

Michigan Argus
ANN ARBOR.
FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 6, 1874.
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Local Brevities.

CARDS.
-Circulars.
-Bill-Heads.
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-Shipping Tags.
-Printed at the ARGUS office.
-Is the best style and CHEAP.
-Don't order elsewhere before calling.
-Satisfaction guaranteed in every respect.
-Now is the time to subscribe for the ARGUS.
-Now is the time to pay what you owe for the ARGUS.
-The bottom has fallen out of the roads in this vicinity.
-Bach & Abel have been getting in Spring Goods during the week.
-Next lecture of the Students' Lecture Association about \$600.
-The light of Wednesday morning disclosed a beautiful "sugar snow."
-E. B. Gidley has sold his stock of drugs and medicines to L. S. Lerch.
-The first thunder shower of the year is named down against last Tuesday.
-Six cents a pound is what city grocers ask for butter, and a good deal of it is "butter" at that.
-Our fellow-citizen H. W. Rogers, Esq., went to Buffalo on Tuesday, to attend the funeral of Judge Hall.
-The "Yelland" ladies—according to the "Detroit Tribune"—are meditating an early ride on the saloons.
-March came in like that lamb (of the spelling book or almanac). We wait on the elements before finishing the saying.
-A long needed crossing is being put across Main street from the Opera House corner to the corner of the Court House square.
-If "old Probation" was a weather-maker instead of a simple reporter he couldn't have bettered yesterday in the least.
-The robins and bluebirds concealed a little on Monday and Tuesday, but on Wednesday morning snowbirds would have been more in order.
-Wagner don't calculate on Spring or any other man getting the start of him, and so he advises the ARBORS readers that his new goods are in.

-J. N. Gregory, successor to Robinson & Gregory, has several Livery Carts in to-day's ARBORS. Gregory means to deserve and get patronage.
-Governor Felch and J. W. Wing have been delegated to represent the Pioneer Society of this county in the proposed State Pioneer Convention.
-The first week of the coming special term of the Circuit Court is to be given, such at least, is the understanding to the Chancery Calendar.
-Prof. Palmer, of this city, lectured at Normal Hall, Ypsilanti, on Monday evening. Subject: "The effects of stimulants and opiates upon the human system."
-At the Sixth Annual Commencement of the Detroit Medical College, held on Wednesday evening, Theodore A. Felch, of this city, was one of the graduates.
-What's to hinder? is the conundrum Anna Dickinson is to propound to our citizens next week. We suggest a reference to the faculty in our friend Judge L. A. "anti-natal training school."

-At the Manchester election held the same day, the Democratic ticket was worsted by the people's ticket. Chauncey Walbridge was elected President by 63 majority, and Clarence W. Case, Recorder, by 22 majority.
-At the Dexter church election, held on Monday last, John Costello, Democrat, was elected President, by 38 majority, and E. E. Appleton, Clerk, by 33 majority. The Democrats collected nearly all the other officers.
-We give place to another Toledo Commercial communication relative to the Toledo, Ann Arbor and Northern Railroad. We hope that the officers of the Company and our citizens will give the subject careful consideration.
-Anna Dickinson is to give the closing lecture in the S. L. A. course, on Friday evening next. Subject: "What's to hinder?" Miss Dickinson is so well known to the lecture-going public that no introduction is needed. She is the daughter of the Fifth ward, declines to yield to the pressure brought to bear upon him by his numerous political and personal friends to run for Mayor, but will accept the office of Marshal that is if the next Council shall insist.
-Ypsilanti is moving for a semi-centennial celebration of the Fourth of July, the first celebration of that day in this county having taken place on the Fourth of July, 1824, at which only white person then living in the county was present.

-W. W. Ellis, of Ellis & Co., druggists, presents his "Card" to the ARGUS readers to-day, assuring them that he has not sold out, and does not propose to forsake the city and his friends. Ellis stands closely to business and is deserving the confidence and patronage of the community.
-It is but just to say that the books, periodicals, etc., acknowledged by the Agent and Chaplain of the State Prison, as received from Ann Arbor (see article in another column), were contributed and forwarded in consequence of personal visitation and solicitation of Mrs. D'Arcambal by Kalamazoo.

