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## Selected Miscellany.

## SUMMER ROSES.

Warren's rose bush, in full bloom,  
Up the old house's craggy wall,  
With its red roses clustering there,  
Through a window of the hall,  
There from out the casement looking,  
Is the sweetest rose of all.

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Full of life as early grows,  
How a cup can quench your woes;  
Little hands perhaps are to be seen,  
Leaving little tiny roses,  
While the roses are shown.

What rock of thorn hold robes,  
While around all bright and fair?  
Is the dawning early morning,  
Naught but emerald fills the air,  
Or the flowers come to life?

No dark clouds may gather there!  
No dot that from out the roses,  
Little leaves may sometimes press;  
Nor that all the sunny day,  
Can be ever bright and fair;

The roses are given,  
Nor to know a single tear.

Yet O! the long bright red morn,  
May the tears of grief be few,  
For the morn of sorrow,  
Dissolve the life's Office now,  
Ere comes to keep the spotless

Ever pure in heart, and true.  
—Harriet.

## THE LIGHT-HOUSE AT AVONDALE.

BY ELIA WHEELER.

A very strong gale blowing across  
the river that afternoon, exasperated  
Meredith Hope. A wet wind that blew  
violently about it was full of moisture and  
heavily with the odors of decaying nature. I  
sat in the window and looked out upon the  
dreadful landscape, dimmed in  
dusk, in the shadow of the dreary  
afflicting gloom.

Meredith moved his light upon the table  
so that he may feel upon the cold or near  
water. I sat down again upon the  
travel-worn sofa beside him. "Small  
and with a faint smile of relief, I

sat huddled up in my chair, and  
I found a small comfort in the  
darkness.

"It is dark," said he, "but I  
have no fear of the darkness."

"I have no fear of the darkness,"

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# The Northville Record



SAMUEL H. LITTLE, Editor.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1875.

An other disaster has occurred in a financial point in the failure, a few days since, of the banking firm of Duncan, Sherman & Co., of New York, with liabilities at some six million dollars. This great house, than whom no surer was supposed to exist, had lost heavily in decline of cotton the past year as well as suffering severe losses in bad accounts, etc.

The supposition is, however, that although it just now brings about a rise and fall of stocks, it will not materially effect the interest of money markets since the late crash of Jay Cooke & Co.

If any one doubts the lawlessness and murderous inclinations of that abominable class, Mormons, let him read the details of the Mountain Meadow Massacre now being brought to light in the daily papers. The developments made by one Lee, a participant in the horrible crime, (who desires to save his own skirts by turning state's evidence,) are likely to implicate those high in the church.

The Detroit Evening News has a good thing on hand in its \$20,000 libel suit. A good thing from the fact that its termination that paper will be known from one end of the country to the other. It matters not in what manner publicity may be given there's nothing like advertising, you know, and to achieve great notoriety; to be well advertised; particularly so in the case of newspapers. Therefore the News can truthfully claim that "it's an ill wind that blows nobody good."

This suit is brought about through a mistake in names unintentionally made by its Albion correspondent in referring to a case of larceny, and was properly corrected in the next issue of the paper.

It is a general remark with those travelling that the conductors on the N. & P. M. are a gentlemanly set of fellows; always ready to give any desired information, answer a thousand and one questions, or assist one on and off the cars, particularly so in case with the ladies and children. These and many other truthful facts gives the road its present popularity.

Marcus Stevens & Co.

Perhaps no business house in Detroit, is better known throughout the State than the furniture establishment of Marcus Stevens & Co., occupying the large brick building on Monroe Ave., near the opera house. This house has been well and favorably known for a period of thirty years or more, being established and conducted originally by Mr. Stevens.

The several floors, extending the width of two stores, Nos 16 and 17, are crowded with every manner of furniture from the simplest and cheapest to the most elegant and costly. Here the artisan or millionaire can alike be suited, and indeed what cannot be found here is not worth the while looking up.

A large trade comes from country dealers who have found it convenient and profitable to deal with an honorable firm and be able to choose from the largest stock. Some 50 hands are employed at this establishment.

Pleasantries.

A man who cheats in whiskey, is a rogue in spirit. If he scuffles his accounts, then he is an unaccountable rogue. If he gives a bad title to land, then he is a rogue indeed. If he gives short measure in wheat, then he is a rogue in grain.

Poor Daley was toof and easily perplexed. He was angry, her father was vexed. All because he had spilt such a beautiful plan to easily reform an excellent man.

