1. K. Felch, the famous Light Brahma chicken man, as well as dealer in all kinds of blooded stock, has been in Lawrence this week, and enlightened THE SPIRIT sanctum with learned disquisitions on stock, chickens, and

DASTARDLY.—This is a mild word to apply to the infamous vretch who has been stabbing Dr. Lawrence's horses at Burr Oak Farm. One of them has died. It is impossible to conecture who the villain is, or by what motive he can be moved to inflict such outrages. Dr. Lawrence is a gentleman universally liked, and it must be a madman engaged in these

GEN G. W. DEITZLER.—Gen. Deitzler desires his copy of THE SPIRIT forwarded to the Grand Hotel, San Francisco, where he and his family have taken up comfortable quarter for the winter. The General writes in glowing terms of the Pacific coast, coupled with many regrets at absence from many friends in Lawrence. We can assure him that this feeling is fully reciprocated by a host of well wishers here.

RETURNED .- Our old office companions, "Polly" and Bunny," have returned from a visit to the country, where they have been enjoying themselves through the summer months. We are pleased to announce that they appear much improved in health and spirits by their trip. Poll screams and chatters with even more than her wonted vigor, while Bun surpasses himself in the energy of his antics and capers. They have been receiving calls from their numerons friends and admirers with their customary dignity and complaisance since their return.

SENATOR POMEROY.—This gentleman—of whom our readers may have heard—was in the city last Tuesday on his way to the State Fair. He was interviewed by sundry and divers politicians, some of whom were, perhaps, as anxious, but not, perhaps, as aimless as the New England maidens of whom Governor Andrew wrote. Citizens who are not politicians also called on the Senator, and we have no doubt he was refreshed and recreated by the sight. Mr. Pomeroy is looking exceedingly well, and bears the marks and scars of political assault like an old soldier.

THE EVANGEL.—This is the pretty name of one of the prettiest papers that has yet made its appearance in Kansas. It is published at Topeka, edited by the Revs. Greene and Taylor, and devoted to Christian matters in general and the interests of the Baptist denomination in particular. It is a monthly at present, and furnished at the low rate of fifty cents per annum. The editors start out as if they intended to suceed, and we believe they will. All they need is the concurent aid of the good people whom they wish to serve, and this they should have in the largest measure.

SPEAKING WISELY .- The Salina "Journal" will please ac cept our best bow, accompanied with the reflection that we nuch prefer a private station with such an estimation, than public position with the opinion that we were not qualified for it: "Hon. I. S. Kalloch, who really should be one of our United States Senators, but possesses too much brain for this under the present condition of things, speaks wisely in this manner: 'We have had enough of fighting. It is poor business. Henceforth we wish to live in peace with all men, including not only the politicians, but even the small editors who consider it a sign of smartness to have a familiar way of bandying about the names of men who are so unfortunate as

to have any prominence in Kansas affairs.'" DIED—In this city, on Sunday, Sept. 15, 1872, of typhoid fever, Anna Sophia, daughter of Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Vail, Bishop of Kansas, aged 21 years, 5 months.

The friends of Bishop Vail-and there are no other citizens of Lawrence-are deeply pained at the affliction which has it, they would do it most gladly. But words are very weal From reliable parties we learn there is a large amount of in the presence of so great a sorrow. We cannot refrain, howtrial. May the consolations which the good Bishop knows so well how to apply to those who are in trouble be abundantly vouchsafed to him and his bereaved family.

KALLOCH'S PAPER.—The last number of THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS, considered either in the light of a home paper, a political journal or literary magazine, knocks the spots off of anything about that ever came in our mail. It was good on the first page, better on the second, more better on the third, and decidedly most best on the fourth; in fact, wisdom, wit, prose, love and poetry—Kalloch's own incomparable self-make-up—glowed and scintillated in profuse confusion throughout. This attractive journal is printed at Lawrence, Kansas, for the sum of \$2 per annum, and the only wonder to us is that it has not twenty thousand readers in the State of Kansas.

This is not the first time that we are indebted to Marsh Murdock for an appreciative notice. We are under many obligations to him in this line, and they are all the greater because due to a man who, when it comes to making a handsome, readable, first class paper, knows how it is himself.