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Doings of the Common Council.
The Common Council met in regular session on Monday. Present Mayor, Recorder, and all the Aldermen.
Petitions were received and referred as follows:
For a sidewalk on the East side of Spring street, from Miller Avenue to Hickock street, and on the west of North Fourth street from Catherine street to the lands of the M. C. R. R. Co. To the Sidewalk Committee.
For a street from the "Gravel Road" to east line of A. H. Markham's land. To Street Committee.
For a crosswalk from the northwest corner of the Court House square to the Opera House Block. To Aldermen of Third ward.
The Marshal was instructed to keep the street crossings in the city clear of mud; the expense of clearing such crossings to be charged to the respective ward funds, except of crossings across division streets, which shall be charged to the general fund.

Mr. Knapp was heard relative to the payment of an order held by him, but no action taken.
The Recorder was directed to draw an order of \$250 on the general fund, pursuant to resolution of February 2d, in favor of C. Eberbach.
The Finance Committee reported adverse to a bill of Andrew Burk (\$25) for building sidewalk on South Main street. Report concurred in.
Finance Committee reported sundry bills which were allowed, payable from the several funds as follows:
General fund, \$309.67
First ward, 2.50
Second " 36.11
Fourth " 13.82
E. B. Gidley was granted permission to withdraw a bill for services as Secretary of the Board of Health.
On motion the action of Ald. Dow, in removing the mud from the streets (last Spring) was approved.
The annual fiscal report was presented by the Recorder and ordered published in the ARGUS.
The Council adjourned to meet in two weeks.

We have received the first number of the *Northern Granger and Industrial Advocate*, a weekly journal published at Lansing by Messrs. P. W. Adams and W. C. Fitzsimmons. It is a neatly printed quarto (at the Republican office, we guess), with pages about the size of those of the *Rural New Yorker*. It is devoted to the advocacy and advancement of the welfare of the Farmers of Michigan, though it disclaims organ-ship. \$1.50 a year.

The March number of the *Aldine* is a capital one, both in its art and literary departments. The illustrations, from the easels and burins of well-known artists, are twelve. J. D. Woodward has three, "Bacony Falls," a full page, "Natural Bridge," and "James River above Rope Ferry," all Virginia scenes, and all inspiring and attractive. Such pictures will do much to draw nature lovers to a Virginia campaign. The other illustrations are: "Poland," by C. Mettiss, a woman barefooted, shackled, and seated alone in the snow and ice, and yet not without hope and determination; "Return of the Exile," by T. E. Rosenthal; "The Treasure," after Paulsen; "The Wolf turned Shepherd," by Dore; "Laying out a Town," by John S. Davis; "English Greyhounds," and "Wild Boars," after Specht; "Gothic at Home" and Annie Louise Cary. The contents include: The Last Home, poem, by Mary E. Bradley; The Two Artists, by Gabriel Harrison; "And he shall be thy Master," by S. E. Boggs; with poems, articles, descriptive of several illustrations, and notes on Music, the Drama, Literature, and Art. JAMES SUTTON & Co., New York City.

A Card.
It having been recently reported that I have sold out my stock of Drugs and Medicines, I would say to the general public, that I have not sold out, but on the contrary will remain with my friends. I return my sincere thanks to the public for their confidence and liberal patronage, and pledge that my personal efforts to the future to conduct my business in a thorough, careful, and correct manner, will retain your confidence and support. You shall always find in the old reliable store a large stock of goods which I guarantee pure and fresh, and at low prices. I also keep in stock a full supply of pure Liquors and Wines. These goods will always be analyzed by an expert chemist before they are accepted by us, and will be sold only for medicinal purposes.
All prescriptions entrusted to us will be compounded by experienced chemists, with accuracy and care.
Very respectfully,
R. W. ELLIS.

Thirty Years' Experience of an Old Nurse.
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is the prescription of one of the best Female Physicians and Nurses in the United States, and has been used for thirty years with never failing safety and success by millions of mothers and children, from the feeble infant of one week old to the adult. It cures colic, soothes the stomach, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and gives rest, health, and contentment to child. We believe it to be the best and surest Remedy in the World in all cases of DYSENTERY and DIARRHOEA IN CHILDREN, whether arising from teething or from any other cause. Full directions for use will accompany each bottle. Genuine unless the fac-simile of CURTIS & PERKINS on the outside wrapper. Sold by all druggists.

