## OLD SERIES, VOL. 15 NEW SERIES VOL. 5.

### FREDERICTON, N. B., DECEMBER, 17, 1877.

the larder, and store the firuit room,

Care of Farm Stock.

#### NO. 63, WHOLE NUMBER 796

Gorrespondence. it to them-also showing mercy and will kill and dress fifty hogs in a day kindness. From my own observation I think there is much need of roform in this direction. I myself am a lover

of animals, especially the noble horse. 17 or so in charge of stock, including ful compound permanent magnet, to from one to three or four horses. I te two poles of which are attached them together with strong cord or have frequently seen the fork used ordinary telegraph coils of insulated twine. Don't sew them "over and u mercifully upon their backs or wire. In front of the poles surroundhea ds with curses enough to make one ed by these coils of wire is placed a shud der; but says the employer, I get diaphragm of iron. A mouth piece, this youth cheap. I have heard it to converge the sound upon this diasaid of an Irish farmer, if he only sent phragm substantially completes the his horse to the forge he would send arrangement. The motion of steel the best man with him. I have often or iron in front of the poles of a magthought whether the horse had not net creates a current of electricity and make awl holes from half to more intelligence than the man, when in coils surrounding the poles of the three quarters of an inch from the seeing them treated so brutally. magnet, and the duration of this curback edge, through the whole pile, not Again, if we have learned this lesson rent of electricity coincides with the of care and kindness to animals and duration of the motion of the Sew through these with a darning are successful with them, your paper of the steel or iron moved or vibrated needle and twine, back and forth, does not stay there; it extends from in the proximity of the magnet. until the book is firm, fastening the the animal kingdom to the vegetable When the human voice cause the ends of the twine securely. If a good kingdom and other items. Knowledge diaphragm to vibrate, electrical unis very valueless if your paper is not dulations are induced in the coils enworth \$1.00 per year. The successful vironing the magnets precisely anala- may be done by folding a strip of farmer is not only kind and merciful gous to the undulations of the air pro- cloth over the backs (the whole pile to his animals, but his kindness ex. duced by that voice. These coils are together) before piercing the holes. tends to his land or crops. He, as it connected with the line wire, which were, becomes attached to his animals, may be of any length, provided the It is an old saying, where insulation be good. The undulations another, until a thick board is formed, there is a will there is a way. A which are induced in these coils travel diligent and persevering farmer's land through the line wire, and passing and stock will soon begin to show it. through the coils of an instrument of If he has scraped up all the manure precisely similar construction at the he can, and wants more, it may be he distant station, are again resolved has not got money to pay for it, but into air undulations by the diaphragm still if he has a will it must come from somewhere. Your paper also encourages a taste not only for the useful but for the beautiful. We have had some good hints how to make our homes first profitable, and it may be

Or A LOVER OF ANIMALS, TREES, &c.

ful trees-Hemlock, Sprace

expense.

# Mistelluneous.

repeated selection than the fact, of besides his own and ten dollars to Mr. fine roasters; the pullets are good the grains in the same ear, one is proved Beadle, and a plant will be sent to winter layers; and very fair common greatly to excel all the others in vital each of the nine persons, and two samples may now be had, in quantities power. Thus the original two ears plants to the person who gets up the at about the cost of the old fashioned contained together 87 grains, which ciab. were all planted singly. One of them produced ten ears containing 688 grains, and net only could the produce of no other single groin compare with them, but the finest ten ears for a small family, the rib is by far tage door, A flook of the dead-beats which could be collected from the pro- the best and most tender cut; have which we often see prowling around duce of the other 86 grains contained some of the bone removed, then make the country places we pass, or visit only 598 grains." That this process your butcher skewer the beef. The are an eyesore to the fancier, a moth of selection need not deter any one best beef-steak for broiling is porter- to their owners, and a disgrace to any from using it, from the slowness of house. The best beef for a la mode is decent farm or suburban estate-in the result, it is stated that Mr. Hallett the round; have the bone removed these days of improvement and had one field of seven acres sowed and trim off all the gristle. For with the produce of a single grain corned beef the round is also the best. planted two years before; but Mr. For a mutton roast choose the shoul- hill race of fowls! Buy the modern Hallett in his seed growing plants der, the saddle, of the loin and haunch. improved birds-of any variety you thin, in one case planting at the rate The leg should be boiled. Small rib may choose. You can purchase a few