"Dale, I'm now 22 years old, and still have my mother and father to me. I know that he's a rogue, and all that. But why does he wear such a shocking bad hat?"

"Now, then, children," said a parish schoolmistress showing her children off on examination day. "Who loves all men?" "You, minister," was the unexpected reply.

She tried to sit down in a street car, but was pinned back so tight she couldn't. Old lady peeped over her specs and asked her: "How long have you been afflicted that way?" The young lady blushed and made "a break," sitting down sideways, and holding her knees together so tight that she looked as if she had on a one-legged pair of breeches. Old lady noticed her sitting in this sideways cramped position, and whispered, "Bite, I g'pose; I have had 'em that myself."

## STATE NEWS.

### BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

News from the Michigan panhandle, the silver mines intimated that the companies in the Ride River district have "struck it rich," and that mining in that locality will soon be vigorously prosecuted.

The new Pomona house at Fruitport is to have 304 feet frontage on the lake, 500 feet of verandas, and is to cost about \$100,000.

Cash has been discovered in Oscoda county, and Prof. Winchell pronounces it of superior quality.

### ARMING AND FURNITURE.

It is reported that wheat in the southern Ottawa and the northern part of Allegan counties will be the best crop known for years. Oats are also heavy, and the small fruits fairly represented.

The Coldwater Republican says that the wet weather in that locality has caused the grapes to mold so badly that one-third of the crop is ruined.

The Gratiot Journal says that the wool of the town will aggregate 40,000 lbs., an increase over last year of 8,000 lbs.

### PERSONAL.

Charles Foster of Grand Rapids has been appointed trustee of the Mansfield, Coldwater & Lake Michigan railway, with authority to collect subscriptions and complete the road to Napoleon, Ohio.

Gov. Bagley paroled two prisoners from the state prison, July 15, named Geo. Chase and Wm. Hutchinson. They were both convicts.

The Niles Republican says that Mrs. Caroline Painter of Oronoke township picked 225 quarts of strawberries in one day this summer.

Dr. Macan of Ann Arbor made a new lip last week for a man from Au Gres, Bay county, who had his bitten in a fight.

W. S. Wilcox of Adrian has been superintendent of the Sunday school of the Broad street Baptist church for 35 years.

### DEATHS.

At Byron July 14 Samuel Huffaker was killed by lightning striking an oak tree against which he was leaning. Several others were shocked, and the house of Mr. Reynolds was struck and considerably damaged.

On July 12 a man named Handford, while intoxicated, ran upon one of the railroad crossings, at Jackson, when a yard engine struck and injured him that he died in the afternoon.

Mrs. J. J. Newell, one of the oldest settlers of Adrian, died of paralysis July 18.

### CALAMITIES.

The house of John Schneider of Scio, Washtenaw county, was struck by lightning while the family were at supper. It entered at the front door and went through the house, tearing the back wall to pieces. The family were stunned but not injured.

A fire at the Edwards iron mine, 27 miles from Marquette, July 14, destroyed \$25,000 worth of buildings and machinery. The mine was doing a good business, and the damage by stopping work will be very great.

At Marshall July 15 a portable engine used for sawing wood on the railroad exploded, blowing a boy who was holding down the valve, 40 feet over a fence, hurting him badly. The sawyer and engineer were also injured. The engine was a total wreck.

At Adrian, July 15, as Mrs. Henry Cosart was ironing, a can of kerosene hanging near the stove exploded, setting fire to her clothing and burning her in a frightful manner. Her daughter was also burned. By prompt action the house was saved.

A heavy hailstorm passed over the town of Lyndon July 15, blowing down buildings and beating the crops into the ground.

The Detroit Sun says that the statue on the soldiers' monument is out of place and may topple down any time.

The loss of pine timber in Alpena county by the recent fires is estimated at \$100,000,000 feet.

The Mitchell house at Chum Lake was burned July 13. Loss \$6,000; insurance \$4,000.

Mr. Marvin of Muskegon has had three horses valued at \$700; poisoned recently.

Two ladies of Ypsilanti had a fight one day last week. Weapons paraded.

The Ypsilanti light guards lost \$150 on their celebration July 3.

East Saginaw has a two-headed child.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

The Escanaba Tribune, in telling pleasure-seekers how to get there safely, must pass through "the door," and they will reach there about 8 o'clock p.m.

The Jackson county sheriff is seizing and selling saloons that do not pay their taxes.

The Jackson county poor-house has an inmate 105 years old.