Cheap Baking Powder
are dear enough in the end; the best is the cheapest. TRY GILBERT'S.

The Money Refunded
to any person who finds any impurity in GILBERT'S Snow-White Baking Powder.

Children Often Look Pale and Sick
From no other cause than having worms in the stomach. BROWN'S VERMIFUGE COMBIS.

CURTIS & BROWN, Proprietors.
No. 215 Fulton Street, New York.
Sold by Druggists, Grocers, and Dealers in all parts of the United States and Canada. Price 10¢ per box.

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The Library of the State Prison.
Persons who during the last summer contributed books for the Library of our State Prison, may be gratified to read the acknowledgment of their gifts in the Annual Report for the year ending September 30th, 1873, and the accompanying notices of the Library.
Books and Periodicals will be gratefully received at the Prison and at the Insane Asylum, -pictorial magazines and papers are particularly useful at Kalamazoo. Newspapers are useful at the Poor House, religious and secular. Mr. C. A. Lewis, next the Savings Bank, will take charge of any reading matter for the latter.

Agent MORRIS says:—"Our Prison Library now contains more than nineteen hundred volumes, and over twelve hundred of them have been added to it within the past year by purchase and donation. Our thanks are due to a number of persons who have made handsome contributions to our Library. Most prominent among them is Mrs. A. L. D'Arcambal of Kalamazoo, whose labors evince much thoughtful kindness. We are also indebted to some lady or ladies at Ann Arbor, whose names do not appear with the contributions sent, and we commend their example to the generous and humane. We cannot forbear mentioning the name of F. H. Burgess, who has contributed to the library the gift of several years' complete volume of Harper's Magazine. He has shown an enlightened sense of the value of moral and intellectual agencies in developing the highest usefulness and efficiency of a place like this. To the publishers of a number of monthly periodicals and prominent weekly newspapers for their valuable publications we are also indebted. These books and these papers are not only eagerly sought after, but the men are very careful in the use of them. Their interest in reading matter is very strong, and continually growing. Our worst wish to these generous friends from the outside, is that they might only understand and appreciate how much these gifts have done to alleviate the tediousness of prison life by lending to its weary hours, in some sort, the charms of society. Charles Dickens, in one of his *Sketches*, has written a story, however, how they may have fallen, they still grasp in their hands some tufts and shreds of that unfenced precipice from which they fell from good, and that not to pity them is to do wrong to heaven and to man, but to time and to eternity, and it is surely so, however deceptive appearances may be, that they all retain in their memory some fragmentary earnings for a better past, the bright days of their innocence and youth.

Chaplain HICKOX bears testimony as follows:
The prison library has been materially improved the past year. The purchase of three hundred and forty five volumes was a very valuable addition; and every book in that purchase seems well adapted to the various preferences of the men for whose use they were selected. The library is in a secure and comfortable place, and the carriage of freight over its line and leave as little possible to the connecting Road. By the Ann Arbor route, the Central will have all the mileage, except the very small fraction of 38 miles, to the place of destination. This is a line 284 miles in length, is an exceedingly small *pro rata* Jackson is 76 miles from Detroit, but as the volume of the Road's business increases in a geometrical proportion as it nears Detroit, that city is relatively three or four times as far off, and it is much more of an object to secure the hauling past Jackson, than it is to that city.

