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The Happy Farmer.
BY MRS. L. H. SUGOURNEY.
Saw ye the farmer at his plow—
As you were riding by?

Selected Story.

THE MAN OVER THE WAY.
BY ALFRED W. COLE.
When a man has no business of his own to attend to, it is notorious that he is very fond of meddling with his neighbor's.

Egyptian mummy is wrapped in linen—
There is nothing very remarkable in the man's appearance, and yet he possesses a strange fascination for me. I cannot help thinking of him, and looking at him, and wondering what he is, and who he is, and whether he has anything to do with my fate;

interview? Let me describe it.
I knocked at the door, and asked to see the gentleman on the first floor. The servant stared; took my card up, and returned directly, desiring me to walk up. I entered the Man's room, and stood face to face with him.

How you no other advice? I asked, for I felt helplessly driven to depend on this odd being, who knew all my secrets by some mysterious means that I could not divine, but whose very mystery increased my awe for their possessor.

enough to set him to work, and so saying, he left the room.
Mr. Jackson did as he was told. He gave me a quantity of things to copy, every line of which puzzled me by the extraordinary terms it contained; words which I never heard of before, and which, I am confident, are not to be found in Johnson's Dictionary. I did, as I was told, though if you had asked me what I had done at the end of the day, I certainly could not have told you, except that I was eternally writing something or other.

The Farmer.



In honor waits, 'ere all the Earth,
Through endless generations,
The art that calls her harvest forth,
And feeds the expectant nation."

THE FARMER'S HOMESTEAD.

If now, finally, we go back with him from all the exterior liabilities to his own premises again, we shall hardly need, by this time, to memorialize the farmer of what is required of him in his house. If the school has disciplined his thinking faculty and refined his taste, if the town-meeting has wakened in him the exalting sense of citizenship, if the church has lifted his heart into communion with the Father of all families, and inspired his conscience by the prophecy of life eternal, he will scarcely be content to live a drizzling duffard at home, to play the selfish tyrant in the little political economy of kitchen and parlor, or to be worse than an infidel by providing not for his own. By derivation, the significance of your common title, husband-man, holds you to something.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING.
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ing shall be excluded. If it be true that Boast nothing, but be so much that boast-your class is now on the eve of vaster achievements than have ever marked its progress yet, these furtherances are to come only through the intellectual wakefulness, the moral sincerity, the domestic virtue, the religious whole-heartedness of us, its most favored members.—Rev. F. D. Huntington.

THE OSAGE ORANGE FOR HEDGES.

The osage orange is highly estimated for making hedge fences. The extensive gardens of Nicholas Longworth, in the suburbs of Cincinnati, are fenced with this plant. It has proved to be an effectual barrier to intruders, who have endeavored to plunder his choice fruits—grapes, peaches &c., owing to its armor of large pointed thorns. The seeds are sown in May, in beds like those of beets, and are set out next spring in hedge rows, six inches apart, and the tops cut off to the ground. It is a native of Texas and Arkansas, and will grow well in our northern climate, except on very wet and cold soils. Large quantities of the seeds have been planted during the past two years in Ohio and other western States, and immense tracts of land in those States will soon be protected and adorned with this valuable plant. J. W. Thorburn & Co., John Street, this city, and others, have these seeds for sale, and those persons who are inclined to protect their gardens and fields, and beautify the same, can now effectually do so with the thorny barricade of this hedge. Its full height is 16 feet; in four years it attains to a height sufficient to fence out persons and cattle. The Cherokee Rose is extensively cultivated and used for hedge fences at New Orleans, and the Southern climate is favorable to its growth, but the osage orange cannot fail to thrive in our climate, particularly at New York City, Long Island and New Jersey. Why do not those of our citizens who have seen and admired the hedge fences in England, introduce this kind of fence in this vicinity? The Illinois Central Rail Road Company have contracted with James Sumpter & Co., of Montgomery County, Ohio, to hedge with the osage orange both sides for one hundred miles of this road, commencing fifty miles north of Chicago; this will require about two millions of plants. The ground along the line is to be cleared, leveled, broken up, and prepared this summer, and the plants are to be set out next spring.—As an evidence of the extreme hardiness of this plant, we would state that they have been grown successfully for the last six years in the Union Nurseries of the city of Scheuchetady, N. Y., from seed gathered in Columbia, S. C. It has stood the severe winters well, and seems to be the very material for live fences in any climate where the Isabella grape can be cultivated successfully.

RULES FOR IMPROVING MEMORY.

First, soundly infix in thy mind what thou desirest to remember. What wonder is it if agitation of business jet that out of thy head, which was there rather tucked than fastened? whereas those notions which get in by 'victoria possessio,' will abide there till 'victoria firma,' sickness, or extreme age, dispossess them. It is best knocking in the nail over night, and clinching it the next morning.
Overburden not thy memory to make so faithful a servant a slave. Remember Atlas was weary. Have as much reason as a camel, to rise when thou hast thy full load. Memory, like a purse, if it be over full that it cannot shut, all will drop out of it: take heed of a glutinous curiosity to feed on many things, lest the greediness of the appetite of thy memory spoil the digestion thereof. Beza's case was peculiar and memorable; being about fourscore years, he perfectly could say all Virgil's verses backward and forward, and yet the same party avowed to God that he knew not that he could do it till they did try him. Sure there is concealed strength in men's memories, which they take no notice of.
Marshal thy notions into a handsome method. One will carry twice more weight trussed and packed up in bundles, than when it lies untoward flapping and hanging about his shoulders. Things orderly fardled up under heads are most portable.
Adventure not all thy learning in one bottom, but divide it betwixt thy memory and thy note-books. He that with Bias carries all his learning about him in his head, will utterly be beggared and bankrupt, if a violent disease, a merciless thief, should rob and strip him. I know some have a common-place against common-places books, and yet, perchance, will privately make use of what they publicly declaim against. A common-place book contains many notions in garrison, whence the owner may draw out an army into the field on competent warning.—Thomas Fuller.

Mr. Borland has resigned his mission to Central America, to take effect on the 1st of May—thus he will receive \$22,000 for a few months actual service.