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The Good Old Farm.

There's got to be a revival Of good sound sense among men, Before the days of prosperity Will dawn upon us again; The boys must learn that learning Means more than the easy books...

A SEASHORE IDYL.

DEAREST GERTY: 'Doing precisely as I'd be done by, I write in the greatest hurry to tell you that, unless you can prevent it, your father will be here in a few days, intruding kind of cousin of mine, who is doing all in her power to make him and every one else in love with her.'

you a moment longer," whispered Gertrude as she emerged, faint with fatigue, from the lumbering coach and kissed the old gentleman tenderly. Her maid followed with bags and wraps. "I rather thought you'd meet me with a carriage at the station," she continued, gently reproachful.

prebension of danger, for she avoided Jack Lee skillfully for two entire days. He stood across the road toward her at the dinner table, gazed at her from under his bushy eyebrows in the ball-room, and when she came up dripping from her bath she could scarcely stagger past him, his sarcastic eyes were so overpowering.

The Man Who Left Prince Louis to His Fate. We are told that no one becomes utter-ly vile in an instant. Yet it would seem that Lieut. Carey took but one step from high courage to pitiful cowardice. Strange to say, the officer who deserted the prince imperial had a record of exceptional excellence till he fell with his spurs on that fatal first of June.

Seasonable Advice. A metropolitan paper commenting on the fact that the greater number of people to be seen at the seaside and popular resorts are ladies and very young men, while the husbands and fathers remain at their druggeries in the city in order to earn the money necessary for their families' indulgence, reads the parents' advice to the subject, and remarks: 'Do not struggle to give your children a fortune, or to push them into a higher circle of society than your own. Give them the best education you can, but give yourself one also. Take a part of each year, week and year to remember that you, too, are a man and not a mere money maker. Study some language or science. Leave the farm or shop occupation. Broaden your mind by friction with men. Go to the cities, to California, to Europe. Of course it will cost money. Dress, eat, furnish your home more simply; your sons and daughters will be better off for it.'

An Old-Time Duel. Among the many bloody duels on record as having been fought by Congressmen was one which James Jackson, of Georgia, who had been and who was afterward a United States Senator, was the challenged party. He was an Englishman, like the hero of "Pizarro," by birth, but he went to Savannah when a lad, studied law, was a leading Free-soiler, and fought gallantly in the revolutionary war. He killed Lieutenant Governor Wells in 1780 in a duel, and was engaged in several other "affairs of honor," until he finally determined to accept a challenge on such terms as would make it his last duel. So he prescribed as the terms that each party should be armed with a double-barreled gun, loaded with buckshot, and with a hunting knife, should row himself in a skiff to designated points on opposite sides of the Savannah river. When the city clock struck twelve each party should start and row his skiff to a small island in the middle of the river, which was wooded and covered with underbrush. On arriving at the island each party was to moor his skiff, stand by for ten minutes, and then go about on the island until the meeting took place. The seconds waited on the mainland until about one o'clock, when they heard three gunshots and loud and angry cries. Then all was still. At daylight, as had been agreed upon, the seconds went to the island, and the fact of the duel being on the ground insensible from the loss of blood, and his antagonist lying across him, dead. Jackson recovered, but would never relate his experience on that night, nor was he ever challenged again. He died in Washington, serving his second term as United States Senator, March 19, 1866.

Development of the Heart. Prof. Bencke, of M'burg, Germany, after measuring 97 human hearts, says that the growth of that organ is greatest in the first and second years of life. At the end of the second year it is doubled in size, and during the next five years is again doubled. Then its growth is much slower, though from the fifteenth to the twentieth year its size increases by two-thirds. A very slight growth is then observed up to fifty, when it gradually diminishes. Except in childhood men's hearts are decidedly larger than those of women.

