

Current Literature.

PLANTING OF AN APPLE TREE.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

Come, let us plant the apple tree,
Give the tough ground award with the spade;
We'll let its hollow bud be made;

What plant we in this apple tree?
Sweet for a hundred flowery springs
To load the May-wind's restless wings;

The Young Widow.

He was dead, they told me, and I did
Not believe it—my noble handsome husband!
It could not be true, and I laughed

horse he rode was found dead a mile
further back.

I had been glad that he was away from
home, out of reach of the storm, never
dreaming that he was right in its way

But he was silent and cold—so cold
that the chill from his lips struck to my
heart. I could not see. I thought I
was dying, too, and was glad.

What should I do? I could not sew.
There was music teaching, that infallible
resort of all broken down gentle-

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It could not be true, and I laughed

shortly after Mrs. Davidson appeared
and gave orders for dinner, informing
me that I should have to assist in wait-

Then began a strange life for me, yet
I was not unhappy. I mourned my
husband, I grieved over my alienation

So the time passed until I had been
cook a year. I had been required, per-
haps a dozen times, to serve the dinner

I did my best, and the dinner, served
at 8, would have tempted a king.
When it was time I went in with the

Dear old father! He was delighted to
get his little girl back. Shortly after
Harold's death he had concluded that

Mr. Davidson will have to advertise
for another cook, he said.
I could see that he was shocked at my

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