













The Michigan Press

CONDUCTOR BRADLEY

BY JOHN GREENLEAF WRIGHT

Conductor Bradley always has his name

Sank with the brake he grasped just where he

To do the utmost that a brave man could

Men stooped above; women dropped their tears

What had they? Lo! the ghastly face of pain

No nobler utterance since the world began

Oh! grand, supreme endeavor! Not in vain

Following the wrecked one, as waves follow foam

Nay, the lost life she saved. He is not dead

Let me describe what is probably the

most frequent way in which the ear is

It ought to be understood that the

passage of the ear does not require clean-

ing by us. Nature undertakes that task

and in the healthy state fulfills it per-

fectly. Her means for clearing the ear is

the wax. Perhaps the reader has never

wondered what becomes of the ear-wax?

I will tell him. It dries up into thin

fine scales, and these peel off, one by one

from the surface of the passage, and fall

out imperceptibly, leaving behind them a

perfectly clean, smooth surface. In health

the passage of the ear is never dirty; but

if we attempt to clean it, we infallibly

make it so. Hence—a strange lack of

cleanliness as it respects wax, which has

no doubt a deep justice at the bottom

—the best people, those who love clean-

liness, suffer most, and good and careful

nurses do a mischief neglecting ones avoid

Washing the ear with soap and water

is bad; it keeps the wax moist, when it

ought to become dry and scaly, increases

its quantity unduly, and makes it absorb

the dust with which the air always

abounds. But any one who wishes to

introduce the corner of the tool,

screwed up, and twisting it round. This

does much more mischief than merely

pressing down the wax. It irritates the

passages, and makes it cast off small

pieces of skin, which dry up and become

extremely hard, and these are also hard-

pressed down on the membrane. Often

it is so only deafness that ensues, but

pain and inflammation, and then matter

Farmer Life for the Aged

It is often said that farm life is hard

and it is true, small that a commoner

life is an easy one, and that it is in

the walks of trade and commerce that

is to be made. Those of us who have had

experience know that this is not true;

that though farm work is hard work

and in five years, does not happen

often on the farm as in the counting

room, yet figures show that in two

years, of one hundred farmers and one

hundred merchants who earned life to

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