a pedigree wheat which can be de- Mutton collete to bake are taken from thrifty useful breeders that will give pended upon to double the crop? The the neck. For ro. the loin, satisfaction, and pay liberally for thought is a reasonable one, and the breast or shoulder is good. Veal their keeping, and which you will not man who first succeeds will reap suc chops are best for frying; cutlets are be asham and to show to city or country cess and others.

arrived. Farmers who have a num- dark red color, smooth, with whitish Ashes and Night-Soil as Manure. ber of heavy hogs to kill, will find it fat; if the lean is purplish and the fat work of butchering is securing a you can get a "meaty" sirloin. The tomatoes, for instance, as where night frequently Added to keep the swine it behooves every one interested in the "good scald." The water should be same in pork; about one and a quarter soil was used to push forward the busy and to prevent all bad odors. Business, and who wishes to make advances of Mr. Hoskins, so far as to And I did all that mortal man could, it, and said: "It isn't;" but his face neither too warm nor too cold. By to one and a half pounds is sufficient; plant, followed afterward by ashes to The sty, which is often a nuisance, by

rightly, from 80 o to 85 o degrees is the proper temperature. We always a thermometer for guaging the temperature of the water. Help nough should be provided for stripping off the bristles as soon as the hog gooled a little. With good conveni-

The Telephone.-The telephone How often have we seen a youth of its present form consists of a power-

### The Celebrated Burnet Grape.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the fact that the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario will able qualities and traits of the modern at the me time beautiful by planting a few trees both evergreens and dediduous, a small combination of these will well repay for trouble. What would our beautiful city be in spring skillful hybridists. The fruit is large, purplish black, sweet and rich, and surrounding our beautiful vine is vigorous, productive and Cathedral in midwinter as well as at hardy. It is one of the most valuable other seasons, although in New grapes for our country that has ever Brun swick we have plenty of beauti been grown, and the Fruit Growers' Xmas-like they appear; Elm, Lime and Maple. These and many other kinds can be obtained with little or no this luscious grape, named in honor tolerated) around the homestead, who them to a copy of the report for 1877, mouth Rocks. now being printed, which is worth | The latter are much heavier, finer, the full amount of the subscription and as hardy; they lay many more of England, the originator of the fa- fee, and in addition thereto, s plant of and richer, larger eggs; they come to mous pedigree wheat, in describing this splendid new grape, which cannot maturity sooner; they are far more his process of selection, says; "Dur- be bought for less than a dollar apiece. quiet, generally, about the place; they ing these investigations no single cir- If any one would like to secure two are seldom assailed with sickness, has struck me as more of these grape vines he can do so by while all mongrels are frequently disforcibly illustrating the necessity for sending the names of nine persons eased; at maturity the cockerels make

In selecting beef to roast, if it be chans are the best for broiling; those for a small outlay, and in one year Who will give the American farmer out from the leg are generally tough. you can have a handsome flock of nice

more apt to be tough. In selecting friends, when they call upon you. beef take that which has a loose Er of areas and The season for butchering hogs has grain, easily yielding to pressure, of a

ender, have the best flavor.

19000H 36 7

LOW.

Home Binding of Papers and Magazines.

We know what handsome books are made by getting old magazines bound up in yearly or half-yearly volumes. Many of us cannot afford to have all of the old magazines and papers, which we wish to preserve in order, bound by the regular book-binders. It is possible to bind them together so as to preserve them in a convenient form, with very little trouble, and with no expense to speak of. Sew

papers sewed in this way tear out badly, and the book loses its shape! To make a thick book, a good strong awl is needed. Lay the numbers in order, removing the covers, if they are covered. Fit the backs evenly, fertilizers, always prompt and reliable more than two or three inches apart. To this strip, on front and back, paste paper, one thickness over drying it with a warm flat-iron as you proceed, so as to keep a smooth and even surface. Trim the edges, paste something strong over the back, line the covers neatly, and embellish the outside according to taste.

