

Ladies' Department.

MY LITTLE WIFE.

BY DAVID WINGATE.

My little wife once, ('tis strange, but 'tis true,) Sweet little, dear little, love-troubled JANE,

Written for Moore's Rural New-Yorker. COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE.

MR. EDITOR:—Perhaps your long, dignified face will be twisted somewhat askew (this isn't very respectful, but never mind, 'twain' only me,) when you discover the subject of my cogitations.

Dear friends, I'm afraid you won't be affected deeply and strongly—I don't like to see those thousand and one smiling grins looking so sunny,

Young beaux, when you start out with your arms full of hope, and your mouths full of compliments, without thinking or hearing advice,

And, girls, I've found it particularly needful to say a little to you. You put on miles and miles too many ribbons, bows and "airs."

But it's my duty to do my share of scolding the fractious, head-strong, fool-hardy "critters" of this world.

Yours a sorrowing, and walling and crying Mrs. PARINGTON'S cousin, "RIBB."

THE LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

I AM not a writer for the RURAL. My duties lie in another sphere; and I would not leave that sphere to appear thus publicly, had not an article in a recent issue of this paper impelled me to do so.

It is with deep regret that I have seen the columns of the Ladies' Department devoted to unimportant subjects; or, to say the least, to subjects incongruous with the feelings and wants of the age.

Woman's mission in this day is one of anxious thought and toil, of self-denial and devotion, of courage and endurance, of heroic fortitude when cherished hopes are blasted, and the heart is blanched with agony.

I cannot close this article without offering a tribute of thanks to the authors of "The Unwritten History of War," and "My Poor Soldier Boy."

Nor bird, nor moon, nor whispering wind Has breathed the tale of the hollow.

LONG AND SHORT DRESSES.

THERE is no denying the fact that a long dress adds considerably to the graceful appearance of its wearer. Whether the figure be tall or stunted, a demi-train is, in either case, both becoming and advantageous to it;

GIRLS.—There are two kinds of girls. One is the kind that appears best abroad—the girls that are good for parties, rides, visits, balls, etc., and whose chief delight is in such things.

DOMESTIC LIFE.—Pleasure is to woman what the sun is to the flower: if moderately enjoyed, it beautifies, it refreshes and it improves—if immoderately, it withers, deteriorates and destroys.

YOUTHFUL LOVE.—It is only in early youth, in the first freshness of the spring of life, that love can be tasted in its intense rapture.

NATURE confesses that she has bestowed upon the human race hearts of the softest mould, in that she has given us tears.

Choice Miscellany.

THE FATHER'S LAMENT.

CHILD by God's sweet mercy given To thy mother and to me, Entering this world of sorrows

Nature fain would have me weeping Love ascribes her mournful right, But I answer they have brought thee

Yet thy voice, thy childish singing, Soundeth ever in my ears, And I listen and remember,

EVERY-DAY LIFE.

BY LEAD PENCIL, 1880.

TRAGEDY predominates, it seems to me. The heroic is a part of the admixture. But a great deal of the loftiest heroism is covered up by a modesty that is akin to it.

From a dainty white envelope, with a daintier subscription, I have this morning a revelation of patriotism and heroism which I cannot forbear to share with the reader—a sad but glorious record it is of the spirit which has filled the ranks of the Army of the Union.

DEAR SIR—Some years since my brother and I helped to fill the "Boys' and Girls' Corner" of the old "Little Folks," and took much interest in the "Little Folks," and took much interest in the line of Authorship.

My brother enlisted as a private. Neither he nor I could endure the idea of his entering the army for the sake of position, or for any motive beside the wish to avenge the insult offered to our glorious old flag, and to aid in defending our imperiled country.

The following is a copy of the notice inclosed, as it appeared in the local paper:

Killed on the 7th ult., at the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, FRANK HOWARD WASHBURN, of Company "K," 20th Regiment Wisconsin volunteers, late of White Oak Springs, in this Co., aged 20 years.

The deceased was a young gentleman of unblemished moral character, full of all generous and noble impulses. His pleasing manner and amiable disposition, endeared him to a large circle of friends.

His Captain, HOWARD VANDIGRIFF, pays him the following tribute, in a letter to his mother announcing his death:

"It is with pleasure that I am able to state to you, that he fought and died like a hero. He has proved himself, in all the duties imposed on him, a true and brave soldier. He was well beloved by my whole company.

And while you have lost a beloved son, we have lost a valued comrade, and the country a noble and patriotic man."

This is not given as an exception, but as an example of the lofty heroism which has animated our brave boys, the mothers who bore them, and the sisters who loved them, in offering their lives a sacrifice on the altar of Our Country.

In conversation seek not so much either to vent thy knowledge, or to increase it, as to know more spiritually and effectually what thou dost know.