There have been 350 marriages in Keweenaw county during the last six months.

The Detroit cadets late at Orchard Lake have gone home.

Van Buren county is erecting a fire-proof county building at Paw Paw.

### KEEP'S PARTLY MADE DRESS SHIRTS,

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### BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

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JAMES HUSTON, M. D., PHYSICIAN and Surgeon, Office at Center street, corner Main and Huron Aves, Northville, Mich. 3-11.

#### TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

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#### A FAMILY REUNION.

Reunion of the Morehouse family in Holly—Particulars of an interesting meeting.

To the Editor of the Northville Record.

Unions and reunions of regiments, students of Colleges and Union schools, printers, mechanics, religious societies, people who have emigrated from foreign lands, as well as families of our own country, have of late years been of frequent occurrence throughout our State and country. Soldiers come together to talk over scenes which transpired in camp life and upon the field of deadly strife—to tell of their imprisonments and sacrifices made for their country in the days and years of its peril—many meet with their classmate of college days, to talk over reminiscences of the past—people of all nationalities have their reunions so that each may be reminded of the scenes of their early days in the homes of their fathers—brothers, sisters, children and grandchildren with their children often assemble under the roof where their childhood days were spent to meet those from whom they have long been separated, then and there refresh their memory by recalling the happy days of childhood and home life.

Such a reunion as the last mentioned, occurred on Saturday and Sunday, July 17th and 18th, at the home of Matthew Morehouse, who resides in the town of Holly, six miles from the village of Holly, at which place many of the families of the children of Lyman and Eunice Morehouse assembled, and on which occasion it was the privilege of the writer to be present. This meeting was both pleasant and gay, as similar gatherings must always be, for they had not all met together in many years.

They went from under the old homestead in Western New York, years ago, in all the strength and expectation of early manhood, they came together again, come with the gray locks and rare worn brows of nearly three score years and ten. Recalling the scenes of early days formed a pleasant feature of this meeting, while yet it was hard to recollect that it was not only possible, but probable that not all

precent would singe their voices in another family gathering upon the shores of life.

The father and mother of the families represented at this meeting (Lyman and Eunice Morehouse) emigrated from Orleans county, New York, to Michigan, in 1851, settling upon the farm now owned by Matthew Morehouse in the town of Holly. A family of nine children were born to them, all of whom are now living but one, and their respective ages range from 43 to 65 years. Their names and residences are as follows: viz. Mrs. Luther Herrick, Holly; Mrs. Samuel Williams and Mr. Joseph Verkaas, Northville; Mrs. George Orceus Goodrich; Mrs. Jellora Price, Lapeer, Mich.; Mrs. Lucy Phelps, deceased; D. L. Morehouse, Leroy, Ill.; Myron Morehouse, Johnsonburg, N. Y.; and Matthew Morehouse, Holly, Mich.

The total number of the descendants of Lyman and Eunice Morehouse now number 51. On a recent

Sunday, a young man, who was

seen, if ever he left from the vicinity of those who were present. As the car was dark and lowly and thought

it to be unpleasant to attend church, an hour was spent both pleasantly and profitably in sacred song and other religious worship which consisted in reading the 11th Psalm and 1st chapter of John, after which the husband engaged in fervent prayer.

It was a memorable occasion and strong men broke down and wept like children. The meeting must have resulted in great good and will not soon be forgotten by any who participated in it. We cannot but conclude that such gatherings are pleasant and profitable to us in this life, that we may anticipate a brighter and more pleasant and enchanting scene, where friends and loved ones—where fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters with all their dear ones meet upon the bright shores above, where all is

peace and joy, where there is no sickness, no death and where there is no parting.

It is always said to part with friends, especially those with whom we are connected by the ties of nature and of affection, because we

cannot but think that it may be our last meeting and parting, as death may sever the brittle thread of life before we can meet again, but if friends and loved ones are not permitted to gather around the old homestead again the Christian may not only anticipate but reasonably expect to meet departed friends in the bright mansions above, where meetings will endure throughout a never ending eternity.

I. G. N. RADOLYU

A New Start is made.—The new street about which so much controversy has been held of late, was finally surveyed last week by Mr. Geo. Kator, extends from the Legion house on Twin street direct north to the east and west street running from the Elwell place to Center street, coming within ten feet of Elwell's house on the east side.

Croquet is of such an exciting nature in Northville, that one family, a few nights since, could be seen going through the passes after 10 o'clock, the grounds being lit up by two kerosene lamps.

