

WHY?

The wife who makes the home-made shirt, The bore that stays and stays, The maiden fair, who dyes her hair, Then he that never lays.

ONLY ME.

A little figure glided through the hall, "Is that you, Pet?" the words came tenderly.

Lazy boys make lazy men, just as surely as a crooked twig makes a crooked tree.

Save This—Rules for Measurement.

The following rules for measuring corn and liquids will be useful to many of our readers: 1. Shucked corn: Measure the length, width, and depth of the crib in feet; multiply these three dimensions and their product by eight; then cut off two figures to the right; those on the left will be so many barrels, and those on the right so many hundredths of a barrel.

Fruit-Eating Animals.

It is quite curious to note to what extent animals of various kinds devour fruit. The apple is highly appreciated by horses, cows, sheep, goats, hogs, deer, elephants, rabbits, squirrels, domestic fowls and many of the wild animals and birds.

Mortgaged Homes and Farms.

Superintendent Porter has expressed great pleasure at the success attending the efforts of his employees in collecting statistics regarding mortgages. The results have been far beyond anticipation and beyond the experience of previous collectors in the same field.

The average debt on an Iowa home is \$719 and on an Iowa farm is \$1,283, the average for home and farm being \$1,140. Taking the amount of indebtedness on the homes and farms of Iowa to be the same as the average indebtedness, as it is very likely to be, on homes and farms generally throughout the Union, we arrive at the somewhat striking conclusion that the homes and farms of the United States are mortgaged to the tune of over \$2,500,000,000—

This is not by any means a pleasing state of things to contemplate; but the gloom that the contemplation induces is not a little relieved by the consideration that the homes and farms which are weighted with no mortgage encumbrance are far more in number than those which are—a statement that could not be predicted with any approach to truth respecting any other country in the world.

High Rents.

The recent general increase in rents in Roanoke is somewhat inexplicable in view of the prevailing dullness. At a time when so many people are out of employment, when the community is laboring under a terrible financial pressure, and collections are difficult in the extreme, an advance has been made by landlords all along the line.

The high rents demanded in Roanoke have always been a drawback to the prosperity of the city. There are hundreds of men employed here who find it cheaper to board and support their families elsewhere, than to face the enormous rents demanded by our landlords.

If houses could be had on reasonable terms the families of these men would become citizens of Roanoke, and the large sums necessary for food, clothing and other necessaries would be disbursed among our own merchants, instead of being sent abroad to build up other communities.

And these high rents, moreover, prevent many from locating here who would settle if they saw any prospect of obtaining homes for their families at prices within the possibilities of a modest income.—Roanoke Herald.

The above clipped from the Roanoke Herald is pertinent and to the point and it could be made applicable to more towns than Roanoke. There are many towns that have started out upon an era of prosperity when the spirit of enterprise has been choked out by the all-grasping spirit of the penurious close fist land lord.

By the time the Philadelphia hat trimmers and the North American Commercial Company get through the Treasury it may be even more difficult than now for the Treasury experts to determine exactly what the surplus is.

A meeting of prominent democrats and alliance leaders at Minneapolis on the first of July indicates the fusion of democrats and the Alliance on Minnesota's electoral ticket in 1892. So down goes the republican party in Minnesota.

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