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From swift Arcturus, Bootes, mighty one, the Driver of the Bear,

From all the stars and co

inhabit space, I gather up the fragm my past incarnate lives, counted by sands, aye, and thousands yet to be, From all of these I make one voice, and into

Hail, ancient city! May all that makes you

I salute the crooked streets, Beacon hill, Fan euil hall, the old statehouse, the long path enii hali, the od and Boston common! —Gemini in Boston Transcript.

what a madman he was, turning the gone, with the brute a mass of white, and he a shaking, quivering coward, ger to gallop the mile with no moon was Dick? Did he lie like a log in the neck?" But the man who came in could tell us nothing. He had lost Dick the the very cavern of the dike, and old taken place in the dairy than in any moment we had given him the word to Peter nearly bucked when a hoarse other part of farm work. go. Dick was well enough-that he

our attention, and would we get him some brandy? ped him up before the blazing fire in the kitchen-every one sat in the kitchen o' nights in that little Hampshire hunting box, the Plough, and then we began to look at him. He was very white, truly, and his hair was dank, as though he had been dragged through the ditch in the clover patch, but beyond this there was a very fever of fear marked upon him. In all my life I have never seen such a depth of nervous degradation. He trembled like a horse that has scented fire, and for many minutes he could not speak a word to us. With any other man this would have excited our merriment, but with Douglas Tasker! Why, there was not a man in the country who had half his devil or could hold him for a moment over any sort of country. The thing was too absurd,

It had been some three hours before this ride that Douglas had thrown down the glove to the equestrian sages of the dining in our quiet way—old Colonel Blake, who had hunted the pack 30 years ago and now hobbled out to his dog cart on crutches; Harry Dike, the Through Vestibuled Trains every day whip: Dr. John ho awore that the in the year to horsemen we could show. We had these little gatherings many a night in the winter, and many a man hunted over the table there as he had never hunted over the country round. I used to listen to their tales and say to myself I would write them all up some day, if Parson Bob Tollemache didn't write them before me. Aye, a rare hand with the pen was he, and as for the country chart on a beach horse. That was a pretty argument for disestablishment when the bishop got him-the best that ever strode a pony over any gallop, with a nerve like bessemer and a judgment that never failed him. He Pullman Sleeper reservations can distened that very night among us, and be secured in advance through I saw the twinkle in his eye when Douglas offered to go out against the room at 12 o'clock and ride the Devil's Mile for a hundred down on the table at breakfast. He was sane, of course, and madmen only receive pity from him, but he said nothing. Who knows that the old spirit did not lurk somewhere down beneath the black in spite of 10 years of homily and "when the wicked man?" You can never tell, for parsons do not carry their hearts upon their sleeves for every daw to pick at, and he was no exception.

"A wager, a wager!" The cry had been taken up as the men rose to their feet, not a little fighed, I regret to say,

Helmre was the first to answer, "I take you," but in spite of their bravado none else came on. "Do you fear. boys?" cried Douglas again. "Will the night

There was another shout at the chal-

You'll break your neck, boy, "he said,

But Douglas was in no mood then to

bandy words with the parson, and out

we all went in a troop to see the horses saddled, leaving the old fellow at the end of his half bottle and at the begin-

ning of his cigar, for he was a bachelor

and dined at the Plough, when the men

"I set spurs to Peter, and he

and only a shimmer of the rising moon

on the mist held up the dark for us to

never tell! I heard only the hard breath-

ing of my horse or the thud of his heels

on the soft ground, and as the man or

touched his mount with whip or spur-

he only went on like a flying thing in

the air, and when we neared the bridge

together I saw that there would be a

standing, and as I almost reined in Pe-

ter to take the narrow bridge of planks

I saw the black form rise for a moment

in the air and then land on the bank.

