

IN THE NIGHT.

As I enter the shadowy portals of night, To stray in her solitude vast, Pale Memory whispers a vanished delight, And summons a shade from the past.

A CALIFORNIA MUSTANG.

The other day a Kern county rancher telegraphed to the best horse doctor in San Francisco: "Take the next train, come out to my farm, and do what you can for my mustang."

"It was more than thirty years ago," he said. "I was 18 years old, and had been away from home attending school. When I came back to the ranch in Kern, near the foothills, my mother came crying to the door to meet me."

"My little sister was very ill. She was only 6 years old, my pet and delight, and my mother was a widow. An elder sister was in Tuolumne teaching school; my brother, who managed the ranch, had gone to Stanislaus to buy sheep, and mother and baby were alone."

"It was early winter, and rain had made the road heavy; cloudy all day, a drizzle began before I had been five minutes in the saddle. I had neither whip nor spur. Now and then I spoke to Major, and he knew there was work before him."

"Not here," was the answer, as I hampered at the pactor's door. "Gone ten miles into the foothills to the old Belmont place."

"That was east in a direct line, and three miles south was another village where perhaps a doctor could be found. If not it was but a few minutes lost, for another road could be taken to Belmont's."

"Again the wild pace under the clouded sky and cold rain, thoughts of my lonely mother and little sister urging me to yet greater haste. The road was hard, with a thin coating of mud that splattered me from head to foot, and the wind blew sharply in my face."

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FARM, FIELD, GARDEN.

TOPICS OF PRACTICAL INTEREST TO PROGRESSIVE FARMERS.

Fertilization by Crop Rotation, as Demonstrated in Field and Farm—A System That Gives Alternately a Nitrogen Gathering and Nitro Consuming Crops.

Some authorities, among whom is Professor Wagner, divide crop growth into two very distinctly marked classes. They are the nitrogen gatherers and nitrogen consumers. Except a small amount of nitrogen in the soil to start the growth, the nitrogen gatherers draw all their supply from the atmosphere.

A system of rotation should be adopted that will give alternately a nitrogen gathering crop and a nitrogen consuming crop, and there will be very little demand for the application of nitrates, as the nitrogen gathering crop will each time furnish the requisite amount of nitrogen for the following nitrogen consuming crop.

The college fraternities bind men together for life in ties that are never broken. I think you will be surprised to know some of our leading men who belong to them, and still in their busy later years take great delight in assisting to keep up the organizations and the old spirit.

The Four Classes of Combs.

H. S. Babcock, writing in The Fancier's Review, reduces the variety of combs upon our fowls to four classes: First, the single comb of the original progenitor of our domestic fowls and the type toward which other combs constantly tend to revert.

Whose Face Was It? A few years ago while a workman at Pueblo, Colo., was dressing a block of stone his chisel uncovered a hard concretion near the surface of the block.

The Root Growth of Corn. It is quite well known that growing corn is often injured by deep plowing, but no instance is remembered where the reasons for it have been better given than has been done by the Illinois Experiment station.

Manure from the Woods. It will hardly pay to haul rotten wood alone to your fields for manure. The fertilizing matter in all you could obtain in that condition would be quite small, and most likely it would be full of insects, of which every farmer has enough already."

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