Look heab, mule! Better min' out-Fust t'ing you know you'll fin' out How quick I'll wear dis line out On your ugly stubbo'n back, You needn't try to steal up An' lif' dat precious heel up : You's got to plough dis fiel' up, You has, sah, for a fac',

Dar, dat's de way to do it! He's comin' right down to it; Jes' watch him ploughin' t'roo it! Dis niggar ain't no fool. Some folks dey woul'a' beat him; Now dat would only heat him-I know jes' how to treat him, You mus' reason wid a mule,

He minds me like a nigger, If he was only bigger He'd fotch a mighty figger, He would, I tell you! Yes, sah! See how he keeps a clickin! He's as gentle as a chicken, An' nebber thinks o' kickin'-Whoa, dar! Nebuchadnezzer!

Is dis heah me, or not me? Or is de debbil get me ? Was dat a cannon shot me? Hab I laid heah mor'n a week Dat mule do kick amazin'! De beast was sp'iled in raisin'-By now I 'spect he's grazin' On de oder side de creek, -Ivwin Russell, in Scribner's Monthly



If Farmers would experiment more on a small, cheap scale, they could learn better how to treat their soils. Instead of spending much hard labor and money ploughing and re-seeding large pastures, often to lose more than half they expend, if they would take a small tract and treat parts of it by different methods, manuring it with various kinds of fertilizers, they might be better prepared to undertake the more extensive jobs, and with almost a certainty of success :- North Carolina Farmer,

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FITTED TO BE A FARMER.

In an old book on agriculture, written nearly two thousand years ago, the author declares that he had known Professors of all kinds, even to those who promoted of the furrow, but I danced for it when gluttony and taught the most contemptible of vices; but of Agriculture he says: "I have never known any that professed and legs. I always afterwards drove the themselves to be either teachers or stu-

While the world has progressed somewhat during the period named, and Professor of Agriculture is not now an unknown title, still we must in all candor admit that a vast majority of people believe in the old saying: "That any fool our readers will declare that they believe it takes a smart, intelligent man to make a good one; and, while we agree with est order of creation.-F. R. Elliott in them in this we must still assert that actions speak at least as loud as words in this matter, and are overwhelmingly on the fool's side of the question.

Now we propose to offer some facts to business, prove that the vast majority of farmers do not believe that agriculture is a profession requiring any special culture or education; for if they did, their sons would be specially trained, for the busi-There are, it is true a few men in what ther, are called Agricultural Colleges, who profess to be preparing to become farmers; but these are so few in number that station. there will not be enough to fill the posifurnish practical workers in the field.

When a man desires his sons to enter any of the learned professions, he sends them to a college, or good school, then gives them years in which to study the particular branch of spience or art selected, never expecting them to become successful except through close application, and oft times a long, tedious and laborous application. If a man enters the ministry, he must need read theology, and this calls for books by the dozen and hundreds, law, medicine, or even to become a suc- wife's are. cessful merchant, But how is it with farmers generally? Do they purchase an ten cents without asking her what she is agricultural library as part and parcel of going to do with it." works relating to the subject, shows that who can fix it up without swearing. nine out of ten never invest a dollar in

aids to success. Then again, who would employ a doctor that did not take and read the medical journals which gave the latest discoveries

lawyer appear in managing a case, before judge or jury, who did not know the lat- He was the manager of a church fair, per can teach you, certainty of success est decisions of the courts, or the latest and one morning he walked into the depends almost entirely on your own inlaws enacted by our legislature? But newspaper office and said: dividual effort and thought. Reading, what shall we say of our farmers, when not a million out of the six millions in the United States subscribe for and read an upon the visitor laid the following note desirability of thought and feasoning, agricultural paper of any kind? Is it any upon the table:

Wonder that farmers are swindled, or that "The ladies of the Street church crammed into a man's head, but in the

is that they manage to live at all.

THE BOY THAT STICKS TO FARMING.

Once upon a time I commenced writing of my early life, and as I to-day turn over the pages, the following notes of a time to have it go in the local column," replied in my early years may interest some of the manager. the young readers of the Country Gentle-

of age, I was taught to milk and do other readers and help a good cause; besides, ter when the ground was bare, and the other." from school, and I worked at beating and church next Sunday." of eight hours.

gained to keep it for me by my working paper in Maine. Its proprietor has had half a day each week. That I did, and at much experience, and has all the helps the end of one year I exchanged my heifer which a large outlay of money can prowith my father for two males calves. Al cure. His paper has a larger circulation most every day after these were two than any other published in the country, weeks old I occupied my spare time in and is to be furnished at only \$2. It is small one, with two bows, which a friend to a better advantage. Be sure to take made for me. After two months old they the Chronicle, and subscribe for your would "gee" and "haw" as well as old friends." over the meadows. Again, they were of the entertainment. used in mid-winter to lead the team in breaking in his two-year-olds. As these attract more attention in the middle of a calves or young steers grew up, I taught sermon. It will interest a large number

help, I had to give two days of my time either used in the compost heap with other to the hired man's one day. I grew just what my fancy and reading dictated, ployed as litter for his animals during and from the proceeds I dressed as well winter, or as coatings for his barn-yard or as any of the boys of the present time. I other inclosures, where animals are confin- always had some time to play, and time liquid voidings may be readily converted pleasant thoughts to the old farm, and the farm hand who taught me to use tools, to hold the plow, and to bring the point and heel of my scytle so as to leave the wath clean and true. Once when driving the ox team to the plow, I failed in keeping them in a stright line at the end the plowman took the whip from my hands and laid it heavily over my back team out straight, and I have tried to

drive straight now over severey years. The remembrance of my own boyhood has always induced me to favor all items of encouragement at home on the farm, and I believe, if it were more generally practiced we should have more good farmers and less broken-down merchants, can be a farmer." Doubtless, many of or loafing, hanging-on, time serving clerks, ready for anything except honorable labor and usefulness belonging to the high-Country Gentleman.

