Select Poetry.

GOOD-BY, OLD YEAR.

Good-by, old year!
We have loved thee well,
Though thy skies were cold and gray:
Though oft we have sighed o'er prayers denied,
Or dear ones taken away.

Thou hast brought us strength for the daily task:
Thou hast shown us gleams of light.
Thou hast brought us near some friends most dear,
And given us "songs in the night."

The hours of thy life are numbered now,
And we look with fond regard
On all the pleasure thy days have brought,
And forget what we found so hard.

It is ever so when we reach the end,
And the pressure of work is o'er,
That we gather our sheaves, and count our gains,
And remember our toil no more.

We know Thou art bringing us gifts this year,
Of wealth, of pleasure, of rest,
And our hearts beat high as Thou drawest nigh,
For we hope and desire Thy best.

But ah, of sorrow, of waiting, of loss,
Thou hast also a hidden store!
God strengthen us all to endure our cross,
Nor faint ere the strife is over.

And let us to-morrow with hope begin,
And fix our standard high,
Striving to conquer the weakness and sin
That nearest our souls do lie.

And with helpful work or with kindly thought
Let us lighten each other's care.
For love can soften the hardest lot
And lighten the gloom of despair.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG MEN—SMOKING.

From Harper's Round Table.

Perhaps this is a dangerous subject for any one to touch upon, and yet there are a few things still to be said on the subject of smoking to which any respectable person should be willing to listen. Many a young man does not understand why his parents do not wish him to smoke, still less when he is told by these persons that it is wicked or immoral for him to smoke. As a matter of fact smoking in itself is neither wrong nor immoral nor wicked. To some people it is physically injurious, but they soon find that out, and are obliged by their doctors to give it up. If it is not in any way injurious to you, or to me, or to another person, there is no reason why we should not smoke, except that if you are fond of out-door exercise, if you have an ambition to get on an athletic team, if you look forward to college days when you hope to be a member of some class or 'varsity team, it is wiser for your own interest that you should not smoke.

A habit of any kind is a very difficult thing to give up. If you form a habit of taking a cold bath every morning, it is hard to break it. If you form a habit of reading only the best books, it is almost impossible to read anything else. If you form a habit of drinking whiskey, it is quite as difficult, but not much more so, to break it. In like manner the habit of smoking is a difficult thing to break up. I do not believe it is any easier to get into the habit of smoking than it is to get into the habit of taking a cold bath every morning. Each is a habit, and only becomes injurious, and then does become injurious, when it grows stronger than your own will. Yet the cold bath may not be healthy any more than is the smoking. Therefore if you have any ambition of any kind to keep yourself in physical condition, do not smoke or do anything that will injure your physical condition. If, however, you decide to take up smoking for one reason or another if it does not injure you physically, the smoking itself may be perfectly right and proper. When, however, you grow to feel that at certain times in the day you must smoke, then the thing is bad, and should be stopped at once. In other words, smoking is not an offence against the Bible, as some people seem to think, but it may be, and often is, an offence against health. Whenever health is endangered by it, therefore, keep clear of it.

CHEERFULNESS.

"Be cheerful," says the man who is easy in his circumstances, missing no loved face at the table, nor by the hearth. But does he ever consider how hard it may be to be cheerful when the heart aches, and the cupboard is empty, and there are little fresh graves in the cemetery, and friends are few or indifferent, and even heaven for the time being seems to have forgotten us, so desolate is our lot? How difficult for one man to understand another, in such different circumstances! How easy to say, "Be cheerful!" How hard he would find it to practice it were he stripped of all life's brightness!

A VALUABLE GRASS.

A Pennsylvania station bulletin calls attention to Festuca elatior, called meadow fescue. This grass is well calculated to maintain itself with other grasses under somewhat adverse conditions. Besides being tenacious and hardy, it is very nutritious. If some of the seed of this grass can be procured, it should by all means be sown with Kentuckey bluegrass. The fescue referred to is the variety pratensis, a nutritious, hardy, persistent grass that will gain a foothold in well established blue grass sod. It is a much shorter grass than the English festuca elatior, which grows abundantly in bottom lands and ditches.

