The Farmer's Wife.

A most touching and beautiful tribute has been paid to farmers' wives by Larry Gant, of Athens, in a speech before the Bethlehem Alliance, Mr. Gant's speech was famous for many good things, but there was nothing in it truer, or more just, than that said o' our noble country women. The following is his tribute to the farmer's

But I will not waste all my sympathy on the farmer. There is one class even more deserving of pity and relief than you, my alliance friends. I refer to the farmer's wife. There is not a burden that you bear but the thetic heart as a dagger. She bars When you return to your noonday meal, and find a welcoming smile and everything ready to your hand-as if the confusion of the morning had been touched by a fairy's wand and order produced from chaos-do you ever consider the vast amount of work that these pleasant surroundings have cost in a little shanty about half a mile of the poor wife?

At night, when taking your ease, does it occur to you to look around and see if your wife is having her season of rest? You will find the old couplet verified in her case which says:

"Man works from sun to sun, But woman's work is never done."

We men are all too selfish and selfconceited-and I am no exception to the rule. We imagine that because we are the bread winners of the family, the woman's work is mere child's play. I vainly endeavored to find again; but-

There is not a farmer beneath the serving me, only added to my confu- stronger and livelier than ever. I am sound of my voice but who, if he were sion. Herr L- called my attention rising, I know, toward the sky. The made to exchange places with his wife, to a dim but steady spark of light burn- tunshine is over my head. The earth would be begging her to rue back in less that twenty-four hours.

At night when you are locked in the straight to it, and found ourselves be- You say the soul is nothing but the arms of Morpheus, and your weary fore a low shanty, through whose unshut- resultant of bodily powers. Why, then, frame is drinking in the rest that na- tered window that welcome light was is my soul the more luminous when my ture demands, the wife at your side is shining. We knocked, and a voice in bedily powers begin to fail? Winter is trying to quiet a fretful child lest it English, though with a slight foreign on my head and eternal spring is in my disturb "poor, tired papa." The dear, unselfish creature! She never thinks travelers, who sought the shelter of a the roses as at twenty years. The nearer of her own weary frame and aching roof for the night. After some delay I approach the end the plainer I hear

is on her feet, preparing the best repast the larder will afford. You return to your work in the field, while the wife resumes the old tread-mid existence, that is rarely broken by a ray of pleasure.

You men can go to town, and there meet and mingle with friends and discuss the news of the day. How many times during the year does the poor wife cross the threshold of her home, except to attend divine worship on Sunday? And even then you expect her - to look after and prepare a dinner for his throat and relighted the candle. your friends.

I do not believe there is a man living who appreciates his wife as he should. He loves and cherishes her; but he should do even more than this. We should resolve never to take a pleasure but the wife equally enjoys it with us. She bears her full part of our toils and trials, and it is only just and right There was only one room, and we all that she should also reap the fruits of our prosperity.

It should be the duty of a good alliance man, when he has lifted the dignity, and he presided over the frug. | and says: mortgage from his home, to look to breakfast next morning with an air that the comfort of his wife. Before you would have graced a banquet. After add another acre of land to your possessions; before you build a new barn; before you purchase an implement to expediate your work, or before you improve your stock, look through your home-go into the kitchen, the wash room and the dairy, and sec if there is not some utensil or invention that you can buy to lessen your poor wife's labor. Lift a part of the burden from her shoulders, that she has so long and uncomplainingly borne, and see that her remaining days are made as happy and as comfortable as your affairs will warrant.

The Arizonia Kicker.

