

PET'S EPITAPH

By EBENEZER ELLIOTT

TOP. Here thy brother lies—
The best of the poor
His books were rivers, words and skies,
The meadow and the moor;
His teachers were the torn heart's wall,
The tyrant and the slave,
The street, the factory, the jail,
The palace and the grave,
Sine met thy brother evermore!
And is my brother blamed?
From passion, danger, doubt and care,
He no exemption claimed,
The meek and thing worthy calm worn,
He feared to scorn or hate;
But, honoring in a peasant's form
The equal of the great,
He blessed the steward, whose wealth makes
The poor man's little more,
Yet loathed the haughty lord that takes
From plundered labor's store,
A hand to do, a head to plan,
A heart to feel and dare—
Tell man's worst foes, here lies the man
Who drew a worm from its are.



APPLE IS ROYAL FRUIT.

Kings Before Edward VII. Were Fond of Headful Fruit.

The earnest student of sociology likes to think of Edward VII of England, defender of the faith, enjoying the Colorado apple, a dignified, well-dressed man as he attempted to cross the crowded thoroughfare. The horse was moving slowly at the time, and the man was more jarred than hurt. But when he regained his feet he was simply bolting over with rage. His dash madly after his silk hat, which was in imminent danger of being crushed by the wheels of a hansom, and then rushed in another direction for his cap. The street was jammed, and the driver had not been able to move more, than a few feet from the spot where he had run down the foot passenger.

"After securing his hat and cane the man jumped on the sidewalk, gaped at the driver, and tried to speak, but was cut off by the driver's inarticulate but his anger. I lingered to see the finish of the incident, as I expected, as soon as his feelings had cooled down, he would have been expected to hear an eruption of abuse, thickly intermingled with strong words, such as would be likely to come from the average American placed under similar circumstances.

"Finally, fairly quivering with rage, and all the while shaking both fists at the driver, he succeeded in uttering the single word:
"Idiot!"
"And then indignantly strode away."

OTHER SIDE OF NOVELIST.
Most Especially Interested in "Art for Art's Sake."
Author of his American admirers know the late Guy Boothby only as a teller of thrilling stories, but that he writes for an audience temporarily inarticulate by his anger. I lingered to see the finish of the incident, as I expected, as soon as his feelings had cooled down, he would have been expected to hear an eruption of abuse, thickly intermingled with strong words, such as would be likely to come from the average American placed under similar circumstances.

Water and Fat Formation.
There is a notion to the effect that drinking much water makes fat, and some people that have the impression that fat is cautioned against the gratification. According to all investigations that have been made, the opposite is the case. If very wet food is given to fattening animals and if an excessive amount of water is drunk, the fattening process is retarded. On this account it is never advisable to give fattening stock salty foods that would tend to the consumption of a very large amount of water or to keep them in high temperature, which also has the effect of making them drink more water than is needed for the assimilation of food. When animals are in high temperature the drinking of water is a provision of nature to keep down the temperature of the body to its normal point. Perspiration is the process of working off the surplus heat, which, if left in the body, would result in heat prostration, and an animal should drink enough water to enable it to properly assimilate its food.

Size of Feeding Herds.
The University of Illinois sent out a query as to size of herds of cattle being fed for market. As to the number of the report says: Of 417 feeders who answer this question, about one-third report from 25 to 50 head in one year, and one-third from 50 to 100 head in one year. It shows that the best feeders in the country are those who feed from 25 to 50 head in one year, and the exceptional feeders are those in which more than 100 cattle are fed in a year. One of the most successful cattle feeders in Illinois reports that two carloads of cattle, his maximum number fed in one lot, should be in one lot, and is more successful being that cattle are more profitable in one lot and in uniformity.

Farm Notes.
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