THE CARE OF LAMPS.

In a certain household that I know, says a writer in the Boston Journal of Commerce, the lamps are a source of the greatest delight and comfort, for they are always spotlessly clean and they give a light that could not possibly be better or brighter. The reason for this is that the mistress, instead of depending upon any of her several servants to care for the lamps and clean them, herself bestows upon them the necessary attention. When these receive a thorough cleaning—once every six weeks—the reservoirs and burners are boiled in soda and water and dried before the fire, not on cloths, as these might have lint. The cloths that are used for the daily trimming and dusting are frequently boiled to remove the oil. The shades are polished and the lamps filled every day.

The wicks of lamps will absorb more oil if they are thoroughly dried before putting them in the burners. To prevent the lamp from smoking, soak the wick in vinegar and then dry thoroughly. Occasionally washing and boiling the wicks in soap and water, rinsing and drying thoroughly, is also a good plan. Every day the charred portion should be rubbed off with a piece of paper or cloth, and once a week the edge of the wick should be trimmed with a sharp pair of scissors. The wick will burn with an even flame if it be cut straight across and slightly rounded at the sides. The reservoir of a lamp should be kept well filled, but when not in use the wick should be turned down to keep the oil from oozing up between burner and collar, greasing the outside and causing a disagreeable odor. When a lamp is lighted, however, it is best to keep the wick turned up to its full extent to prevent smoking.

To render lamp chimneys less likely to crack they should be put in cold water, which must be brought to the boiling point, after which they should be allowed to cool slowly without removing from the water. Wash the chimneys in ammonia water and wipe dry on soft towels that are free from lint; polish with tissue or newspaper. Rub brown spots with salt or whiting.

Kerosene has always an unpleasant odor, therefore it is better to use best astral oil for dining room and parlor lamps. Some housekeepers perfume these oils but this is altogether unnecessary. Never mix two kinds of oil, for the light from such is bad. To make the lamp burn brightly drop in the reservoir a pinch of salt or camphor.

IN MEXICAN CATACOMBS.

From Scientific American.

For a man who is not finical as to what becomes of his body after death, and who wants to economize in point of funeral expenses, Mexico is about as good a country in which to shuffle off this mortal coil as any. In fact, it might be considered as quite the place for a gentleman in moderate circumstances to die, for there it is possible to get a third-class interment including all the advantages of a first-rate burial, without the possibility of your friends being a bit the wiser for at least five years. This is due to a system in vogue there of disposing of the dead, and while to the frugal man it offers some inducements, like all economy it is fraught with its inconveniences. One of these is that a cheap interment means only a lease on a grave, with the corpse subject to removal at its expiration, and were most of us to die in Mexico we would rather pay a little extra and revel in the luxury of perpetual burial.

In some parts of Mexico the cemetery or panteon is inclosed with a great wall, which is nothing more or less than a huge vault, persons being buried in its sides. This wall is partitioned or compartmented off for that purpose. The graves or cells are about two feet wide, two feet high and six feet long, and are leased or sold outright to any who may have use for them. For $25 you can rent a niche in the wall for five years, after which you must vacate for another tenant. Your bones are then thrown into a charnel house, in a heap with a lot of other old bones, unless you should have become mummified in the meanwhile, in which case you are labeled and stood up against the wall, more out of respect for your staying qualities than any deference to your person. There your friends and relatives can come and visit you. If they had any inclination to steal you, they could easily do it, as you will be found to weigh not over five pounds. However, for an extra $25 you can get another five years' lease on your grave, and for $100 down you can get a guarantee that your bones will never be touched.

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The petunia is a very satisfactory plant for a window box. It is well to fill a window with them, as they require a cooler room than some window plants and plenty of sun. Then, too, the massed effect of them is good.

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The sheep should have a good dipping before winter sets in; it will save trouble, suffering and death during that season.

