A Sonnet.

Like some shipwrecked mariner I stand;
Weak, wounded, weary; by the ocean thrown
Upon a rock, far out of sight of land,
With billows closing-in on every hand.
My friends are going.—I am left alone;
y life is being swallowed up by graves.
And day by day my earthhas narrower grown
efore the spread of those green church-yard-waves.
Yet is my trust in Thee, O Lord, the more,
Knowing Thou garnerest this love for me;
And evermore my storm-worn spirit craves
The blissful land where there is no more sea.
Knowing full well, that on that happy shore
The love Thou hast absorbed, Thou wilt ten-fold restore.

Tom Hood.

Farm, Garden and Household.

To Remove Grease from Coat Collars.—Wash with a sponge moistened with hartshorn and water.

Insect Stings.—Salt is a cure for stings; sweet oil, powdered mallows, or onions, or powdered chalk made into a paste with water, are also efficacious.

Look out for Storms.—Have the barns and sheds in readiness, and be careful not to let the sheep be exposed to severe rain. Nothing is more injurious.

To Extract Grease from Papered Walls.—Dip a piece of flannel in spirits of wine, rub the greasy spots gently once or twice, and the grease will disappear.

To Make Hard Water Soft.—Dissolve one pound of White Rock Potash in one gallon of water, and then use half a gill of the preparation to a tub of water.

Fattening Hogs should be pushed forward rapidly, and sold early. We shall probably be obliged to accept low prices this season. In our section we are feeding at a decided loss.

Milch Cows should on no account be suffered to decline in flesh at this season. A little bran and corn meal will keep them wonderfully, both in flesh and milk. Guard against cold storms on the one hand, and hot, close stables on the other.

Sheep.—There is an increased and increasing demand for sheep and wool, and it *may* pay better to winter a poor flock of sheep than to dispose of them. Better, however, sell the poor ones, and buy younger, healthier, and more thrifty sheep.

To Remove Starch or Rust From Flat Irons.—Have a piece of yellow beeswax tied in a coarse cloth. When the iron is almost hot enough to use, but not quite, rub it quickly with the beeswax, and then with a clean coarse cloth. This will remove it entirely.

Colorado Beets.—Gen. Cameron states that the yield of beets in Calorado is 175 tons per acre, and of cabbages 30 tons, which will sell at 5 cents per pound. Here is the Eldorado of market-gardeners, where cabbage produce $3,000 per acre, no manure being required—water is the only thing necessary.

Carrots wither up if kept in a loose heap in the cellar. A good plan is to put them in barrels or in a box or bin in the cellar, and put a layer of sand between each layer of carrots, and an inch or so of sand between the carrots and the sides of the bin. Put two or three inches of sand on top to prevent evaporation.

To Kill White Grubs.—Ground which is infested with white grubs or cut-worms should be turned over now. If it is possible to coax to the field a flock of poultry, they will take every worm that their sharp eyes can discover, and follow the plow very eagerly for them. Crows and skunks will more readily find these worms when the ground is turned up and loosened.

Tarred Paper upon Trees.—It is not necessary to use tacks to fasten the tarred paper around the trunks of trees to keep off rabbits. The lower edge of the paper should be an inch or so below the surface of the soil, and the upper part fastened by a string. Tacks would, however, do no appreciable harm. In the cases in which we have known of the use of the paper it has been left on all the year, that it might serve as a protection against borers in summer as well as against rabbits in winter.

Preparation of Desiccated Vegetables.—*The American Artisan* says:—"A convenient method of preparing desiccated vegetables, as practiced largely in some countries, consists in drying them for a short time and then exposing them to a slow heat in ovens. When soaked for cooking, peas, roots, potatoes, beets, corn and other substances, swell out and show very little change in their esculent properties. A modification of the process consists in placing the substances, after being sun-dried, in paper bags, which are pasted up at the mouth, and then covered with sand and heated until perfectly crisp, but not burned nor materially changed in color."

How to Cure Hams.—The following recipe for curing 1,000 pounds of pork hams is the one used by the gentleman who won the first premium of the State Agricultural Society of Maryland: Mix two and a-half pounds saltpeter, finely powdered, one-half bushel fine salt, three pounds brown sugar, one-half gallon molasses. Rub the meat with the mixture; pack with skin down. Turn over once a week, and add a little salt. After being down three or four weeks, take out, wash and hang up two or three weeks, until it is dry. Then smoke with hickory wood three or four weeks, then bag, or pack away in a cool place—not a cellar—in chaff or hay.

