

AUTUMN'S WHISPERS.

There's a sigh in the meadow;
There's a rustle in the grass;
As the warm south wind rustles
The rich, yellow corn;

CAPTURING A STILL.

The other night, Major Griddlewood, who long ago was his spurs as an efficient revenue officer, related the following story:
At one time we had a great deal of trouble with illicit distillers in Arkan saw. There was one neighborhood especially where it seemed impossible to discover the outlaws.

connected with the government, they dismissed their apprehensions and have ever since treated him with the utmost courtesy. Pa is making money out of the coffin business, but it is such a grim trade that I cannot half enjoy any financial benefit that we derive from it. Say, you're hunting for the wild cats, ain't you?
"Nobody can hear us, but you are, ain't you?"
"Suppose I were, do you think I would tell anybody?"
"I heard you tell father, but it's all right. I won't say anything about it. I haven't any friends among the wild cats, and for my part I wouldn't care if they were all in prison."

Since then, the Dripping Spring neighborhood has been one of the most orderly and law abiding communities in the state.
Martin Luther.
The celebration of the birth of Martin Luther, which took place on the 10th of November, 1883, awakens a new interest in his history and the work he accomplished.
He was born on the 10th of November, 1483, of humble parentage, at Eisleben, Saxony. There was little remarkable about him as a boy. Others were as studious and capable, and when he attended the University of Erfurt it is doubtful if he was any more proficient in his studies than is many a young collegian of to-day.

was surreptitiously, but with much energy, carried on. The abolitionists of the north had commenced to be active, and even in Baltimore a newspaper was started called The Genius of Universal Emancipation. It was short lived, however, as might have been expected in that quarter. In Boston even, at that date, it would have been dangerous to establish a journal of the kind. The supreme court of Massachusetts declared a hundred years ago that the "equal" passage in the declaration of independence did not apply to slaveholding. This was about the time of the birth of Jane Lennon. She has now gone to her reward, a gentle and faithful woman through a century of trials that were most burdensome, and ultimate blessings in the world.
The Romance of a Pardon.
James McDougall, who was sentenced to imprisonment in the Auburn, N. Y., prison for ten years in October, 1877, for burglary in the first degree, has been pardoned. The governor gives the following excellent reasons for his action:
"The wife of the convict left him and for some time he could not discover her whereabouts. He learned that she was living with another man, ostensibly as a domestic, but, as it now seems to be conceded, actually in a very different relation. The husband's repeated requests that she should return to him and restore his child, which she had taken with her, and his efforts in that direction were resisted by the man with whom she was living. The crime of which the prisoner was convicted consisted in his bursting into the house where his wife had taken up her abode, in the night, apparently with the idea of reclaiming her and his child. He was confronted by the man who had alienated his wife and was harboring her, and was shot by him and nearly killed. As soon as he had sufficiently recovered his wounds to be brought in court he was convicted of burglary in the first degree and sentenced to prison for ten years. Nearly six years of his term of imprisonment having expired and but little difficulty in agreeing with the judge who sentenced him and the attorney who prosecuted the indictment, that he should be released."

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