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TUESDAY.

Yesterday the man who was engaged to lay the new walk in front of the house, came and commenced operations. The composition of which the walk is constructed consists of coarse gravel, coal-ashes, fine gravel and coal-tar. It is laid down about four inches thick, and is said to make an excellent walk, or pavement.

The fruit-growers have got nearly all their raspberry vines tied up, and are now at work on the grape vines. Two hired women are employed at this work, and do well. The tying of the raspberries was nearly all done by them.

Last evening Mr. Inslee gave some account of what they are doing at the machine-shop in the way of fitting up the silk machinery. He thinks they are making very good progress, and the work goes on very satisfactorily. The testimony of the hands is, that it is a great pleasure to work on this job. Fourteen machines are to be constructed, viz., four winders, three cleaners, four spinners, one doubler, one stretcher and one soft-silk winder. In addition to these, some spooling-frames will be required. Mr. Inslee thinks that a portion of the machines will be ready for use by the 1st of June.

Mrs. Sherrard, the mother of Preston Sherrard is here. She wishes to obtain employment for some weeks, until she can make arrangements with reference to returning to Virginia. The family formerly resided in Fredrerick County in that State, and was broken up by the war. Preston made his escape through the Rebel lines with great difficulty to avoid being forced into the Rebel ranks. Mrs. Sherrard, we understand, is a lady of cultivated taste and fine education. She is an artist by profession.

The sanitary Committee have gone thoroughly to work. They yesterday made arrangements to have the compost heap, which has always occupied some point near the house, and which of late has been located near the wood-shed, discontinued altogether, and to have all rubbish, dirt and garbage deposited at the barn-yard where it will be speedily converted into manure. All our noses rejoice at the final abatement of this nuisance. To-day the committee are investigating the condition of the cellars.

Note to the family from Ellen Hutchins, read last evening :

“ I thank God for his goodness to me in giving me a place in his church. I also thank Him for the privilege of giving my child to the Lord, and I confess Christ my helper to enable me to do it cheerfully and heartily. I confess an earnest spirit in separating myself from all horizontal and descending fellowships, and in seeking only the fellowship of those who can help me to for-

get the past and press forward. I pray God to enable me to make speedy work in clearing away all obstructions in my spirit to the free flow of His Spirit in my heart, so that I can always walk by the clear light of inspiration. Yours for the freedom of the angels, in the service of the Lord, E. F. HUTCHINS."

The subject of conversation last evening was the idea of progressive perfection, advanced by Mr. Noyes in his conversation with the people at the Phalanx. A general sympathy was expressed with Mr. Noyes's doctrine on that subject.

THE CIRCULARS failed to make their appearance at the Depot this morning. Our mails have been quite meager for several days, bringing us but little from either of the Branches.

House-cleaning still goes on vigorously. The Parlor, Business-office and Library are now undergoing the scouring and renovating operation. Abby says that the work has gone off this Spring easily and cheerfully.

The trap sales for the month of April amount to \$752, 79.

W. A. Hinds has gone to Rome to get a lunch-bag photographed. The bag was furnished with bread and butter, cake and raisins, arranged in an attractive style.

The letter of Mr. Towner, published in THE JOURNAL some time since, was replied to. The Community did not deem it advisable for him to bring his family here, as he proposed, without further acquaintance. His oth-

er proposal to visit the Community himself, was favored. A letter was received from him to-day, expressing satisfaction with our view of the case, and saying that he should avail himself of our permission to visit the Community at his earliest opportunity.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Thermometer, April 30.

6 A. M. 34 deg. Clear. Wind West.

12 M. 46. deg. Clear. Chilly West Wind.

6 P. M. 44 deg.