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MAN AND HIS SHOES.

How much a man is like his shoes!
For instance, both a soul may lose.
Both have been tanned; both are made tight
By cobblers; both get left and right.
Both need a mate to be complete.
And both are made to go on feet.
They both need healing, oft are sold,
And both in time will turn to mold
With shoes, the last is first; with men
The first shall be the last, and when
The shoes wear out they're mended new:
When men wear out their men dead too!
They both are trod upon, and both
Will tread on others, nothing loath.
Both have their ties, and both incline,
When polished, in the world to shine,
And both peg out. Now would you choose
To be a man, or be his shoe?!

Buffalo Express

Agriculture of Japan.

By Y. MISHIMA.

Between the well wooded and picturesque mountains of Japan, there lies an endless succession of dale and down, level fields and small ridges. These intertwined with an innumerable number of streams and lakes, furnish farms and comfortable homes for the farmers. Agriculture is conducted with diligence and skill. The rotation of crops, the uses of fertilizers, and the system of irrigation are all judiciously applied.

The most important crop is rice which not only serves as the chief article of food, but also becomes the source of various goods used in daily life. This crop thrives well as far north as the parallel of 42° which passes through Springfield in this state. The cause may be partly due to the particular conditions of the soil and climate, but it is greatly due to the skill of the farmers. The next in importance is the mulberry

plant which supports the silkworm. The oak also plays a considerable part for the sustenance of the wild silkworm. Then come the tea plant which is raised in the central provinces of Japan. If you know that the price of it ranges between ten cents and fifteen dollars per pound, you can readily understand the value of the cultivation attended with an untiring care. The art of forestry adds a step to the luxuriant forests which nature has provided for the country. The gardeners have attained the art of dwarfing trees. In 1862, a box was shown to the president of the Dutch factory at Nagasaki. It was only four inches long, one and one half inches wide, and six inches high. In this small box were growing a bamboo, a fir, and a plum tree, the latter in full blossom.

I was informed last summer that some gardeners have succeeded in reducing the peach stone to the size of a pea. Without further description, one can understand how the country about three fifths of Texas in size with only one third of it cultivated land, supports a population of thirty eight millions. But is this the limit of the intensive farming? No! This is only a part of what the people can do. There agriculture is carried on with primitive and the most simple implements. Grazing and breeding are entirely wanting in the country. While you have two cattle for every three people here, we have only one for every thirty-eight. We have hardly any sheep or goats. We have not yet asked the aid of the sciences. Roman husbandry, developed by modern science has enriched America and Europe: the probabilities are that before the close of the nineteenth century, the agriculture of Japan, enlightened by scientific knowledge will open new sources of national wealth for that people who keeping abreast of the leaders of the world in civilization are proving themselves to be the Anglo Saxons of the Orient.

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The Russell Bros. have established a job printing office in town. All right. The more the merrier. We believe in competition, and furthermore this office has not facilities for doing ALL the printing in Amherst. Our presses are running night and day, so we extend to this enterprising firm our hearty greeting and invite them to come up and help occupy the land.

Life is too short, and space in The College Monthly is too valuable to admit of the many pleasant notices we have received by the press at large, yet it may be of interest to our Amherst friends to know that

our journalistic venture has been well received.

The following complimentary notice of The College Monthly and its editor appeared in The Hampshire Gazette, and Editor Williams has kindly given it to the readers of The Amherst Record.

Claude F. Walker, 12 years old son of Prof. C. S. Walker, of the Agricultural college, issues a little four-page monthly sheet called the COLLEGE MONTHLY, which may grow to be a great magazine and its editor to be a great and good editor.

LOCAL ITEMS.

—Friday night, Oct. 21, the Freshmen beat the Sophomores in a rope pull of two minutes.

—E. E. Russell of this college, and brother have established a job printing office in town.

—R. Wood, of Central Villiage, Mass. has entered the Freshmen class.

—The new catalogue to be issued next term will contain a revised course of study, several changes in the order and nature of the studies having been found necessary.

—Saturday morning, October 22nd, at about five o'clock there was an alarm of fire. It was discovered that some person had set a pail, containing pine needles on fire, in the hall on the third story, west entrance, North College, probably with the intention of smoking out the freshmen. The result was to melt the bottom off of the pail, and to set fire to the floor. It was quickly extinguished by the prompt response of the fire brigade, but not until it had burned a good deal of the partition, and the floor by Plumb's Room.

—The first football game of the season was played Oct. 8th, with the Willistons, resulting in a victory for the Aggies. The next game was played at Hartford with the Trinity team, who insisted on choosing their own referee, whose decisions, manifestly unfair, gave the game to Trinity. After long postponement a game was played, in part, with the Amherst team. This Saturday, Oct. 23, another game is to be played with the Willistons, at East Hampton.

Poem.

BY A HAMPSHIRE COUNTY POET.

I met her by the village green.
This pretty maid:
A homespun gown and rustic mien.
Her rank betrayed.

Said I, "My pretty maid, prithee,
Why look so sad?"
"O Sir," she said, "pray pity me,
I've lost my dad."

And while a rivulet of tears
Flowed from her eyes,
She told of all her hopes and fears,
"Twixt sobs and sighs

"My dad lives up above, you see,
On yonder heights.
Said he, 'Matild, lets you and me
Go see the sights.'

"So down to Amherst town, we drove
The sorrel mare,
And stopping in the college grove,
We hitched her there,

"And then dad gravely said, 'Matild,
Here is the place
Where chunks of science is instilled
Into the race.

"And if you'll stay to watch the mare,
And shoo the lies,
Perhaps just breathing of the air,
Will make you wise.'

"And then he left me all alone,
His only child.
Since then the hours have come and flown,
'Till I am wild.

"I know not whether wisdom came
In just that way,
But I have gained it all the same,
And curse the day

"That saw us reach this college town,
My dad and I."

Then with a most expressive frown,
She said, "Good bye."

A little later while I mused,
And thought it queer,
The story of this much abused,
And pretty dear,

I suddenly met face to face,
A man who looked
A species of the human race,
About half cooked.

In trembling tones, these words he spoke,
"I've lost Matild,"
And then his eyes, all water-soaked,
With tears were filled.

As in a confidential way,
He whispering said,
I've had a drap too much today,
And lost my head.

JOHN S. MYTH.

Amherst, Oct 7th. 1887.

College Organizations.

The senior class have elected the following officers: President, L. F. Kinney; vice-president, F. F. Noyes; secretary and treasurer, E. H. Dickinson; captain, Thos. Rice. The juniors have elected these officers: President, A. M. Nourse; vice president, A. D. Copeland; secretary, F. W. Davis; treasurer, W. A. Kellogg; captain, J. T. Hutchins. These are the sophomore elections: President, G. A. Goddard; secretary and treasurer, C. H. Jones; captain, D. Barry. The freshmen are thus officered: President, E. E. Russell; secretary, M. B. Carpenter; treasurer, A. M. Belden; captain, W. Pond; historian, W. W. Gay. The officers of the reading room are as follows: President, R. B. Moore; secretary and treasurer, F. H. Davis; senior director, H. C. Bliss; junior director, G. A. Goddard; freshman director, A. M. Belden. These officers look after the base ball association: President, T. Rice; secretary and treasurer, F. R. Huse; directors, G. E. Newman, C. S. Crocker, E. Gregory, G. E. Richards. captain, T. Rice.

What is the weight of a pig that weighs five pounds and three fourths of his own weight? 20 lbs.

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