Care for Horses' Feet.—The foot is the most important part of the horse; when that is out of order the horse is entirely useless. At this period of the year a great deal of care and attention may profitably be turned to the feet of our horses. Mud, wet, slush and filth of any kind allowed to remain on a horse's feet will certainly injure them. When a horse is brought in from work the feet and legs should be washed free from dirt and rubbed dry. The hoof should be occasionally well tarred with common pine tar. If any injury occurs from "calking," the cut should be kept clean, and if it is at the junction of the hoof and skin, pains should be taken to heal it up at once, lest the hoof may become permanently injured as it grows downward. If it is kept soft and pliable there is little danger of this, but if it is allowed to become dry and brittle, bad sand-cracks or split hoof may occur.—*Hearth and Home.*

How to Fasten Cows.—Stanchions should be abolished as a cruelty to animals. Cows or oxen thus fastened have no opportunity of relieving themselves from their close, cramping position. A much more comfortable and equally safe fastening is the ring-and-chain cattle-tie. The ring slides up and down a post firmly founded in the floor of the stable, and let into the beam or joist above. The chain is fastened around the animal's neck by passing a small cross-bar through a ring; and by passing it through two or three of the rings, it is absolutely impossible that the chain can come unfastened. A spring snaphook may be used in addition, which will add another perfect fastening if desired. With this fastening the cow can lie down in a natural position, and while sleeping can turn her head over towards her shoulder, as she will almost always do. The writer has used them for many years for cows, oxen, and bulls, without any accident, and with great satisfaction. Made of steel they are light, cheap, secure, and comfortable.

Summary of News.

Reports from the far West state that many persons have been frozen to death.

Fifteen hundred sheep have been burned to death in the tule lands in the delta of the San Joaquin River.

The U. S. Treasury Department has suffered a loss of about $50,000 through a defalcation by dishonest clerks.

The Labor Reform State Convention, assembled at Concord, N. H., Nominated Samuel P. Cooper, of Croyden for Governor.

Gov. Campbell, of Wyoming, has sent a message to the lower branch of the Legislature vetoing the bill repealing the Women's suffrage act.

The directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company emphatically declare their opposition to President Grant's proposed postal telegraph scheme.

The Cape Cod fishermen, believing that the operation of the treaty of Washington will seriously damage their interests, passed a resolution calling upon Congress to afford them liberal protection.

Major Upham, commanding at Fort Scott, Kansas, has received orders from the War Department to remove all the white settlers from the Osage Reservation. There are about 600 families, or 3,500 persons on these lands.

The Fijians who do not recognize the sovereignty of King Ebenezer I., recently made a raid on the plantations and killed several laborers. The whites from Levuka in retaliation burned one of their villages and killed fifteen natives.

Statistics show that the harvest of 1870 was the largest ever known in South Australia colony, producing nearly 7,000,000 bushels, being an average yield of eleven and a half bushels an acre, Wheat was 5s. 5d. per bushel; flour £12 per ton.

There are 1,000,000 members of the International in France who pay one sou per week. In England there are 180,000 members, of whom 30,000 are in London. The whole number belonging to this society in Europe is estimated at 7,000,000.

A Portugese, accused of shooting and killing a Chinaman, at Hawkinsville, Cal., has been discharged, because the only witnesses were Chinamen, whose testimony is not permitted against persons of the Caucasian race under the laws of that state.

The weak point in Roger Tichburne's case has been that he had not proved that after his shipwreck in the Bella in 1853 he was picked up by the Osprey. This missing link was supplied by the testimony of M. H. Sharpings, who met him at the time in Melbourne Harbor.

Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines, after incessant legal warfare of over a half century, with varying fortune, met a crushing defeat the other day, when a New Orleans Court declared that she was an illegitimate child of the father from whom her great possessions were to come.

Golddust, the famous stallion, whose death is announced, was a fine golden-chestnut horse, foaled in 1855, and was by Vermont Morgan, dam by Zilcaadi, a pure Arabian, grandam by imported Barefoot out of a thorough-bred mare. He stood sixteen hands high, and was valued at $50,000.

Dr. Lankester asserts that the small-pox, which is now slowly departing from London, after slaying 5,000 persons, and maiming, disfiguring and pauperizing 100,000 more, must have cost the metropolis at least £100,000, a tenth part of which sum, judiciously expended, would have cut short the epidemic at its commencement.

