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AN OCTOBER DAY.

"What is so rare as a day in June?" An October day in the Rogue River valley.

Nature having brought all growing things to perfection, produces the perfect day and pauses in her work of creation to serenely view her labors of the year. Her strenuous work is over and in peace of mind she broods in content over the past and prepares by a season of rest for the labor of the future.

It was to make October possible that winter deluged the land; that blossoms carpeted the hills and birds caroled their melodies in spring; that the gold of the summer's sky ripened the tasseled grass and dressed the forests in full leaf verdure; that fall showers refreshed the thirsty earth and Jack Frost painted the blue upon the grape, the red upon the apple and the gold upon the pimpkin.

'Tis the most delightful season of the year. The noon-day sun showers its golden splendor on multi-colored hill and valley. The slight touch of frost has painted in brilliance the fast falling leaves and yellow and crimson and the dark of the evergreen mingle in tangled profusion along the river bed and hill slopes; the russet brown of the hills is magiely changing to tender green and the stubble of the grain fields is losing itself in long black furrows, and the heavily laden orchards are yielding their fruit of red and gold.

There is a tinge of frost in the air—to wipe out the evil growths of a too luxuriant period—to dispel the unhealthy mists that nature's wanton luxuriousness have engendered, so that she may start anew and reclothe the world with a yet more brilliant verdure.

October makes us glad to be alive to enjoy the profusion that nature has spilled into one of its favored regions—the Rogue River valley.

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 FANTINE—A Story of Jean Valjean
ONE DIME

The Descending Scale.
 "The first letter John ever wrote to me," said a married woman to her friend, "was shortly after we had become acquainted and before there was really anything like an understanding between us. This is the way he signed it:

"Yours, my dear Miss Weston, most sincerely,
JOHN HAMILTON EASTON.

"There, you see, were ten words—enough for a telegram—just to bring a commonplace friendly letter to an end. But after we became engaged his first letter to me was signed in this way:

"Yours, my darling, affectionately,
JOHN.

"That, you will observe, was a reduction of 50 per cent from his conclusion as a mere friend. The first letter he ever wrote to me after we were married was signed:

"Yours,
 She stopped for a moment and sighed and then continued:

"We have been married seventeen years now. Yesterday I received a letter from him. Here is the way it was signed:

"J."

Settled the Duel.

Lord March, afterward the Marquis of Queensberry, was not accustomed to view a duel with unbecoming apprehension and usually attended an affair with an air of enjoyment that often was decidedly displeasing and embarrassing to his adversary. But he was served at last with that sauce which the proverb explains is for the gander as well as for the goose. It was when he was challenged to fight an Irish sportsman. Lord March appeared on the ground accompanied by a second, surgeon and other witnesses. His opponent arrived soon afterward with a similar retinue, but added to by a person who staggered under the weight of a polished oak coffin, which he deposited on the ground, end up, with its lid facing Lord March and his party. Lord March became decidedly uncomfortable when he read the inscription plate, engraved with his own name and title and the date and year of death, and peace was patched up.

Muddled.

She—Of course I'm not as old as you think I am.

He—I hope not—I mean you can't be—that is—how old are you?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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70 acres, one mile from Phoenix; 15 acres 2-year-old Newtowns, 10 acres 2-year-old Spitz, 100 Bartlett pears, 350 strawberries; 40 acres under cultivation; new 6-room bungalow with bath, barn 32x44; old 2-room house; barn 16x32; livestock, farming tools, hay in barn. Price \$150 per acre.

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