### Dung-Hill Fowls.

These have long been considered in many quarters, by those who know little or nothing about the more valuimproved race of poultry, to be " good enough," on the farm. This is a great poulterer, nowadays, that is not of the better or the best quality to be had It costs no more, on the average, to

feed prime poultry-per head-than it does to maintain the scrubs. Indeed adhere to the old usage of breeding Association deserve great praise for the worm out barn-vard varieties that their foresthought in securing vines of their grandsires cultivated, (or rather of the di tinguished President of the throw away more good grain, every Association. We counsel our readers vear upon a given number of these to send at once the fee of one dollar dung-hill cormorants, than would to the Secretary, Mr. D. W. Beadle, liberally feed the same number of St. Catharines, which will entitle good Cochins, or Brahmas, or Ply-

mixed-up nondescripts.

A flock of any sort of pure-bred fowls, evenly plumed, and of good proportions, is a beautiful sight upon the lawn, in the run, or about the cot-

Diseard this superannuated dung

to do the scalding rather than to use is the lightest, ox the best, and next all kinds of crops and all kinds of crops are crops and all kinds of crops are crops and all kinds of crops are crop a cask. We have used such a tank the heifer. Perhaps the nicest mutten soil, and get some benefit, but not above. We have poticed this feature he enters the stable. The same thing without children, and owner of as cause I was afeared to ask him for above. We have poticed this feature he enters the stable. The same thing without children, and owner of as cause I was afeared to ask him for a could be considered to ask him for the same thing without children, and owner of as cause I was afeared to ask him for the country as could be considered. for several years. It should be made roast is a small leg, the bone taken always the full value, which can only in the management of the most thrifty is noticeable in the cow stables when just a little longer than the largest out, and the cavity stuffed with forced be realized when we combine the ashes farmers recently visited. Pigs are the milkers enter, and among all found in the State. bog to be scalded, and wide enough to neat. The best beef roast is (for with organic, and particularly nitro- kept at work from their birth to their ment is duly appreciated, as every one permit turning the hog in the water three) about two and a half or three genous manures. I have found in slaughter. All refuse from the farm has certainly noticed who has had the readily. It should not be larger than pounds of porter-house. Surloin ranks experimenting the greatest effects and garden goes to the barn cellar. care and feeding of farm stock. necessary, for the less water used, next. A rump roast is very nice. from a union of night soil and hard Absorbents, in the shape of weathered Seeing, then, that it is the parbeyond what is required, the less the Two or three pounds is a great plenty wood ashes—not only great plant peat and muck, head lands, swamp ticular care that a farmer should take duty to refuse him, since to marry and I spent lots in doctor's stuff; and "Well, that's the letter you write the lands, swamp ticular care that a farmer should be to controlled the less the Two or three pounds is a great plenty wood ashes—not only great plant peat and muck, head lands, swamp ticular care that a farmer should take duty to refuse him, since to marry and I spent lots in doctor's stuff; and "Well, that's the letter you write the lands are the lands and lands are the lands are work of keeping it hot. The most for three. In chops, I think that from growth, but maximum yields of fruit. hay, salt marsh grass, sea weed, saw thing also to assist in securing him a tribute of the was buried from her ma's, that me, anyway," said Perkins, holding important point in dispatching the line hind leg of mutton best, unless Never have I had such success with dust, leaves from the woods, were fair profit for his outlay and trouble, be an old maid; yet she yielded to the Araminty she would go there to die. Flint took it in his hand, glanced at

