### Winter Scenes.

The shores are ice-bound, but beyond the blue
Lies soft and lovely 'neath the wintry sky;
And white sails come and go, and birds glance through
The crystal air, low stooping as they fly,
All their white bosoms brush the feathery foam
That fleck the billows of their ocean home.

O'er ice-bound fields the little snow-birds sweep,
Calling each other through the frosty air,
Then plunging into thickets dark and deep,
Which the sun never pierces with its glare;
Deep shades below, above the cloudless skies,
Through which the fitful wind now swells, now dies.

Long after fields are bare, the snow-wreaths lie
Under green hedges, where the warm sun's beams
Dropped from the clear and cloudless winter sky,
In vain across their sparkling surface gleams;
Beneath them sleep the violet and the train
Of wildwood flowers that bide the April rain.

Each in its order beautiful and grand!
Spring with its promise, Summer like a queen
Full-robed in state, bearing within her hand
A flower-wreathed sceptre, twined with freshest green,
That only fades when Autumn's voice is heard
In falling leaf and fast-retreating bird.

God of the Seasons! may each grateful heart
Learn a new song of praise as seasons roll,
Trustful and hopeful still, though joys depart
And sorrows life's once sunlit hours control:
The land beyond holds solace for all grief,
Perennial Spring, no faded flower or leaf.

### Farm, Garden and Household.

BURNS AND SCALDS.—Dr. Ferguson gives the following recipe which he has tested in the severest cases of burning and scalding from railroad and steamboat accidents with invariable success: Glycerine, five ounces; white of egg, four ounces; tincture of arnica, three ounces. Mix the glycerine and white of egg thoroughly in a mortar, and gradually add the arnica. Apply freely on linen rags, night and morning, washing previously with warm castile soapsuds.

A CURE FOR NEURALGIA.—A writer to the London *Lancet* says: "A few years ago, when in China, he became acquainted with the fact that the natives, when suffering from facial neuralgia, applied oil of peppermint to the seat of pain with a camel-hair pencil. Since then, in his own practice, he has frequently employed oil of peppermint as a local anæsteetic, not only in neuralgia, but also in gout, with remarkably good results. He has found the relief from pain to be almost instantaneous."

PURCHASING A COW.—R. C. Jennings, of Buffalo, N. Y., asked advice of the Farmer's Club as to what breed of cow he should purchase for dairy purposes. Mr. Lyman said the most successful dairyman are in the habit of buying good milkers without regard to breed. If it is intended to make butter, it is best to have one Alderny to ten of the ordinary cows, as this mixture will give a rich color to the milk without the use of any coloring matter. Ayrshires are best for cheese-makers, as they give the most cheese. There is considerable difference in the number of butter-globules found in the milk of different breeds of cows, but the percentage of cascine is about the same in all. Mr. Townsend, who was introduced as one of the originators of the Farmer's Club, and was gazed upon admiringly on that account, said he had been in the dairy business for forty-three years, and that he had obatained the best results from a union of the Durham with the Ayrshire breed. One of his cows gave sixty-eight and three quarter pounds of butter during the month of March. She was fed with grain and the leavings from the house. Mr. Curtis said he believed in the divine law of pedigree, and that wherever he had known of an extraordinarily good cow and could trace its pedigree, he found that it was descended from some celebrated foreign milker. The Ayrshire had been bred to pail for two hundred years.

THE HOUSEKEEPER.—*A Good Pudding.*—Take three ounces of flour, and the same weight of finely grated bread-crumbs, six ounces of nice beef suet (kidney suet) chopped up very small, six ounces of raisins (weigh the raisins after they are stoned), six ounces of well-cleaned currants, four ounces of minced apples, five ounces of sugar, two ounces of candied orange peel, half a teaspoonful of nutmeg mixed with pounded mace, a little salt, and three eggs. Mix all these ingredients well together, tie them tightly in a thickly floured cloth, and boil for four hours.

*For Rusks.*—One pint of warm milk; one teacup of yeast, or one yeast cake; half a cupful of butter; one of white sugar; flour enough to make the dough of the consistency of biscuit. After the sponge of milk, yeast and flour, is light, add the other ingredients. Let it rise again, when mould into small round cakes; put in buttered tins and bake half an hour. Beat the yolk of an egg in milk and rub over the top of each rusk as soon as baked.

*A Very Fine Sponge Cake.* — The weight of four eggs in sugar, and the weight of two more in flour. Beat the whites of six eggs to a stiff cloth; stir the yolkes and sugar to a frothy cream; put together, stir briskly, sift in the flour a little at a time, and stir just enough to get the flour in and no more. Put in a round cake tin with tube in the centre; bake in a quick oven. It rises very light.

*Cream Toast.*—Boil the milk in the teakettle boiler; when hot mix the flour in cold milk, strain through a sieve, and stir in rapidly, add the butter and salt to taste; let it boil five minutes. Toast any bread, pour the cream over it, and serve

*Tea.*—Scald the tea-pot, put in the tea, add a little water; then add the rest of the water in five minutes. Another way is to drop the leaves in hot water; when the leaves have all sunk, the tea is ready.

