

GATHER THE LEAVES.

Let us learn the lesson taught in the command, "Gather up the fragments that nothing may be lost." It is not a mere pious exhortation, but a practical instruction. Applied in quantities they have much for fertilizing purposes; used as bedding for animals they are as good as their droppings. There is also nothing more desirable for protecting the tender plants, bulbs or plants, from the winter's cold, and they are valuable for banking up the cellar and making it frost-proof. It is a well known fact that no manure is so much sought after by the florist as thoroughly decayed leaves, and it is much used for potting all kinds of plants. Aside from their practical uses as a regard for appearance should prompt us to gather the leaves as they fall, rather than permit them to lie upon the lawn and paths in reckless disorder. It is really a serious drawback to planting deciduous trees in a front yard, because when they put aside their summer robes they throw them so loosely around. Why could not Dame Nature take better care of her cast-off clothing? But no; she chooses to scatter it at our feet, and appeals to us to be her willing maid, promising as a rich reward if we will but gather it up in pits and let the winter rains and snow do their work in turning it to our advantage. But let me beg of your readers to also gather the autumn leaves when their tints vie in glory with those of the rainbow. Gather the ruby red oak leaves in small clusters; the golden yellow beech, and the rich crimson, yellow, brown, and mottled green leaves of the maple, before they become withered and dry. Press them under heavy weights, oil with linseed oil or varnish, and adorn your windows, walls and mirrors with their wondrous beauty.

HOW BE PROVED IT.

It is the custom in Mexico for the clergy to require a foreigner, wishing to marry a native, to bring proof that he is not already married. An American, about to marry a native of very good family, was required to furnish proof of his being a bachelor. Not knowing any of his countrymen who knew him sufficiently well to testify to this fact, he determined to supply the deficiency with the oath of a native.

Meeting a Mexican in the street, whom he had never seen before, our countryman proposed to him that he could swear to his being unmarried for the consideration of five dollars. The man, after a moment's study, said to the Yankee:

"Get down on your hands and knees and creep about."

Not exactly understanding what he was at, our friend obeyed, much to the detriment of his unbecomingly. The other party then told him that he was all right; that he could swear that the American had not been married since he knew him, and that was since the time he crawled.

DRIVING HORSES.—Why is it that so many of our farmers and nearly all of our city carmen seem to be using a tight rein on working horses? When a horse, left to his natural inclination, has a heavy load to pull, he can best exert his strength if his back-bone is in one continuous line, and this he will have if not prevented by a tight clock rein. Some claim that it prevents a horse from falling; when a man can raise himself over a fence by a lift on his suspensory, he will believe it. When a horse falls a tight rein will prevent him from getting on his feet again. Try it without a rein and see if we are not correct in our practice and theory.

ISAAC JOHNSON, of Bogh, Conn., recently returned from a depot of five feet. It was found in earth an hard that it was with difficulty removed with a pickaxe, and the entire form of the animal was plainly imprinted in the hard pan. The ditch was being cut through an old pasture, where probably no mortal being ever dug before.

A Boston firm having written to a debtor two or three times without eliciting any response, sent another epistle quietly querying whether there was not a little lack of "commercial courtesy" in not answering letters. Promptly by return of mail came a check for the amount and the terse and comprehensive reply: "No lack of commercial courtesy, but a lack of circulating medium here."

"You say, Mrs. Smith, that you have lived with the defendant for eight years. Does the court understand from that that you are married to him?"

"In course it does."

"Have you a marriage certificate?"

"Yes, your honor, three on 'em—two gold and a boy."

"Verdict for the plaintiff. Call the next case."

LAWYER—"How do you identify this handkerchief?" Witness—"By its general appearance, and the fact that I have often like it." Counsel (cutely)—"That's no proof, for I have got one just like it in my pocket." Witness (innocently)—"I don't doubt that, as I had more than one of the same sort stolen."

Wives of candidates for sheriff in Chicago, complain that their husbands keep them awake nights talking in their sleep and saying, "What'll you do about it? Step up, boys. Come, Dan, Jim, Ed, Sam, Fritz, Buff, Pat, the whole of ye. Gimme some whiskey."

When they tried to force Miss Gay, of Independence, Mo., into a marriage against her will, she kicked the minister's hat off, knocked the young man down, and rode off on a mule, with one foot on each side of him.

The gall of Secretary of a N. Y. insurance company, being in command of a pleasure party, the late of pleasure, struck the gun of one of his men about to fire on a wild officer with the exclamation, "Don't shoot at him, we have got a policy on him."

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All of which I will sell at

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