having less bone. Rump steak, and slow to dissolve, hence of greater ad- only thoroughly compost all this maround, if well pounded to make them vantage on grass lands where the terial thrown into the cellar, but by time is extended. Used alone on to the tramping of their feet prevent matoes on poor soil, there was a excessive fermentation after it is moderate growth, the plants exhibit- mixed. The pig is especially valuable I keep them in the old, old box ing a pale tint, bearing less fruit in to the villager who is occupied as number but of good size. A touch of laborer or mechanic during the day. hight soil changed the whole aspect He has his his acre or two of land, his of the plant, And this response where vines and fruit trees, which can be I thought my heart would break, that day the two elements are united is always made to supply his table with comprompt, the ashes sure to prevent the forts and luxuries the year round. vine from getting the better of the The profit of his garden and fruit yard fruit. The potato, among other will depend almost entirely upon the things, is benefitted in the same way. On poor soil, particularly on dry clay cable to keep his soil in a high state loam with sod turned down, the effect of productiveness with fertilizers Is this his ring? my dearest May, is wonderful; but most wonderful made upon the premises. If we made

> The ashes used are from hard wood, the times would not be so incurably principally maple, the leached article | bad. - Am. Agriculturist. almost as good as the unleached. In applying night soil it may be done when entirely fresh, with equal bene To follow the business of farming Thus there is constantly made. without properly caring for ready to hand, one of the very best various kinds of stock, is sure to result in a loss that no farmer can bear making the poorest soil yield equal to without greatly injuring his interests. the best, and with comparatively Indeed, so unprofitable has it proved, little expense, as only the ground im mediately occupied by the plants chance for a poor family having a bit poor condition to this very cause more of land to supply itself without cost than to anything else. Live stock is with the more important yields of the an important part of a farmer's enpital, and all capital is invested with a garden, as the ashes and night soil are the products of every household, and view of realizing a profit over the always sufficient, the product keeping pace with the size of the family and their demands on the garden. Where coal is mostly burned the effect will

The Pig as a Manufacturer.

n the spring as possible.

then why do people buy anything that is their attention to again offer be less. In such case it is best to mix for sale? If money invested in live stock fails ashes and soil; this to the depth the to return any profit to the purchaser ground is worked, making the proafter keeping it a year or eighteen portion one of ashes to about three of months, supposing prices remain firm soil, the coarser parts of the ashes and unchanged, the investment proves being removed. This should be done a bad one. Even considering that it the year previous, and, at the latest brings back the purchase money, early in the fall, so as to give the when it is sold, a great many seem to Why won't I tell? Well, partly, child, heat a chance to act on the combined ashes and soil. Clay soil, especially think that no money is lost; but in if rigid, should have this treatment to our estimation there is a big loss. mprove its texture, whether wood There is the interest on the money ashes are used or not, or, in the ab-

nterests, and the want of employ- the care of stock and it did not im-

ment in the older States, let us not prove, and therefore could not increase

sence of coal ashes, vogetable material should be worked in. Then all that is needed in the spring is to plant and Taken all together there could be no apply the stronger manure. Apply not all at once, but as is needed during small loss. But how a loss could be the season, less when the plant is sustained is what is wanted to be small, always keeping the soil well found out, as it is supposed that during the time the stock was held and up to stirred .- F. G., in New York Tribune the date that it-was sold, there is no visible change in prices. There can be no other conclusion arrived at but In the decline of the manufacturing that there was bad management in

overlook the humble operative who in value. always makes staple goods and sends It is an absurd idea for any farmer them to a hungry market. He works in this enlightened age, to think that upon coarse raw material, and manu- farm stock can be carelessly handled, factures pork, lard, and ferlilizers, half fed, and allowed to run all winter good demand on every farm, and a or cold rains, and yet make a satisready sale in the village markets, factory growth. Stock of any kind One effect of the large increase in the requires an abundance of food, if it is circulation of our agricultural journals expected to make a rapid growth, and has been to raise the price of fertiliz- the more care there is taken in reners. The profits of cultivation are dering it comfortable in all that seed to keep page with the use of pertains to its health and thriftiness.

fertilizers. The demand is especially the faster will be its growth. lively in our large towns and their When farm stock dies in consequence suburbs, where market gardening is of insufficient food and for want of followed, and more money is made shelter, as it sometimes does during from ten acres well tilled, than from winter, those who are the losers are many large farms. Six to eight dollars too much inclined to attribute the a cord is a common price for stable loss to "bad luck," but in such cases often much higher, and sometimes not of the loss; for if the necessary care to be had at all. In the flush times that is required to keep it healthy through which we have passed, many and growing had been taken, there villagers ceased to make their own would have been no loss, as is easy to peared to be comforted. pork, and, even upon the farm, near be seen. Just here it is proper to say good markets, it has been a question that bad luck is charged with much whether there was any profit in keep- more than it is really guilty of.