THE END OF THE WORLD .- Orange Judd & Co. announce for early publication, in book form, "The End of the World; a Love Story," by Edward Eggleston, author of "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," etc. Its earlier chapters read like a Western Idyl; but Mr. Eggleston soon gets us into the grotesque scenes which he draws so strongly, and Gottlieb Wehle, the Backwoods Philosopher, the Steam-Doctor, Cynthy Ann, the 'Hawk," the "Mud-Clerk," and, above all, Jonas Harrison, one of the most effective Western characters ever drawn, make a rare gallery of original portraits. The speeches of Gottlieb Wehle, Jonas, Cynthy Ann, and the Philpsopher are full of a delightful humor, while the Night Adventure of August, the Mob Scene, the life-like description of gambling in the saloon of a Mississippi steamboat, are drawn most vividly. and the chapters entitled "The Last Day" and "The Midnight Alarm" contain pictures of religious excitement such as cannot be found elsewhere in English Literature, while the mob and "shiveree" scenes are pervaded by an irresistible spirit of fun, and the reader will fully appreciate Bill Day's longing for "somethin' ludikerous." The moral influence of the book is of the healthiest kind. The leading critics assigned a very high place to the "Hoosier Schoolmaster," and we feel sure that "The End of the World" will place its author in the front rank of American writers of fiction, and we predict for it a success unsurpassed by any American story that has yet been written. It will contain fifteen full-page engravings, and many other illustrations. Price, post paid, \$1.50.

MORE GRANTITES.—The Grantites are on the increase. I wo more have just put in an appearance—one claimed by Dr. J. L. Prentiss of Canon City, Colorado, and one by Rev. T. W. Greene of Junction City. These two young gentlemen may be a little too young to vote this time, but that they would vote for Grant, if the suffrage were not unreasonably restricted, there can be no doubt.

THE EXPOSITION.—The Lawrence Exposition, under the general superintendence of Mr. H. W. Macaulay of the Business College, closed on Saturday evening, September 14th. It was held near the Baptist church, corner of Kentucky and Henry streets, and was instituted by the congregation and friends of that church, to take the place of the usual County Fair. The Exposition was advertised to take place September 10th, 11th and 12th; and although the friends and mana gers were promptly on hand to commence their labors, but little was done until Thursday, owing to the very unfavorable weather that characterized the first two days. Thursday, however, dawned bright and sunny, and articles for exhibition came pouring in all day, filling up the vacant stalls and making the grounds appear more as if the people were determined to have a show. Carpenters, workmen and ladies were running here and there, putting on the finishing touches, all determined to continue the Exposition the entire week to make up for the unfavorable beginning. Saturday, the closing day, was especially well attended, as it should have been, considering the many attractions presented for that day. Besides the awards which were made on all classes not before decided upon, and the consequent blue ribbons and happy faces to be met on all sides, there was the baby show, Mr. and Mrs. Greeley, the Hall of Arts, etc., with a grand auction and closing out sale at night. The Exposition was a grand success, and shows what perseverance and determination will do, and reflects credit not only on the managers and workers of the Fair, but also on the citizens of Lawrence generally.

There is no good reason why we should not have each year good District or County Fair; and if those whose duty it is to provide these exhibitions do not do so, private enterprise can and will furnish the people a chance to exhibit their pro duce and manufactured articles, stock, etc.

Lawrence Wholesale Markets for Farmers' Produce Beef Cattle—native steers, 3@31, gross; native cows, 21@3.

Veal Calves, \$5 @ \$7 each. Sheep, \$4 @ \$5 each. Hogs, 3 cts. per pound, gross.

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Tallow, 71 cts. Hay-best upland, new, \$5.00; second bottom, \$4.00 @ \$4.50 Hemp and Broom Corn-none offering. Wheat, \$1.50.

