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FRIENDS AND FLOWERS

In this world when sorrow and grief spread a thick gray cloak over a bright sky and the star of hope ceases to shoot its shining rays of light in all directions; when a father and mother, after watching with prayerful hearts, over the bedside of a little babe which is dearer to them than their own lives, are forced to raise their faces to heaven and feel that a little soul is being taken from the earthly body to its eternal home; when the cries of human voice in bitter grief give no relief to the aching heart, it is then that the caress and consoling words of earnest friends who blend their sympathy and heartbeats with those in grief, bring solace and comfort. It is then that man realizes his frailty, and his weakness, and rests upon those comforting words, "It is God's way."

And later those same good friends bring flowers which silently tell the story of love and respect in the purest manner; flowers that radiate and embellish the word friendship in its full meaning; flowers that speak so tenderly, so softly.

The blessing of having good friends is the greatest of earthly blessings.

The editor of The Observer and his wife know now what sorrow is; the gray cloak o'erspread the bright sky when our little daughter underwent the transformation from this life to that other world. And we also know the great comfort good friends can give. Nowhere in all the world does the milk of human kindness flow more freely than in Oregon.

CLAIMING THE LION'S SHARE.

When the coal operators distributed \$4,000,000 in increased wages among their men last spring they presented themselves with an extra profit of \$13,450,000. In other words for every additional dollar given employees the employers got more than three. All of it came from the public. These facts, now are given an official authority through being included in the report made to the house of representatives.

No wonder there is industrial unrest in this country. Labor sees capital rolling up millions in profits on the basis of labor's work; when meagre wages are made more nearly adequate the big corporations, instead of being content with a slightly smaller profit, proceed to take the increase from the public and thus indirectly from labor itself. In this case instead of making the increase exactly sufficient to pay the raise in wages the coal magnates made it more than four times what is necessary giving labor one share of the returns and keeping three for itself.

The whole basis for the rebellion of labor backed by the thinking public against present conditions is that capital gets too large a share of the wealth we all create. Not enough of the profit is distributed to labor in the form of lowered prices.

The important part that capital plays in industry cannot be minimized. It is quite true that we hardly

could get along without it. But on the other hand we certainly could not do without labor. Labor is the foundation of the whole structure. It is only now that the world has come to recognize this fundamental fact clearly. Out of this recognition has come a demand that capital cease demanding the lion's share of every betterment and distribute more of its profits both to labor and to the public.

The "twilight state" is said to be a substitute for sleep but the man who works in a foundry ten hours a day will prefer the original.

Congress has passed a law prohibiting the shipping of liquor into dry states but it may have prohibited the manufacture of suit cases.

A cat apartment house has been built in Evanston. There will be times when it will sound like a musical conservatory.

A western scientist sees a toothless age for man. Since the price of meat has gone up "tegs" are not much needed any more.

After all the ticket that gets the largest number of votes year in and year out is the meal ticket.

"Had any accidents on this road lately?" asked the traveler. "Yep," replied the man who hangs around the station. "Three trains came in on time last week."—Washington Star.

The cyclone roared his house around. He held his ground. The earthquake came with rumbling sound. But that ere chap could not be downed—He held his ground.

And that's the way to do today. From winter to the flowers of May, No matter what the world may say, Just hold yer ground.

—Atlanta Constitution.

Gillet—Anything eccentric about Macy's children?
 Perry—Yes; they all mind.—Judge.

Pride may go before a fall, But better far, O fellow man, To fall and do it proudly than To never have claimed pride at all.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

"The parasol might be considered 'a feminine of the umbrella,' I suppose." "I suppose so. What about it?" "I was just wondering if the first parasol was made from an umbrella's rib."—Pittsburgh Post.

You'll always make a hit and make folks think that you are bright. If this advice you'll only take: Just keep your mouth closed tight.

—Washington Star.

Woodchopper—I seen a lot o' bear tracks 'bout a mile north o' here—like ones too.
 Hunter—Good! Which way is south?
 —Chicago Daily News.

Thin ice. Scorned advice. Paradise.

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Fool afloat. Rocked boat. Wooden coat.

—Houston Post.

Ignored bells. Flagman's yells. Immortelles.

—Waco News.

Silly kid. Car skid. Glass lid.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Teacher—Now, Tommy, can you name something that will not freeze?
 Tommy—Yes, ma'am; hot water.

—New York Journal.

Farm and Garden

BEAUTIFYING THE HOME.

When Planting Trees Try to Obtain Effect of Space and Freedom.

A mistake commonly made in planting trees and shrubs on the home grounds is that of placing something in every available bit of space. The yard is planted as though it were an orchard or a grove, the trees being placed at regular intervals or scattered about indiscriminately wherever a sufficient clear space is found. Abundance of shade is undoubtedly obtained in this way, but such planting does not utilize all the possibilities for beauty and variety of effect which even a small yard affords.

A more satisfactory method is that which takes into account the beauty and value of the open spaces of lawn and makes the most of them by massing the trees and shrubs according to a fairly definite plan along the sides and at the rear of the stretches of greensward. In this way there is no sacrifice of shade, and an effect of



Photograph by Iowa agricultural experiment station.

BEAUTIFULLY SURROUNDED FARM HOME.

spaciousness and freedom is obtained which is ordinarily quite lacking where trees and shrubbery are crowded closely together all about the place.

Such planting, in fact, when skillfully done, makes a small yard seem larger or, in any case, nothing smaller than it actually is. Even a small sweep of lawn if it is unbroken gives something of an effect of breadth and size, and the trees and shrubs thickly and somewhat irregularly planted about its edges are effective in concealing the true shape and limits of the grounds.

Flower beds, except where a consistently formal effect is attempted, should be kept out of the middle of the lawn. They may be used to advantage as borders along the walks, buildings and hedges or masses of shrubs. Shrubs are most naturally planted in groups by themselves or in connection with a row or mass of trees to form a screen or background.

Trees may sometimes be planted very close together with good effect. The charm, particularly to children, of a densely shaded retreat or a thicket of trees and bushes in some corner is not always realized by the town dweller. Too many trees and shrubs should not be planted close to the house, as they interfere with the light and tend to induce dampness.—National Stockman and Farmer.

WHO'S A REAL FARMER?

The real farmer is thus described by T. A. Gleaves of Nebraska: "In my estimation, the man who simply raises corn and wheat and hay to haul to market is not a farmer. But rather the man who raises a sufficient diversity of crops to suit his needs, who cultivates a rotation and maintains the productivity of the soil and who does not sell these as a raw material, but feeds them on the farm to different kinds of good stock that he has raised himself, is entitled to the honor of being called a farmer—yes, a good farmer."—Kansas Farmer.

Disadvantages of Various Soils.

Clay soils are unfavorable to vegetation because the soil is too close and adhesive to allow the free passage of air or water to the roots of the plants. It also obstructs the expansion of the fibers of the root. Sandy soils are unfavorable because they consist of particles that have too little adhesion to each other. They do not retain sufficient moisture for the nourishment of the plants. They allow too much solar heat to pass to the roots. Chalk soils are unfavorable because they do not



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