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The Young Farmer.

BY MRS. EMILY THORNTON.

So we met This man and I. BROWNING.

"Where are you going Irma?" asked Mrs. Rossmore of her young and pretty daughter, who, with hat swinging by the ribbons from her arm, was just crossing the lawn of a large house well fill lage of S-

"Only to the lake, mamma. grove near it is so cool and delightful that I love to sit under the trees," "But the afternoon is very hot. Do

wait later."

"O, mamma, it is cool there! have my for hours !"

mother turning away. How charming the country looked to

ripe grain. As she passed this field she himself, took the lines and started off. was gayly singing a popular song when the fence caught up the strain and com-

pleted the verse.

Startled by the interruption, yet de-to leave your work." lighted with the splendid tenor tones, Irma raised her eyes, and encountered pair of dreamy brown orbs fixed roguishly upon her, as the singer pausforth the song he seemed unable to re- Do you object ?"

Blushing deeply as she met the adiring gaze of the saucy farmer, the young girl stopped singing instantly and hurried on. But in spite of her vexation, she could not forget the superb beauty of the face that had lifted to her Such clustering, curling hair such handsome, dark, English whiskers, with the graceful moustache, not too mmand attention, while blushes came and went, as he fixed the handsomest eyes she had ever seen so mischievously

Striving to banish the whole scene from her mind, the young girl selected a pleasant, shady spot under the trees, close by the water, and sitting down she ppened a dainty volume of poems, and ommenced to read. But those handome eyes seemed to haunt her, and the same voice still singing floated past from the not distant field.

Suddenly a hissing sound close by aused her to utter a piercing shrick for close by rose the head of an angry nake ready to spring upon her. Instantly in answer to her scream, rapid steps from the rye-field sped that way, and by the abrupt suspension of the song she knew who was answering her cries. Before, however, his fleet feet could reach her the deadly reptile made a spring, inflicting a wound upon her bare wrist. As she sank fainting upon the grass the rapid blows upon the creatures head dispatched him

Turning at once, with a pale cheek, to the fainting girl, the young man untied it in the lake, and by bathing her brow diamond upon his finger.

"Tell me lady," he asked, anxiously, then she could speak, "were you hur! ? did the snake harm you?

already beginning to swell beneath the along, what he callsangry mark left by his fangs. Instantly the young man seized her hand, and applying his lips to the wound, proceed- And then, again, in the after part of a ed to suck away the poison. of whom he suspended his efforts long gend. enough to whisper some order, and then proceed with his task. Meanwhile Irma
The stooping sun up gathers his spent shafts once more closed her eyes, and lay nearAnd puts them back into his golden quivet. ly insensible in his supporting arms. As ed a small wallet he had brought him, when, after tying his horse in a shady and from tiny bottles proceeded to ad- place they entered the boat he had minister remedies. As soon as she could awaiting them, she could not understand swallow he also gave her some brandy. the strange delight that surged into her After long and arduous efforts, the young heart. farmer had the satisfaction of seeing her raise herself from his support, evidently as they floated on he gathered some to quite revived. Again the stranger spoke give her pleasure. Then his handsome one of the men, who ran off upon the

errand be wished transacted. "You are out of danger now, dear la- but see, said he, again addressing Irma, "but you have had a narrow oscape. "Suppose we sing together."

"By forgiving that seeming impertinence of which I was guilty when or rural enjoyments. you passed the field of grain where I

"Yes gladly. But how did you know my name? I never saw you before."
"But I have you several times. Besides, read it here."

Looking where he pointed she saw that her book was open at the page on which her name in full was written.

"Miss. Rossmore," continued the young man, as a light buggy was drivook with me, so I can amuse myself en to the spot, "I have taken the liberty of ordering a conveyance to carry you "Well, dear, walk slowly, and be as back to "The Maples" where I know you careful of yourself as possible," said the board. It would be dangerous for you to walk in the sun."

Rising as he spoke, the young man the eyes of the city bred girl, as she advanced to the vehicle, and taking walked along. As she neared the grove from it a light summer coat, put it on, that skirted the shores of the lake, she thus cevering his shirt-sleeves in which passed the rye field, where laborers he had labored. He then lifted the vere busy tying up great sheaves of the young girl to a seat, and springing in

"Mr. Farmer," said Irma, shyly, "I suddenly a rich, manly voice from over do not know your name, but I sincerely thank you for your kindness. I fear,

"There are plenty of men to attend to the rye. I am not only too glad to be of your own town, and am the only child I think I will not take you directly home, but will drive around awhile ed by the grain he was binding to pour es the air will make you feel better.