THE dove, recollect, did not return to Noah with the olive branch till the second time of her going forth; why, then, should you despond at the failure of the first attempt.

THE NEW YEAR.

SOMEHOW I always hate to write a new date; I feel as if the strange, unusual figures were a veil between me and the treasures of the year just gone; and so my pen hesitates long before tracing the new characters.

I don't mean to find fault with the old year; I loved that, too; it brought to me a host of joys; some sorrows, too; some real griefs, that have worn deep channels in heart and life.

And there is another reason, why I hail with gladness this new year. Why should we not do good this year?—why should we not rejoice and be glad?—why not begin anew our life; have new aims, new purposes, new hopes, new ambitions, and indeed new songs, new prayers,—for "it is the year of jubilee."

On bended knee, and with bared brows, we can now most heartfully pray for our glorious land of liberty. Never before have I hailed the New Year with half the joy and exultation that to-night fills my heart.

ALICE BROWN NICHOLS. Wilson, N. Y., Jan. 1st, 1883.

STRAY THOUGHTS.

THERE is a vast decrease of magnitude when we come to analyze the vague impressions which haunt the brain, and compel every idea to prove its identity by expressing itself in words.

WIT is not wisdom; bluntness is not smartness, and it would be well for us to remember that when we have carried our obstinacy to the sublime pitch, there is a certain long-eared animal whose capacities in this direction far exceed our own.

MEN and women, too, often betray their weaknesses by the very means they use to conceal them. You never hear a single lady going into extravagancies over Woman's Rights but you may be sure she will surrender her liberty to the first "tyrant" who offers himself; and it is a well known fact that the man who is always deprecating the other sex is either morbidly sensitive to their opinion, or has been terribly disappointed in love.

PICTURE OF NAPOLEON.

HE was everything. He was complete. He had in his brains the cube of human faculties. He made codes like Justinian—he dictated like Caesar—his conversation joined the lightning of Pascal to the thunderbolt of Tacitus—he made history and he wrote it—his bulletins are Iliads—he combined the figures of Newton with the metaphors of Mohammed—he left behind him, in the Orient, words as grand as the Pyramids—at Tilis he taught majesty to Emperors, at the Academy of Sciences he replied to La Place, in the Council of State he held his ground with Merlin, he gave a soul to the geometry of those and to the trickery of these, he was legal with the attorneys and sidereal with the astronomers; like Cromwell blowing out one candle when two were lighted, he went to the Temple to cheapen a curtain tassel; he saw everything; he knew everything; which did not prevent him from laughing a good man's laugh by the cradle of his little child; and, all at once, startled Europe listened, armies set themselves in march, parks of artillery rolled along, bridges of boats stretched over the rivers, clouds of cavalry galloped in the hurricane, cries, trumpets, & trembling of thrones everywhere, the frontiers of the kingdoms oscillated upon the map, the sound of a superhuman blade was heard leaping from its sheath, men saw him standing erect in the horizon with a flame in his hands and a resplendence in his eyes, unfolding in the thunder his two wings, the grand agny and the old guard, and he was the archangel of war!—Victor Hugo.

INTRIGUE.—There are minds so habituated to intrigue and mystery in themselves, and so prone to expect it from others, that they will never accept of a plain reason for plain fact, if it be possible to devise causes for it that are obscure, far-fetched, and usually not worth the carriage.

The safest calculations are those in which something is allowed for miscalculations.

Sabbath Musings.

THE NARROW WAY.

THE straight and narrow path how few can trace, How few can follow in the way it leads, For scarce our willing feet are in it placed

The stubborn will leads us astray, that but For Goodness Infinite we ne'er might find That secret way. 'Tis oft beset with thorns

Written for Moore's Rural New-Yorker. PATIENT LABOR.

THE slow growth of what is truly valuable is a fact which ought to be impressed upon every mind. The impatient aspirant after fame seeks the applause of the hour; his ear is not trained to catch the low but swelling notes of praise which posterity awards to him who has possessed his soul in patience.

Man is essentially poor. He has hands to work, and a head to direct his labors. Nature bestows nothing more, and he who will be rich must force open the closely-barred door of her storehouse, and compel her to give him of her abundance.

The experience of daily life shows the honor which is awarded to patient toil and real worth. In "times which try men's souls," when nations are tossed like the ocean in a storm, the popular wave may for a time lift up a man who has not this elaboration of thought and character, but he passes away with the impulse which gave him his momentary elevation.

Brilliant examples of success resulting from patient labor crowd the pages of history. And God has set his seal to the same principle. Geology and the microscope have shown us that Nature is a slow worker—that the present condition of the earth is the result of countless years of time, and of agencies in themselves almost infinitesimal.

A RESTING PLACE.—John Selden was a most erudite Englishman, possessed much antiquarian, historical and legal knowledge; was master of many languages, and author of works which have filled Europe with his fame, and was possessor of a library of eight thousand volumes.