More "Siamese Twins."
On Saturday, the 7th inst., publication was made, says the *Baltimore Sun*, of the birth, on the previous Wednesday, at Teabaco-stick, Dorchester County, of female twins, who were joined at the breast in a manner more wonderful than the late Siamese twins. The Dorchester twins were of colored parentage. One of the twins was alive at birth, but died in a few days thereafter. The other, when born, was dead. The one first entered into the world before the other, and the complexion of the other was like that of a white person, and its hair less kinky than its sister's. Dr. Le Count Smith, of Tobacco-stick, who became possessed of the bodies of the twins soon after their birth, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon for the purpose of having their bodies properly preserved, which will be done by placing them in an airtight glass vessel filled with alcohol. Last night the Dorchester monstrosities were exhibited at the office of Dr. J. H. Tall, corner of Sharp and Lee streets, in presence of several medical gentlemen. The bond of union connecting the bodies of these twins extends from the center of the breasts to the navel, thus placing the bodies face to face. The bodies are well formed and weigh ten pounds and a half, and measure thirteen inches in length. The physicians who were present at Dr. Tall's office last night gave it as their opinion that each of the twins possessed separate stomachs, hearts, livers, etc., and that a wall separated the stomachs along that part where the bond of union exists. The only case on record where a similar bond of union ever existed is in the London Museum, and like the Dorchester novelty, the twins were females.

Singular Case of Hydrophobia.
A most singular disease supposed to be hydrophobia, has affected a young man, named Geoffrey Rogers, formerly from Canada, and up to a short time since was employed in a lumber yard and planing-mill. Mr. Rogers exhibited strange symptoms, such as clanking at his own clothing; but through his physical condition, however, of his mind sufficiently to warn persons from coming too near him. After an interval he would begin frothing at the mouth, snapping his teeth and uttering short, bark-like sounds. During all the day and evening, succeeding the first alarming outbreak he was able to converse rationally. He said when he was first taken he could not resist throwing himself violently on the ground, suffering thereby considerable pain. He was, however, capable to restrain himself from catching a young girl who he imagined to be coming against him, and he had determined on throwing her as far as possible from him. He is under the impression that he has swollen to a great deal more than his natural size, and is perfectly sure he has the strength of 10 men. His lips are swollen considerably, and he continually gnashes his teeth and acts as if he were tearing and clawing everything about him. He can not say where he was any part of Monday night. He was not in his usual lodging place, but came to his work at the usual time early on Tuesday morning. Many other singular symptoms exist in the curiosity and pity of the community of Clinton, for the young man has acquired their respect, having been very industrious and worthy.

A peculiar feature of his case is that he seems to be a victim of a kind of poisoning. He can not be prevailed upon to admit that he was ever bitten by a mad dog, and is offended at the presumption. It is said, however, that he was bitten by a dog when at home in Canada, without, however, producing any abrasion.—*Grand Rapids Democrat*.

Mr. Barnitz, of New York, Secretary of the American Bible Union, filed a petition in the United States Circuit Court Saturday, at St. Louis, asking \$50,000 damages of the St. Louis Democrat Company for defamation of character in alleging that he was a drunkard. The petition was filed at the Platters' House, he presented one of the female boards of that house to share his room with him. The *Democrat's* article was based on statements by the proprietor and clerk of the Platters' House.