The fence at the cemetery has been extended in front of the new portion lately added on the east. An entrance gate similar to the other also appears at the east end. Considerable work has been done towards improving the grounds.

One day last week the horses of Mr. John Thompson, living rear town, broke loose from the fence near his house, and ran to the village here knocking down on the way, a Mr. Avery of Novi, breaking one of his ribs and otherwise injuring him.

The Baptist school was held Wednesday evening at the residence of N. C. Spencer (having been postponed the previous evening on account of the rain storm). A good number are said to have been in attendance and the affair enjoyed by all—particularly the ice cream etc.

We learn that Rev. C. H. Richardson, now located at Romeo Mich., as pastor of the Baptist church, there, starts next week on a trip through Ohio in the interest of D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit; thus combining business with pleasure as the time he is to be gone was allotted to him so a vacation.

#### GODDES' WEDDING.

The old and worthy Methodist deacon, Rev. Dr. Luther Lee, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage Thursday last, at his residence here, on which occasion there were numerous ministerial gentlemen from different portions of the state, who in union with the Dr.'s friends here aided him to the extent of several hundred dollars. This effort was made with a view of liquidating an indebtedness on the Dr.'s home in this place, and the amount received will undoubtedly answer the purpose.

Since the above was in type we learn that the amount received was \$440, and from other localities it is expected that sufficient will be forwarded to make up the sum to \$500. The indebtedness on the Dr.'s property is said to be about \$350.

THE FELLOWS' CASE.—Mr. David Fellows and wife are said to have separated owing to some domestic misunderstanding. Such little mishap in family affairs are much to be regretted and it is to be hoped that (which will undoubtedly be the case) the couple may yet live together harmoniously and prosperously.

#### SCHOOL ROLL OF HONOR.

MR. BROWN.—Will you be so kind as to publish the following in your next issue. Name of those in the Intermediate Department who have not been absent during the term:

#### INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Louis Bell, Halfie Clark, Otto Davis, Luka Tschepan.

#### PRIMARY.

John Richardson, Annie Wilkerson, Nellie Wild, Cora Peter.

#### PROVISIONS INTERMEDIATE DEPT.

John Grier, Freda Wild, Freda Wilcox, George Wilcox, Bessie Bards.

#### And obligate.

M. E. Farley, Anna S. Stutz.

#### TRADE.

George Wilber, William Wilcox, Freda Wilcox, George Wilcox, Bessie Bards.

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### The Lash In Canada.

JAMES WARREN was sentenced to three months imprisonment and forty lashes to be delivered in two batches of twenty each, for an outrage perpetrated upon a little girl. Yesterday morning the prisoner received the first twenty lashes. A little after nine o'clock the trusses were erected in the central hall, and at 9:30 o'clock the prisoner, James Warren, was brought from his cell. He walked into the hall with a firm step, and removed his coat, waistcoat and shirt, and stepped to the triangle, to which he was hung strapped so that he could not move a limb. The prisoners were then called in and flogged round three sides of the hall. There were present the Sheriff, the Deputy-Sheriff, Dr. Richardson, the jail surgeon, the reporters of the morning papers. At 9:30 the Sheriff took the cat which consisted of nine lashes of whip-cord—each having a knot at the end, and handed it to the executioner. The second blow, which was delivered with the full strength of the executioner's arm, fell in the same place, and the executioner, who had apparently lost control of his powers, delivered the third blow to him in the same locality. The Sheriff here whispered to him to strike lower, and the next blow was given below the former ones. The fifth was given still lower, and the sixth was struck in the same place. Up to this time the prisoner remained silent; but his heavy panting showed that he was suffering severely. On receiving the seventh stroke the prisoner moaned, and he continued moaning during the rest of the punishment and kept moving his head from side to side, with a quick mechanical motion. His sufferings were intense; his muscles were dislocated, and he struggled to free himself from the iron grip that held him to the triangle as stripe after stripe of the cat descended upon his back. No cry escaped his lips, but his agonizing groans showed what he was suffering, and when the turkeys unloosed started his task, from the neck to the waist, was one living mass red, swollen and bleeding. Every knot on the lash had cut into the prisoner's back, producing a wound about an eighth of an inch in length. As soon as the punishment was over the culprit was released, and trembling in every faculty was led back to his cell. —*London Leader.*