Last week we had a friendly criticism of Jim Taylor, who keeps the whisky ranch at the other end of the bridge. We stated that his den was probably the nearest imitation of Hades to be found on earth, and that the people of this section were not doing their duty in allowing Jim to consume so much oxygen and hydrogen. It was a intended as a pleasant little cantion to Jim to set his shanty on fire and go informed that he had disappeared from the streets, or rather in the houses. hence, but he didn't take it that way. that neighborhood, leaving no trace be-On Wednesday of this week he came hind. over to take our scalp. He didn't drop a hint as to his intentions, but when | we caught sight of him a block off we D.) hotel took up claims near that city knew by the jerk of his eye-brows that some time ago, and have built houses,

cess in life he must carefully observe | the hungry boarders at the hetel. two or three things. Dan't pull your gun too quick. Don't shoot before you get ready. Don't yell when you shoot, as it only rattles your own nerve. | sun shines. He opened on us at a distance of 200 feet, which was 180 feet too much. He was in too great a hurry to take authority say it is due to unevenaim, and his bullets were wasted. His clothing of the body, rapid cooling yells took away his breath. When he when in a perspiration, &c. The imhad fired six bullets at us we closed in, portant point is, that a cold in the put him on his back, and made him head is an inflamation of the lining noller in about sixty seconds. The membrane of the nose, which is cerlook of surprise and astonishment on tain to produce a catarrhal condition his face as he found himself lieked was a laughable sight. The boys put solve" or throw off. Ely's Cream It m in an empty bar:ell and rolled him Balm has proved its superiority, and around until he was thoroughly weary, sufferer should resort to it before that and vesterday he was chased out of his common ailment becomes seated and dive and departed for the mountains. eads in obstinate catarrh.

HE EXILED HIMSELF.

Travelers in Texas Entertained by a Mysterious Host.

Singular Foreign Character Known as the Hermit of the Plains-According to a Traveler He Is a Powerful Count in Dizguise.

Early in the spring of the present year a certain gentleman, whom I shall all Herr L-, was sent to Texas from Berlin by a syndicate of German noblemen who were desirous of investing in relief against it was the coffin, Tho land for the purpose of establishing an photographer silently adjusted his lens xtensive ranch. Herr L -- stopped in and took the photograph. During the Fort Worth for a few days, says a cor- ton minutes needed for the exposure the respondent of the Et. Louis Globe-Dem- photographer paced up and down in the ocrat writing from that place, and, long corridor outside the room where little woman, who is the light of your hearing favorable accounts of the coun- the dead girl lay. When he returned he home, shares it with you. Your i i is try lying northwest of this city, became saw that on the lid of the collin was a and cares pierce her tender and sympa- impressed with the idea that he would flower, which was not so before. How did find there 2 suitable location for the that flower come there? Roone had onthetic heart as a dagger. She bears proposed ranch. He wished to visit the tered the room, the windows were closed equally with you your every load; but, section he thought of purchasing, and and there was not a breath of air stirring. I say with pain and regret, that she is your correspondent, as an agent for the Why was the flower now lying on the alas! too often deprived of a share of Houston & Texas Central, which owned coffin, when a few minutes before it was your pleastris. Did ye horny-handed the lands, was appointed to accompany on the bed between the hands of the lords of creation ever consider that him. We left the railroad at Vernon | corpse? The photographer listened, while you are working in the field, and went by private conveyance to the but he could hear no sound except the tract in question, which lay some beating of his own heart. In a few your wife was at the house toiling just eighteen miles out from that town. As momenta, however, he determined to Island Beach Hotel. - Willmington pleasant effect, and by the introduction as hard as yourself; and that white you we left the hotel at Vernon we asked dismiss the question from his mind, and Messenger. had but one task before you, she has a the landlord if there was any house on busied himself with packing up his host of duties to perform, each pressing the road where we could put up for the instruments. Then he paused-possibly upon her at once and the same time? night should it happen that we would the falling flower had left a trace on not be able to make the return trip the negative, or, as the day was that day. "No house at all, sire" said mine host,

'except that of the hermit." "The hermit!" we both exclaimed.

