SEED THOUGHTS.

Thought once awakened does not again slumber.—[Carlyle.

We are haunted by an ideal life, and it is because we have within us the beginning and the possibility of it.—[Phillips Brooks.

One beautiful soul is the door through which one enters to the society of all true and pure souls.—[Emerson.

Every human being is intended to have a character of his own, to be what no other is, to do what no other can.—[Channing.

All one's life is a music, if one touches the notes rightly and in time.—[Ruskin.

His heart was as great as the world but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong.—[Emerson.

All true science begins in the love, not the dissection, of your fellow-creatures; and it ends in the love, not the analysis, of God.—[Ruskin.

No fountain is so small but that heaven may be imaged in its bosom.—[Hawthorne.

There are thousands willing to do great things for one willing to do a small thing.—[MacDonald.

The disposition to give a cup of cold water is far nobler property than the finest intellect.—[Howells.

We are nearer neighbors to ourselves than whiteness to snow, or weight to stones.—[Montaigne.

Nothing makes a man strong like a call upon him for help.—[MacDonald.

The Good Wife Knew It.

There is a retired cobbler living in this place, writes an Angelica, N. Y., correspondent, who deserves the respect of his countrymen for moral courage.

Ten years ago he was, and had been for a long time, a confirmed inebriate—not a periodical spreer, but a genuine soaker, warranted not to draw a sober breath from sun to sun. Occasionally the fumes of the whisky with which he plied himself would clear away from his befogged brain, and at such times his mental equilibrium would wrestle with the problem of total or even partial abstinence, to be utterly wrecked at the sight of his haunts or the first faint call of his system for the stimulant which long use had rendered peremptory.

One day, however, a halt was called, and this is the way he tells of it:

"I was on my way to the barn when I saw a small snake in my path. I kicked it with my boot, and it turned to a bit of crooked twig, which I snapped in my hand and threw away. I thought nothing more of the matter until I reached the barn, when directly before me, a second snake twisted across the board. With a quick spring I seized it, and it proved to be a whiplash. A sudden horrible fear made me faint and weak. I sat down on the lower rung of the ladder leading to the loft and wiped the cold sweat from my forehead.

"Snakes, by Jericho! I exclaimed. 'That means business.'

"Then I stared straight across at a corn stalk that soon began slowly to wriggle and curve. With bursting eyeballs and all the strength of mind I possessed I forced that corn-stalk back from the animal to the vegetable kingdom, and then I staggered feebly out into the open air. I leaned against a fence, and, for fear I should see more of those horrible twisting things, I clung to a post and closed my eyes.

"Time is called, Jim, I said to myself, 'whisky and you part company to-day,' and sobered than I had been for several months, though with no more strength than a baby, I managed to get back to the house.

"There was a fight, though! I didn't tell my wife, for I had made a good many promises that hadn't held water, and I thought I'd go it alone for a while. I got up in the morning after a terrible night with the thirst of a chased fox upon me. Water wouldn't quench it, and I tried milk. I crept into the milk-room, slipped a straw into the edge of a cream-covered pan, and sucked out the milk until only the cream was left, lowered smooth and unbroken to the bottom. Then I tackled another and another, until the fierce craving was somewhat quelled. It was a household mystery what became of the milk. No cat could lap it, my wife said, and leave the sides and cream untouched, and where did it go?

"I let them talk, for the struggle was too sore and fearful to be spoken of, and I went on drinking the milk.

"The road from my house to my shop lay by the groggery. When I left my gate in the morning I took the road, and on a dead run, as if pursued, I made the distance. I ran hard all way home to dinner, and back after that meal, never, in fact, trusting myself to walk, or even take to the sidewalk for months. The cure was slow. I keep all the brakes hard set yet. A single glass of hard cider would undo the work of all these years, but you can bet that glass doesn't touch my lips while the memory of those little crawling black reptiles stays with me."

"And did your wife finally learn what became of the milk?" he was asked.

"Yes," and his voice broke. "I told her on her deathbed.

"'Jim, dear,' she said, when I had finished with her hand clasped in mine, 'Jim, dear, I knew it all the time.'"

The Modern Shakespeare.

"Henrico, love, the Winter's at the door."

"Aye, damosel, in truth he is, and we will do with him as doth become the world's most fashionable treatment of a friend—we'll do our best to keep him from our hearth."