*Mock Cream.*—Boil the milk in a tea-kettle boiler, stir up the egg, corn starch, and butter, together; add to the milk when hot.

*Hominy Plain Boiled.*—Soak a quart, boil in the tea kettle boiler until soft; tea with syrup, milk, sugar, or butter. Salt to taste.

*Tea Milk.*—Pour the milk into the tea-kettle boiler, let boil; then pour in the tea, let it remain five minutes; then strain and serve.

*Cocoa or Chocolate.*—Pour the boiling water into a tea-kettle boiler, add the cocoa or chocolate and milk; boil as above.

IT is thought that fifty-eight lives were lost by the burning of the steamboat T. L. McGill on Sunday night on Shoo-Fly Bar, in the Mississippi River.

### News Summary.

HALF a square mile of houses were burned in Yeddo, Japan.

SIX barns have been burned by incendiaries in Bordentown N. J.

THE Mexican authorities are in favor of annexation to the United States.

MINNESOTA has 1,087 miles of railroad in operation, and all built since 1861.

TWENTY German vessels are laid up at Amoy, China, on account of the war.

LOT. M. MORRILL is elected by the Legislature of Maine, United States Senator.

IT has been estimated that £500,000 will be required to properly revitual Paris.

IT is expected that by April next every British soldier in India will have a Snider rifle.

THE Democratic Convention of Connecticut renominated the present State officers.

GLOUCESTER District, Mass., estimates the produce of the fisheries for the year at $2,724,500.

JUDGE Eyron Paine, of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, died after a painful illness of several weeks.

FORTY-FIVE deaths have now resulted from the explosion of Messrs. Ludlow's factory, near Birmingham.

THE Prince of Wales has accepted the Presidentship of the Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland for 1871.

LEVI Saulsbury is elected United States Senator from Delaware to succeed his brother, the present Senator.

THE total foreign imports into the United States, for the year ending 30th June, 1870, were $462,377,587.

THE total outstanding debt of Missouri, is $20,865,000, and $16,122,000 is on account of eighty-six railroads.

ONE thousand five hundred and seventy-five divorces have been granted in England during the tast twelve years.

GEN. John E. Watrous, of Deep River Conn., was killed by the accidental discharge of a companion's gun while hunting.

AT a large dinner party the other evening in New York, the table-cloth was of heavy white silk, edged with point-lace.

THE LAST RESORT.—A young lady had brought a libel suit against her mother, as the only means left to get a mother-in-law.

A BALTIMORE physician's family of eight persons was poisoned, it is thought maliciously by a servant. No deaths resulted.

THE average salary of Methodist preachers in Rhode Island has increased the past twenty years from $360 to $1,015.

THE Ways and Means will report a bill for a uniform tax of $2 per gallon on imported whiskey, brandy, and gin, in the United States.

HON. F. T. Frelinghuysen was nominated for the U. S. Senate by the Republican members of the New Jersey Legislature.

THE three robbers of the Central Pacific Railroad Express Train in Nevada, have been sentenced each to thirty years in the State Prison.

CAPTAIN EYRE, formerly of the British steamer Bombay, has finally been discharged from the service of the Peninsula and Oriental Steamship Company.

THE aggregate receipts from all sources of internal revenue in the U. S. for the year 1870 amounted to $185,235,867,97, against $160,039,344,29 received in 1896.

THE Senate Judiciary Committee have decided to report in favor of Messrs. Hill and Miller as duly elected Senators from Georgia. So a Washington despatch says.

KING William telegraphs to Queen August from Versailles that the number of prisoners captured in and since the battles of Le Mans has increased to fully 20,000.

THE ice crop is splendid throughout the North and West. The Erie Ice Company of Buffalo have already packed ten thousand tons, from nine inches to a foot in thickness, of crystal clearness.

GENERAL von Werder was seriously attacked by four French corps in his position south of Belfort. The battle lasted nine hours, and the attack was victoriously repelled at all points. The German loss was only 200.

IT is estimated that there will be required 30,000 reams of uncalandered paper, 2,500 reams sized and calandered printing paper, 1,000 reams of map paper, 30,560 reams of writing paper, for U. S. Post Office blanks, and 1,500 reams of tinted paper.

THE schooner Enterprise, of Eastport, has been seized in British waters for making use of the British flag and register to evade the law. The Captain of the Enterprise says he took 120,000 herrings to the United States last week, and was preparing nets to fish again.

THE class of men who go into politics is shown by the following list of the 151 members of the Maine House of Representatives. There 49 farmers, 20 lawyers, 23 merchants, 5 doctors, 2 clergymen, and 1 editor. The Speaker of the House is a lawyer, and the clerk a teacher.

THE Titusville *Herald's* monthly oil report gives the total production during the month of December at 471,657 barrels, or an average of 15,214 barrels per day. According to the statement of the *Courier* the total amount produced during the month was 509,352 barrels, showing a daily average of 16,431 barrels.