The Class of Men Seeking Fortunes. A clergyman, newly arrived at Leadville, Col., thought the great number of rough-looking men indicated an admirable opportunity for introducing Christianity, and accordingly announced he would open a Bible class the next Sunday, to which all were invited. He was gratified by the appearance of a goodly array of young men, between twenty and thirty years old, bronzed, bearded, high-booted and red and blue woollen-shirted, who looked as if they had never seen a 'biled shirt, store clothes or a church in their lives, even on a Sunday. Beginning his instructions in a somewhat elementary manner, he was soon brought up by a question from one of his pupils. He had hardly answered this when there came another query, and then another, accompanied by a suggestion that the original Greek would hardly bear the construction that was being put on the passage in hand. Briefly, the poor man soon found that he was 'the menagerie.' Never before was a master so questioned by his scholars. It turned out that every one of his class was a college graduate, with one exception, and even he had not been without instruction in the classics and in divinity as well as in science. Astonished at the result of his benevolent effort, he gave up trying to teach men whom he did not exactly go out to shear his flock, but he did come home scorned. The young gentlemen might have been in need of a certain kind of religious instruction, but it was not exactly of the sort that he was prepared to administer.

Shooting of a Desperate Convict. John Barrett, an inmate of Sing Sing prison, New York, refused to work and was confined in a dark cell, upon the advice of the surgeon, who pronounced him fully able to do the labor he was endeavoring to shirk. The next morning, in making his customary rounds among the prisoners under punishment, the surgeon threw open Barrett's cell door, whereupon the convict deluged him with the contents of his slop bucket. For this insubordination he was whipped and again put in confinement. Subsequently two keepers attempted to take him before the superintendent, when he drew a sharp table-knife and stabbing one of them severely through the hand, through the mother's groin, and leaving the other with a lacerated forehead, he was alternately trying to keep his glass in his eye and swallow everything within reach, remarked, 'Edward—my son—it is evident to me that you have given that person some encouragement. I will give you a lesson in the meantime, remember that your mother and Miss Sylvia are present.' The wretched Edward kicked Hebe violently as she approached, and she went away with an injured foot, doubling consequent upon a fall. The other prisoners sprang forward, but the officials covered them into submission. A jury of inquest rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

A Singular State of Affairs. Bristol, Va., is perhaps the only city in the world that has two mayors, two city governments, police, etc., and that is taxed in two States. The line between Tennessee and Virginia is in the city of Main street and it gives rise to many funny scenes, as for example, the runaway couple need not coach and-four, but arm-in-arm step across Main street and are wedded. The fugitive who commits a crime in Virginia goes to the pavement on the other side of the street and lawfully to the other side, while in the case of holding such a conversation, the officer who tells of a man who defiantly perched himself on a pile of store boxes within six feet of the line, jeering the officers on the other side, but unfortunately for him some more law-abiding citizens tilted the boxes over when he reached the ground, to his extreme mortification, he found that he was in the other State.