"Ergo, we will, but mark the paradox, the symbols of his certain sovereignty—the steaming flap jack and the sausage links, the spare ribs and the pickabil pie of mince, the cooing doughnut and home moister fare, we will so woo unto our confidence that e'en a part of our true inwardness they will become."

"They will, and welcome, gyerl! For Winter is a tutor worthier far than he's accounted in our estimation. He 'tis that doth unfold the sweets that are in uses of adversity. He doth acquaint us with the ash pan's worth, and eke the fitness of the snow shovel, and from the uses of these adverse things we learn how sweet it is to scape their exercise."

"And concentrating at the hearthstone's shrine the yearnings that do prompt to social cheer, doth it not open to our nature's quest themes that do off our souls intoxicate."

"Marry, it doth, thou tuneliest of sylphs, and being candidates for such as this, here's one that woos the egg nogg's overflow, or timely entrance of the cider jug."—*Yonkers Gazette.*

TOWN LINE TOOTINGS.

Movers: Frank Swan to Washington C. L. Smith to Armada, Amos Swan to the Sandbrook farm which he has rented for a year, Mr Johns to the Trowbridge place and Mr. Norman Lomason to Frank Schoch's farm.

Visitors: Mrs. Nellie Clark and daughter at Grey's, Mr. White for the past week, near Flint, and our teacher will spend her vacation at Ridgetown, Ontario.

The sick: Mrs. John Shug with some heart trouble, Mr. Blair and Orie Beach are better, baby Nelson has had very sore eyes, the Boomer boys have all had the misfortune to get poisoned while cutting brush.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Hiram Skinner, sr., was buried on Thursday, the 23th inst., aged 86. Rev. A. Harwood preached the funeral sermon at the Beaver church.

Harmon Cromie cut his foot severely a few days ago.

John Ames and Hiram Bayley have built fancy hen houses.

We have had Hugh McBride married several times before, but this time it is a dead moral certainty. The happy young lady's name was Miss Mary Wallden of Goodrich, Canada. The nuptials took place at the residence of the lady's sister in Detroit on Wednesday, March 24. Their many friends join in wishing that all their cares may be "little ones."

John Blakely says he will never advertise in the ECCENTRIC again because he has been bothered with so many applicants to rent his farm. We believe he has rented it to a German from east of Warren.

Richmond Heard and wife are more than happy over the birth of their first grand child, a son to Mrs. Fred Moore of near Galion.

On account of poor health Chris. Bartlett has given up the purchase of George Geddes' place.

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THE WISE VIRGIN.

O, sister! all the week you've worn
Your stockings creamy white;
Why do you deck your limbs this noon
In hosiery so bright?

It seems a shame that you should wear
The ones you have on now;
They are so beautiful, my dear
And they'll be spoilt, I vow.

Why, don't you wear an older pair
And save those others till
Next summer, when we go up there
To Hell Katerskill?

In older sister gave a glance
And scornfully said
"An idea never seems to dance
My darling, through your head.

When days are bright I wear the white,
But when the day is wet
I'll wear the pair that's new and bright
They'll see them then, you bet."

OUR GIRL.

One of our girls of complexion fair,
Who had wavy locks of silken hair,
The style of which she could no longer bear,
Went to the barber, sat in his chair,
Told him to cut and cut it with care,
And before she knew it she was minus her hair.

In the leaning glass she then viewed her head,
And her face wore a beautiful smile,
As she turned to the barber and said:
"Ah, there! Charlie, you've cut it in style."

A Mesmerist's Joke.

Several well-known citizens were talking together yesterday in the billiard room of the United States hotel, when a professor, the mesmerist, came in to see if the bill poster had left any of his programmes. Two or three gentlemen began to poke fun at the professor, and intimated that there was some trickery in his performance.

Finally the mesmeric operator got upon his dignity, and offered to give a free exhibition, then and there, of his skill. He said he would so place one of the party, when under his influence, that whatever (Carpenter) had caused the subject to grasp his own nose, he could not leave the room without taking his fingers from his nose. The wager was accepted, and one of the party, a gentleman from Windsor, gave himself up to the influence of the mesmerist, who placed him by the side of an iron post or pillar, told him to close his eyes, and made a few passes over his face. He then took the gentleman's arm, brought it around the post, and put his nose between his fingers. A few more passes, and Carpenter said, "Now, sir, you cannot leave the room without taking your fingers off your nose." The victim opened his eyes at once and saw the point, not of his nose but of the joke—for he was obliged to let go the hold of his nasal appendage in order to let go his embrace of the iron post.—*Hartford Times.*

Vermin on Stock.