SPEEDING A LOCOMOTIVE.

From Boston Journal of Commerce.

At sixty miles an hour the resistance of a train is four times as great as it is at thirty miles—that is, the fuel must be four times as great in the one case as it is in the other. But at sixty miles an hour this fuel must be exerted for a given distance in half the time that it is at thirty miles, so that the amount of power exerted and steam generated in a given period of time must be eight times as great at the faster speed. This means, says a contemporary, that the capacity of the boiler, cylinders, and the other parts must be greater with a corresponding addition to the weight of the machine. Obviously, therefore, if the weight per wheel, on account of the limit of weight that the rails will carry, is limited, we soon reach a point when the driving wheels and other parts cannot be further enlarged, and then we reach the maximum of speed. The nice adjustment necessary of the various parts of these immense engines may be indicated by some figures as to the work performed by these parts when the locomotive is working at high speed. Take a passenger engine on any of the big railroads. At sixty miles an hour a driving wheel five and one half feet in diameter revolves five times every second; now the reciprocating parts of each cylinder, including one piston rod, crosshead and connecting rod, weighing about 650 pounds, must move back and forth a distance equal to the stroke, usually two feet, every time the wheel revolves, or in a fifth of a second. It starts from a state of rest at the end of each stroke of the piston, and must acquire a velocity of thirty-two feet per second in one-twentieth of a second, and must be brought to a state of rest in the same period of time. A piston eighteen inches in diameter has an area of 54½ square inches. Steam of 150 pounds pressure per square inch would, therefore, exert a force on the piston equal to 38,175 pounds. This force is applied alternately on each side of the piston ten times in a second.

SALTED FRUITS.

From Journal of the Society of Arts.

The preservation of lemons, oranges and citrons destined for export from Italy, and not for immediate consumption in their integrity, but which are nevertheless valuable articles of export on account of the various uses to which their juices may be applied, is a very important object in those cases where the shipment and conveyance to distant parts would be impossible, either on account of the distance to be traversed, or on account of the unsoundness of the fruit or from both causes combined. It is customary in Italy to slice and steep the fruit in large casks filled with salt and brine. The bitter oranges, lemons or citrons are then first of all examined, and Vice-consul Pignatorre, of Messina, says that, although not subjected to the same crucial tests which would be required were the fruit to be shipped entire or their essence properties considered, still they must not be internally diseased and must be of average juciness to be exportable and marketable. They are then soaked in salt water for a few days, the time varying between three and eight days, according to the more or less maturity of the fruit. On the arrival of the fruit it is repeatedly washed in fresh water until the salt contained has been completely dissolved and carried off. It is, however, unquestionable that whatever the preserving qualities of the salt, the process involves an almost total loss of the essential oil of the peel and a deterioration of the juice, and should only be resorted to in extreme cases, when the fruit would not be otherwise profitably used at home or shipped abroad.

THE LEAN MEAT DIET FOR DYSPEPTICS.

The truth seems to be that a person subsisting upon a lean meat diet, while he may manifest a greater amount of strength than upon more natural dietary, and may be unconscious of any abnormal condition, is like a person in a powder magazine—he is in constant danger of vital catastrophe, says Medical Progress. The poison destroying functions of his liver and the poison eliminating capacity of his kidneys are taxed to their utmost to keep the proportion of ptomaines and leucomaines in the tissues down to a point which permits of the performance of the vital functions. The margin of safety, which nature has wisely made very large in order to provide for emergencies, is reduced to the narrowest possible limit, so that anything which temporarily interferes with the functions of the liver or the kidneys, or which imposes additional work upon them, may be sufficient to obliterate the safety margin and produce an attack of grave and fatal disease. Invasion of the body by ptomaine producing microbes, such as the typhoid bacillus, the bacillus of diphtheria, the pneumococcus of Friedlander, the shocks resulting from accident, and even the depression of a severe cold may be sufficient to consume the meager emergency capital, and the result is acute inflammation of the kidneys, or death under chloroform, or from shock following an operation under anæsthesia.