ing pigs. In the olden time it was a No man can expect to thrive as main resource, and the corn crib and farmer unless he gives strict attention the pig-sty were as indispensable as to the care of his stock, and at the the barn and the cow-yard. The heat same treats it kindly and gently.

manure made upon the farm was the Animals soon learn who are their contents of the sty. It made its mark friends and who are not. Let an illupon the corn field, and the effects tempered man who whips and fights were seen for years after, in the oats his horses upon the slightest ground. and grass. After many years of ex- and perhaps when there is no necesperience with home-made manures sity for it, enter the stable, and there and the manufactured article, we have is a general uneasiness manifested dying at all. some to the conclusion that no culti- among them for fear of receiving vator can afford to dispense with the blows, or kicks, or other rough treatlabors of the pig as a manufacturer of ment from him. They are timid and down a spinster, as soon as she had body's uncle but yours, I'd go in and Hoskins. fertilizers. It is the most satisfactory shy, and retreat to the farthest end of way of filling the pork barrel, and the the building upon his entrance. This subject, which was oracularly given a minter do it now." lard beg, even if there be little econo- is not the ease with the good horse when she was about sixteen years of my in it. Swine pay largely in master. Instead of fearing and trying age; but now that she was very nearly "What is the matter?" mixing and composting the contents to keep as far away from him as pos. thirty, she was astonished by the apwill pay to make a large box in which is yellow, it is poor beef. Grass fed to do the scalding rather than receives the sible, they welcome him by signs and pearance of a lover in the shape of a lov

right temperature can easily be ascer- Porter-house is cheaper than sirloin, be plentifully applied, as they are entirely inoffensive. The pigs not worthy of pattern.—Indiana Farmer. by a very large arm, which, after a he's a liar, and if he'll come out here, kins. "I suppose you'll deny your uncle, worthy of pattern.—Indiana Farmer.

## Boetry.

HER TREASURES. That Willie gave me years ago, The time we parted on the rocks; His ship lay swinging to and fro, as waiting at the lower bay,

Is Willie's? No dear, that's young Blake, Who took the West Point highest prize: He went half crazy for my sake. free use of fertilizers. It is practi- Here are a lot of rhymes he wrote, And here's a button off his coat.

I never took a ring from him !with the Early Rose, planted as early the most of our home resources to fill This was a gift from Howard Clay. Just see, the pearls are getting dim. They say that pearls are tears .- what stuff The setting looks a little rough.

He was as handsome as a prince-And jealous! But he went to Rome Last fall. He's never mritten since. I used to visit at his home,-A lovely place beyond Fort Lee : His mother thought the world of ma!

Oh no! I sent his letters back. But look, what a tremendous pack! He always wrote me three for one men-might easily trace their present | Poor Jack !-he fell at Chancellorsville

I took in London, Naples, Nice. At Paris, and among the Alps: Those foreign lovers act like geese. But, dear, they are such handsome men. We go to France, next year, again!

This is the doctor's signet ring. -These faded flowers? Oh, let me Why, what a very curious thing! Who could have sent these flowers to m Ah! now 1 have it .- Count de Twirl!

He married that fat Drosbie girl. So sadly at that raven tress.

You know the head that lock forsook: You know,-but you could never guess Nor would I tell you for the world About whose brow that ringlet curled.