### Summer Dresses.

SOTT-FINISHED glazed porcelain is a favorite material for summer suits to be worn for semidress both in the house and street. Indigo blue is the fashionable color for these suits, and there are many shades of the "Centennial" blue and of gray. Two patterns appear in each dress, one part of the vestine being plain, the other part plaid. Blue is the favorite when worn in stripes or checks. Plain blue is used for the sleeves and lower skirt. The basque and long, round, over-skirt are of the plaid, cut bias, and trimmed with knife-pleating of plain blue. The lower skirt has a bias plaid hem, one which plain bias bands are laid. The belt is close fitting, though usually worn with a belt. The back is in the French shape (with but one seam) and no side bodices, and the large plaid when cut bias meet in this seam. White cambric organdy white flounces that fasten well that is used for lining these blouses. This lining is cut off at the waist, leaving merely the blouse on the hips. Sometimes more elaborate over-blouses than the round one just mentioned are preferred. For instance, there are two bias blouses, very full draped, with long soft ruffles, tied in voluminous loops and edged with pleatings. Indigo blue with white cross-bars make up very prettily, though the fancy at present is for bias with a few scarf threads. At a little distance these suits can scarcely be distinguished from silk. They are very warm-looking for summer dresses, but at present they are the favorite caprice. How well they look after washing has not yet been tested, as every lady keeps them out of the laundry as long as possible. The material costs forty cents a yard, and can scarcely be found at all, since the furor for it has made the best plaid sell rapidly. Furnishing houses charge from thirty to forty dollars for such costumes.

Among imported dresses are Scotch gingham, suits of endless variety, made in cool gray and white stripes and in Centennial brown striped with bias. These are sold ready-made for \$20, but ingenious needle-women can make them at home at far less expense and in silks equally good that will not vex the patches of the fabrics. They invariably have a lace-like placket just described and an over-blouse. Their pretty effect is given by making this basque and apron bias, so that the stripes will meet diagonally in the back and front, and the plaid will appear to be set bias. Pleatings are not easily ironed, but they add style to the suit, especially to the striped gingham, where a certain stripe is arranged on top of each pleat. White pearl buttons or slanted ones of buffalo horn, with shank and ring, are used on these dresses. Imported suits are cut low at the throat in V shape, but those made to order are very high around the neck and finished with a pleating, while others have bias-gathered ruffles with scalloped edges really overcast in button-hole stitch. Plaid and striped pleatings are now over-cut bias, and are very pretty. Brown and white gingham and percale suits in small checks, blocks, and in broken plaid are very stylish, and are used for short journeys or for morning shopping or walks in the country, instead of the gray linen suits so much worn for two years past.

Boutique remains in favor for summer dresses, and is most popular in dark blue, gray and white shades. Blue Boutique, which is sheer lawn, not to be confounded with batiste, is a light fabric with even guipure insertion and lace, white guipure, Irish lace and also with open English embroidery on white muslin. A row of even insertion and lace around the cotted basque and the very over skirt is sufficient trimming for these dresses, and is very effective; the lower skirt should have one or two side pleatings. One very unique suit has the sleeves and front of white cambric, wrought all over with open compass patterns, while the basques and both skirts are of blue batiste. Neat and useful suits for \$18 have two skirts and a double-breasted English walking jacket with pockets on the sides.

French gray batiste of sheer quality make charming dresses, when trimmed

### FARM AND HOME.

Be kind to your sheep; use no hard and harshest language nor allow others to do so. Never frighten them. Treat them kindly, and they will show an appreciation of it and will pay you in wool and mutton, more than an hundred fold.

—Ice Cream.—One quart of milk, four eggs, half a pound of sugar, one tablespoon of corn starch. Mix the sugar with a little milk, boil the butter, and while boiling stir in the starch, eggs and sugar well beaten together. Cool before freezing.

—Anything which is kept from air is preserved indefinitely, and if it is kept dry the effect is measurably the same. Paint upon buildings prevents the contact of air and moisture. If the whole fence cannot be painted, the heads, at least, of the rails therein should be touched.

To make pepper-soup take two dozen pepper and caraway seed, mix with double the quantity of cabbage, one root of horseradish grated; one handful of salt, one tablespoonful of mustard seed, one table-spoonful of allspice, one dessert-spoonful of cloves, two table-spoonfuls of sugar and a little vinegar. Boil the spice and sugar in water, the best ever vinegar, which as soon as removed from the fire and while yet boiling pour over the other ingredients. When cold put it in jars, cover close and keep in cool places.