WHO ARE THE BLESSED?

Blessed is the man who minds his own oil!"

Blessed is the woman who never says to her husband, "I told you so." Blessed is the man who can sew on his

buttons when the baby is crying.

Blessed is the woman who won't marry

ness, or fitted to become good farmers. a widower-providing he's your own fa-Blessed is the mother-in-law who never

Blessed is the rich relation who never tions opened for teachers, much less to looks down on you—when you are in the is forgotten because Mammon has a par-

> Blessed is the poor relation who never ooks up to you-for money. Blessed is the old maid that don't hate

> old people and children. Blessed is the old bachelor that don't hate cats and pincushions.

> don't wish they were single. Blessed are the single people that are content to remain so. Blessed is the husband who never says

Blessed are the married people that

the outfit needed for the furtherance of Blessed is the woman who don't scold the object they may have in view? A few when the stove pipe falls down on the and a half feet. The summit consists of may do it, but the sale of even the best dinner-table, and-blessed is the man

> the loan of your umbrella. Blessed is the neighbor who is so busy with his own affairs that he has no time

to pry into yours. Where are the blessed? in the use of drugs and chemicals, and Echo answers, "Where ?" AN EDITOR AND A CHURCH FAIR.

they fail to make money? The wonder will give a festival at their vestry hall knowledge and disposition to apply gennext Friday evening. Literary and mu- eral principles to the every day wants When those engaged in agriculture will, sical entertainments will be provided, as a class, read, study, and become as and a supper will be served to all who well informed in regard to their calling as desire. The ladies in charge of the affair those in other professions, then, and not have much experience in such matters, till then, can they claim and maintain and are sure to provide a good time. The their rights in competition with those who admission will be only fifteen cents; and now control them .- Rural New Yorker, it is certain that no one can spend that amount to a better advantage. Be sure to go, and take your friends.

When the editor had read it he said : "Oh, I see, an advertisement." "No; not an advertisement. We prefer

And seeing that the editor looked skep-

tical, he continued: When a boy from ten to fourteen years "It will interest a great many of your "chores" night and morning, before and we have spent so much money getting up after school hours. My father was a far- our entertainment, that we can't afford sell them lower than ever known beforemer as well as a politician. He pastured to advertise it without increasing the his cattle upon the meadows after mow- price of the tickets. In such a matter as in pant goods; bargains in every department. ing, and in the late autumn and mid win- this we ought to be willing to help each

heaps or balls of debris on the meadows "Well," said the editor, "if it goes into and pastures were broken and distributed, the locals I suppose you would reciproby using a maul. Saturday was vacation cate by reading a little notice in your

scattering the debris on the pasture lands | The visiting brother asked what notice, being paid by my father ten cents a day and the editor wrote and handed him the

following: I accumulated two dollars, for which "The Weekly Chronicle for the coming my father sold me a heifer calf, and bar- year-will be the best and cheapest family as heretofore. Call and see. teaching them to work in the yoke-a certain that no one can spend that amount

oxen. They were then turned to pasture The manager hemmed and hesitated. until September. When my father was and then said, solemnly, that he doubted mowing the grass on his salt mea- whether it would be judicious to read dows, situated on the boarders of Long such a notice, but suggested that if it was Island Sound, these calves were taken printed, copies of it might be distributed and used to lead the heavier cattle team at the door of the vestry on the evening Ball Steel and Cast Plows.

"Yes," said the editor, "but it would the near ox to let me ride him, while the of your congregation and help a good off ox would come along to his place, and cause; and, besides, so much money is the pasture to the barn-yard. So much how the owner can afford to print handfor my early "choring" and team work. | bills to advertise it without increasing After I was 13, my father gave me a the subscription price. In such a matter Send for Catalogue and Price List

> Then the gentleman saw the situation. A jelly old German, while suffering from a pulmonary attack, sent for a physician. In a short time the doctor called on him, prescribed two bottles of codliver oil, and receiving his fee of eight dollars, was told by the German, who disliked the size of the bill, that he need not come again. The German, who bythe-by had not heard the doctor's prescription very well, supposed he could get the oil and treat himself. The doctor saw no more of the patient for some time; but one day riding past the residence of the German, he was pleased to see him out in the garden digging lustily. The case seemed such a proof of the virtues of to eod liver oil that he stopped to make more

particular inquiries about it. "You seem to be getting very well," said he addressing the German. "Yaw, I ish well, responded the former-

ly sick man. "You took as much oil as I told you ?" queried the doctor.

"O yaw, I have used many as four gallons of de dog-liver oil. "The what?" said the astonished doc-

"De dog-liver dat you say I shall take. have killed most every fat little dog I

The doctor had nothing to say, but rode quickly away.—Investigator.

lambs skip in innocent delight. The catthe very shadow of heaven. Yet mortals permanent, profitable work, address GEORGE grumble and complain. The great God alysis! The times are hard because the way of the transgressor is hard. An honest return to honest ways will bring back the prosperity we have forfeited .- Christian at Work.

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