Corn-white, 25 cts.; yellow, 23 cts. Oats, 15 cts. Corn Meal, \$1.00 per 100 lbs. Ground Feed, \$1.15 per 100 lbs. Potatoes-new 25 cts. per bushel. Butter, 20 @ 25 cts. per pound. Eggs, 12½ cts. per dozen. Beets, 50 cts. per bushel. Onions, 40cts per bushel. Apples-green, 40cts. @ 75cts. per bushel. Green Corn, 5 cts. per dozen Spring Chickens, \$1.50 @ \$2.25 per dozen. Tomatoes, 60 cts. per. bushel. Peaches, 50 cts. @ \$1.00. Grapes, 21 @ 4 cts. per pound. Watermelons, 8 to 15 cts. each. Sweet Patatoes, 75 cts. per bushel.

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#### The Storn Teller.

#### GRANDMA'S DEARY;

OR,

#### RECORDS OF OAK HILL HOME.

BY AUGUSTA MOORE.

[Continued.]

When Annie came back to us, led by her captor, and blushing celestial rosy red, she was not able to deny the charge that she, as well as Deary, had been thoroughly kissed by Col. Luther.

"But I did n't submit to it so meekly and quietly as Deary did," said she, a little spitefully.

"You can't say truly that you did not like what you got," cried Angela; and Annie, jerking herself away, ran laughing out of sight.

"She is such a queer creature," remarked Serena. looking after her. "She'd rather be poking about alone, any time, day or night, watching and listening, than to be in anybody's company. That's the way she finds out everything."

"She is very beautiful, and has, I should say, no wrong intentions by her silent, lonely ways," remarked Col. Luther, "but I wonder if she is correct in her opinion about George and March."

"She probably is. She very seldom mistakes in her observations, and she is very correct in all her Lakewood, and a dear, sweet girl. I hope she will decide for Georgie; he is a better fellow, a great deal, than March Howard. Oh, my!" The speaker started and turned pale.

"What is it?" asked Col. Luther.

"Where is Angela?" asked my cousin. "Did you us but a moment since, and I feared she heard me gamble! It worries his parents and Angela half to death."

"I should think it might! Georgie is as good as he can live, and would make any woman happy. often wish that he was not my cousin, and would be my lover; but I'll be content if he takes Jane

Just then a troop of little ones swept past.

"Here, Oscar-Oscar!" called Serena to a little fellow about nine years old, son of uncle Norman, with me across the brook and to yonder clump of "where are you all going so fast?"

"To the barn, to ride down to the field in the hay cart," was the reply.

In a few minutes more the great hay rack, drawn by the patient oxen and guided by the not so patient Dennis, came slowly down the field at our right. A dozen children were packed within, and Oscar stood in the centre of the crowd, brandishing us, said, in a low, angry voice, through her shut

"Take care you don't poke somebody's eyes out with that brad, you young mad-cap," we heard old Dennis growl.

"It is a great wonder Dennis allows them to ride or to be near him," I said; "he hates the trouble and noise of children. I know that he will scold Grandma half to death this afternoon to revenge himself for the present fit of good nature.'

"Scold Grandma!" cried Grace Herbert; "what do vou mean?"

"I should think you had been here enough to know," replied Serena. "Dennis is crosser than Her face was pale and she bit her lip. Pa's favorite old slave, Niger. He orders Grandma he thought her incapable of doing anything right."

"I would not have him here, then. I'm sure this is all news to me. I always felt afraid of Dennis, for he never seemed to like me; but I had no idea that he was cross to Grandma."

"He is much more good natured, or rather he is more quiet while the family is here than when we are alone. I think he fears my uncles, and so does not show out his nature; but the very day that the house is cleared of you all, he begins to reign with a high hand, and for several weeks he is so dreadfully ugly that he makes us all very uncomfortable."

"Why does your grandmother keep such a servant about her establishment?" inquired Col. Luther.

"He was a great favorite with my grandfather, and once saved his life in battle. He has always lived with us, and Grandma would not turn him away if he were ten times as much trouble as he is. I get tired to death of him; but Grandma could not get along at all without Dennis to scold at her." "What a misfortune it is to be made with so bad

a disposition and temper," said one of my cousins. "Dennis was not made so. He was a very fine young man, 'tis said. Why, he has been to college, if you can believe it. He is a great scholar-he is. really. But he took no care of his health, lived in a shady room, neglected bathing and proper exercise, till his health forsook him. This was enough, but added to it was a disappointment in love, and the poor man became a mere wreck of the cheerful, healthful youth that he once was. You see Grandma knows all his history, and she has exhaustless sympathy and pity and patience for him-gratitude also, because he saved her husband's life."

