

Farmer's Corner.

—Ever since the period of the appearance of the potato rot in this country, farmers have been studying...

The sweet south wind, so long sleeping in other climes, or sunny seas...

The bursting buds look up To cheer the sunlight, while it lingers yet On the warm hillside—and the violet...

The laborer at his toil Feels on his cheek the dewy kiss, and lifts His open brow to catch his fragrant gifts—

The aromatic spoil Borne from the blossoming gardens of the South, While its faint sweetness lingers round his mouth...

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Meekly, and countless wild flowers wake to fling Their earliest incense on the gales of Spring.

Continual songs arise From universal nature—birds and streams Mingle their voices, and the glad earth seems A second paradise!

Sunshine and song, and fragrance, all are thine, Thrice blessed Spring—thou bravest gift divine!

Not unto earth alone— Thou hast a blessing for the human heart, Balm for its wounds, and healing for its smart—

Telling of Wigner's dream, And bringing upon thy rainbow sing Type of eternal light—thrice blessed Spring.

THE RAINY DAYS. The day is cold, and dark, and dreary; It rains, and the wind is never weary;

My life is cold, and dark, and dreary; It rains, and the wind is never weary;

But the hopes of youth fall thick in the blast, And the days are dark and dreary.

Be still, sad heart! and cease repining; Behind the clouds is the sun still shining; Thy fate in the common fate of all, Into each life some rain must fall, Some day must be dark and dreary.

—Enterprise follows the path marked by reflection to profitable discoveries, and industry, guided by intelligence, reaps its appropriate reward.

Earth is bountiful to all her children, but bestows her choicest favors on the most dutiful. In whatever occupation men engage they must draw their sustenance from the bosom of the common mother, and thus all the pursuits of life depend for existence upon Agriculture.

It is one of the strangest anomalies in history that a calling thus paramount and all controlling, should have remained through sixty centuries neglected and ill understood, while more simple and exact, though infinitely less important arts, were ages ago brought to a degree of perfection that modern skill may not hope to surpass.

But though the idea of improvement in Agriculture and agricultural implements is less than a hundred years old, very young in the presence of the centuries, its progress and its results would be incredible were they not so well authenticated.

No sculptor of this age expects to rival the works of the chisel of Phidias, stained and marred during the lapse of twenty-four hundred years; and even our boasted "sun-pictures" would appear lifeless and inaccurate compared with the imitative creations of the pencil of Praxiteles; and the most ignorant of our lately emancipated freedmen would cast aside as needless the clumsy spade with which Cato, the censor, introduced his little farm, and the least enlightened conservative in modern agriculture would consent to fuel the wooden plough of Hippolitus, the mythical "Plougher" of the ancient Greeks, or "who" with this implement, won the favor of Ceres, and was permitted to fly through the air in the dragon-drawn chariot of the fabled Goddess, and distribute corn throughout the earth.

Yet the first iron plough used in the United States was patented in 1733.

—We often, especially after heavy rains, meet with water which is not fit to drink. There is a well known way of purifying it, which simply consists in putting in from two to three ten thousandth parts of alum, about two grains per pound. This will cause all the extraneous animal matter to coagulate and sink to the bottom.

Very few have recourse to this simple method, probably because they are afraid of drinking alum-water; but they do not consider that the alum is decomposed by the mere fact of its exercising a chemical influence.

M. Jemot, of the Central Laboratory at Algiers, shows that muddy water will become potable within seven to seventeen minutes by adding half a grain of potash alum for every quart of water. The alum is then decomposed into sulphate of potash and sulphate of alumina; the former salt is dissolved, and the latter decomposed, its alumina going to the bottom, and carrying with it all the muddy parts, while the sulphuric acid set at liberty seizes upon the carbonates contained in the water and changes them into sulphates.

Dizroy says he always respects old age except when some one cheats him with a pair of tough chickens.

OSWEGO BREWERY AND BILLIARD SALOON.

J. A. MacDONALD, Proprietor. Green Street, Oswego, Oregon. Wholesale and Retail Dealer in GENERAL MERCHANDISE, Groceries, Wines and Liquors.

OSWEGO BREWERY AND BILLIARD SALOON. Henry Gans, Proprietor. The proprietor of the above saloon wishes to inform his friends and the public in general that he is now ready to accommodate them with the best of liquors, such as Wines & Cigars. Also agent for the sale of Humbert's Oregon City Lager Beer, Cream Ale etc. Orders promptly attended to.

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