Jackson of Ann Arbor.
TOLEDO, March 25, 1874.
EDITOR COMMERCIAL: I desire to add my testimony in favor of the suggestion made by a correspondent in your issue of the 24th, in regard to the plan of bringing the Michigan Central Railroad into this city from Ann Arbor, instead of Jackson. Taking for granted what seems undeniable, viz: that the Michigan Central will derive much greater benefits from location at Toledo, than it can ever hope for at Detroit—then it also seems to me that Ann Arbor presents many advantages as a point of connection over Jackson. Let us consider them in order: Jackson is distant from Toledo about 75 miles; the proposed Road could hardly be built for less than \$30,000 per mile. This would give for the bare construction the sum of two and a quarter millions. If we add to this the cost of equipping the Road, building depots, station houses, of obtaining an entrance into this city, with depot grounds, and other necessary adjuncts, the total cost will not fall far short of three millions. The Road would probably have discovered by this time, such a sum is not among the readily obtainable things, especially for a new Road, which has to be built in direct competition with the existing roads, and running over very large dividends. But little hope can be entertained of receiving any assistance from the country through which the proposed Road passes, since its wants are measurably supplied by the Road already in existence.
On the other hand, the route from Ann Arbor here is but little over half as long; the Road-bed is graded and ready for the rails the entire distance, with four miles not actually ironed, leaving but 38 miles to be completed. The entire cost of putting the Road in running order is estimated at half a million dollars, or about one-sixth of the amount required to build the proposed Road from Jackson. In raising such a sum the Ann Arbor Road would have many advantages aside from its comparative smallness. A large amount would be taken by the citizens along the route, who are anxious for a Road to give them access to markets, in which respect they are badly off at present. The Road bed is free of any debt or incumbrance, and is in excellent shape to offer to foreign capitalists as security for bonds to pay for the iron and rolling stock. It can also be shown to capitalists that there is an assurance of a remunerative local business, such as cannot be had on the other route.
The distances between Ann Arbor and Detroit, and Ann Arbor and Ann Arbor, are so nearly equal that the difference, some four miles or so, is hardly worth taking into account; and should this connection once be established, shippers along the line of the Michigan Central and its feeder would have no hesitation in choosing this route, as here they would have the choice of four great trunk lines to the East, a variety of markets, and no danger of delays from blockade; whilst Detroit they would have but two trunk lines, leading to but one market, and the liability of blockade imminent at all times.
The advantages of the Ann Arbor route to the Michigan Central are sufficiently obvious. The policy of every Railroad is to secure the longest possible carriage of freight over its line and leave as little possible to the connecting Road. By the Ann Arbor route, the Central will have all the mileage, except the very small fraction of 38 miles, to the place of destination. This is a line 284 miles in length, is an exceedingly small *pro rata* Jackson is 76 miles from Detroit, but as the volume of the Road's business increases in a geometrical proportion as it nears Detroit, that city is relatively three or four times as far off, and it is much more of an object to secure the hauling past Jackson, than it is to that city.

DIED
In Detroit, on Friday morning, February 20th, FRANCES, wife of ANDREW CLARK, aged 63 years.
COMMERCIAL.
ANN ARBOR, Tuesday, Mar. 5, 1874.
Apples—Green, 60¢ per bu.
Dorset, 60¢ per bu.
Dorset—From wagon, 60¢ per bu.
CORN—Old 65¢ per bu.—New 67¢ per bu.
CHICKENS—Dressed 90¢ per lb.
DRESSED HOGS, 40¢ per lb.
CORN—Common 15¢ per bu.
HAY—140¢ per ton, according to quality.
HONEY—In cask, 25¢ per lb.
LARD—The market standard 90¢ per lb.
ONIONS—40¢ per bu.
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POTATOES—80¢ per bu.
TURNIPS—30¢ per bu.
WHEAT—White \$1.40@1.45; Amber \$1.30@1.35; TUCKER—100¢ per lb.

Detroit Produce Market.
Latest quotations for leading articles of country produce—Mar. 5, are as follows:
WHEAT—White, \$1.35@1.37; Amber 1.30@1.34; BARLEY—42¢@43¢ per cental.
RICE—28¢ per bu.
CORN—65¢ per bu.
OATS—47¢ per bu.
POTATOES—1.00@1.12¢.
DRESSED HOGS—37¢@38¢ per lb.
HAY—140¢ per ton.
BUTTER—33¢ per lb.
EGGS—17¢ per doz.
LARD—90¢ per lb.
HONEY—140¢ per lb.
Wool—55¢ per lb.

Detroit Live Stock Market.
MICHIGAN CENTRAL CATTLE YARDS & Slaughter House, Monday, March 2.
The business at these yards for the week was almost entirely confined to receiving lots in transit for seaboard points. Locally but little was done to establish prices, the stock received being of poor qualities and indicating an exhaustion of choice market stock. The receipts, operations and prices are almost the same as during the same week last year, and for the month just closed in this year the prices were as good, notwithstanding the stringency of the money market. The scarcity of really choice cattle and hogs occurs at this period almost every year, and anything of that grade comes chiefly from regions where stock can be fattened at the least expense.
Receipts for the week and corresponding week last year, and also months are given below:
Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.
Week ending March 3, 1873, 17, 642, 1,090
Week ending March 2, 1874, 217, 67, 1,892
Month of February, 1873, 1,182, 11,322, 11,322
Month of February, 1874, 2,434, 994, 22,976
From other States the receipts were: Cattle, 1,261; hogs, 447, and sheep, 1,080.