"You will never become invalids here at Oak Hill Home for the want of the sunshine," remarked Col. Luther. "You seem to have very little regard for your carpets."

"Grandma cannot bear to have the sun or air excluded from our rooms. She is firmly persuaded that a great deal of the feeble health of people

comes from neglect of water, air and sunshine. Except in extremely hot weather, she will allow no apartment that is in use to be shut up from the sun. As Dennis agrees with her in this regard, there is no trouble about it."

"I have no doubt they are perfectly right. Your words remind me of an experiment tried on one of his daughters by an eccentric friend of mine. This daughter had been for many years an invalid. My friend had spent a fortune in trying to have her health restored. He had always charged his wife with keeping the house too close and dark; but his wife hated flies and dust, and as foul air and twilight were, in her esteem, much less obnoxious, she quietly persisted in shutting all the window blinds. At length my friend took a resolution. He engaged workmen, and refusing to make to his family any explanation of what he intended, he had an apartment constructed at the top of his house, which caused a great wondering below stairs. This room was roofed with glass; it was provided with baths and couches, and when it was done he had his daughter's desk and work table and book shelves taken up there, and ordering her to leave behind her every vestige of clothing, he had her marched in there to sun. In vain the daughter cried and begged; in vain the mother stormed and protested; in vain brothers and sisters tittered and grew saucy in their expostulations. The father, this time, was determined, and Miss Agnes was afforded opportustatements. Jane is, you know, the ward of uncle Every pleasant day, when the heat was not too great, Agnes was obliged to employ or amuse herself, nude, in her sky parlor. She was required to bathe freely and rub herself a great deal. In one year's time this poor, feeble, suffering, peevish girl became a pretty, plump, cheerful and healthy one, and six months afterwards she was married. My observe what I said of her brother? She was with friend's experiment leaked out and created something of an excitement. An eminent London phybut I see she is not within ear shot. Cousin March sician took up the idea, and there is now, in that has many noble qualities, but he will drink and city, a flourishing establishment conducted on the principle that the sun is a great healer."\*

"What a plain spoken man Col. Luther is," whis pered Serena to me. "I should think he would scare you half to death—he does me."

"He hates prudery; but he never says one word that does not become the lips of a true gentleman," was my reply.

"Hum!" said Serena; "no doubt. But come, Deary, do leave his side for a little while and roam firs; it looks so inviting over there."

We set off, crossed the little brook on a fallen tree, and then went slowly along in the sweet-smelling shade, not in the mood to talk. Suddenly a sound as of sobbing struck my ear, and at the same instant Serena caught me by the wrist, and pointing down a natural avenue that opened just before teeth,

"See there!"

A fallen tree lay across the path, and upon this, leaning against another tree that stood contiguous, sat a tall, handsomely formed man, whose head was bowed till his shining curls almost mingled with the curls of one whom his arm closely encircled. She was clad in white and was bitterly weeping. The backs of both figures were turned to us. The man spoke in soothing tones, and every now and then he lifted his hand to his companion's face, as though wiping away her tears. I looked at Screna.

"Alfarata and Horace!" she said; and darting bout all sorts of ways, and talks and acts as though forward, she gave Horace a shove, and taking Alfa by the shoulders, shook her violently.

"Oh, my God! my God! what it is to be a slave!" cried the dark browed girl, passionately casting up her arms to heaven, then falling prone upon the ground.

"Get up-none of these airs-come home with you! You, sir," turning furiously to Horace, who stood leaning against the tree, "are well set to work. I will tell your father,-and you meddle with her again if you dare!"

Horace smiled derisively.

"Anger is not becoming to your style, cousin Serena. Deary, now, never looks better than when in a passion. Don't trouble yourself to tell my father-I have myself informed him that I desire Alfa. Come, now, coz, be amiable and tender hearted, and say what you will take for your sweet hand-maiden. Do n't handle the poor girl in that rough way!" he broke out, as upon his proposing to purchase Alfa, Serena had slapped her on the cheek and ordered her to start instantly for the house. Alfa obeyed, and Serena; not deigning any reply to Horace, took me by the arm and hurried after her.

