

Current Literature.

A MEETING.

Two that wrecked each other's hope, Parting coldly in their prime, Met upon the downward slope, Taught by tears and calmed by time.

Aunt Jean's Mistake.

"Oh, dear! it is so pleasant to say in the house to-day!" said Kitty Ford. "Aunt Jean, couldn't I goberrying up in the pasture lot?"

one spell, and a jumper jacket as Billy Barlow wore, who ran away and joined gypsies, six months ago. Kitty, run up stairs and fetch 'em. And the young man can go the barn and put 'em on. Well, I do call this a streak of luck!"

"Then I may come," said Horton. "People were very much surprised when Horton Leigh brought a blue-eyed country maiden to reside over his city mansion the next fall."

A Neat Little Job in Toothpicks.

Mirth vegetated like a mushroom at Hopercraft's, in Franklin street, last week. Senator Browning, the Hon. Arthur D. Williams, Robert C. Brown, a well known cigar dealer and George Hopercraft, proprietor of the restaurant, were at dinner.

Spare the Polecat.

Mr. Lot Bonine, of Vandavia, Cass county, Mich., has decided opinions as to the value of that much despised animal, the skunk, to farmers, and recently prepared a short essay, to be read before the Farmers' Club of that place, in which he speaks of skunks and quails: These animals, that are generally ruthlessly destroyed, are invaluable to the farmer.

Mad-Stones and Hydrophobia.

A mad-stone or calculus is found in the paunch of a deer or cow. It is claimed by those who have faith in the mad-stone that it adheres to the wound until it becomes charged with poison, when it drops off. It is then so-aked in milk, and the application is renewed. As a very small percentage of those who are bitten would have the disease any way, it is very easy to deceive people with a mad-stone. It is said that of the animals bitten two dogs out of three will have it, the majority of horses have it, cattle have a better chance, and sheep still better. It is estimated that one person in twenty takes the disease—some estimates are greater, some less. There is a record of a dog that was bitten by thirty mad dogs, and outlived them all.

The Eastern Part of the Palouse Country.

The Palouse Gazette says: The citizens of the eastern part of this country should use some exertion to induce the coming immigration to come and examine the country along the base of the mountains. The great Potlatch country offers great inducements to the settlers, because of its natural advantages of timber, water, etc. The excellent body of land straddling Genesee, Uniontown and Colton, and extending north past Pullman, Palouse City, Farmington and into the Rock creek country, is all one grade of land, constituting the finest body of land on the Pacific Coast. Being convenient to timber, and everywhere abounding in springs, it offers advantages that do not exist further west. The soil is a rich, black loam, covered with a sod that is easily turned over with three common horses. Numerous towns are scattered throughout this belt of land, and excellent mail facilities everywhere abound. No settler should locate north of Snake river until he has taken a look at the Potlatch country, and from thence north towards Sp. Kane Falls.

Value of Middle Oregon.

New countries are almost always underrated at first. The miners who first worked the placers of California pronounced the valleys of that State entirely worthless for agricultural purposes. Within a few years the product of the farms exceeded the product of the mines, and farming lands were selling at \$100 per acre. Early immigrants to Oregon passed through the vast regions between Snake river and the Cascade mountains, and declared that the country was totally unfit for human habitation. A few decades have passed away, and many of these same people are retracing their steps to make their homes in the once despised land. It has been found that the soil of Eastern Oregon, although dif-

Care of Farming Implements.

The Ohio Farmer says: We have noticed that plows last, on an average, about three years, wagons, eight to ten years; reapers, five to eight; drills, eight to ten. We think these figures are quite as much as the truth warrants. We know of many implements that have not lasted so long, and of many which have lasted much longer. We to-day can point to a wagon that has been in constant and hard use for twenty years, and that has stood the wear and tear of hard use for more than fifteen years, drills that have been in use as long, and other implements. These were not made of extra good materials, nor were they suffered to lie by. They were put to constant use. What, then, is the secret of their greater endurance? It is but this—they were taken care of. When not in use they were put away with care. These implements not only kept longer, but when they were in use they might be depended on. They were kept ready for work. The reapers did not break down in the midst of harvest and compel the hands to remain idle while some one went to the railway stations to get repairs; the drills did not need to be repaired just when the wheat ought to be sown; the wagons were not always breaking down and occasioning stoppages and vexation. Another thing may be said in their favor, and that is they always did good work. The reapers cut a smooth stubble and put the grain down in good condition; the plows did not refuse to scour; the drills put the wheat in just as it should be, and those implements did good work, not only while they were new, until the last year they were in use.