CATTLE.
The market opened gloomily under a very light supply. The home demand was difficult to satisfy, because of their poor qualities which were in the yards. By the latter part of the day mostly all lots in were closed out under fair prices. Choice grades brought \$5.25; medium, \$4.45, and scraggy lots by the head at about \$2.00. Operators expressed themselves indifferent to buying anything while the present qualities are being run in, asserting that they would have to "go West" somewhat further.

SHEEP.
This article has also had its run, and receipts have fallen off greatly. Prices, under the light run, were well maintained, first qualities selling for \$5.00; medium, \$4.50, and third grades for \$4.25. The home demand was better, there being more hope among buyers as to ruling prices of mutton and pelts for the coming month.

KING'S CATTLE YARDS.
DETROIT, Monday evening, March 2.
CATTLE.
There were less cattle at these yards this morning than has been noted for more than a year. There were two reasons for this; the bad condition of the roads, but the primary reason was the fact of so many drivers meeting with a loss of \$5 to \$10 a head last week, and the week before on most of their purchases, and they do not propose to do business without they can see a margin. The natural consequence was that the market was quick this morning at an advance of 1-16¢ to 1-8¢, with more scale than good cattle to select from. We give corrected quotations:
Cattle, calves, young, large, well fattened, weighing from 1,200 to 1,400 lbs. \$4.50 a 5 00
Good heaves, well fattened, steers and heifers, averaging 1,050 to 1,100 lbs. 3 25 a 3 75
Medium grades, fair steers, averaging 950 to 1,050 lbs. 2 50 a 2 75
Working cattle, well fattened, averaging 1,000 to 1,200 lbs. 3 00 a 4 00
Cows, common to choice, 2 00 a 3 00
Common stock, medium steers, and fair to extra cows, in decent flesh, 500 to 1,000 lbs. 2 00 a 2 75

The Indians.
OMAHA, March 4.—Maj. Gen. Ord furnishes the following extracts of a letter of agent Saville to Col. Smith at Fort Laramie:
There have been no disturbances since the last dispatch. Many Indians have left home with the unconcealed intention of joining the war party. Affairs so complicated among them that troops will be needed to protect the agency. Crazy Horse is on the war path. The Cheyenne seem determined to keep the peace. Now is the time for troops to reach the agency, but I would respectfully suggest not to depend on too small a force. Two thousand Indians could be concentrated here in a short time. A regiment, once inside this stockade, could defend it against any force they could raise, but the difficulty is to get there. The Indians have sentinels all over the country, and keep a line on the Platte, so that a force starting from the fort would be preceded by the Indians. I think if troops start at sundown and ride through without delay we would hold the agency till they arrive. The Indians can be taken by surprise now, but two weeks later they will surprise us. We will stand on the defensive till you arrive. I would suggest that you do not start till my messengers arrive, as unless we are fully prepared we would probably all be killed before you could get here. The bands here mean war, though a large part of the Indians now here will accept the situation when the troops once get here."

The troops that left Fort Laramie on Monday will reach the agency this evening or in the morning, and will relieve the employees. There seems to be no question but that there will be war, but the scene of trouble is so far removed from the settlements, that no fears whatever are entertained that they will be troubled.

A clergyman in one of the St. Alban's churches, being very much annoyed by a married man whispering and laughing among a lot of girls, last Sunday, and failing to quiet them by sharp looks and pauses, finally stopped in the midst of his sermon and prayed for the offenders.
The Council of the evangelical Alliance has addressed a circular to the members of the British and American organizations of the body, and to Christians generally, to set aside Tuesday, the 17th of March (St. Patrick's day), as a day of special prayer for Ireland.

It was a "crush"—the recent assembly held at Washington. A correspondent notes how "Miss Nellie Grant" went into the ball-room with a new puffed illusion that was garlanded with flowers. She came out in a canbrie petticoat from the knees down.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the Assistant Treasury at New York to sell \$3,000,000 in gold for the month of March, as follows: On the first and third Thursdays, each, \$1,000,000, and on the second and fourth Thursdays each, \$500,000.

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More Merchants and Business men, who knowing their own interests will advertise in the ARGUS.