THE BIBLE. THIS Book unfolds JEHovah's mind, This Voice salutes in accents kind, This Friend will all your need supply, This Fountain sends forth streams of joy, This Mine affords us boundless wealth, This Good Physician gives us health, This Sun renews and warms the soul, This Sword both wounds and makes us whole, This Letter shows our sins forgiven, This Guide conducts us safe to Heaven, This Charter has been sealed with blood, This Volume is the WORD OF GOD.

MERCY.—When the sunlight of God's mercy rises upon our necessities, it casts the shadow of prayer far down upon the plain; or, to use another illustration, when God piles up a hill of mercies, he himself shines behind them, and he casts on our spirits the shadow of prayer, so that we may rest certain, if we are in prayer, our prayers are the shadows of mercy.

CULTIVATE your heart aright as well as your farm; and remember "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap."

Special Notices

FOR THROAT DISEASES

AND Affections of the Chest, "Brown's Bronchial Troches," or Cough Lozenges, are of great value. In Coughs, Irritation of the Throat caused by Cold, or Unusual Exertion of the vocal organs in speaking in public, or singing, they produce the most beneficial results.

Markets, Commerce, &c.

Rural New-Yorker Office, ROCHESTER, Feb. 3, 1883.

FLOUR—A stride that is positively alarming to hungry people has been made in Flour during the week. The average advance is fully 75 cents per barrel.

GRAIN—Wheat has partaken of the panic, and the range now is \$1.00@1.05 per bushel, against \$1.53@1.40 last week. Oats are advancing slightly, so is Buckwheat.

MEATS—In this department of trade there has been a very general and decided advance. Everything, with the single exception of Hams, has added materially to rates.

Rochester Market Prices.

Table with multiple columns listing prices for various commodities such as Flour, Eggs, Butter, and other goods.

THE PROVISION MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—FLOUR—Market unsettled, and may be quoted 10@20 higher, with a fair business doing for export and home consumption.

GRAIN—Wheat market may be quoted 2@3 better, with a moderate business doing for export and home consumption; sales Chicago spring at \$1.48@1.56.

TORONTO, Jan. 28.—During the past week the deliveries on the street market have been very light.

ALBANY, Feb. 2.—FLOUR AND MEAL—Our market opened firm but quiet, and during the morning only a limited business has been done.

BEAUFORT, Feb. 2.—FLOUR—The demand is of a moderate character this morning and prices are without notable change for any variety.

THE CATTLE MARKETS. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—For Bees, Milch Cows, Veal Calves, and Sheep and Lambs, at the Washington Drove Yard, corner of Fourth and Forty-fourth streets.

CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 28.—Whole number of Cattle at market 1,039; mostly Bees, and no Stores, consisting of Working Oxen, Milch Cows, and one, two and three year old.

TORONTO, Jan. 28.—BEEF, of which there was a good supply offered: 1st class sells at \$4.50 per cwt; 2nd class at \$3.50@4 per cwt; and 3rd class or inferior, \$3 per cwt.

THE WOOL MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The market for private sale the past week has been quite active, and domestic descriptions have advanced 5@6c per lb, and foreign descriptions about 5c.

WOOD, soft, 4.00@5.00; Coal, Scranton, 6.75@7.25; Coal, Schenectady, 6.75@7.25; Coal, Schenectady, 6.75@7.25; Coal, Schenectady, 6.75@7.25.

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—There has been considerable excitement in the wool market, and prices advanced 2@4c per lb, the past week.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29.—There is no falling off noted in the demand for the finer descriptions of Wool, and the advance has been well maintained.

ALBANY, Jan. 28.—The sales since Saturday last are very large, principally of Bees Wool, the stock of which is now reduced to about 50,000 lb.

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TO DEALERS IN FRUIT TREES.—40,000 STRAWBERRIES, four years old and over, comprising all the most popular varieties.

100,000 APPLE TREES, 5 to 8 feet high, at \$8 per hundred. 20,000 Standard Pear Trees, 5 to 7 feet high, at \$25 per 100.

SHORT-HORNS FOR SALE.—Having unexpectedly increased my herd by extensive purchases from the celebrated Princess tribe, bred by Hon. A. S. Wood.

THE SOLDIERS' GUIDE TO HEALTH. EMBRACING RULES FOR PRESERVING THE HEALTH OF THE SOLDIER, AND HINTS ON CAMP LIFE, TO WHICH ARE ADDED INSTRUCTIONS FOR GETTING FURLOUGHS AND DISCHARGES.

CLARK'S SCHOOL VISITOR, VOLUME VII. A DAY SCHOOL MONTHLY. The Visitor will commence its Seventh Volume with the January No., 1883.

BUY THE BEST, AT THE EMPIRE AGRICULTURAL WORKS. The undersigned continue to manufacture the superior Changeable Endless Chain.

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