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TRAINS WEST.

LEAVE	1.	11.	15.	23.	29.	53.	55
	AM *	AM. †	AM. †	PM. †	PM †	AM. ‡	‡
New York							
Philadelphia							
Washington							
Baltimore	4.30	8.11	10.17	4.08	6.05	9.3[illegible]	[illegible].35
Arlington		8.35	10.39	4.30	6.35	9.[illegible]2	[illegible]
Mt. Hope		8.39	10.42	4.34	6.38	9.[illegible]7	3 02
Pikesville		8.46	10.49	4.34	6.45	10.04	3.[illegible]7
Owings Mills		8.57	11.02	4.53	7.00	10.15	3.21
Glyndon	5.11	9.10	11.14	5.07	7.13	10.28	3.34
Emory Grove		9.11	11.15		7.15	10.29	3.35
Finksburg		9.20	11.25	5.16	7.24	10.41	3.[illegible]7
Carrollton		9.37	11.38	5.28	7.39	10.55	4 00
Westminster	5.40	9.52	11.53	5.42	7.58	11.12	4.16
Avondale		9.59	12.00	5.49	8.06	11.20	4.[illegible]9
New Windsor	5.53	10.10	12.10	6.01	8.18	11.33	4.[illegible]8
Linwood		10.15	12.16	6.06	8.25	11.40	4.45
Union Bridge	6.00	10.20	12 20	6.12	8.30	11.45	4.50
Middleburg		10.27	PM.	6.18	PM	AM.	PM.
Bruceville	6.07	10.29		6.20			
D. P. Creek		10.33		6.26			
Rocky Ridge		10.40		6.34			
Thurmont	6.25	10.53		6 46			
Edgemont	7.05	11.45		7 34			
Waynesboro	†7.28	12.02		7.51			
Chambersb'g	†8.05	12 39		8.30			
Shippensburg	†8.33	1.06		8 58			
Hagerstown	7.30	12 15		8.00			
Williamsport							
	AM.	PM.		PM.			

TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22.	4.	8.	12.	18.	52.	54.
	PM. *	AM. †	AM. †	PM. †	PM. †	AM ‡	PM. ‡
Williamsport							
Hagerstown	4.15		7.02		2.00		
Shippensburg			6.00		1.09		
Chamb'rsburg			6.31		1.29		
Waynesboro			7.05		2.11		
Edgemont	4 40		7.36		2.35		
Thurmont	5.16		8.10		3.20		
Rocky Ridge			8.26		3.31		
D. P. Creek			8 33		3.38		
Bruceville	5.35		8.37		3.44	6.45	
Middleburg			8.39		3.46	6.37	
Union Bridge	5.45	6.05	8.45	12.50	3.55	6.46	4.05
Linwood		6.11	8.49	12.54	4 00	6.52	4.[illegible]9
New Windsor	5.52	6.20	8.54	12.59	4.06	6.59	4.15
Avondale		6 35		1.09	4 17	7.13	4. 6
Westminster	6.06	6 47	9.11	1.16	4.24	7.22	4 33
Carrollton		7.05	9.25	1.30	4.39	7 4[illegible]	4 49
Finksburg		7.[illegible]0	9.35	1.41	4.51	7.55	5 03
Emory Grove		7.32		1.50	5.00	8.05	5. 5
Glyndon	6.2[illegible]	7.40	9.43	1.51	5.01	8 10	5.[illegible]
Owings Mills	6.44	7.52	9.52	2.01	5.1[illegible]	8.22	5. 9
Pikesville		8.03	10.00	2.11	5 25	8 33	[illegible]
Mt Hope		8.11	10.05	2.18	5 33	8.42	5 8
Arlington		8.14	10.08	2 21	5.36	8.45	[illegible]
Baltimore	7.17	8 40	10.27	2.42	5 59	9.10	6. 5
Washington							
Philadelphia							
New York							
	PM	AM.	AM	PM.	PM	AM	

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

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