New York Post Office.—An idea of the immense amount of work that has been done upon the New York Post Office building, may be formed from the following statement of materials used, and labor expended to the present time, viz: 2,476,960 bricks, 15,701 barrels of cement, 144,387 feet of cube granite, 2,689 yards of rubble masonry, 5,206,443 pounds of wrought and cast iron, and the magnitude of the undertaking may be judged from the fact that there are now engaged at Dix Island 1,002 persons in the preparation of granite alone, of whom 704 are employed in cutting the granite for the government, and 298 in quarrying the stock and otherwise for the contractors. Three hundred and twenty-seven thousand one hundred and sixty-nine and one half days' labor have already been expended in cutting and boxing the granite after it has been quarried, and it is estimated that 300,000 days' labor will be required to complete that branch of the work. The first story of the building is yet a long way from completion.

A Horrible Story.—On Mulberry Creek, Franklin County, Ark., two young wretches named Joseph Forbish and William Chenoweth, aged sixteen and eighteen respectively, outraged and afterward murdered the four-year old daughter of Richard Hill. After committing the deed they threw the body into the creek, where it was found, the neck being broken and the body horribly mutilated. Forbish and Chenoweth were arrested, and confessed their guilt. In their confession they stated that they expected the search of the hills for the missing child would cause the family to leave their house, which they then purposed to plunder. While being taken to jail, the two inhuman wretches attempted to escape, and both were killed by the guard.

The Postmaster General's Report.

Postmaster General Cresswell says: The ordinary revenues of this department for fiscal year, ending June 30, 1871, were $20,937,045.32, and the expenditures of all kinds, $24,390,104,08. The increase of revenue for the year 1871, was $1,157,667. There were in the service of the department on the 30th of June, 1871, 7,286 contractors for the transportation of the mails. There was an increase over the preceding years in length of routes of 7,127 miles in annual transportation, 10,547,798 miles, and in cost, $644,742.

Winter Bonnets.—Stylish models have quite large crowns and fronts. Velvets of various colors, faille, Chantilly lace, or French trimming lace, ostrich tips and shaded flowers, are the materials which compose most of the handsome models. In many instances the crowns are of silk, while the front, the pipings and folds will be velvet.

Another Planet Discovered.—On the 14th of September last, Dr. Luther of Bilk discovered a new planet. It was equal in brilliancy to a star of the eleventl. magnitude. The number of asteroids now known is 117.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

IN THE SENATE.

A bill introduced for the establishment of a steamship line between New Orleans and Mexican ports.

A bill was introduced prohibiting the intimidation of voters.

Mr. Sumner presented petitions asking for the immediate passage of his Supplementary Civil Rights bill.

Bills introduced to abolish the office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue. This elicited much discussion.

Mr. Scott introduced an important bill regarding witnesses before Congressional committees.

For the sale of the Kansas Indian lands and for other purposes.

Bills introduced to establish a marine registery of shipping, and to promote the interests of American commerce; authorizing the free importation of all materials, including iron ties, used in baling and bagging cotton.

IN THE HOUSE.

Bills introduced granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812 for forty days' service instead of sixty days as now provided.

Authorizing the Postmaster-General to issue one-cent correspondence or postal cards.

The President was requested to furnish information on Cuban affairs.

The new appointment bill was discussed, without definite action.

Bills were introduced to make Thanksgiving day a national holiday, and providing for paying pensions through the Post-Office.

Bills introduced regarding several constitutional amendments.

A resolution was passed ordering an investigation into the recent Treasury defalcations.

A proposal for a National copyright law proposed.

The holiday adjournment of the House fixed from December 21 to January 8.

Bill introduced for a general amnesty without exception; to facilitate water communication and promote a cheap and uniform system of railroad transportation in all parts of the United States and Territories; granting bounty lands to soldiers and sailors of the late war; to repeal the act of 1862 imposing the iron-clad oath, by Myers of Pennsylvania; increasing the compensation of letter carriers to $1,200 per annum; to extend the provisions of the act granting pensions for the War of 1812 to those who served in the Indian campaigns of 1811 and 1812 under Gen. Harrison.

Bills introduced to prevent the enlistment in the army of persons under the age of twenty-one years; Myers, of Pennsylvania, for the better detection and prevention of fraud in the naval service. Referred.

Mr. Townsend, of New York, offered a resolution instructing the Secretary of the Treasury to ascertain and report whether any of the national banks in New York are interested or concerned in promoting an artificial scarcity of money. Adopted.

Report of the Secretary of the Interior.

