

THE SONG OF THE PLAIN.

No harp have I for the singing, nor fingers fashioned for skill. Nor ever shall words express it, the song that is in my heart...

A FORTUNATE MISTAKE

It took place in the small room next to the court room. Percy, being an enterprising young reporter, had strayed into the ante-room in the hope that he might pick up some information before the court opened for the day.

Mr. Hopkins was his lawyer, and Percy himself was the hard-hearted defendant! He rather enjoyed the situation. "I know no reason why he should see me," he said.

Mr. Bowden, of Bowden & Johnson, he said, "representing the plaintiff. I can not believe, sir, after what I have heard of you, that you are the sort of a man which your attitude in this unfortunate case seems to imply."

Percy admitted that he was not. "You have been made a victim," resumed Mr. Bowden deliberately, tapping his companion upon the breast.

"I have never loved anyone else," he answered. This being considered equivalent to an acknowledgment, the lawyer for the plaintiff closed the door between the court room and the little room in which they stood.

pity was akin to a much more emotional passion. "Sh!" said the lawyer raising a warning finger. There was the sound of a light footstep and a sharp rustling of feminine garments.

Not being sufficiently acquainted with the facts in the case Percy could not have answered if his life depended on it; but he saw that the time had come to dispel the illusion in regard to his character.

"Excuse me," said Percy, laying his hand tenderly upon her shoulder, "you are still laboring under a wrong impression. I don't know Arthur, and I never saw any letter."

"You are still wrong," said Percy, brutally. "I mean that I am not the defendant in this case."

"At your service," replied that gentleman, whirling sharply around and still beaming.

"The French agricultural department is working on a series of experiments suggested by a fire occurring in one of the rural districts, in which the greater portion of a small town was consumed.

Through a system of underground steam pipes it is believed that two crops a season may be forced in the south of France and that the yield of the orchard may more than repay the cost of fuel.

Under the provisions of a bill passed by congress for the establishment of a system of submarine signals along the Atlantic coast for the prevention of shipwrecks and for signaling to naval vessels, a submarine telephone is being tested at the Boston navy yard.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS

A GOOD PIKE.

Ohio Correspondent Tells of Best Method of Improving Our Country Throughfares.



with a heavy steam roller, which makes a solid bottom. The crushed stone was then put on, 12 inches thick at the sides and 15 inches in the middle.

SUBSTANTIAL STONE BOAT.

Working Description of This Article, One of Great Necessities of Farm Life.

A stone boat is one of the most useful necessities of the farm. It is used not only for moving stones, stumps and heavy rubbish, but in hauling seed, fertilizer, plows, and other implements to and from the field, says the Farm and Home.

GOAT BUTTER.

Answering an inquiry in Hoard's Dairyman as to the value of goat's milk for butter, Prof. Farrington says: "I know of no reason why goat's milk, if the goat is healthy and receives sound, wholesome food, is not as valuable for butter making as cow's milk, and if the milk is well taken care of and has no bad odors you will probably never know the difference if some goat's milk is added to the cow's milk which comes to your factory."

RAISING FRUIT BY STEAM.

French Growers Experimenting in Hope of Getting Two Crops a Year.

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SOME HINTS TO DAIRYMEN

"Cheesemaker's Ten Commandments" Give Farmers a Number of Fine Pointers.

There are a good many useful articles relative to the matter of proper handling of the product of the dairy farm, but a writer in a late issue of the Cheese and Dairy Journal seems to have hit on an entirely different method of putting forth some of the essentials.

1. Thou shalt not slumber late in the morning, but shall arise early and deliver thy milk to the factory, for he that goeth late causeth the cheese maker to use much profane language.

TYING OUT A COW.

Excellent Method of Staking Out Any Animal Allowing Small Range, Described.

LOW POULTRY HOUSE.

Sketch of Small Chicken Domicile Which is Ideal Because of Its Construction.

A Theory of Egg Moisture.

A writer on poultry subjects in an exchange says that the egg gets rid of its moisture more by reason of the pressure from within than by reason of the evaporation from its surface.

When to Cut Alfalfa.

To get the most out of the alfalfa crop it should be cut when in full bloom, and this time covers about a week.

THE TURN OF LIFE

A Time When Women Are Susceptible to Many Dread Diseases—Intelligent Women Prepare for It. Two Relate their Experience.

The "critical period" is the most crucial of life of a woman's existence, and the anxiety felt by women as it draws near is not without reason.

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WOMEN'S WORK.

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