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Importance of Birds to Agriculture.

It is fully understood that the insect kingdom furnishes the principal enemies to vegetable life, and that without some means of restraining their increase—such as their natural powers of reproduction, and their destruction by birds, the fertility of the earth would be useless, as the voracity of these noxious insects would destroy all vegetation before maturity.

The Creator of the universe, in His construction of the world, and in endowing it with animal and vegetable life, has displayed His infinite wisdom by a system of checks and balances by means of which the harmony of creation is preserved. To restrain an extraordinary increase of insects, and to protect the crops from their depredations, He has created the birds, whose instincts and necessities prompt them to the most wholesale slaughter of the living enemies to vegetable life.

If any of us will but patiently observe, from time to time, the birds in our orchard or garden as they dexterously capture their prey, their agility, skill and industry will excite our admiration, and convey to us an idea of the value of their services to the farmer. They are a single bird. Then, if it is the truth, why should we permit our birds to be killed, when we know that for every one so killed there is an increase in the number of insects in geometrical ratio? In all parts of the world, that whenever human agency has been permitted to interfere with the harmony of nature's laws, by diminishing the number of birds, remarkable results have immediately followed in the destruction of crops, orchards, vineyards, etc.

Then, I say, let us protect, by all means, our birds, and encourage their presence; let us teach our children to understand their usefulness, and to love them; let us be grateful for the protection they afford; let us teach them to despise the vagabond who wantonly shoots our birds or disturbs their nests; that while our woods and orchards, fields and gardens are protected and preserved by their industry and their vigilance, with merry music, teaching us lessons of industry and happiness, it is our privilege to enjoy but not to disturb.—*Farm Journal.*

The Passions in the Conduct of Life.

Great passions may co-exist with a very low state of talent, and great talents with a very low state of passion. Nor does it by any means appear that the cold-blooded race of men are intended to act a less conspicuous part on the stage of the world than those whose passions are the most acute and most irritable.—The liberty of Europe has lately been threatened by a man of most impetuous passions; and the independence of America was established by a man whose certain passions were under the most perfect command. When we compare together the retarding and the impelling power of the passions, it would be crude and hasty language to give one preference over the other. If there be a man who has great passions which he can command and obey, according to circumstances, such a man must in the end be greater than all others of equal talents. It is the great passion, however, which men to distinguish between which is difficult and which is impossible; a distinction that is always confounded by merely sensible men, who do not even suspect the existence of those means which men of genius employ to effect their object.

How Eggs are Hatched.

People have an idea that the hen sits on the eggs for a time, and when the time comes for hatching, the chick bursts forth. There never was a more mistaken notion. The chick is liberated from the shell by outside aid, as is incapable of motion as it is formed a solid egg, which it nearly does. You might as well inclose a man in an iron boiler, and tell him to get out of it without help. The chick grows on the inside of the shell, and bursts up a very small scale. Of course when it does this, it is at the same time "breaks in that spot" the inside of the egg. This admits the air; in a short time it breathes and gets strength to cry loudly. The hen then sets to work to liberate it; she brings it forward under the feathers of the crop, and supporting it between the breastbone and the nest, begins the work of setting it free. She hits the point of the chick, and the hole formed by the raising of the scale by the chick's beak, and breaks away the eggshell or shell all around the greatest diameter of the egg. The joint efforts of the hen without and the chick within liberate the young bird, and he struggles into existence, and gets dry under the feathers and the natural heat of the hen. All female birds which sit on their eggs to hatch them have the hook in the beak strongly developed. Even the broad-billed duck and crane have those hooks especially developed, and with them they liberate their young. In Australia, where everything seems to be by contraries, it is the cock of the bush-turkey that hatches the eggs, and not the hen. It would be interesting to know whether the hook of the beak is better adapted for this service in the male bird than in the female. The hook of the beak of the ordinary cock of the common fowl is quite different from that of the hen, and it is adapted for wounding in fighting, but not for hatching of eggs.

Wheat and Vigor.

