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ond-class mail matter.

THE AWAKENING OF THE FLOWERS.

Under leafy blankets soundly sleeping,
All the little blossoms dream of spring;
Winter winds above them snowdrifts heaping.
Whisper of gladness she will bring.

Snowy Easter lilies tall and queenly,
Greet with gentle fragrance all who pass;
Violets and daisies smile serenely;
Buttercups are nodding in the grass.

Happy little children like the flowers,
Welcome back the springtime, everywhere,
With its golden sunshine, sparkling showers,
With its Easter blossoms sweet and fair.

Hark! they hear the bluebird calling sweetly;
"Waken, little blossoms, Spring is here."

Up they jump to answer, dressed so neatly,
Nodding to the bluebirds, "Spring is here."
—EX.

He, who is a fool has not any respect
of himself.

A MAN WHO is ignorant is to be pitied.
He is shut out from the light of reason.
His path is dark and he gropes along,
unable to help himself out of the many
difficulties that will cross it. When he
meets obstacles he can not free himself.
Knowledge is power, with it a man will
become useful if he use it rightly.

THE ORCHARD

Bright gold of dandelions,
New grass blades, twinkling gay,
Lithe wayside vines, dew-crystaled,
Wee, snowy lambs at play,
Soft echoes from far uplands,
Speak but one language plain:
"Oh, days so dear
Of all the year,
'Tis blossom time again!"—Ex.

Teaching The Boys

"As the twig is bent, the tree inclines"
is an axiom old, and years but prove its
truth. While the question of turning our
common schools into cooking schools for
the girls, and gymnasiums for the boys;
while so much attention is being paid to
physical life, is there not danger that
moral ethics are being neglected? The
Northwest Horticulturist makes the
following suggestions to parents as to
what they should teach their sons:

Teach them to be true to their word
and work.

To respect religion for its own sake.

To face all difficulties with courage and
cheerfulness.

To form no friendships that can bring
him into degrading associations in
word as well as in deed.

Teach him that true manliness always
commands success.

That the best things in life are not
those that can be bought with money.

That to command he must first learn
to obey.

That there can be no compromise be-
tween honesty and dishonesty.

That the virtues of punctuality and
politeness are excellent things to culti-
vate.

That a gentleman is just what the
word implies—a man who is gentle in
his dealings with the opinions, feeling
and weakness of other people.—Salem
Journal.