By heaven! he had jumped it, and if

there's a living rider who can do the

thing stopped on the opposite bank, and

as I drew near raised its arms above its head, and a loud, mocking laugh

rang out among the hills. At the sam.

moment, as my horse stood shivering

with fright, the man's right hand threw

something black at me, and I nearly swooned with terror. When I came to,

I picked up the dark something which

had been thrown, but in the blackness

I could make nothing of it. Any of you

who may choose to seek it will find it

hanging at the girth, and if it isn't a

fiend's headgear then I've dreamed the

stable and found the missile as directed.

Quick and with anxiety we carried it to

In eager expectation we went into the

whole matter!'

"But my story isn't done. The black

same I'll give him all I've got.

ment.

that wine, you'll be in good company.

air stop your throats, or do you want time? I take any man the fair mile and a finish across the hillfoot bridge for a hundred with his morning tea. Answer when you like. There's my money—even if the devil himself stakes against

From Polaris and his Guardians, blazing arctic skies, where streams the Aurora Bor alis, mystic wonderful.

From Cepheus and the fair Andromeda, Cas-slopeia, Egypt's queen, Perseus and the Drag-on, the demon Algol and the enormous Square of Pegasus, Hercules and Ophiuchus ton the blind, the de

From all the planets and their moons, the rings of Saturn and from all the meteors that

it I breathe my hopes, my aspirations and my love for dear old Boston, and I cry:

famous and unique endure forever! Ye poets, preachers, scholars, antiquarians, merchants, toilers, the old, the young, the rich, the poer, hail! I salute you!

THE DEVIL'S MILE.

He reined in his black horse in the urtyard of the Plough, and the foam moment in the darkness of the hill. We had no intention to follow them to the For Passenger and Freight Rates fell from the black beast as snow from a bush. We had followed him with difficulty in the dark out yonder, for he them to their mad work we trotted back, rode like a madman, and a thousand a group of black figures in a gray mist, furies at his heels could not have forced another effort from the 6-year-old mare which carried him so well. Heaven, And the only news was the return of Douglas, shaking and quivering like a whole village out to see him dare the stricken being-an object study for pity, Devil's Mile at 1 o'clock in the mornas I have said. "What has happened? ing and coming home when an hour had we asked him a dozen times before he pulled himself together and told us the tale, and while he was speaking Dick who seemed to have lost in that 60 mincame in and listened. Poor Dick! He utes out and home every spark of the old devilry which had carried him on was in no mood for conversation, but his mad errand! And where was Dick he opened his eyes at Douglas' tale, as -Dick, who had taken up the mad wadid we, and widely too.
"When you said 'Go,' "said Doug-las as he seemed to gather his wits at showing, and the mists rising from the channel, and the darkness lying thick between the hills, as though it had been sniffed the dark like a trained horse dropped upon the land? Where, indeed, and bounded into it, fearing as little as I feared. Dick seemed to disappear has sting poison on her. ROUTE at the White R ... Were we to go out with flande "ix and spread afield to bawl, "Dick," k, hast broken thy black horse-seemed to come out from

> side this night, and the horse felt it, We got him the brandy, and we proptoo, for, flog him as I would, he shivered like a leaf, and every step I thought he would come down. Not that I cared. "'If you're man,' I said, 'I'll ride you for the hundred, and if you're devil I'll ride you for five,' and with that I clapped spurs to Peter again, and he went down the side of the dike like he or no other horse out of hades has ever gone before. Race—the wind cut my ears like a knife, and it was as if I rode on nothing, for the ground I could not see, and the sky I could not see, and the hills just loomed over me like mighty figures from another world. I went my best, and I don't believe any other 6-year-old in Hampshire could have staid like Peter staid, but judge of my fright when the shadow at my side crept up and up, and as we put down the hill to the bridge came full alongside me. I flogged old Peter then in a way very strange to him, for it was neck and neck to the narrow bridge,

and I waited for his explanation, knowing well that it would vindicate him. But it was curious that such a lightly made wager should have had such an end, and I fell to recalling all the old women's tales of the hills and of the bevy of sprites and imps that haunted them. Pshaw! What rubbish they all were!