"Yes, the hermit of the plains. He's a singular foreign character, who lives some fifteen miles from here, all alone, the read. He's so mighty unsociable he's got himself the name of the hermit of the plains. He might take you in, Mr. ---, but it's one of his peculiarities that he can't bear a German" (with a glance at my companion), "and he wouldn't accommodate me to save his "A rabid Frenchman, in all probabil-

ity," said Herr I ..., as we drove off. In an incredibly short time darkness was on us and the entire heavens black with the coming tempest. The penies became unmanageable at the first peal of thunder and foresek the road, which Never was there a graver error. the vivid fleshes of lightning, instead of once cut down. The new shoots are ing close to the horizon at no great distance from us. Taking it to be at some lights me with the reflection of unknown house, we drove the new subdued ponies | worlds. By the dawn of day that poor wife A man of average height, but of a com- the works which unite me. It is marveling in his hand a candle, whose light it is history. falling on his face revealed it most dis- For half a century I have Liea writat once exclaimed in amazement: "God in Heaven, it is the Count

But the name was unuttered, for the man dropped the candle instantly, and sprung like a wild beast at L---'s throat, crying in German:

"Speak that name and I kill you like

L-- gasped out that he would not and his assailant took his hands from The room was furnished rudely, but was scrupulously clean. The hermit provided us with a supper of boiled ham and erackers, and then, carning to L---, said that if he would pledge himself not to reveal to any one his name and infinity. whereabouts we would be welcome to such shelter as he could offer. Lpromised and we remained all night. slept in blankets on the floor. Our mysterious host had little or nothing to ay. His manner, while reserved and cold, was the perfection of quiet bilding us good-bye he watched us drive away, and I fancial that his eyes bllowed Herr L-a little wistfully. My curiosity, which had been nearly consuming me, broke out as soon as

we were beyond hearing. "I don't ask you who that man is, after your having given your word to him, Herr L-," I said, "but what is he, or rather what has he been?"

"I will tell you only this," answered my companion. "That lone hermit is the head of one of the most powerful families in Germany. He is supposed to have died, however, some years age At any rate, a could was buried with every possible honor, and, up to last night, I am sure, it never occurred to any one to doubt his body lay in it. He occupied one of the most important positions at court, and I am at a loss to understand his exile to these Texas plains, for he left a charming young wife, an exalted rank and a princely income for that hovel."

"You will never tell of your discovery?" I queried. Herr L --- quietly answered the questien, of which I became a little ashamed: "Sir, I am a gentleman."

Last month I again had occasion to visit the vicinity of Vernon, and on in-

Two Enterprising Girls.

Two waiter girls in a Rapid City (S fenced their claims, raised stock and If Mr. Taylor expects to make a suc- crops, and at the same time waited on

> Nothing Green About Her. There is nothing green about the grass widow. She makes hay while the

What is cold in the head? Medical

PHOTOGRAPHIC MYSTERY. An English Artist's Strange Experience in

a Dead Room A well-known English photographer will youch for the following facts: He was called in one day to take a photograph of a young girl of about twenty, who had died a few days before. The corpse was laid out upon a bod with the hands clasped over the breast. Death had come very gently to her, and, except for the stillness, she lay there as if in sleep. Some flowers had been strewn over the body, and on the floor by the side of the bed and standing out in black gloomy, the photograph might not be quite successful. He would try again. A second photograph was taken and the artist returned home. That night, sitting up late in his studio, he developed the two negatives. The position of the corpso was not the same in the two an Missouri rivers. negatives. The photographer strained his eyes, half disbelieving the evidence of his own sonses, but there were the two negatives before him, telling him

VICTOR HUGO'S FAITH. The Great Prench Writer's Ideas Concern-

terrible still.

ing Immortality. I feel in myself the future life. I a like a forest which has been more tha

accent, called out to know who we were. heart. Then I breathe at this hour the We replied that we were two belated lost fragrance of the lilles, the violets and manding, elegant bearing, stood hold- ous, yet simple. It is a fairy tale, and

tinetly. Herr L-+ looked at him and ing my thoughts in proce, verse, history, philosophy, drama, romand, tradition, gatire, ode, song-I have tried all. But I feel that I have not said the thousandth part of what is in my, When I go down to the grave I can say, like so many others; "I have finished my day's work," but I can not say "I have fire ished my life." My day's work will begin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; is is a thoroughfare. It closes in the twilight to

> open with the dawn. I improve every hour b cause I love this world as my fatherland. My work is only a beginning. My work is hardly above its foundation. I would be glad to see it mounting and mounting for wer. The thirst for the infinite proves

HOUSEHOLD WORK.

