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WILLOW-PLACE :—C. C. Hatch measured off half a square rod on our lawn, and counted therein five hundred and twenty full-blown dandelions, not to mention a quantity culled for greens just before. Guess Wallingford will have to give us the "belt" on raising dandelions.

Evening Meeting.—The more thoroughly to unite our various business interests, and promote brotherly love and union in our family circle, G. Cragin proposed, some days since, that we devote an occasional evening to free discussion of business matters, and have the whole family take part. Last evening it was proposed that we have a course of criticism of the different departments as an introductory step. This being sympathized with, and many volunteers offering, G. W. H.'s case was first taken. In the kind yet faithful criticism that followed, perhaps the most noticeable feature was the brotherly way in which it was given.

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OUTDOOR ITEM.—One of our hired men appears to be quite mulish. We asked him to call at the office and settle ; his reply was, that he should do no such thing unless he could receive pay for seven months work, declaring that he hired out for that time, and should not leave. The fact is, he was hired with the

understanding that we should keep him as long as we were satisfied with him. It is to be hoped that foremen of different departments will hire no person that has been discharged from some other department of labor, without a recommendation from the foreman under whom they have served. It might be mentioned that the hired men have been signing an agreement, drawn up by a lawyer at Onocida, that puts an end to all such disagreeable disputes.

We have heard since the above was in type, that the man referred to, has taken the money that was his due, and has left.

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Coming down the road that leads through the plum-orchard, yesterday, I was met by one of the hired men on horseback, who said, "Dennis McCarthy is almost dead, he's been drinking ice-water." Hurrying to where the sufferer was lying, I found him cramped with pain, caused by recklessly drinking cold water, while very warm. Some whisky and strong pepper tea was administered to him, as soon as they could be obtained, which relieved him, so as to enable him to be taken to the boarding-house, a part of the way to which, he walked. He was doing well when last seen.

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The kingdom of God might be likened to a man building rustic work, who collects a multitude of poles, sticks and roots, large and small, straight and

crooked, some very crooked, perhaps. He by faith sees the structure he designs to build. His eye surveys every stick and traces every crook, to see what it will make. Then his hand reaches for the foundation members of the building, which are united to form their part and support the weaker ones. Then piece to piece is added with reference to every other piece, in size as well as shape, until every member is put in its proper place, to form a harmonious and pleasing structure. As the work proceeds, it is amusing to see how reluctant each piece is to leave its temporary place (among society did you say?) The piece on top of the heap, will cling to its neighbor with great tenacity and the builder generally has to pull and tug, to get its consent to be cut, pierced or sawn asunder for the work's sake. The more curved and valuable the piece is, the more it clings to others, and much caution is needed to get it free to go through the ordeal, which all have to pass alone; but when it has received all necessary preparation and rests in its place, how it ornaments the structure. Then much has to be cast aside as unfit for the work. This might envy the good, as it stands a monument of symmetry, unity and beauty, yet formed of individual pieces, woven together like the temple of Christ.

A LEARNER.

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A man from the depot, a tinman, who keeps hanging baskets made of wire, for sale, sent one of them

up here, yesterday, for our florists to fill, which they immediately proceeded to do.

They first lined the basket with nice moss, then filled it with earth, six varieties of hanging vines were planted equidistant around it, gracefully falling over its sides. A nice fuchsia ornaments the center of the basket, space between that and the circumference being filled up with verbenas and other choice flowers. The man gave, as his reason for wanting the basket filled, that it would show persons the use for which it was designed, and save questioning.

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We have at last succeeded in cutting a passage through, from the children's entry into their new room, *alias*, lower tent-room, by removing the stairway that conducted to the chamber above, the entrance to which is now effected through the upper tent-room. Another door from the entry, is to be cut through into the large room that has recently been fitted up. A partition is to be put across the entry, to divide the front entrance from the sink-room.

Some conversation, last night, about our croquet ground. It is quite desirable that it should be kept neat and in order, and the balls and mallets properly cared for. It is under the daily inspection of visitors, who on visiting the flower-garden, seem to take much pleasure in witnessing the game.

A committee was appointed to attend to the matter.

Georgiana Sears arrived safely in the night.

Yesterday's temperature—

7 A. M., 56. 12 M., 60. 6 P. M., 62. Mean 59½.