'll tell you all about him, dear,

### Select Storn.

### Berthilda's Offer.

"Mr. Flint you are perfectly right," her, and, I judge, half-starved as well this morning." this habit of frankness had brought as worked to death. kent house for him : to whom he was locks. unusually kind, and who believed him

She had never once contradicted him. When he told her that the family, who were all as plain as pike- and talk it over. staffs, she answered, "Yes, Uncle, but that is not my fault, you know." When he said that she need not mind about being good-looking, because. and would be more apt to be left to day; but his manner to her was unkeep house for him forever, she ap- usually kind, and she had allowed Mr. Flint. She was mild and meek, and her

vanity had been quite taken out of her by her uncle's frankness.

very plain; but she accepted Mr. Flint's opinion without a murmur. It was all genuine. She was one of gate.

even reflected that he might leave her like a humming bird, and there she that to me, sir! Hang him!" his money, or some of it. It was too found Mr. Hoskins so red in the face dreadful to think of Uncle Flint's ever with rage that the color was percep-As for marrying, it did not enter | And his greeting was this: ber mind. She had written berself!

heard Uncle Flint's opinion on the nummel the breath out of him. I've fine a piece of property as could be you; and everyone knows that I "Why, there's the letter you writ me.

made lave to, and being quite unused Now Abigail Aramiety died of the "That's another lie," said Flint, thing else to assist in securing him a distinct assertion that she was born to was the old lady's wish. And out a crumped sheet of paper. testing it with a thermometer, the beefsteak about the same quantity. perfect the crop. But the ashes must the use of absorbents, may be kept it and that too, in a manner well it and that too in a manner well it and that the does that the does in a manner well it and that the does in a manner well it and that the does in a manner well it and that the does in a manner well it and that the does in the does in a manner well it and that the does in a manner well it and the does in the doe

#### squeeze or two, she always put away. I'll wring his neck. I've as much as not a little shocked.

tion the subject to nim.

partickerler, Berthildy; though bein' no obligations to you no longer, and of age, I can't see why he has any. I'll make a jelly of him in three shakes thing to say about it."

To which Berthilda, sobbing, reusual, this conversation having taken out of her eyes adown her cheeks. from Church.

On Monday morning old Mr. Flint, Oh, oh!" where he transacted his business as much which way you choose. I'd two letters already left for him that old Flint and mash him-by jingo, I morning, and opening them found had!" that each asked him for something.

Perkins, who desired to borrow a uncle Flint like that. It wouldn't be horse of him. The other from farmer decent." Hoskins, asking for his niece Berthilda's band.

lingering long over any decision. He regarded the fact that Berthilda had hammer at the door. had an offer as a sort of miracle not likely to occur again, and he had an Perkins' voice inquired for Mr. Flint. idea that women always liked to be married.

Hoskins was well to do and res-She should have him, if she chose. She had been a good girl to him, and he really felt an affection

As for Perkins, he should not have one he had borrowed of him last harvest time, and the poor beast had died in consequence. Lend Perkins his gray mare indeed! He would give him a piece of his mind for his impudence. And he would settle that ousiness before he attended to Berthilda's offer.

So he drew his blotter toward him, seized pen and ink, and indited this peppery epistle:

was his orphan neice, Berthilda, who capable of that, I shall see to my drunk

This finished, he wrote more briefly

Flints were generally good-looking, the way of your having what you gray mare," said Mr. Perkins. but that she took after her mother's ask. You can come over if you like "That's untrue," said Mr. Flint.

Having done this, he put each in an envelope and sent them off.

after all, she was a nice little thing raise her eyes to her uncle's face that her. herself to hope much from it, when,

per into the hall, informed her that lay his tongue to." Mr. Hoskins wanted to see her at the

tible by the moonlight.

"Berthildy, if old Flint was any-

I can do to keep from saying words a Finally Mr. Hoskins offered himself, man hadn't orter say after he's jined and Berthilda, having confessed to a the church. I never was so mad in partiality for him, ended by asserting my life. I'm bursting with rage; and that Uncle Flint must decide the he says I'm a thief, and he's no doubt matter, and that she dared not men- I'll steal you if I can; and so I will. It's jest this, Berthildy-you come "Well, then, I will," said Mr. Hos- along with me now, and get Parson kins. "I ain't afraid of no man, and Speer to marry us, or there's an end if your uncle has anything agin me, of it. It's all up between us. You he can out with it and prove it. I'll choose betwixt old Flint and me, and write and ask him, since you are so if you choose him, why I ain't under

of a sheep's tail." At these words Berthilda trembled plied that her uncle's word was her more than ever. The fountains that law, and was kissed at the gate as were in her head overflowed and ran

place on a Sunday evening on the way "Oh, oh, oh!" she sobbed, "was ever a poor woman in such trouble?

