

EDUCATION.

Education does not commence with the alphabet; it begins with a mother's look; with a father's nod of approbation, or sign of reproof; with a sister's gentle pressure of the hand, or a brother's noble act of forbearance; with pleasant walks in shady lanes; and then come the bloom and buoyancy and dazzling hopes of youth; the throbbings of the heart, when first it wakes to love, and dreams of happiness too great for earth; when woman with her grace and gentleness, and fullness of feeling, and depth of affection, and blushes of purity, and the tones and looks which only a mother's love can inspire—and these are only a small part of our education.

Our education will only be finished with our lives; day by day we learn by sad experience some new phase of humanity; learn that the

AGRICULTURE.

The great men of all time have ever sung the praises of agriculture. Lord John Russell wrote: "In a moral point of view, the life of the agriculturist is the most pure and holy of any class of men; pure, because it is the most healthful, and vice can hardly find time to contaminate it; and holy, because it brings the Deity perpetually before his view, giving him thereby the most exalted notions of supreme power, and the most fascinating and endearing view of moral benignity." Swift, in his oft-quoted sentence, puts it thus, "that whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together." Lord Chatham states that "trade in-

MOONLIGHT ON THE SUSQUEHANNA.

A peculiarity of Pennsylvania geography is that the rivers have not the same direction as the mountains, but generally run at angles to them. Instead of gliding quietly between or along them, they seem to decide which is their shortest route to the sea, and then push boldly forward for it, let what obstacle come that may. Of this eccentricity, as it may almost be called, the Susquehanna is chief representative. Numberless seem the mountain ridges and hills through which it has cleft in its course to the Chesapeake. In some places it passes through as many as five of the so-called "gaps" or "narrows" in the distance of 20 miles. Almost its entire course is through the mountains, and it has all the characteristics of a genuine mountain stream, being usually broad, shallow and



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friend in whom we placed implicit confidence is unworthy of it—learn that all is vanity and vexation of spirit. Our education teaches us that man was made to mourn; that disappointment is the lot of man and woman. It teaches us how to fight the battle of life, but alas! it does not always teach us how to fight it successfully. The knowledge that is gained from books we would not undervalue; but it is worthless unless we combine it with actual experience of life. Pythagoras said if he did not, when night came, feel that he had learned something through the day, he felt that he had lost a day. Reader, every day of your existence should be to you so much gain; and as we grow old and decrease in physical strength, we should increase our mental resources. We have acquaintances to-day who have learned nothing by experience; whose education is no more advanced than it was twenty years ago, and we can but think that they have lived a fruitless life. Education begins with our birth and ends with our death.

creases the wealth and glory of a country; but its real strength and stamina are to be looked for among the cultivators of the land." Our own poet Whittier, with his familiar verse, thus beautifully expresses the position of the husbandman:

Give fools their gold, and knaves their power,
Let fortune's bubbles rise and fall;
Who sows a field, or trains a flower,
Or plants a tree, is more than all.

For he who blesses most is blest;
And God and man shall own his worth
Who toils to leave, at his bequest,
An added beauty to the earth.

And, soon or late, to all that sow,
The time of harvest shall be given;
The flower shall bloom, the fruits shall grow,
If not on earth, at last in heaven!

If Mr. Edison will only invent a process for making confectionery out of sugar, and five-cent cigars out of tobacco, he will be entitled to niche 1. section A. Temple of Fame

and rapid, with here and there long stretches of calm, deep water. Its bed is very rocky and in many places is studded with beautiful little islets. In the lower portion of the river's course its general width is about a mile, narrowing occasionally to half a mile or even less.

"KNOWLEDGE is power." Not always; the boy that gathers up his fishing tackle and empty basket as the sun is sinking in the west knows that his mother stands washing and waiting for him at the garden gate, and the knowledge that the kindling wood remains uncut, is such a source of weakness to him, that to march along and whistle "What is Home Without a Mother" is an utter impossibility.

"MARIAH! Mariah! please let me in," said a man to his wife, who was looking out of the window watching him trying to open the door with a toothpick. "Tah tread on my key, and its all flattened out."