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Letter from a Correspondent Who Wants a Suitable Wife-A Few Samples of Ladies Who Might Make a Prune Farmer's Life a Happy One.

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It has been such a long, restful summer here in the glades and canyons, the ferny moor and the breezy mesa of this most blessed land of recuperation, filled as it is with tonicity and a keen desire to cook and eat everything one can overtake, that shortly anterior to the writing of this letter a wild ambition seized upon me to engage in some light occupation between having and harvest by which I could add more means to my little red savings bank at home and be in a position to purchase a pale green plush album for the glad yuletide.



COOKING OVER THE MATRIMONIAL PAPER. Looking over our home paper I found a column of advertisements offering employment at one's own home, and stating without equivocation that from \$5 to \$29.30 per day would be paid to willing and intelligent young men. I was willing-have always been so regarded-and intelligent-even ten years ago, with no advantages at all, I was intelligentand so I wrote to a number of these They said that I could easily make from \$500 to \$800 per month without publicity, and some advertised to pay that amount any way.

These men lied. Most of them said they would place a large fortune at the disposal of most any young man of good habits. My habits are good enough for me, and so I pen ciled off a letter to ten or a dozen of these men who wanted to do good.

O e man sent me a printed letter and pictures of a scroll saw with which I was to make \$19 per day at my own house, and as I already had a piece in my scrapbook telling how to live on nine cents a week I felt sure that I could accumulate considerable means by Christmas, but I had to send to New York for designs-several of these were designs this man had on the public-and then I had to buy lumber. Then when I got at it there were days and days that I did not make over \$18. I made a holly whatnot and tri it is Il it, but all my near neighbors have a the whatnotsor what's not rather-that they require, and so I had to go some distance from home; but money was scarce, and so at last I had to exchange it for a night's lodging among the peasantry east of Potato hill.

Some of the propositions made me by these men were scandalous. Most of them lived in New York. One man wanted me to take hold of a sleight of hand outfit he had and sell it among the veomanry of Cancombe county; also to handle a false moustache and a subscription book by a man who was his own worst enemy.

Iwo hundred del' ers per week at your own nome; light emplement; no publicity. For-tunes made in a few years. Write for particulars. No capital required.

This was one of the advertisements that I answered, "inclosing \$1 for instructions." I got a circular saying that the above wares would be paid to a good, active, consc ations man who would be willing to give massage treatment to plumbers who need artificial exercise. 'Much suffering." said the circular, "is noted in the abodes of wealth among plumbers who will not take exercise. They are willing to pay almost any price rather than exert themselves. You can practically name your own fig-

One man wanted me to introduce a potato bng destrover which "cost very little, never failed and required very little capital." Nine dollars would buy the prospectus and sample with instructions. Other farmers I find now have received the same thing. It consists of two Philadelphia pressed bricks-numbered one and two. The instructions say. "Place the bug on No. 1, and then by pressing on him with No. 2 death will in most cases ensue.

4 hate people who will do that way to a total stranger.

Fodder is mostly pulled now, and sweet potatoes in North Carolina have arrived at their maturity. The lightning bug now and then of a night glimmers painfully, and with an effort like Bug light in Boston barbor in a fog. His days are gliding swiftly by.

I often think how many of us there are like the lightning bug. In life's bright summer time we ' joggle 'em up.' as Dr. Pardee says, with a lavish hand, but when autumn comes where are we? As each year goes slowly past the grand stand where our lives are being

reviewed, we notice that we do not fly so high, and there is less glimmer under our wings. Looking back over my own past I see how hot headed I have been, and impulsive too.

That is the reason I was expelled from

my classes unless I burned more mid- have means—all the way from a sewing there, and so I came away.

McCosh said I talked too much through speaking to Phi Kappa Psi at the opera of housekeeping," etc. house in Jerusalem, or taking a buggy ride through Capurnium, or trolling for pickerel in the Sea of Galilee.

But let us not bewail the past. Benow under the McKinley law than most any other skilled labor.

letter from one of my many admirers ence. in Washington:

(Clarke) county in prunes, which will bear in four years. I don't know much about farm-ing, so I would like to get a good strong woman who understands the theory and practice of If you will help me I will buy one of your books. Write soon. Yours, Rogen Daggert.