going, after breakfast, into the little "Choose!" eried Hoskins; "and room which he called his office, and darned if I ain t so mad I don't care notary public, found lying on his desk rather like to be at liberty to go for

"Why don't I die!" sobbed Ber-One was from a neighbor named thilda. "But, oh, Silas, I can't leave

> "Then here goes," said Silas Hoskins, taking off his cuffs.

At this moment a long, lath-like figure strode past them and began to The servant opened it, and Peter

Mr. Flint at once appeared in the

"Well, what do you want here?" was the salutation.

"Wall, Mr. Flint, said Peter Perkins, "seein' you was so 'bligin' and neighborly about that gray mare. ] his horse. He had overworked the lead her over to-night. You see I git kinder reckoned I'd jest step in and in my hay to-morror, and there's a rain a comin' up along the end of the week, or Lain't no prophet."

"So you do mean to steal her?" said Mr. Flint. "I've seen impudence before, but this caps all."

"Kinder guess you've forgot who I am," said Peter Perkins. " Don't vou remember a writin' to me this mornin'? I'm Mr. Perkins, Mr. Flint."

"I know you well enough," said Mr. SIR-I don't wonder you wrote, and Flint. "D'ye think I'm in my hadn't the face to come and ask me dotage? You're the man that killed R. FLINT had the reputation for what you wanted, like a man. Let my brown horse last summer, and of being as hard as his name. you have her, indeed! When every- asked for my gray mare to do the Certainly he was a crusty sort one knows you killed the other one same by this. And I told you what I of an old gentleman, with a disagree- with overwork, and only sent her thought of you in my note. You able habit of telling what he considered home to be buried. A pretty idea must have been drinking, Mr. Perkins! the plain truth to everyone. As every- that, indeed! She was just a rack of You must be drunk, sir, to ask me for one did not at once bow low and say : bones when you got through with my gray mare after what I wrote you

"I drinking? I never touch anyhim into a good many quarrels with You'll promise to take good care of thing but tea. I'm a Son of Temperhis friends and relatives, so that at her, no doubt. You may if you get ance, sir !" shouted Mr. Perkins, so last the only one of his own blood her; but you'll only do that by steal- that his voice reached the ears of the with whom he was on speaking terms ing her, and as I suppose you're quite unhappy couple at the gate. "I

> "Then if you are sober, you can't read ! said Mr. Flint. "You wrote me a note telling me

to come over, saying there was po-DEAR SIR -I can't see anything in thing in the way of my having the

"You're a lying, sir!" said Mr. Perkins. "Hanged if I'll stand it!" And now Miss Berthilds saw her uncle menaced by a bony fist, and

"You abominable rascal!"

"Tells me I'm drunk and a liar, as she sat at her knitting in the sir." cried Perkins to Hoskins. "Askevening, Peggy, the sole domestic, ed him neighbor-like to lend me his beckoned mysteriously to her from gray mare, and be wrote he would, She was, really, by no means so the door; and having thus beguiled and now calls me all the names he can

"I don't doubt it, sir!" said Mr. Hoskins. "He's insulted me. sir. those little women who generally bow To the gate Berthilda went in a Told me I worked my poor, late down before the male head of their state of nervous acitation, which made Abigal Araminty to death, starved family and worship him. She had not the blue ribbon bow in her hair quiver her, and was afeared of him. Writ

"That's false!" said old Flint. "Now. I am a liar, am I?" cried

"You are both insane!" said Flint. "You never writ that to me?" cried

"No doubt it's true, but I didn't." cried Flint.

"He is crazy," said Hoskins.

" Mad as a Merch bare," said Perkins. "You are a couple of lunatics. 1'll

killed Abigail Araminty with over- If you were a younger man I'd not It was a case of love at first sight on work, starved her to death, and sent stop to argy; but you're old enough