The following from the *Science of Health* deserves the attention of all. The facts it contains are of the greatest moment: "Nothing is more sure in the chemistry of life, than that great wheat eaters are great thinkers, or that the phosphorus which wheat contains, in the bran, immediately beneath the husk, is the feeder of brains, and the material substance which provokes the thought, study and reason, and all the forms of nervous energy. There are physiologists who attribute the mental vigor of the wheat eaters, like Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to the bounty and perfection of the wheat crop, and the intellectual stimulus, or rather food which it affords the brain.

"Certainly no country in the world has evinced a higher sense of law and order, or more rapidly developed a social system which has no equal in the world. The constitution of Indiana for instance, the very center of the wheat zone, beyond comparison the best in the Union, and produces the highest results in our civilization.

"There is a Southern wheat belt, which includes Australia in part, South Africa, New Zealand, and a part of South America, where a civilization equal to that of the central North of the United States is growing up.

Mid Winters.

The mildness of the present season, though unusual, bears no comparison to that of some winters "long gone by."—In 1172 the temperature was high; that leaves came out on the trees in January, and birds hatched their broods in February. In 1280 the winter was equally mild, and the maidens of Cologne wore wreaths of violets and corn-flowers at Christmas, and in 1412 the trees flowered in the month of March, and the vines in the month of April; cherries ripened in the same month, and grapes appeared in May. In 1572 the trees were covered with leaves in January, and the birds hatched their young in February, as in 1172; in 1585 the same thing was repeated, and it is added that the corn was in the ear at Easter. There was in France neither snow nor frost throughout the winter of 1538, 1597, 1609, 1617 and 1659; finally, in 1662, even in the north of Germany, the stores were not lighted, and trees flowered in February. Coming to later dates, the winter of 1846-7, when it thunders in the month of the 28th of January, and that of 1860, the year of the great inundation of the Seine, may be mentioned as exceptionally mild.—*Pull Mail Gazette.*

Sleep for Farmer's Wives.

A farmer's wife writes a letter to the *Rural New Yorker* which she wants the "men folks" to read. It is a plea for more sleep. Have you a wife, she says, who goes about in a listless, spiritless way, as though she could sleep herself, and do you wonder how she came to have such a temper? Ten to one, all she wants to make her bright and happy is to get a good night's sleep. Do you begrudge \$100 a year for your wife's comfort and health? Why not breeding more would ever be worked as some men work their wives! Give women their home

rights, help them to bear their burdens; give them a few kind, loving words every day, and you will have healthier and happier wives, children and homes.

Dissatisfaction with Life.

Much of the dissatisfaction of life arises from a double estimate of life. We underrate our own position in it; we overrate the positions of others. Out of this double false estimate spring corresponding false contrasts and desires. The man of bodily labor longs for mental labor; and, conversely, with his own condition, he thinks it one of perfect ease. And yet, with this is often connected much that is strange and inconsistent. You will sometimes hear a mechanic, whose physical existence, with emphasis, upon the comparative idleness which the man enjoys whose avocation is intellectual. Yet the man who thus expatiates on the scholar's idleness finds it a painful task to write a simple letter or to play the piano, and to do so he complains of incidents of domestic history; not because he wants ability or intelligence, but because the use of his mind in this way is unfamiliar to him.

The fact is, the scholar would have as much reason to complain of the ease of the farmer as the farmer on the ease of the scholar; and so he constantly does, and with just as much falsehood. The scholar contrasts his position falsely with the farmer's by looking from his own position to the farmer's exercise. The farmer contrasts his position falsely with that of the scholar by looking from his own muscular exertion to the scholar's muscular repose. But he needs not the paleness of the student's cheek, or the gleam of his collar, which shows that his retreat has been no fair Elysian bower. He needs not the anxieties, the fears, the leaden hours of prolonged exertion which the library door shuts in. He needs not the life desire the distinctions of public office; but he thinks of its power, separate from its danger; of the glory of success, separate from the shame of defeat; and of the brilliancy of its outward show, separate from the gnawings of its inward life. He needs not the anxieties, the fears, the leaden hours of prolonged exertion which the library door shuts in. He needs not the life desire the distinctions of public office; but he thinks of its power, separate from its danger; of the glory of success, separate from the shame of defeat; and of the brilliancy of its outward show, separate from the gnawings of its inward life.

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