One of the most serious drawbacks I have to encounter on entering the business of farming, was beginning with a stock of cattle covered with vermin. To such an extent had the thing gone, that enough had taken up their abode in the woodwork about the tie-up and stanchions, so that an animal which was introduced free from lice would soon become badly infested, and would run down in flesh and become poor. To remedy the evil I had recourse to a great variety of expedients and remedies, with various results. Tobacco water, produced by boiling the stems of refuse tobacco, or by soaking it in water for several days, was the remedy generally used about here for the purpose. The objections I found to this were, that it was extremely disagreeable to prepare and apply, sometimes made the animals sick, and often did its work imperfectly. Sometimes when it seemed to be strong it failed to kill them. Oil and grease put upon the head and shoulders, and well-rubbed in, would generally kill them, but it was quite a job to do it effectually, and was liable to some other objections. It was never a favorite remedy with me. Mercurial ointment was effectual but dangerous to the animals if placed on any part of the body that they could lick. I once lost a valuable calf, and have known others to lose valuable animals, by its careless use. Effectual, but it should not be recommended for general use. Kerosene was used, but unless considerably diluted removed the hair, and if much weakened failed to kill them, and will never prove a satisfactory remedy. Dusting with road dust or any such fine material was the remedy applied by wild animals in the natural state, with a good basis. I once made them scarce by dusting with fine ground plaster of Paris. All the remedies named, with a great many others, were tried; the woodwork was whitewashed every where to kill such as were living in the barn; yet with all my care and remedies, they still managed to propagate themselves in such numbers as to seriously interfere with the growth of the stock, and render the profits exceedingly small. It seemed, after a number of years of vexation, as if it were to remain a permanent evil.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following are the names of pupils of the Birmingham union school who were neither absent nor tardy during the three months of the winter term:

HIGH SCHOOL.

Jennie Werth, Carrie Parks,
Sadie Hutton, Jennie Toms,
Mary McLelland, Anna Parks,
Ellen Cooper, Arthur Young,
Elmer Evans.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Harry Bayley, Tommy Cooper,
Maggie Hanna, Zada Hurlburt,
Polly Parks, Adam Reid.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Sarah Allen, Edgar Parks,
Anna Cooper, Fred Shadbolt,
Jennie Toms, Frank Parks,
Hiram Parks, Bert Quarton,
George Aldrich, Stella Ward.

SECOND PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Grace Brown, Mamie Brown,
Iva Bruce, Jimmie Cobb,
Charlie Toms, Jimmy Thurby,
Nellie Fall.

FIRST PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Audrey Wilson, Nellie Cann,
Millie Cooper, Georgie Harris.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

A Democratic caucus will be held at the Town hall in Southfield on Saturday, April 3, 1886, at 1 o'clock p. m., to nominate candidates for the coming Township election, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order Dem. Township Comm.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The republican caucus of the township of Southfield will meet in caucus at Southfield Center on Saturday April 3rd, 1886 at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating township officers and transacting such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

By order Dem. Township Comm.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republican electors of the township of Troy will meet in caucus at the town house on Friday, April 2, 1886, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating township officers for the ensuing year.

JOSEPHUS SMITH,
Troy, Mar. 22. Chairman Comm.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Notice is hereby given that the Democratic caucus of the township of Bloomfield will be held in the National hall, in the village of Birmingham, on Saturday, April 3, at 4 o'clock p. m., to nominate candidates for the township election, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order Dem. Township Comm.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republicans of the township of Bloomfield will meet in caucus at the National hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 3, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating suitable persons to fill the various township offices, to be voted for at the ensuing spring election, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

By order Rep. Township Comm.

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of the
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } Probate Court for the County of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on Thursday the 18th day February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six. Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of ESTHER CLARK, deceased. On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of George O. Clark, praying among other things for the probate of an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Esther Clark, deceased, and that provision thereof may be granted to himself, the executor named, or to some other suitable person. Thereupon it is ordered, that Saturday the 27th day of March, 1886, at ten o'clock in the forenoon be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court to be holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted; and it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Oakland, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
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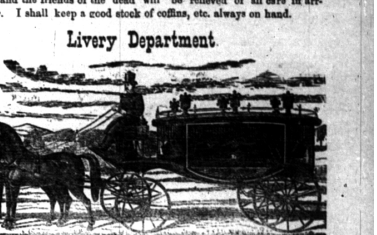

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