HUMOROUS.

Over the Garden Wall—Broken Glass. Sensible Irish Agitation—Agitating a Potato Field. Some men are so shamefaced that they cannot even meet a note. "The good die young." This does not apply in the case of Spring chickens. Good plane board in the country is stongly suggestive of shavings to the city mind. There is a good deal in a name, after all. Washington has a demented beggar named Looney. When a follow is going to the dogs there are always plenty of p. ppies to show him the way. Dr. Potter of New York laments "the decay of enthusiasm." He should watch the small boy on the morning of the circus. The man who is going to wait for his love at heaven's gate does not tell us what side he is going to be on; but he will probably be like the boy who has not money enough to get into the circus. An exchange says: "New uses are daily discovered for leather." The small boy fervently hopes that the sole of a slipper will be turned in another direction. Mrs. Enthuse—"How I envy your garden, Mrs. Smith! Any one would know these were fresh tomatoes." Little Johnny Smith (who has been in the kitchen) "and right under 'Fresh Tomatoes' there's the biggest picture I ever saw. It runs around the whole can. Can't I get it, mamma?" Signs of Summer—When the barber sharpens up his horse clippers to give his customers a close crop.—When the rural editor states that he has been presented with the first watermelon of the season.—When the improvident young man thinks he will be very rich next winter, and gives his ulster to a poor relative.—When the rural joker tells of the young man who attends a picnic in lavender trousers and sits on a custard pie.—When the demure little teacher of a Sunday school class calls around to see if she can sell you a few tickets for a strawberry festival.—And when Clara Vere goes to her pa austere, and says it her heart would cheer and make her feel very gay, if he would go right away, in this blooming month of May, buy her a set of croquet. Then we may know that summer is near at hand. A Boom in Land. The Yakima Signal says: Last Monday was a very busy day in the Yakima land office. Court was in session, and early this morning several of the legal fraternity, after mature discussion, concluded to enter a few sections of land on the lower Yakima under the Desert Land Act of March 3, 1877. Under this Act each applicant is entitled to one section, or 640 acres, at \$1.25 an acre, the only requirement being that the purchaser shall irrigate and reclaim the land from its desert condition within three years from the date of entry. The first payment is 25 cents an acre, the remainder being paid when the land is reclaimed and proof of that fact submitted to the satisfaction of the land officers. As soon as it became known that entries were being made an excitement upon the subject arose which did not subside for a day or two, or until some eight or ten thousand acres had been entered.

A NOTED BUT UNTILTED WOMAN.

(From the Boston Globe.)



The above is a good likeness of Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., who above all other human beings may be truthfully called the "Dear Friend of Woman," as some of her correspondents love to call her. She is zealously devoted to her work, which is the outcome of a life-study, and is obliged to keep six lady assistants, to help her answer the large correspondence which daily pours in upon her, each bearing its special burden of suffering, or joy at release from it. Her Vegetable Compound is a medicine for good and not evil purposes. I have personally investigated it and am satisfied of the truth of this. On account of its proven merits, it is recommended and prescribed by the best physicians in the country. One says: "It works like a charm and saves much pain. It will cure entirely the worst form of falling of the uterus, Leucorrhoea, irregular and painful menstruation, all Ovarian Troubles, Inflammation and Ulceration, Floodings, all Displacements and the consequent spinal weakness, and is especially adapted to the Change of Life." It promotes every portion of the system, and gives new life and vigor. It removes faintness, flatulency, destroys craving for stimulants, and relieves weakness of the stomach. It cures Hoisting, Headaches, Depression and Irritability of the Liver. Her Blood Purifier works wonders in its special line and bids fair to equal the Compound in its popularity. All most respect her as an Angel of Mercy whose sole ambition is to do good to others. Philadelphia, Pa. (S) Mrs. A. M. D.

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