Horace could not induce uncle Lee to sell his daughter's pretty hand-maiden; but when, after staying for a month at Oak Hill Home, Horace took his leave—to visit Niagara, Lake George, &c., as he professed-Alfa disappeared. Howard and Serena Lee were very much exasperated at this circumstance, but their father charged them to say not one word of the matter to any of the Davis family.

Col. Luther and I took a trip to Saratoga and to Lake George about the same time that Horace departed, but we saw and heard no signs of him at either place. We also visited the White Mountains, and my enjoyment of these pleasant jaunts was doubled from the fact that, besides being with Col. Luther, I was out of the way of all my baby cousins. [To be Continued.]

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Till lost by Philip's farm, I flow To join the brimming river; For men may come and men may go, But I go on forever.

I chatter over stony ways, In little sharps and trebles; I bubble into eddying bays, I babble on the pebbles.

With many a curve my banks I fret, By many a field and fallow, And many a fairy foreland set With willow-weed and mallow.

I chatter, chatter as I flow, To join the brimming river; For men may come and men may go, But I go on forever.

I wind about, and in and out, With here a blossom sailing; And here and there a lusty trout, And here and there a grayling:

And here and there a foamy flake Upon me as I travel; With many a silvery water-break Above the golden gravel;

And draw them all along, and flow To join the brimming river: For men may come and men may go, But I go on forever.

I steal by lawns and grassy plots, I slide by hazel-covers; I move the sweet forget-me-nots That grow for happy lovers.

I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance, Among my skimming swallows, I make the netted sunbeams dance Against my sandy shallows.

I murmur under moon and stars, In brambly wildernesses; I linger by my shingly bars, I loiter round my cresses.

And out again, I curve and flow, To join the brimming river; For men may come and men may go, But I go on forever.

### THE MONOTONY OF LIFE.

The general character of life is that of monotony. that life, to all outward appearance, is a monoto- princes for our bed-fellows. nous succession of scenes and movements-all but identical. We wonder how the interest is kept up. But we never tire of going to bed at night, and we breakfasting, dining, and supping; and yet these actions are repeated incessantly three hundred and sixty-five times in the year, with renewed excitement on every succeeding occasion. We take off our clothes once every day, and we put them on once every day. We do this, at nearly the same hour, in daily succession; and when our health is good, the pleasure derived from so doing is not ted Greek, finds a deep response in every thoughtmarred by the repetition of the act; for the ebbing and flowing of our bodily sensations prepare us, without any efforts on our part, for all the vicissitudes of our existence. When hungry, food is agreeable; when weary, sleep or rest is a treat; when warm, the cool air is agreeable; when cold, the pleasure derived from a cheerful fireside and a comfortable supper is delicious. The excitement is kept up by contrasts, and we purchase the enjoyment of one feeling by encouraging the reverse. With health, and youth, and prosperity, we should never be weary. It is age, and weakness, and poverty, that prepare us for death; and even that comes easy upon most men, at last, like a sleep, and the heaviness of the heart gives even the last sleep a welcome.

### TOLERATION.

When Abraham sat at his tent door, according to his custom, waiting to entertain strangers, he espied an old man, who was a hundred years of age, stooping and leaning on his staff, weary with age and travel, coming toward him. He received him kindly, washed his feet, provided supper, and caused him to sit down; but observing the old man ate and prayed not, nor begged for a blessing on his meat, Abraham asked him why he did not worship the God of heaven. The old man told him that he worshipped the fire only, and acknowledged no other God. At which answer Abraham grew so zealously angry that he thrust the old man out of his tent, and exposed him to all of the perils of the night, and an unguarded condition. When the old man was gone, God called to Abraham and asked him where the stranger was. He replied, "I thrust him away because he did not worship Thee." God answered him, "I have suffered him these hundred years, although he dishonored me; and couldst thou not endure him one night, when he gave thee no trouble?" Upon this, saith the story, Abraham brought him back again, and gave him hospitable entertainment and wise instruction. Go thou and do likewise, and thy charity will be rewarded by the God of Abraham.