The Trick Exposed. One of the crowning events at a New Orleans variety show was spoiled by an unlooked for occurrence. During a trapeze performance, George Loyal is usually fired out of a huge cannon, and according to the top of the stage, is caught by Ella Zulia, while hanging by her feet to the trapeze. On Friday, however, the powder refused to go off when Loyal gave the word, and the being no noise to hide the working of the powerful spring, it was heard to go off, and Loyal ascended as usual. The absence of the explosion put Zulia off her guard, and she failed to catch the 'human projectile' when he rose like a rocket, so that he came down like a stone. There was an outcry by nervous women, but the man struck in the net, which sagged nearly to the floor under his fall, but saved him from further harm than a scratched nose. He wallowed in the netting until he reached the edge, when he let himself down with a rattling accompaniment to the stage, where he was hastily joined by Zulia, and both bowed themselves off with smiles that were suspected of being forced.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST. Texas has 3,674,000 sheep. The debt of the city of Paris now exceeds fifty-six million dollars. A girl bitten by a skunk died in great agony in Tom Green county, Texas. Four hundred thousand persons are employed upon the railroads of this country. Each individual in a partnership is responsible for the whole amount of the debts of the firm. For the first time in the history of the country we are sending abroad more food than fabrics. Sayings have undergone no radical change in form since they were first made, 225 years ago. Ex-captive preparations are being made in California to view the eclipse of the sun, which will be visible in that State next January. A poor fisherman at Tallahassee, Fla., while digging worms for bait the other day, came upon an old brass kettle containing \$1,400 in gold coin. A carrier pigeon, belonging to parties in Trenton, N. J., has made the flight from Trenton to Trenton 208 miles, in two hours and forty minutes. The first railroad in Palestine has been contracted for between Jaffa and Jerusalem, forty miles. The contractor is reported to be G. F. D. Lovell, a resident of Cincinnati. Virginia still retains her right to be considered the mother of statesmen, for there are twenty-two members of the present Congress who were born in her borders. The Gloucester (Mass.) fishermen are very indignant at an interference with their rights under the Washington treaty by the inhabitants of Cape Hatteras, by refusing to allow bait to be caught in their waters. The fastest one hundred yards ever run by an athlete was accomplished by George Seward, in England over twenty years ago. He covered the distance in the unprecedented time of nine and a quarter seconds. The leg of Mrs. H. A. D. D., the well-known lady of Bloomington, Ill., was broken by the restriction of muscles, resulting from inflammatory rheumatism. The case is considered very remarkable by the physicians. England consumes fifty pounds of sugar per head. The United States stands next with forty-four pounds. France consumes at the rate of fifteen and one-half pounds, and Turkey uses only three and one-third pounds per capita. There exists in England a catalogue of a Babylonian library, compiled over 4,000 years ago, appended to which are directions to the student to write down and hand to the librarian the number of the book he wishes to consult, the same as in modern libraries. It is estimated that six countries in Europe will this year be compelled to buy three hundred million bushels of wheat, and that France and England will need three-fourths of this quantity, while France's share alone will cost her one milliard francs, or a fifth of the sum of the average national product. This means prosperity for the American farmer. A rather novel sight was witnessed in the police court at Richmond, Va., in the appearance of a colored lawyer as the counsel for a white man, who was arraigned for some trifling offence. This was the first time since the enfranchisement of the negro that one of that race has appeared as the counsel of the white race in the courts of Richmond. Talmage is criticized by the Glasgow Mail: The delivery of the lecture was slow and measured in its commencement, gradually increasing in strength and time; his tone slightly harsh and his accent Yankee; his style rough and bold, the language at times pithy and poetical, at others coarse and vulgar; his pronunciation execrable; his gesture redundant. Bombay, with a population of 650,000 and an average to the square mile exceeding London, is the second city in the British empire in point of population. The average rate for the past five years has been about the same as London. The people are tall, thin, intelligent in appearance, with fine, intelligent eyes. The city stands on an island, joined by an embankment to the mainland. The swiftest railroad trains are run in England, according to a German government report—speed of fifty miles an hour being common between London and Dover, London and York, and London and Hastings. Trains go at forty-two miles an hour on one of the Belgian lines. The fastest in France, which many do not often exceed forty, and in other European countries thirty is the maximum. Wm. Sawyer, aged seventeen, and Maggie Hager, aged fifteen, eloped together from Glensville, N. Y., some time ago, and were chased twenty-four hours by her father and an officer, which they eluded, and were married. Last Saturday the bride was sent north to the Western house of refuge by a Ulster magistrate, on the complaint of her husband that she was a vagrant, having no means of support. A farm laborer at Ardleigh, England, went to the help of a man who was in his charge and in danger of being killed. He was absent from work an hour and a half, and was prosecuted by his employer for five shillings damages on account of loss of services, and the court decided against him for not getting permission from his employer before going to the rescue of a man who was liable to be killed at any moment. The dwelling of the Wines family, at Martineite, Wis., got afire in the night, and the lower part was all in flames before the three children had escaped from an upper room. The dead, a boy, a girl and a woman, were found in a bedchamber underneath. A younger lad, only eight years old, was about to follow, but the mother saw that a three-year-old girl was not at the window. "Run back and get it," she cried. The boy returned to his room, but the fire had got on, and his only body was found in the little one's clasped in his arms.

Dear papa, I could not live without you. I wish William were here, exclaimed Archie, 'he'd tell us what to do.' 'He'd tell us just to make the best of it,' cried Gerty. 'William would let father cut his (William's) throat cheerfully if he were so inclined. He doats on papa. So do we all, and I'm added with a sigh, 'only we don't want him to be married. It is undignified, it is preposterous!' with rising indignation. 'We can prevent it. Nina says she's cowardly: let us use our utmost endeavors. I shall start to-day. Harry telegraph papa secure rooms for me; and Archie and Jack, you come as soon as I send for you. In the meantime I'll write to William—he is at the White Mountains—and I'll lay the whole matter before him. If he chooses to evade the responsibility, he may; he cannot say that he has not been warned.'