

Poetry.

SPRING.

BY WILHELM MULLER.

Haste! open window, open heart:
Quickly, oh quickly!
Old Winter seeks a passage out:
He fidgets anxiously about,
Goes round the house with bustling air,
And picks his duds up here and there;
Quickly, oh quickly!

Haste! open window, open heart:
Quickly, oh quickly!
He's spied young Spring before the door:
He knows his madcap pranks of yore:
To pull his ear were sport, I trow,
Or pluck his reverend beard of snow!
Quickly, oh quickly!

Haste! open window, open heart:
Quickly, oh quickly!
Spring knocks already at the door;
Hark! 'tis his cheering voice once more—
He kneels with all the force he may,
With his little meadow-flower bouquet;
Quickly, oh quickly!

Haste! open window, open heart:
Quickly, oh quickly!
And if you are not prompt to hear,
He has his train of servants near:
He'll summon them to help his will,
And knock and beat more loudly still!
Quickly, oh quickly!

Haste! open window, open heart:
Quickly, oh quickly!
Lo! Morning breeze, his herald, view—
A puffed cheeked boy of rosy hue—
He blows till all things stir and ring,
For entrance to his Master, Spring!
Quickly, oh quickly!

Haste! open window, open heart:
Quickly, oh quickly!
The brave knight, sunshine, now appears,
And breaks his way with golden spears;
While the soft flutterm, flowerbreath, slips
Through narrowest crevices and chinks,
Quickly, oh quickly!

Haste! open window, open heart:
Quickly, oh quickly!
Now sounds the onset, Philomel;
And hark, and hark! an echo's swell—
An echo from my inmost breast—
In sweet Spring joy, a welcome guest;
Quickly, oh quickly!

The Christian advises ministers in these words: "Do not get excited to soon. Do not run away from your hearers. Engine driving-wheels whirl fast on an icy track, but when they draw anything they go slower. Do not scold the people. Do not abuse the faithful souls who come to meeting rainy days, because others are too lazy to attend. Preach the best to the smallest assemblies. Jesus preached to one woman at the well, and she got all Samaria out to hear him the next time. Ventilate your meeting-room. Sleeping in church is due to bad air oftener than to bad manners. Stop preaching and talk to folks. Come down from your stilted ways and sacred tones, and become 'as a little child.' Tell stories; Jesus did, and the common people heard him gladly. Relate your experience; Paul did, and you can hardly do better than he."

To CURE THE LOVE OF ARDENT SPIRITS.—Captain Hall was the commander of the Great Eastern steamship. He had fallen into such habitual drunkenness that his most earnest efforts to reclaim himself proved unavailing. At length he sought the advice of an ancient physician, who gave him a prescription which he followed faithfully for seven months. At the end of that time he had lost all desire for liquor, although he had many times been led captive by a most debasing appetite. The prescription, which he afterwards published, and by which so many other drunkards have been assisted to reform, is as follows: Sulphate of iron, 5 grains; magnesia, 10 grains; pepper water, 11 drachms; spirit of nutmeg, 1 drachm; twice a day.

According to official reports, there were in London on the 19th ult. 120,111 paupers, of whom 34,460 were in workhouses and 85,651 received outdoor relief. These figures show a decrease of 27,617 compared with the corresponding weeks last year.

At a recent town meeting in Moscow, a small town on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, about forty miles west of Davenport, Iowa, women were elected, by a large majority, to fill all town offices.

It is a fine thing to be able to ripen without shriveling; to reach the calmness of age and still keep the warm heart and ready sympathy of youth.

Poultry.

CHICKEN CHOLERA.

A correspondent wisely remarks of chicken cholera that "until it is known what organ is affected, it is idle to talk of this or that remedy proving effectual." I cannot decide this point, nor can I say what is the cause of the disease, though I believe it to be some hurtful food. I can only describe the symptoms and mention the remedy which I found efficacious. Certainly every disease which carries off poultry is not cholera. The symptoms of true cholera are as follows: The fowl droops, and refuses to eat, and evacuates copiously a frothy mucous, which looks like beaten yolk of egg. The craw is filled (usually much distended) with fluid, and, in parting the feathers which cover it, shows a greenish hue through the skin. As the disease progresses, the head becomes affected, so that the fowl is unable to hold it up, even when it can stand on its feet, or hold on to the roost; finally, it is attacked with convulsions, and dies. The appearance of the craw I consider distinctive of cholera.