#### LARGE LITTLES.

This is an old truth, but it is well to listen often to it. Dr. Bonar is the preacher in this instance: "Did a holy life consist of one or two noble deeds -some signal specimens of doing, or enduring, or suffering-we might account for the failure, or reckon it small dishonor to turn back in such a conflict. But a holy life is made up of small things of the hour, and not the great things of the age that fill up a life like that of Paul or John, like that of Rutherford, or Brainard, or Martyn.

"The avoidance of little evils, little sins, little inconsistencies, little weaknesses, little follies, little indiscretions and imprudences, little foibles, little indulgences of self and of the flesh, little acts of indolence, or indecision, or slovenliness, or cowardice, little equivocations or aberrations from high integrity, little touches of shabbiness and meanness, little bits of covetousness and penuriousness, little exhibitions of worldliness and gayety, little indifferences to the feelings or wishes of others, little outbreaks of temper, or crossness, or selfishness, or vanity; the avoidance of such little things as these goes far to make up at least the negative beauty of holy life. And then attention to little duties of the day and hour, in public transactions, or private dealings, or family arrangements; to little words, and looks, and tones; little self-denials, and selfrestraints, and self-forgetfulness; little plans of kindness and thoughtful consideration for others: to punctuality, and method, and true aim in the ordering of each day-these are the active development of holy life, the rich and divine mosaics of which it is composed.

"What makes you green hill so beautiful? Not the outstanding peak of stately elm, but the bright sward which clothes its slopes, composed of innumerable blades of slender grass. It is of small things that a great life is made up; and he who will acknowledge no life as great save that which is built up of great things, will find little in Bible character to admire or copy."

#### BEAUTIFUL EXTRACT.

The following waif, afloat on the "sea of reading," we clip from an exchange. We do not know its paternity, but it contains some wholesome truths, beautifully set forth:

"Men seldom think of the great event of death until the shadow falls across their own path, hiding forever from their eyes the traces of the loved ones whose living smiles were the sunlight of their existence. Death is the great antagonist of life, and the cold thought of the tomb is the skeleton of all feasts. We do not want to go through the dark valley, although its passages may lead to paradise; Whether we regard the life of man, or the life of and, with Charles Lamb, we do not want to lie beasts, we are struck by the same remarkable fact, down in the muddy grave, even with kings and

"But the fiat of nature is inexorable. There is no appeal or relief from the great law which dooms us to dust. We flourish and we fade as the leaves are very sorry when we tire of getting up in the of the forest, and the flower that blooms and withmorning. We never weary, except with regret, of ers in a day has not a frailer hold upon life than the mightiest monarch that ever shook the earth with his footsteps. Generations of man appear and vanish as the grass, and the countless multitude that throngs the world to-day, will to-morrow disappear as the footsteps on the shore.

"In the beautiful drama of Ion, the instinct of immortality, so eloquently uttered by the death-devoul soul. When about to yield his you as a sacrifice to fate, his beloved Clemanthe asks if they shall not meet again, to which he replies: 'I have asked that dreadful question of the hills that look eternal-of the clear streams that flow forever -of the stars among whose fields of azure my raised spirit hath walked in glory. All were dumb. But while I gaze upon thy living face, I feel that there is something in the love that mantles through its beauty that cannot wholly perish. We shall meet again, Clemanthe."

### GENIUS.

All men are not born with genius, but every man can acquire purpose, and purpose is the backbone and marrow of genius-nay, I can scarcely distinguish one from the other. For, what is genius? Is it not an impassioned predilection for some definite art or study, to which the mind converges all its energies, each thought or image that is suggested by Nature, or learning, solitude or converse, being habitually and involuntarily added to those ideas which are ever returning to the same central point, so that the mind is not less busily applying when it seems to be the most released from application. That is genius, and that is purpose—the one makes the great artist or poet, the other the great man of action. And with purpose comes the grand secret of all wordly success, which some men call will, but which I would rather call earnestness. If I were asked, from my experience of life, to say what attribute most impressed the minds of others, or most commanded fortune, I should say "earnestness." \* "The earnest man wins way for himself, and as Tailor, on Warren street, two doors East of State Bank, sign of the Anchor, and having brought with him earnestness and truth go together."-[Bulwer.