There were a dozen of us there knew every inch of it-a veritable

the kitchen and to the lamp. "By thunder!" said the doctor when he saw it, 'it's the parson's hat!" -- Max Pemberton in London Sketch.

and crowded around Douglas. Dick FARMERS, COLUMN, constitute about the only outdoor work

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or in Ohio. Study the characteristics of the suc essful producing dams.

lenge, and Parson Bob put in his word: Lack of ventilation is the cause lampness in many hives. over the mile a night like this, and as Italian bees may be distinguished by for the devil, if you take any more of

their three yellow bands.

A horse that is ruined in breaking kill them. loes not generally get over it. Owners want to learn to sell the first

time a fair price is offered. More bees are lost by wintering than any other. by disease or in any other way.

lived the life there in the hunting sea-Mares with the most nerve force pro We were all too curious to see the luce the fastest trotters and pacers. meeting to think about anything in-The best stock build up earliest, swarm side, and our ardor was only stimulated when we saw the mist steaming up from first and are the best to gather honey.

the lowlands and the night as black as When cows shiver in the stable, they a tempest cloud with never an inch of will be poor before the summer time. clear sky or a breath of wind to grip

the sea fog. What did it matter to us? When colonies begin to breed rapidly There would be a horse or two laid up, supplies will disappear as if by magic. and men would lie by with rheumatism Swarming is an important factor in for a day or two, but what odds? We the production of comb honey in perfecshould keep our necks at any rate, while

the two madmen would lose theirs-The number of advocates of level culand lose them assuredly they would on such a night and with such blackness tivation of potatoes seems to be increas-It was just 12 o'clock by the bell of

In England acorns mixed with grass the old church when we started the pair by the dead elm under the red are considered good food for sheep and farm, and off they went out of sight in a pigs. It is safer to exercise youngsters in har-

ness than to turn them loose in a slip-

mile end on such a night, and leaving perv field. Let the cow frisk in the open air once in a while; continuous stable life is not and applied near the roots in early and hung about the door of the Plough until we should get tidings of them. good for her.

> A hen in her prime and properly cared for will produce three times her weight in eggs yearly.

had fallen heavily in the Plough and likely to fall short.

> obtainable Bees will ball their own queen just portion of grains, and the grain should as quickly as a strange one when she

Well-drained land makes the soil better, and manures act more readily and with better results. something black-a vague shadow on a Of late years more improvement has

voice cried. 'Wager, wager!' I don't Freezing injures butter, but if it is to fear man or devil, but I feel pretty sure

be held long in storage it will be more a share. I rode with something uncanny by my damaged if kept unfrozen. the older ones will float higher.

If butter is to be held for any length | Wood ashes, besides setting free the cf time it had better be frozen, as in ammonia of the droppings, bleaches the that state it holds its flavor longer. The winter dairyman ought not to emptied in the poultry house. neglect having a supply of ensilage.

fowls. It is the comfort of the fows first where the varmint enters, protecting it other considerations afterwards. Aim high and breed upward. There screen.

Roots will do, but ensilage is better.

is far less competition at the top, and If there are no outer sheds with a sunconsequently prices are much better. In France, the greatest and most successful poultry raising country, all mar- Wading in slush and standing in a winket fowls, dead or alive, are bought and ter wind do not promote health nor insold by weight.

see it. What a half mile that was I can has nothing to do with it, but that the most productive of eggs. How unprofitclimatic conditions in which thunder oc- able then to kill off the young hens and curs favor the development of bacteria. leave the aged ones. fiend rode beside me I chilled again to the bone, for he made no sound, never average weight of fleeces produced in more economical and profitable than the United States has doubled. This is raw food. The grains may be cooked in

crash and that we would both roll headlong into the stream below. Then I pecially in reference to breeding. held my breath and waited for the moground. The best thing you can do, if is excellent and here is a place where "But it never came. You fellows know the spot-you know that the you have such a piece, is to invest a lit- dairying pays. ground is 14 feet if it is an inch above tle of your surplus in draining it. Probthe brook. You know there is a 20 foot span to the grass land across. Well, as I'm a living man, a hundred yards from the water the shadow left me as one