I had lost more than half my stock last spring, and was desperate, when a friend suggested carbolic acid as a remedy. I put five or six drops into two ounces of water, and poured about half a teaspoonful down the fowl's throat, repeating the dose twice or thrice in the day. If the fowl could not eat, I fed it with cornmeal wet with the carbolic mixture, in some cases making it like thin gruel. For the poultry which could eat, I prepared the cornmeal in the same way, and into the trough of water I put enough carbolic acid to impart a decided odor, and make the fowls shake their heads vigorously when they drank. The disease causes great thirst. This treatment checked the spread of the disease, and cured some very bad cases. In one case, the fowl was so dirty, from falling and lying in the mud, that I gave it a warm bath, wrapped it up in a piece of old flannel, and kept it in the house all night, giving it a good dose of the acid. The next morning it could hold up its head, and it is now a fine, healthy rooster. But it is all-essential that the poultry be confined in a yard; if allowed to run at large, nothing can save them.

For the "pip," another fatal disease, known by a horny scale on the tip of the tongue, I have found a mixture of about one teaspoonful of soot and one-fourth as much sulphur, with sufficient lard to form a paste, the best remedy. Tearing the pip from the tongue, I think worse than useless.

For sore eyes, washing with salt and water is very efficacious. In one case I dropped into the eye a weak solution of nitrate of silver (lunar caustic), one grain to one half ounce of rain or distilled water, apparently with benefit.—Cor. Colman's Rural World.

Horticultural.

CHARCOAL ON FLOWERS.—A correspondent of the Revue Horticole says that not long ago he made a bargain for a rose bush of magnificent growth and full of buds. He waited for them to blow, and expected roses worthy of such a noble plant and of the praises bestowed upon it by the vender, but when it blossomed all his hopes were blasted. The flowers were of a faded hue, and he discovered that he had only a middling multiflora, stale color enough. He therefore resolved to sacrifice it to some experiments that he had in view. His attention had been directed to the effects of charcoal as stated in some English publications. He then covered the earth in the pot in which the rose bush was, about half an inch deep with pulverized charcoal. Some days afterward he was astonished to see those which bloomed of as fine a lively rose color as he could wish.—He determined to repeat the experiment, and therefore when the rose bush had done flowering, he took off the charcoal, and put fresh earth about the roots, and waited for the next spring impatiently to see the result of this experiment. When it bloomed, the roses were at first pale and discolored, but by applying the charcoal as before, they assumed their rose red color. He then tried the powdered charcoal in large quantities upon petunias, and found that both the white and violet colored flowers were equally sensitive to its action. It always gave vigor to the red or violet colors, and the white petunias became veined with red or violet tints; the violets became cov-

ered with irregular spots of a bluish or almost black tint. Many persons who admired them thought they were choice new varieties from the seed. Yellow flowers appear to be insensible to the influence of charcoal.

TULIPTREE IN ENGLAND.—James Vick says that during his recent tour through the south of England, in visiting a park which contained many interesting and remarkable trees, one in full bloom attracted the special attention of his English friends. This was the tulip tree, and he adds: "I took no small pleasure in informing them that this was a common forest tree in America."

THE SUNFLOWER AND NITROGEN.—No plant absorbs nitrogen so rapidly as the sunflower, as ravenously as the stomach of an ostrich. A pigeon was buried between the roots of a sunflower, and after some weeks not a vestige of the bird was found—the plant had devoured and digested even the feathers.

It is at home that every man must be known by those who would make a just estimate either of his virtue or his felicity; for smiles and embroidery are alike occasional, and the mind is often dressed for show in painted honor and fictitious benevolence.

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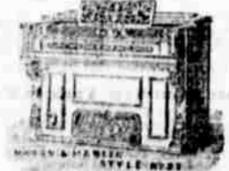
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