The following is an abstract of the report of the Secretary of the Interior:—In Indian affairs, it seems that the tribes have raised agricultural products to the value of $40,500,000. There are 216 schools among them, and with 323 teachers and an average attendance of 8,920 pupils. The Indian population now under the jurisdiction of the United States is about 321,000, located on 228,473 square miles. During the past year 10,609,792 acres of public lands were disposed of, which shows an increase over the preceding year of 2,511,379. The cash receipts amount to $2,929,284. Public surveys have extended over 22,016,608 acres. The area yet to be surveyed 1,284,119.331. There were filed in the Patent Office 19,429 applications, 3,337 caveats and 181 extensions; 12,950 patents were issued and 147 extended. The fees amounted to $671,583; expenditures, $560,041, showing a surplus of $111,542. There are at present on the pension rolls the names of 634 widows of soldiers in the Revolutionary war; 1,214 names for wars subsequent to the revolution and prior to the rebellion. There are on the roll 91,290 enrolled military pensioners, whose pensions aggregate $8,141,734, and 112,428 widows, orphans and relatives, amounting to $14,212,551; making 203,718 army pensions, at an annual rate of $22,354,287. The grand total, including expenses of disbursement is $32,492,930. The receipts of the Union Pacific Railroad were $7,362,015; cost of road, $112,793,618; indebtedness, $74,653,512 of which $27,237,512 is due the United States. The receipts of the Central Pacific were $7,326,327, and expenses $3,745,766, leaving net earnings of $3,580,560.

Official Vote of the State of New York.

The State Canvassers of New York have declared the result of the late election as follows:

Secretary of State—Scribner, 387,119; Willers, 368,212.

Comptroller — Hopkins, 387,703; Nichols, 367,127.

Treasurer—Raines, 388,360; Bristol, 366,576.

Canal Commissioner—Barkley, 387,936; Chapman, 366,499.

Attorney-General — Barlow, 387,072; Champlain 367,754.

Inspector of State Prisons—Kirkpatrick, 387,359; McNeil, 365,658.

For State Engineer—Taylor, 387,284; Richmond, 367,615.

The aggregate vote cast was greater than ever before, except that for Governor in 1868 and 1870. The Democratic vote was the largest ever cast for Secretary of State, and exceeds the Democratic vote of 1869 by nearly 40,000. The Republican vote exceeds that of 1870 by 20,000, and has never been exceeded except in 1868. The Republican vote in the City of New York exceeds the highest vote ever cast by them there by more than 11,000, and the aggregate vote in New York City has never been exceeded except in 1868. The anti-dramshop vote is 1,820, and the scattering vote amounts to an average of little less than 1,000.

The New Apportionment Bill.

The House of Representatives have been in Committee of the Whole on the Apportionment bill, reported at the last session. The bill provides that after the 3d of March, 1873, the House of Representatives shall consist of 281 members, to be apportioned among the different states as follows.

Maine	5	Kentucky	10
New Hampshire	2	Tennessee	9
Vermont	2	Indiana	12
Massachusetts	11	Illinois	19
Rhode Island	2	Missouri	12
Connecticut	4	Arkansas	4
New York	32	Michigan	9
New Jersey	7	Florida	1
Pennsylvania	26	Texas	6
Delaware	1	Iowa	9
Maryland	6	Wisconsin	8
Virginia	9	California	4
North Carolina	8	Minnesota	3
South Carolina	5	Oregon	1
Georgia	9	Kansas	3
Alabama	7	West Virginia	3
Mississippi	6	Nevada	1
Louisiana	5	Nebraska	1
Ohio	19		

If you have a good business advertise and *keep* it. If not, advertise and *get* it.

The Investment of Savings.

There are thousands of persons throughout the country, who have from one hundred to one or two thousand dollars saved up which they do not wish to use in active business, but from which they desire to realize as large and steady an income as possible. Savings banks are excellent for temporary convenience, but they necessarily pay low rates of interest; government bonds are safe beyond question, but at present prices yield such a small income that most investors of moderate means prefer something else.

Under these circumstances *first-class railroad bonds* are becoming a favorite investment among all classes. Many of them are practically as safe as government bonds, while they yield an income much larger than Five-Twenties. Messrs. Jay Cooke & Co., the eminent bankers, who made such a grand success of the government loan during the war, and have recently succeeded in selling two hundred millions of the new U. S. 5 per cent. loan, are now offering to the American public a rail road bond that is probably the most attractive and desirable now on the market. Speaking of the first mortage 7-30 gold bonds of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, the security referred to, a New York financial paper of the highest standing says:

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