

Poetry.

A WEED.

How shall a little weed grow That has no sun? Rains fall and north winds blow— What shall be done? Out come some little pale leaves At the spring's call, But the harsh north winds blow, And the sad rains fall. Dost thou try to keep it warm With fickle breath? He must, who would give life, Be Lord of death. Some day you forget the weed— Man's thoughts are brief— And your coldness steals like frost Through each pale leaf. Till the weed shrinks back to die On the kinder sod, Shall a life which found no sun, In death find God? —Louis Chandler Moulton, in April Galaxy.

PROTECTION AGAINST MOTH.— We have every spring many modes offered of protecting furs and woollens against the destructive attacks of moth during warm weather. We have seen various preparations sold for this purpose, with long accounts appended of their being perfect remedies. Red cedar chests and closets are recommended and many people cumber their houses with them at considerable expense, only to find out now grievously they have been disappointed. The best protection we ever tried has been to tie up in close cotton bags all furs and woollens at all convenient to be so treated, after giving them a thorough shaking and cleansing, and letting them remain there until they are again wanted. These bags can be hung anywhere out of the way. If there are no moths in the articles when tied up there certainly can none get in afterward if the bags are sound. All can see that. But when the clothes or articles are too numerous to make this convenient or desirable, hang up in the wardrobe, after a good shaking, and place little bags of camphor all over the wardrobe, laying a few in the bottom. Then, about every three weeks take out the clothes and shake them up well. No moth will ever disturb them.—Chr. Country Gentleman.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT.—The House Committee on the District of Columbia, approve the bill appropriating \$200,000 for the completion of the Washington Monument. The sum of \$220,000 has already been expended upon the work, and \$322,000 will be needed to complete the shaft, while the cost of the whole work, including the shaft and "pantheon," or base, is estimated to be \$1,122,000. The Committee unanimously approve the plan of this monument, and of the work that has been already done, and bear cheerful testimony to the energy, integrity, economy and patriotic love which animated and governed the transactions of the Washington National Monument Society, and especially commend the design of building the monument by the voluntary contributions of the people of the United States.

BREAKING UP OF GRASS LANDS.—A piece of grass land that will cut two tons of hay per acre, or which will furnish an equivalent in pasture, cannot be profitably broken up, especially if the land is inclined to be rough or wet. Many fields which are now covered with herbage, might, by draining and manuring, become covered with valuable and nutritious grasses, and where labor is scarce and high, this course is far preferable to putting such land under the plow. Draining is often all that is needed to produce the change; sometimes a judicious application of artificial manure might be profitably used.

A New Yorker wrote to Gen. Spinner, asking for his autograph, and a "sentiment;" whereupon, the veteran Treasurer wrote in reply: "You ask for my autograph with a sentiment. My sentiment is this: When a gentleman writes another on his own business, he should enclose a postage stamp."

Educational.

PROF. HUXLEY ON THE BIBLE AS A TEXT-BOOK IN SCHOOLS.—At a recent meeting of the London School Board, Prof. Huxley delivered quite an elaborate speech in opposition to the use of the Bible in the public schools of that city. Of the first chapter of the Book of Genesis, he said: "The reading of this chapter would convey—whatever the chapter was intended to convey—that the world was made in six natural days. I don't say whether that is the right interpretation or not; but I appeal to the common sense of the Board, whether that is not the interpretation which every child capable of understanding the English language would naturally derive from the statement contained in the Book of Genesis; and, that being the case, it is perfectly certain that this statement is erroneous, and no more capable of being disputed than whether the earth stands still or not. I submit that it is an absolute crime that this Board should sanction the instilling into the minds of the children statements which are not true, and which the instruction they receive a few years later will most infallibly upset. You will perceive that in dealing with this question, I do not ask the Board to leave out from the ordinary lessons of the Bible, that which I, and the men who think with me, might consider not to be correct. I do not ask that. That would be asking too much in the present state of affairs. But what I do ask, and what I have a right to ask, and what you as honest men must grant, is this, that these tender children shall not be taught that which you do not yourselves believe." (Applause.)