In driving cattle from the pasture to the stable they should never be hurried or made to go faster than a walk. Good cows at this season have well-filled udders which makes it painful to move over the ground faster than a walk. Basted in warm weather, by burning the animal there is always danger of overheating her blood and milk, and this not only injures the milk but all the other milk which comes in contact. Dogs should never be allowed in a dairy. They are the source of infinite mischief. —*New York Herald.*

### Who is the Successful Farmer?

The most imprudent farmer may occasionally get a good crop when everything is so favorable to its growth, but few but little additional assistance, but when extreme wet weather, or drought, or damage by insects occur, the most skill and enterprise will find himself doubly rewarded, for the reason that so many fail in the things wherein he succeeds. Farming is a trade as much as any other business, and one requiring tact, guided by scientific application and thought as much as any other.

The successful farmer is not, and does so conduct his operations in a way that his crops are affected in the least possible manner by the contingencies of climatic influences, insect depredators, etc. His land may be so drained that the desolating floods to the man may percolate through the soil, leaving hidden treasures of fertility, the rain gathered from the atmosphere, and which would otherwise be lost in the great ocean were they not turned either by artificial means to enrich the land and assist the growth of crops. Or in case of drought, the surface of the ground is kept thoroughly pulverized, thus evaporating more moisture so much as to keep an adequate supply of moisture for the growth of vegetation.

The farmers are now in the midst of the busier season of the year, the time requiring the most skillful management to insure the corn in proper condition for the harvest, for which time comes the cultivated cropland must be left. Whether they have received thorough cultivation or not.

Machinery, too, must be put in readiness, so that there may be no unnecessary delay when the reaper is put into the field.

Proprietary in all these matters indicates a certain, the perfectly successful farmer, for it is not the man who puts no thought into his business, but merely, representing the rural and the primitive, indeed of agricultural appliances of early days, who succeeds, but it is well to keep in mind of all that is now, adding whatever is good to his own experience, which brings the best results.

The recent rains which have occurred over large portions of the country will no doubt give the greatest retardant growth, which will go to the advantage of the growing corn. This is all at first force is applied for their extirpation during the short time now left for this work. The old custom of being careless in the early cultivation of corn, with the purpose of giving it a strong bearing after harvest, is a wrong idea late plowing often does great damage to the crop by breaking the corn roots, destroying the conditions which the plant had occupied as normal during the long interval of rest.

The necessary machinery to be supplied about a team of oxen, great care being exercised in the selection. A light, compact reaper, one easily charged and adjusted, is better adapted to a small farm than perhaps any other, being more economical and operated with less labor and expense than one cutting a wide swathe, not capable of doing all kinds of cutting. —*Western Rural.*

### Hints for the Harvest.

As your harvest will soon be ready for the reaper throughout the whole breadths of the country it will be well for the farmer to anticipate a little in preparing the things belonging to the work of the harvest. The machinery must be put in thorough repair in advance of the time when it is wanted to be used. All kinds of small grain are much better in quality and will weigh heavier if cut early than when cut after becoming dead ripe.

A great gain also is found in the increased value of the straw which adds to the winter supply of food for stock. This is becoming more valuable each year for this purpose. The drouth state is about the proper time for cutting wheat, the proper consistency varying according to climatic influences. A little more plowman seems necessary in the hot, dry latitude of Central Illinois than in the latter wheat-growing region further north.

The work of cutting a large harvest into the stack is one requiring a great deal of skill and persevering endurance; promptness often puts it out of danger of heavy storms, which add greatly to the labor of cutting and do great damage to the grain when allowed to stand intact after becoming ripe or in the sheaf before it is stacked.

The work of the cutting may be pushed forward more rapidly where binders are few by cutting three or four "rounds" in advance of the binder, so that each may take two or three rows of grain at a time and thus save a great deal of travel and admit of the sheaves being thrown into shocks. Three men in this way can do as much as four in the ordinary way. The speed required for running from sheaf to sheaf may be put into the movement of the hands in doing the work. The stacking may be done in a thoroughly satisfactory manner if the binding is well done.

When the grain is stacked it should be as straight as possible and bound with a good sized band about one-third of the width of the sheaf, from the butt.

It is better to put two dozen sheaves in a stack than one, if well capped, and the straw is in condition to dry out. The shocks stand up better, and in case of heavy rains the grain and straw are much better protected than in small ones.

One is to be of good quality in grain and straw should be fine, dry, July ripe and have at least a half day's sun before being bound. It is one objection to sheafing that it will not count of time. When the top of the stack is dry it should be rolled up so that the dry straw will be inside of the sheaf. —*Western Rural.*

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