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DEAR SPIRIT: I am full of a discourse of weeds. But whether I can do justice to the subject is a matter of grave doubt. Some subjects defy all attempts to grapple with them in the very start.

"To gild refined gold, to paint the lily,
To throw a perfume on the violet,
To smooth the ice, or add another hue
Unto the rainbow, or with taper-light
To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish,
Is wasteful and ridiculous excess,"

Equally abortive is the attempt to properly portray some things that are ugly, obstinate, annoying and bothersome—among which I reckon weeds.

Is it not unaccountable how much easier they grow than grain? They require no cultivation. They ask no manuring. They want no vigilant attention. They are spontaneous, plentiful and irrepressible. They come without call and stay without welcome. They propagate themselves indefinitely. Once give a Canada thistle a foothold and there is no end to its reign and ravages. We have managed by constant cultivation to give our corn a tolerably fair chance this year. But on one corner of the farm-and that of course nearest the road, where the neighbors and passers by will have the full benefit of a fine specimen of book farming,—no of Sam. Riggs, one of the finest places of residence amount of ploughing and harrowing has prevented in Lawrence. Mrs. Akers and little Benny will the most luxuriant and thrifty crop of weeds that find themselves most delightfully situated when ever saddened a farmer's eye. The poor turnips they come to occupy their new quarters. The lot are non est-nowhere-hide their diminished heads and positively decline to make the race. The weeds are having a "walk over."

And the serious thing about it is that it is illus- a substantial and well proportioned two story stone trative of the whole course and growth of life. building, erected a year or two since by Mr. George Who that looks back to the starting post cannot | Sweitzer. see how much more thrifty and plenty have been the weeds than the flowers all along life's journey? To my mind there is hardly a sadder comment on held several times and sold to Mr. Ogden by Messrs. human life than the picture of a youth, rosy, buoy- E. A. Smith and H. H. Luddington. There are ant, hopeful, ambitious, and the same youth at the sixty acres of the richest land in Douglas county in age of forty, tamed, sobered and fitted to the prosaic business of earning bread for his family. The the West for trotting purposes,—and Mr. Ogden idle dreams—the wild ambitions—the crazy loves where are they? The weeds have choked them.

Now that I seriously think upon it, it seems to imagine himself a man, and to ape mannish ways. He casts sidelong glances at tall girls he may meet, becomes a regular attendant at church, or meeting, carries a cane, carries his head erect, and struts a little in his walk. Presently, and how very soon, he falls in love—yes, falls is the proper word, be- It is well kown also that Col. Amasa Sprague is ascause it best indicates his happy, delirious selfabandonment. He lives now in a fairy region, somewhat collateral to the world, and yet, somehow, blended inextricably with it. He perfumes his hair with fragrant oils, scatters essences over his handkerchief, and desperately shaves and anoints for a beard. He quotes poetry in which "love" and "dove," and "heart" and "dart," peculiarly predominate; and, as he plunges deeper in the delicious labyrinth, fancies himself filled with the divine afflatus, and suddenly breaks into a scarlet rash-of rhyme. He feeds upon the looks of his beloved; is raised to the seventh heaven if she speaks a pleasant word; is betrayed into the most astonishing ecstasies by a smile; and is plunged in-

world. There never was such another. There cannot doubt that they will do their full share tonever will be. He is the one great idolater! He is wards enabling him to carry out his magnificent the very type of magnanimity and self-abnegation. plans. Wealth! he despises the groveling thought. Poverty with the adorable beloved, he rapturously apostrophizes as the first of all earthly blessings; and "love in a cottage, with water and a crust," is the beau ideal paradise of dainty delights.