THE EDUCATION OF GIRLS IN ENGLAND.—In an able paper, recently read before the Society of Arts of England, it was pointed out that the condition of education among the girls in the upper and middle classes of England is worse than that of the higher the social scale the worse in quality is the course of education usually supplied to the daughters. In all boys' schools and in elementary schools for girls the pupils are practically educated, so that they may be best fitted to get their living as early and as readily as possible. In the higher classes of schools showy accomplishments of superficial advantage in life are the great aim of all instruction. And it was declared that at the present moment a large number of the girls brought up at first-class schools would be completely unable to pass such an examination in arithmetic, reading, and needle-work as the majority of the girls at the Hanwell District Pauper School qualify in before they leave that institution. Unless some remedial efforts are put in force, it was apprehended that as the School Boards get into working order, the difference in the quality of education will become greater and greater.—Educational Reporter.

CLASSICAL EDUCATION IN ENGLAND.—The Westminster Review, in an article on the educational system in classical schools, says: "Is it not a fact that thousands of English boys spend a considerable portion of four, five, or six days a week for forty weeks in every year, from the time they are six or seven years old till eighteen or nineteen, or even more, in learning Latin, and at the end of the time can not construe Cicero or Virgil with any approach to ease and accuracy? can not at any rate read even an easy Latin book with such facility as to think of taking one up to read for their own amusement. Everybody knows that it is so. Every one, who has had what is called, with unconscious irony, 'a liberal education' (meaning apparently an education on which the expenditure has been liberal), knows that the great majority of his acquaintances are each a living proof of the failure of schools and universities to teach."

ADVOCATES of a liberal education for women will be glad to learn that a young lady student in the State University of Missouri has gained the first prize for Greek scholarship. Miss J. F. Ripley has the honor of being the first woman who has ever surpassed the young men in such a contest.

THE Legislature of Pennsylvania has enacted a law, making women over twenty-one years of age eligible to the office of School Director.

It would seem that there is a direct conflict between the law in this country and in England on the question whether suicide, or an attempt to commit suicide, is a crime. Some months ago the question was carried up to the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and that tribunal decided it in the negative. But in Ireland, a short time since, a magistrate fined a man two shillings and six pence for jumping into the river, whence he was rescued by the bystanders. This indicates that while an attempt at *felo de se* is a crime, it is not regarded as a very serious one.

Mrs. Amelia Brooks, aged 51, died in St. Louis lately, from a superabundance of adipose matter. She had accumulated fat until she weighed between 900 and 1,000 pounds, and actually fattened to death.

An exchange says: Don't borrow a newspaper; nearly all the prevailing diseases are spread in this way. If you don't want the small pox, take your paper direct from the publisher.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Remarkable Cure of Mr. Abram Tully.

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COLUSA, Jan. 27, 1870.—Loss paid on a policy where the premium was four months overdue.—J. W. Jones, Colusa, Cal.; amount insured, \$10,000. The payment of this claim was attested by Frank Spaulding, W. F. Good, J. M. Wilson, J. W. Good, A. J. Johnson M. D., Henry Peyton.

WALNUT CREEK, Jan. 26, 1871.—Loss paid on a policy where the premium was eleven months overdue.—Lawrence G. Pool, Walnut Creek, Cal.; amount insured, \$5,000. The payment of this claim was attested by John Siltz, Orris Fales, John J. Kerr, M. Colver, D. F. Majors.

COLUSA, Feb. 28, 1871.—Loss paid on a policy where the premium was four months overdue.—Jas. H. Cadden, Colusa, Cal.; amount insured, \$5,000. The payment of this claim was attested by W. F. Good, J. W. Good, John Boggs, John Cheary.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25, 1871.—Loss paid on a policy where the premium was two months overdue.—J. Levinson, of Boise City, Idaho; amount insured, \$10,000. The payment of this claim was attested by M. S. Barnett, S. A. Gyle, J. Cerf, Rosenthal, Feder & Co.

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