"Not at all. But tell me, please, with whom I am riding !"

known around here. I see," he added, rusticate for six weeks on the farm of to change the subject, "you have been an old friend of my father's in this place. reading one of my favorite authors."

surprise, finding her companion well obtain an introduction, when Providence versed in the literature of the day. His brought me to your side. Irma, darling, thick to reveat the white teeth and red style was singularly beautiful, and thus will you forgive my kee, and up your lips of the animated singer, served to the ride, so strangely taken, proved not delusion? I wanted to win your love, only a physicial but an intellectual ben- even while you thought me a poor young

When she alighted the young man cautioned her against lonely walks to the grove for the present, fearing other snakes of the same species might be there-"They so seldom," he said, 'appeared singly."

"Then I assure you fear will keep me from that lonely spot," said Irma.

"Miss Rossmore, if you would allow me, I would promise a row upon the lake as a substitute. I should be glad to take you in my boat."

"Thank you. I will go with pleasure any time you say." "To-morrow afternoon, at five, I will

call for you. We will drive there." Mrs. Rossmore was greatly shocked at her daughter's adventure, and expressed much gratitude for her speedy

The next day Irma waited with considerable anxiety for five o'clock. It came, and punctually with it came Roy Leland.

Again she was surprised at seeing his stylish dress and refined appearance. To-day there was not the least appearthe fainting girl, the young man untied ance of a farmer about him. As he han-friends. a silk handkerchief from his neck—put ded her into the buggy and took the reins there to protect it from the sun-dipped she noticed a plain, brilliant, solitaire

"How beautiful everything looks today!" remarked Leland, as they drove along. 'I often think of Poe's lines amid such rural beauty. Do you remember Irma, in answer, pointed to her wrist, them ! We can almost hear, as we glide

'The murmer that springs day like this, I recall with pleasure ers came from the harvest field, to one Longfellow's lines in the "Golden Le-

'The day is done; and slowly from the scene Again was Irma charmed with the soon as the messeager returned he open- young man's conversational power, and

eyes sparkted, as she placed one in her

"We both love music," he said once.

just what to do, you are safe. Had there over the lake. Never had Irma enjoyed been the least delay in extracting that herself more, and as they drove back poison, you would have died in a very Leland spoke of a saddle-horse in his short time.

"Then I owe my life to you! How can I over thank you?"

possession, asking her to ride it, with himself for a companion. She readily consented, and after this for weeks, they found delight in rowing, riding, and oth-

One day Irma spoke of his neglected was at work. Will you, Miss Ross- farm work, rather chiding herself for allowing him to absent himself from the fields. But he replied :

"There are plenty of men to do those duties, Miss Rossmore. My heart is not there. It is_" He paused, toying as he did so in dreamy way with some wild flowers gathered as they entered the grove.

"May I finish that sentence ?" asked "Certainly," she replied, blushing un-

der a peculiar glance that flashed into hers from his dark eyes. "My heart, then, I will say, is with you. Darling, do you not know that I

love you ?" He took her hand tenderly, as he spoke, in his, and with delight found that she did not withdraw it.

"Dearest, do you not love me a little

"Not a little, Roy, but-but I do love you in spite of -"

"My neglect on my farm work," interrupted the delighted lover as he drew her fondly towards him, pressing a fond kiss on her levely mouth. "Irma dear I am no farmer, but a physician from of very wealthy parents. I have a large practice, but close confinement to these duties injured my health to such a degree that I was obliged to rest or retire. I loved my professien, so concluded to place my patients temporarily in "My name is Roy Leland. I am well the hands of a neighboring physician, and I had seen you, in your walks, several Then the conversation drifted into times, before that eventful day; and bequite an intellectual form, Irma, to her ing deeply interested, was striving to

> The wedding that took place early in autumn proved that she had freely forgave his saucy conduct.

How to Become a Lawyer.

A day or two ago, when a young ma entered a lawyer's office to study law, the practitioner sat down beside him

"Now see here, I have no time to fool away, and if you don't pan out well, I won't keep you thirty days.

Do you want to make a good law

"Yes, sir."

"Well, now, listen. Be polite to old people, because they have cash. Be good to the boys, because they are growing up to a cash basis. Work in with reporters and get puffs. Go to church for sake of example. Don't fool any time on poetry, and don't even look at a girl until you can plead a case. If you can follow these instructions you will succeed. It you cannot, go and learn to be a doctor and kill your best

Pet Names for the Baby.

Sploodoogle is a new father, and the ther morning after a noisy night with and began coddling him :

"Es, oo, ittle ootsy wootsy tootsy," he gurgled, "oo tweet ittle sing; oor party; therefore, mamma's darlin." You darned Macbeth, you !"

"What's that ?' cried Mrs. S., startled by his strange tones, "what is that you're calling the baby ?" "Nothing, dear, only 'Macbeth."

"That's a horrid name. What do you call the little angel that for ?" "On strictly classic principles, dear I call him Macbeth because Shakespear says, "Macbeth doth murder sleep."