He declares to himself, with the most solemn emphasis, that he would go through fire and water, undertake a pilgrimage to China or Kamschatka, swim storm-tossed oceans, scale impassable mountains, and face legions of bayonets, but for one sweet the native cattle—bearing the rigor of Berkshire smile from her dear lips. He dotes upon a flower winters with only ordinary care. Mr. Mackie has she has cast away. He cherishes her glove—a little noticed the same tendency to the production of worn in the fingers-next his heart. He sighs like a locomotive letting off steam. He scrawls her dear name over quires of foolscap—fitting medium for his insanity. He scornfully deprecates the attentions of other boys of his own age; cuts Peter Tibbets, dead, because he said that the adorable Angelina had carroty hair; and passes Harry Bell con- for three of the larger natives. temptuously for daring to compare "that gawky Mary Jane" with his incomparable Angelina.

Happy! happy! foolish boy love; with its hopes and its fears, its joys and its sorrows, its jealousies and its delights, its raptures and its tortures, its ecstatic fervors and terrible heart-burnings, its solemn ludicrousness, and its intensely prosaic termination. For the weeds came up. They would not ers are an improvement on the dams. stay down. And they choked that boyish dream long before it had a chance of fulfilment.

And then the ambitions. Would it not make you REAL ESTATE AND LOAN AGENCY and me blush if we had to own what great men we once were, and what a great place we expected to fill in the world's broad field of battle? It was a flowery way that stretched before us. But alas! the weeds have beaten the flowers. Labor with DOUGLAS COUNTY ABSTRACT BOOKS. Banquo's ghost. And now you and I have found out how little we really are—how small a place we fill-how little we shall be missed-and how regularly the wheels of creation will revolve after we are laid to rest. Then the weeds will grow as ever. For a little while friends who miss us will strew | nintf

flowers on our graves. But their visits will grow more and more infrequent. New loves will outgrow the old, and it will not be long before the wanderer will walk carelessly over our unheeded and unweeded graves.

Still, I would not close this gossip in a strain of sadness. Life is worth the most when best understood. And the dreams and illusions of youth give place to the substantial satisfactions of maturer years. If we do not build as many castles in the air we may at least have a more solid cottage on the ground.

> So, trusting in His love, we tread The narrow path of duty on; What though some flattering dreams are dead? What though some cherished hopes are gone? Yet brighter, surer hopes remain-Why should our spirits, then, complain?

#### I. S. K.

A GOOD MOVE. It has already been announced in the daily papers that Mr. B. F. Akers, of Leavenworth, has made an important purchase of Mr. Ogden of this city. It consists of Mr. Ogden's house, in which Alex. Banks resides, nearly opposite the residence contains about eight acres of land which, though new and rough at present, is capable of fine improvement and ornamentation. The house itself is

Mr. Akers has also purchased the old and well known Fair Grounds where the State Fair has been has made important improvements in the way of stables, tree planting and track repairs. All that these grounds need is enterprising ownership and me that one of the queerest and funniest things to management to make them a place of general resort think of in after life is "boy love." No sooner does and great popular interest. This kind of ownera boy acquire a tolerable stature, than he begins to ship they have now got. Mr. Akers is one of the most intelligent, enterprising and responsible breeders of fine horses in this or any country. He has been brought up to the business. He knows all its ins and outs. And he is a gentleman of good intelligence, cultivated manners, and honorable dealing. sociated with him in his horse enterprise, and that such horses as the veritable old King, Ethan Allen, Providence, Rhode Island, St. Elmo, Sprague's Hambletonian, Mambrino Patchen, Comas, Little Arthur, etc., etc., are in his stud.

Mr. Akers has also purchased ten head of Mr. Ogden's horses, including the fast trotting stallion Bourbon Chief, the splendid young stallion, St. Nicholas, by American Clay and out of the dam of Mambrino Bertie-the others high bred and fast trotting brood mares. It is the intention of Mr. Akers to make the old Fair grounds a head centre of such stock and speed horses as have never been owned or exhibited in this part of the country before. He has the stock, the means and the disposition to do to the gloomiest regions of misanthropy by a frown. it with. He is most warmly welcomed by all the He believes himself the most devoted lover in the citizens of Lawrence and Douglas county, and we

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Amounts as they multiply.		Time at 5 per cent	Time at 6 per cent		
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4,000 8,000			28 0 26	23 5 14	20 1 24
16,000			42 1 9	85 2 6	30 2 21
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