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like the rushing of the waters, like the thundering of the sea, while all heaven, rising on their thrones, beat time with their scepters.

That song of love, now low and far, its long shall swell from star to star; That light, the breaking day which tips the golden spired Apocalypse.

Again, I learn from my subject that events which seem to be most insignificant may be momentous. Can you imagine anything more unimportant than the coming of a poor woman from Moab to Judea?

THE BEGINNING OF MINISTRY. It seemed to be of no importance that Jubal invented rude instruments of music, calling them harp and organ, but they were the introduction of all the world's minstrelsy.

Again, I see in my subject an illustration of the beauty of female industry. Behold Ruth toiling in the harvest field under the hot sun, or at noon taking plain bread with the reapers or eating the parched corn which Boaz handed to her.

All this fastidiousness may seem to do very well while they are under the shelter of their father's house; but when the sharp winter of misfortune comes, what of these butterflies?

Through that gate of indolence how many men and women have marched, useless on earth, to a destroyed eternity! Spinola said to Sir Horace Vere, "Of what did your brother die?"

Madame de Staël did a world of work in her time, and one day, while she was seated amid instruments of music, all of which she had mastered, and amid manuscript books which she had written, some one said to her, "How do you find time to attend to all these things?"

Once more I learn from my subject the value of gleaning. Ruth going into that harvest field might have said: "There is a straw, and there is a straw, but what is a straw? I can't get any barley for myself or my mother-in-law out of these separate straws."

WE ARE ALL GLEANERS. Ellhu Burritt learned many things while toiling in a blacksmith's shop. Abercrombie, the world renowned philosopher, was a physician in Scotland, and he got his philosophy, or the chief part of it, while, as a physician, he was waiting for the door of the sickroom to open.

here and there a fragment left that is not worth gleaning. Ah, my friends, you could go into the busiest day and busiest week of your life and find golden opportunities, which gathered might at last make a whole sheaf for the Lord's garner.

There are a few moments left worth the gleaning. Now, Ruth, to the field! May each one have a measure full and running over! Oh, you gleaners, to the field! And if there be in your household an aged one or a sick relative that is not strong enough to come forth and toil in this field, then let Ruth take home to feeble Naomi this sheaf of gleaning.

HISTORICAL NOTES

Missouri is an Indian word, meaning "muddy."

The royal standard of Persia is a blacksmith's apron.

The sun never sets on the possessions of the United States.

It has been discovered that almanacs date back to the year 100 A. D.

The population of the United States could stand on a plot nine miles square.

A Tunisian girl has no chance of marriage unless she weighs over 200 pounds.

The G. A. R. was formed at Decatur, Ill., on April 6, 1868, with 12 members.

Second street, Philadelphia, is said to be the longest straight street of any city in the world.

Philadelphia's first name was Quequenaku, which means the "grove of tall pines."

The number of paupers in the United States in 1880 was 73,045, an increase of 1842 in ten years.

Somebody has computed that if 32,000,000 million people should clasp hands they could reach around the earth.

The thickness of human hair varies from the two hundred and fiftieth to the six hundredth part of an inch.

The area of Egypt is put at 10,808 square miles, English measurement, and its population is about 7,000,000.

The violin it is said was invented by Ravenna, King of Ceylon, 5,000 B. C. It was then called the Ravanastron.

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The smallest church in the world is at St. Lawrence, near Ventnor, Isle of Wight. It has a seating capacity of twelve people.

Henry VIII was the first British sovereign to be called "your Majesty," and he was as big a "tough" as ever sat on the English throne.

A bar of aluminum in its natural state is worth \$5. Made into jewelry it is worth \$500; made into balance springs for watches it is worth \$250,000.

The average rainfall in the United States is 29.5 inches. The larger number of inhabitants occupy the region in which the annual rainfall is between 39 and 50 inches.

John Jacob Astor was perhaps the first man in the United States whose wealth passed the \$1,000,000 mark, and this happened, as nearly as can be learned, about 1805 or 1806.

It is a curious little fact that on the same day, April 23, 1616, that William Shakespeare died in England Miguel Cervantes, the celebrated Spanish author of "Don Quixote," died in Spain.

One of the mummies of the Egyptian kings is provided with a set of upper false teeth, the plate being made of carved wood, closely fitted to the mouth, the teeth represented by brass bosses or studs.

Weather Report for July. During July, 1891, there were two days on which rain fell, and .19 in. of water. There were 15 clear, 9 fair, and 4 cloudy days.

The highest temperature for the month was 98 degrees on the 22; the lowest, 43 degrees on the 6; mean, 64.5 degrees. Monthly range of temperature, 55 degrees; greatest daily, 44 degrees on the 22; least, 9 degrees on the 10; mean, 27 degrees.

Average mean temperature for July (22 years) 65.2 degrees. This year it is below normal by 9.9 degrees deficiency, since Jan. 1, 4.9 degrees. Average precipitation in same time 0.40 in. This year it is below normal by 0.21 in., deficiency since Jan. 1, 0.78 in. Highest barometer during the month, 30.207 in.; lowest, 29.077 in.; mean 30.209 in. The prevailing winds were N. 27 days, S. W. 1 day, S. 3 days.

The harvesting machinery is all in full operation, grain is very full and the quality is very fine. The threshers will start up in the course of the coming week and with the continuation of the present very favorable weather the grain crop of 1891, will soon be ready for market.

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