GOV. HARVEY, of Kansas, delivered his message to the Legislature of that State. He says the State debt has been reduced during the year $274,000, and the whole amount of warrants now outstanding is only $229,000. All the State institutions and the general affairs of the State are represented to be in a flourishing condition.

TWO BOTTLES, strung together and strongly sealed, have been washed on the beach of Cornwall, England, one of them containing three letters directed to Hamburg and two sixpences to defray the cost of postage. The other bottle contains a pint of rum to recompense the finder for his trouble in posting the letters, which are from the Danish brig Anne Georgiana, bound to Laguayra.

### UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Among the bills introduced was one extending to all the Southern States the provisions of the act limiting the jurisdiction of the court of claims.

In the Senate, the resignation of Richard Delafield, as Regent of the Smithsonian Institute, was received.

Petitions presented for subsidies to steam-ship lines, and that Jersey City be made a port of entry.

The Pension appropriation bill was passed.

The claim of a postmaster on account of the failure of a bank in which he had deposited public funds, was rejected.

The question of repealing the income tax was taken up. The bill was passed by a vote of 26 to 25.

In the Senate, petitions were presented for and against bridging the Ohio, and in favor of admitting salt free of duty.

A joint resolution, appointing Gen. Sherman a Regent of the Smithsonian Institution was passed.

The bill proposing abbreviation in legislative forms was passed.

In the Senate, memorials were presented in favor of the establishment of a homoepathic university at Washington.

HOUSE.

Bill passed extending the benefits of the act establishing an asylum for disabled soldiers and sailors to those who fought in the war of 1812.

A bill was passed turning over several military reservations near the forts on the Western frontier to the Secretary of the interior to be sold.

Mr. Dawes, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, was asked whether there was likely to be a session of Congress on the 4th of March, and replied that there undoubtedly would be, and in his opinion it would continue until the middle of April or the first of May.

In the House, a communication was received from Commissioner Pleasonton in relation to the income tax, in which he expressed the belief that the evils more than counterbalance the benefits derived from its retention, and recommends its unconditional repeal. A bill allowing additional representation in the Forty-third Congress, was introduced and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

In the House, Mr. Hooper raised a question of privilege on the Income Tax Repeal bill from the Senate, that the Constitution required that all measures to raise money should originate in the House. After some debate, the Speaker ruled the question well taken, the objection having been made that the bill only repealed an act to raise money. The previous question was moved, and Mr. Hooper's resolution was adopted.

In the House bills were introduced prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to any civil, military or naval officer of the Government, and making the penalty of intoxication on the part of Government employes prompt dismissal from the service.

Bill introduced to regulate commerce among the several States. The latter provides for a general law under which railroads, canals and other highways, from one State to another, may be established and operated.

A resolution was adopted welcoming the Fenian exiles.

Report made from the Judiciary Committee adverse to the claims of woman for the franchise under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments.

### The Franco-Prussian War.

The armistice between the French and Prussians was as follows: To be for thirty days, a Constituent Assembly, to be convoked, to meet immediately at Bordeaux. All the forts around Paris have surrendered to the Germans. The military forces in Paris are to remain in the city as prisoners of war. All are to deliver up their arms, except the National Guards and one division of the regular army. Communication with Paris is to be restricted provisionally, but no obstacle is to be offered to supplying the city with food. The armistice extends on the sea.

Emperor William sent the following telegraphic despatch to the Empress Augusta:

"An armistice for three weeks is signed. The Regulars and Mobiles are to be *interned* in Paris as prisoners of war. The National Guard will undertake the maintainance of order. We occupy all the forts. Paris remains invested, but will be allowed to revictual as soon as arms are surrendered.

"The National Assembly is to be summoned to meet at Bordeaux in a fortnight. All the armies in the field will retain their respective positions, the ground between opposing lines to be neutral.

"This is the reward of patriotism, heroism, and great sacrifices. Thank God for this fresh mercy! May peace soon follow. "WILHELM."

A despatch from Versailles states that the contribution imposed upon Paris by the articles of capitulation is fifty-three millions of francs.

### Hunting Wolves for a Livelihood.

A correspondent of the Green County (Wisconsin) *Republican*, says: "It seems that this county has been paying the sum of $5 for every wolf scalp exhibited to the Clerk of the County Board, and the State a similar amount, so that a wolf scalp was worth $10. This handsome bonus for scalps caused a number of men to go into the business of wolf hunting, and some of them made it pay a good return. They managed something in this wise: The first thing was to find a wolf's retreat or lair; then wait till breeding season, and, when the she-wolf had borne her young, to visit the lair, take the whelps, kill and scalp them, present them, and get the usual bounty on each. Sometimes a man would succeed in getting two or three litters during a season, with a half-dozen or more in each litter. The whole number of the 'wolferines' multiplied by ten would represent the net profit of the season's work. Of course the she-wolf was not molested, but was preserved for future harvests.'

A Rochester bill collector, unable to get his money from a firm in that city, stationed himself in front of their store with a placard, on which was printed, "Pay your debts." Having thus collected a crowd (but not the money) he was arrested, fined $10, and told not to do so again

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