> needed, keeping the trees from getting working and weeding, and can be made overloaded with moss or snow, tramp- any shape desired. ing the snow down around the trunk to Let the beds be well drained. On prevent injury from rabbits, and bind some soil, simply raising the earth up any that may have been gnawed. re- above the grass plat a few inches is sufvegetable matter that collects on trees, derdraining.

that can be done in winter. Salt mixed with stable manure will hasten decomposition and render it

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leomargarine if they want it. The fraud comes in when it is sold as but-

In the greenhouses where lettuce is grown for the market sowings are made every ten days to keep up a succession. It is a mistaken idea that starving

stock and exposing them to cold will

harden them. It will either stunt or A new variety of wheat is reported at Le Roy, New York. It is a cross of the

Clawson, and is expected to out-yield This is the time to make plans for spring work, and to determine to plant

only as much land as can be properly Gather up and burn all rubbish. It will contain some kind of injurious in-

sects which, if not destroyed now, will spoil crops next season. It is thought by many that winter is the right time to manure the strawberry bed, and that the frozen ground is no

drawback to the work. The gardiner who uses greenhouses generally plants his first cucumber seed in the latter part of August; these, of course, are followed by later planting

during the winter. The Royal Institute for fruit and vine culture at Geisenheim, Germany, has experimented successfully in the use of copperas as a stimulant for plants that lack green color in their leaves. The copperas should be dissolved in water

spring. Sheep are docile, easily handled animals, which will thrive on a great diversity of food and require less grain Italians produce a larger number of than any other stock. But all these bees than blacks, and so, indirectly, points become positive disadvantages if the owner goes to the other extreme and Frames of sealed honey can be given bestows neither food nor care. Because on any warm day to colonics that seem the sheep ask little is no reason why

they should get nothing. Give the cow water once a day at least In feeding cattle for growth roughness in winter, and always the freshest water can be largely used, but in fattening the ration must consist of a much larger be a fattening one. In feeding for growth the cost can be lessened by using more roughness. But whether feeding for growth or to fatten, care should be taken to give a sufficient amount to

maintain a steady gain. POULTRY NOTES.

Do not give all the fruit and vegetable parings to the pigs; let the poultry have

Is the house overcrowded? Thin out Fresh eggs are heavier than the old the poorer specimens and give the othones. Therefore, when put in water, ers more room. The flock will pay bet-

shanks of the fowls and should not be A steel trap properly set will catch the 'possum that kills the chickens. Set it Never have high roosts for heavy inside the house in front of the opening

from the fowls by boards or a wire

ny exposure for the flock to frequent they had better be confined to the house. duce laying. Why does thunder sour milk? asks a A young ben lays a larger litter than subscriber. We do not know that it the old hen. It is probable that the first

Within the last thirty-five years the Cooked tood fed warm is very much due to the fact that the sheep have been quantity and fed cold, as they will keep better cared for in every way than form- for weeks in cold weather. Laying hens erly and more intelligently managed, es- ought to enjoy a steaming mash containing some meat scraps every morn-It is a waste of time and money to try ing. Thin, watery food can't be exand grow profitable crops upon low, wet pected to supply material for eggs. Milk

FLOWER GARDEN.

ably it is rich, and the extra crops it will Make your flower garden near the produce will soon repay you for the out- house, where you can spend a few moments every-day. A border less than Hauling out and applying manure, if three feet wide is most convenient in

moving the moss and other detrimental ficient. Heavy soils often require un-

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