It is the Fault of Man That Much of It

The San Francisco Call suggests a society for lightening the burdens of women who have houses to keep in order,

honestly or "tipping" the footwear with honest leather? Does the tailor who makes the pants with his boast of benevolence of double knees" ever put them on the a child, can reach them?

Is there ever but the fewest possible standing on a chair at the rick of break-

It is a very little thing to have no liculars water-back to a stove-so a man thinks; but to a wife-of-all-work it is well there is no word strong enough to express the trouble it causes. A stak on a level, with cold water, is not an easy thing to keep clean. Why not make a little decline? Also bring the sine over the edges somewhat. The continual settling of grease in the tine cracks on interstices is very trying to a delicatestomached voman. The bur an drawers that never open

or that without a trial of temper, who can not they be made to run smoothly It should be declared a punishable offense to make a window that can not be brought in to clean.

Men invented all these awkward and and they are responsible for the brokenquiring for the hermit of the plains, was down, haggard-looking women we see on

> Preserving Fruit in Sand. The Italians have a method of preerving fruit in sand, alternate layers in fruit and sand being put down. Or anges are frequently kept for months by this process. The fault is cut, not torn, from the tree. A similar method has been adopted by a grower of oranges in South Africa, and the fruit comes out f the "silo" in fine condition at a time then orangos are searce and yield good rices. Sweet potatoes may be preserved



He Beat the Boys.

Mr. D. J. Winchester, of this township, went out to the harvest field CREAM Monday, where the boys were cutting wheat. Some of them began boasting of how much wheat they could cut, which arose the ambition of Mr. Winchester, who is in his 631 year, and he decided that he would beat the young men. The race commenced, and in 9 Restares the Senses minutes by the watch Mr. Winchester of Taste and Smell. had cut four dezen large bundles. The young men-acknowledged themselves beaten, and Mr. Winchester still holds the championship .- Monroe Register.

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Mississippi Improvements.

Washington .- The Senate Committee on Commerce has practically \$2,000,000 in excess of the House James hotel, S. F. HARRELL, bill for improvement of the Miasissippi Greensboro, N. C.

Miss Waugh, the woman lawyer of Rockford, III., has just been married to in their silent, unmistakable teuthful- a Chicago man. She celebrates the that between the taking of the event by going on a tour into South two photographs the arm of the dead Dakota, stumping for woman suffrage, girl had distinctly moved. The mystery | leaving her Chicago man at home to of the flower on the coffin was selved, take care of the shop in her absence. but it was succeeded by a mystery more

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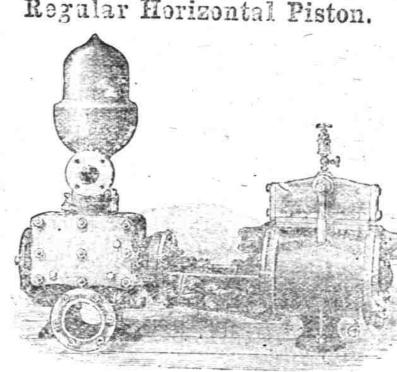
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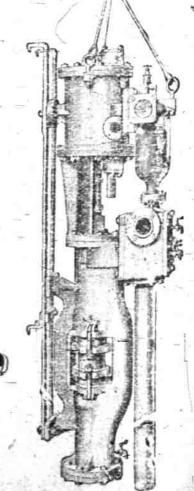
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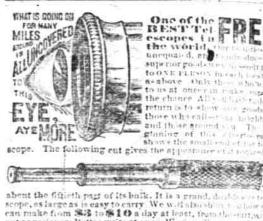
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