How Rattlesnakes are Used.

Rattlesnakes are in demand for orns nental purposes in New York. The skins are tanned, mounted with silver clasps and sold for ladies' belts. The clasps and sold for ladies' belts. The rattles are made into ear drops, gold mounted, and exquisitely finished. The parties engaged in the manufacture of these unique ornaments pay as high as \$5 for a fine rattlesnake, and one lady who has a handsome rattlesnake belt and rattles are made into ear drops, gold mounted, and exquisitely finished. The \$5 for a fine rattlesnake, and one lady who has a handsome rattlesnake belt and

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

Adopted at Raleigh, June 26th, 1884.

We again congratulate the people of North Carolina on the career of peace, prosperity and good government on which she entered after the inauguration of a Democratic State administration and which has been unbroken for so many years since; upon the just and impartial enforcement of the laws ; upon a perfect string of riddles for the unthe efficiency of our common school sys-fortunate compositors. One of his tem, and the great progress made in leaders on William II. Sewart came popular education ; and upon the general improvement and enterprise manifes ted in every portion of the state. And we again challenge a comparison between this state of things and the crimes, outrages and scandals which attended Republican ascendancy in our borders ; and we pledge ourselves to exert in the best efforts to promote the material in terests of all sections of the State.

Affirming our adherence to Den cratic principles as heretofore enunciated in the platforms of the party, it is hereby

Resolved, That we regard a free and fair expression of the public will at the ballotbox as the only sure means of preserving our free American institutions and that the cerrupt and corrupting use of Federal patronage, in influencing and During the latter part of the life of ontrolling elections is dangerous to the liberties of the State and the Union.

Resolved. That we are in favor of the unconditional and immediate abolition of the whole internal revenue system, as an intolerable burden, a standing meance to the freedom of elections, and a source of great annoyance and corruption in its practical operation.

Resolved, That no government has a right to burden its people with taxes beyond the amount required to pay its sessary expenses and gradually extinguish its public debt. And that whenever the revenues, however, derived, exceed this amount, they should be reduced so as to avoid a surplus in the treasury. We therefore urge upon our Senators and Representatives in Congress to exort themselves in favor of uch legislation as will secure this end.

Resolved, that with respect to the ariff we reaffirm the life long and fundamental principles of the party as declared in the National Democratic platforms and that the details of the method by which the constitutional revenue tariff shall be gradually reached, are subjects which the party's representatives at the federal capital must be trusted to adjust; but in our opinion the duties on foreign importations should be levied for the production of public revenue, and the discriminations in its adjustment should be such as would place the highest rates on luxuries and the lowest on the necessaries of life, of rewards to informers, thereby creatdistribute as equally as possible the burdens of taxation and confer the greatest good to the greatest number of the

American people. Resolved, That the course of the Deur ocratic party in furtherance of popular education, by efficient public schools in all sections, and the establishment, of graded and normal schools in the larger towns and accessible centers, is a sufficient guarantee that we favor the education of all classes of our people and we will promote and improve the present educational advantages so far as it can be done without burdening the peo- iff slapped it on the shoulder.

AND WHERAS, There is now more than a hundred millions of dollars in the kid he picked up Sploodoogle, Jr., the treasury of the United States wrung from the pockets of the people by unjus taxation on the part of the Republican

Resolved, That we will accept such distribution of said surplus revenues of the government for educational purposes as may be made by the Congress of the United States: provided always, that the same shall be disbursed by State agents, and not accompanied by objec-tionable features and embarrassing con-

Resolved, That it is due to the white people of our eastern counties, who have so cheerfully borne ther share of our common burdens, that the present or some other equally effective system of county government shall be maintain-

Resolved That in view of the existing and increasing harmony and kindly feel-ing between the two races in this State, and a similar condition of things which

Among the most famous men of our ountry there is one who will always be remembered by his atrocious handwriting-Horace Greely. His manuscript was very illegible. Fancy, if you can, his disgust when the printer gave forth to the world, "Washing with soap is wholly absurd," instead of "Virtue is its own reward." His copy was forth entitled, "Richard the Third;" his "Freemen in Buckram" was turned into "Three Men in a Back Room," while "Jupiter Pluvius" appeared in print as "Inspector Phineas." He once wrote a note to a brother editor in New York, whose writing equaled his own. The recipient of the note returned it. Mr. Greeley, supposing it to be the renself, and said to the boy : "Go, take it back. What does the fool mean? 'Yes, sir," replied the boy, "that's just what he said." A president of one of our great railroads wrote to an old farmer, requesting him to move some shedding. The man could not make it out, but "guessed" it was a free pass, and used it as such for a year, none of the conductors disputing his right. Duke Wellington, his writing was often illegible. A letter of his to a minister in Lord Gerby's cabinet has not been, to this day, unraveled.

