

SONG.

Forgive me if when lilies blow
And lanes are all a-trill with song.

Forgive me if when bleak rain drips
And mist obscures the wintry skies.

The Traitor's Thumb

"That's grand slam again in no
trumps to us, and the rub," said Guy
Hardwick as he added some big figures
on his score sheet.



ly, wonder written large on the faces
of all three.
It did not contain cigars. All that
there was inside it was a curiously
shaped brownish, weezened, shriveled
object set in a wide gold rim of an
antique workmanship, round which ran
a somewhat roughly executed inscription.

WORMS AND WORMS.



The most recent benefaction of John D. Rockefeller is the gift of
\$1,000,000 to a commission of twelve scientists, educators and business men.

Apparently, all fish that comes to
my lamented ancestor's net; we scoop
the dollars gally in, even when we
play bridge for penny points or beggar
by neighbor with somebody's children.

He lounged out laughingly, putting
the silver cigar case carefully back in
to an inner pocket as he did so.

"I wish," said Willie Stamford,
as they parted on the club steps, "some
kind ancestor had left me a mascot."

"Get Hardwick to lend you his," suggested
White, the man who had been his
partner; and he and Mason hailed a
belated taxicab, leaving Willie alone
in the murky night, for Hardwick was
already out of sight.

"Five hundred and fifty pounds,"
groaned the young man to himself as
he walked along the deserted street.

lapse had made him a rich man rising
fast in his profession.
As he thought over these things
growing nervous and uncomfortable
the door opened, and Hardwick's
face appeared.

Stamford screwed up his courage
and made the plunge.
"Is Mr. Hardwick in?" he asked. "I
want to see him on important business."

The man's mask-like face twitched
with a sudden gust of feeling.
"Haven't you heard, sir?" he said
in a voice that only rigid effort kept
steady. "Mr. Hardwick was run over
and killed by a motor bus just before
lunch time today, sir. It's terrible bad
business."—New Orleans Times Demo-
crat.

Monte Carlo Threatened.
The little village of Cap d'All, on
the national road near Monte Carlo, is
threatened by destruction from a land
slide, a Cincinnati Inquirer's Monte
Carlo dispatch says.

To complain is not a fault of age;
alone; it is a favorite pastime of youth
also. A writer in the Argonaut tells
the following story of an incident in
a Western university.

REAL OLD CROFTER'S HOME.

Exact Reproduction of Irish Cabin
Built for Children's Playhouse.
One of the show places of Far Rock-
away is the handsome residence of
James Caffrey, the Brooklyn Eagle
says.

But while the villa is interesting,
there is still a more interesting ob-
ject on the grounds that draws forth
exclamations of pleasure and admira-
tion. It is the play-house of the Caf-
frey children.

The play-house is about 15 by 12
feet in size and one story high. The
walls are of hewn stone and white-
washed on the exterior. It has a
thatched roof, straw tightly bound to-
gether to a thickness of about one foot.

The sentimental sea-
My sentimental sense is such
That Realism's ruthless touch
Can not displace
The fond embrace

A cabbage, by the common herd
is generally deemed absurd;
Both coarse and plain,
Of common grain,
A vegetable yokel.

On a visit to St. Petersburg a visitor
noticed that on the occasion of
the birthday of the Czarina there were
only one or two flags visible, these be-
ing displayed on official buildings.

Cent Fine by Judge Landis.
Judge K. M. Landis, who fined the
Standard Oil Company \$29,240,000, has
fined John Bower, of Rockford, Ill., 1
cent.

Ice Box Repartee.
"Huh!" sneers the plate of ice
cream to the piece of limburger cheese.



Are Farm Land Prices Too High?
How long will the price of farm
lands continue to increase? Just so
long as the price of farm products con-
tinue to increase, and these prices will
remain firm so long as labor finds
steady and profitable employment.

Farm lands which may be relied on
to produce satisfactory crops of grain
and grass are not selling too high.

The sure way to increase the value
of land is to increase its productiveness.

Individual Hog Houses.
"Notice articles from time to time
on the construction of individual hog
houses, I wish to submit the plan of
houses that we use," writes a corre-
spondent of the Breeder's Gazette.



are for sills. Two pieces 2 by 4 inches
and 6 feet long are for ridge and
plate.

Value of the Home Market.
Farmers should encourage their
home town, to build up a good home
market for their dairy and poultry
products, fruit, vegetables and many
things that sell far more profitably at
home than they could by shipping
them away.

Squashes and Pumpkins.
With care in storing, there is very
little difficulty in keeping these, es-
pecially the former, in good condition
until spring, and I have kept some
varieties of the genuine pie pumpkins
until well into March in just as nice
condition as they went into storage.

Alfalfa Sells.
Alfalfa does best on well-drained
soils, where the water level is several
feet below the surface. It is a very
deep-rooted plant, sending its roots
down into subsoil which is largely un-
available to other farm crops.

Sunshine in the Dairy.
Sunshine is the dairyman's best
friend. When the sun beats down
hot in the summer we are apt to think
it an enemy, but a week of clouds,
even in July, casts a gloom over
everything and makes both man and
beast at cross purposes with the world.

Why They Don't Lay.
Many who keep hens are asking
themselves just about now why their
pullets don't lay, when the fact is that
a lot of their young stock was hatch-
ed too late, or was not given proper
food and care during growth.

Beehive of Concrete.
Among the occupations which offer
profit and amusement, and at the
same time entirely suited to women,

Concrete beehive this are not pre-
sented, the things may be purchased with-
out any great outlay of money.

Warning to Dairymen.
We have repeatedly warned the
dairymen that the oleomargarine law
is likely to be amended next winter,

Convenient Light for the Barn.
Many fires may be avoided when
the short winter days require the use
of a lantern in the barn by having
some such device as here shown to
keep the lantern in place. This device
requires only two small pulleys and
a rope. The rope is run through the
pulleys, the lantern
attached to one end
and then pulled up to a convenient
height, the loose end of the rope be-
ing fastened to a cleat on the wall.

Prizes for Peasants.
The hilly territory of Trieste, it is
stated, in a consular report on that
district, is covered by pointed stones
which prevent any cultivation, and
some years ago the Society Agraria
offered prizes for those who would
remove them and thus change the
waste ground to meadows. The work
has now been going on for some years
and every autumn a commission ascer-
tains the area of the proposed redemp-
tion and fixes the prize to be given.
In spring it again visits the improved
grounds and pays the prizes if de-
served. This year in the different par-
ishes sixty-six peasants improved
forty-four acres and received \$1,040.