Internal Revenue System

Raleigh Register.

The Democratic party oppose the Internal Revenue System for many reasons. Among others are the follow-

1. It is based upon the trade of neaks and spies, eaves-droppers and

The trade of the sry and the inform or has ever been a most hateful one and no system of taxation built upon it, even when the exactions are fairly adjusted and its administration impartially conducted, can even hope to be otherwise than odious. To the average American, sneaking and eavesdropping in private life are not agreeable things, but when they become professional habits indulged in for pay by officials, not ment, there are few men who can submit to them quietly and peaceably.

That the system of taxation known in this country as the Internal Revenue system is built upon the trade of the neak and spy, the cavesdropper and the informer, no honest man may deny. This feature of the system, involving, as it necessarily does, the employment ing a market value for "testimony" to injure "conviction," testimony given not to vindicate the law, but to secure the reward for conviction, is enough to make the present system hateful in the extreme. It is an odious thing to a North Carolinian to know that himself. his family and his property are continually under the eyes of Federal spies.

An American Fable.

profits from small and hasty efforts. A big red-faced Nothing was strollng along the street when a deputy sher-

What do you want with me? I've

ne no evil. Never mind; come right along. But I never stole anything.

I know it. Nor killed anybody. I know that. I never broke a law

Of course not. Then what on earth can a sheriff want

You are a Nothing, ain't you Yes, sir. You don't know anything ? Not a thing. Don't want to know anything ? Not a cussed thing

I thought so. Well, we want you for a juror.

They don't say in Boston now, "I got ne cart before the horse," but "I placed the articulated circumlocutory vehicle in precedence of the quadrupedal

It should be said, in justice to the father of his country, that the New Jersey centenarian whom George Wash-The snake was a deadly one, but as I was so near, and happened to know beautifully, and song after song floated was so near, and happened to know beautifully, and song after song floated trappings at \$300.

**Suppose we sing together."

who has a handsome rattlesnake belt and black race, a wanton insult to the whites of the South, and tending to stir up strife between the now friendly races.

sey centenarian whom George Washington is said to have kissed did not between the now friendly races.

Every person has something about

The great rule of moral conduct is, next to God, to respect time.

Honor demanded is as worthless as sult underserved is hurtless.

To count but few things necessary is the foundation of many virtues.

Youth sucks the sugar coating, and old age chews the bitter pill of life

Learn in childhood, if you can, that appiness is not outside, but inside.

Let us be like trees that yield their fruit to those who throw stones at them. He who conquers himself is greater

Temperance is a tree which has contentment for its root and peace for its

than he who in battle conquers a thou-

Sin and misery are not lovers, but they walk hand in hand just as if they

Mormons ought to be good livers, as they generally have plenty of "spare

Let every man do the best he knows, and if he is not a fool, he will do about We usually learn to wait only when we have no longer anything to wait for.

Prudence and religion are above accidente, and draw good out of everything. The soul without imagination is what

an observatory would be without a tele-

Men use virtue as an umbrella to keep the rain of brimstone off their Sunday

The devil's time is so much employed that he details idleness and deceit to

price we must too often pay for a knowl-All the whetting in the world can never set a razor's edge on that which

To despise our own species is the

has no steel in it. To preserve one's mental constitution and nourish one's nature is the proper way to serve Heaven.

When truth offends no one, it ought

to pass out of the mouth as naturally as A man who is able to employ himself innocently is never miserable. It is the

idle who are wretched. He who indulges sensual appetite is like a person who runs against the wind with a torch in his hand.

Often what a man takes for the dic-

tate of his conscience, is nothing more than a whiff of impulse-a caprice. The bright side of life is that which catches the reflected light of heaven

and echoes back its harmonies.

A good heart and a clear conscience bring happiness which no riches and no circumstances alone ever do. As reasonably expect oaks from a

too much ; but, whilst you enjoy them, raise God and use th "Another expedition to the pole," said the man as he wended his way to

Boast not of your health and strength

mush-room-bed as great and durable

the barber shop. A spring house is a house with a spring in it, and a spring bonnet is usually worn above a waterfall

It seems queer, but it is true, that the stuff that makes a man tight frequently loosens his tongue. A war-horse is always spoken of as a

heavy charger, and yet we never hear of a tailor being called a war-horse. We are often selfish in our love, desiring more to be loved in return than, to benefit the object of our affections.

If the greatest man on earth commits, an injury a good man can at once make himself greater than he by forgiving it. Mind is the greatest lever of all things; human thought is the process

by which human ends are ultimately "O, mamma," said little Paul, when the new baby was shown him for the first time, "can I wear baby's dresses.

when I get tall enough ?" It is said that the size of men's pants is to be increased. Even at that they, will be nothing to the sighs of the follow who can't get a new pair.