Here is a man who is in earnest, and would make some man a good wife. should any bright eyed single person. who knows the habits of prunes and how to cultivate them, run across this letter, let her write to me inclosing photograph, and after a few months' correspondence I can tell whether she would

be a suitable wife for him or not. Prune growing in Oregon and Washington has grown to be immensely profitable, and as there are so many two dollar per day hotels in the United States with fruit on the bill of fare. which is dried prune sauce the year around, the prune crop has, as I may say, grown to be a terrific item. Prune pies also, when inclosing the seeds of the prune, are becoming popular at many boarding houses, especially at mountain health resorts. This pie is also, when vitrified, taking the place of the Belgian block in street paving-resisting wear. frost and sudden changes of temperature better than the latter.

Fill the pie full of prune juice mixed to the consistency of umbrella sap, adding seeds of the prune and peelings of same sufficient to sustain the great weight of the top crust of the pie. Now make a small opening in top of the pie so that the lava can ooze out over surface while pie is being kiln dried, and you have a glazed top and bottom to it which, if decorated with metallic colors in bright designs before baking, becomes highly ornamental when framed or used as tiles in mantels or ceilings. A prime pie glazed with maroon juice and with en bossed porcelain figures in same, representing the discovery of America by Columbus and framed in fried cakes, was a very attractive feature at the "expo" here, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first at-

tempt to pave Patton avenue. A good wife, Mr. Daggett, is not hard to get, I judge, after reading a few advertisements of same to be found in a Chicago matrimonial paper sent to me in a sealed envelope a few days ago, from

which I copy: No. 200,001-Petite blond, only seventeen years of age, good musician and good cook, well educated; would make some man a good Will inherit \$45,000, but would not ob ject to farm life.

Here is a very desirable wife for a prupe farmer. With such a wife, \$48,000 and a prune farm of 31-5 acres under cultivation, one certainly ought to be free from care. Love, I think-true love, earnest, honest love-with prunes. \$48,000 and salt rising bread three times a day, cannot be overestimated.

Here is another: No. 8.215, North Dakota-I know my ideal is waiting for n e somewhere. Should this meet his eye I hope he will write. I am a widow of forty-eight, 5 feet 4 inches, 130 pounds; brown hair, sprinkled with gray; blue c: es, good look-ing, tasty in dress, and now taking lessons on

the mclodeon. Here is a good chance for a prune farmer who never knew a mother's love and care to acquire a wife and parental love at the same time. This ad is genuine, and leads one to ask why a woman who should be looking around



OPENING PRUNE PIE.

grave should be paying out her shroud money for a six line advertisement to attract the attention of some tottering two legged jabberwak with billygoat whiskers like yourself.

Here is another: No. 806,531, Indiana-I am considered a handsome brunette maiden, well educated. refined and entertaining, aged forty-three, 5 feet 5 inches, weight 175 pounds, of good family, first class standing socially, member of the Methodist church, have some means of my own, and would like to give my hand in marriage to a gent not over fifty-one or fifty-two who has no bad babits, no wife living, not over 210 pounds weight when in good condition, a Methodist, or willing to become one and be married in that church. A man

one and be married in that church. A man with auburn hair parted on the right side preferred. Such a one who would be willing to pitch in and belp me raise a slight mortgage of \$2.00 and interest on the old homestead, and hold my head when trouble comes, would find a welcome shelter in these willing arms.

Four pages of these notices are in the paper before me, but I give only the most desirable. Bome of the advertisers

night oil, and none of the stores kept it machine or a milk cow up to \$50,000. Some say they will marry any good, hon-It was the same at Princeton. We orable man except a farmer; others bar had the same trouble over lights. Dr. the barber and the barkeeper. Most of them insist that there shall be no "double my hat. He then had me expelled. I life" business, and seem prejudiced should have been more careful and less against pretty men. Some drop into fresh. I can see it now. Oh, how bit- poetry, like Silas Wegg. One says she is

terly we bewail these lost opportunities fond of art, literature, music, ice cream when it is too late! If I had finished and corn in the ear. Another says, my theological course at Princeton, what "Forty-seven years of age little widow might I not have been today? Possibly four feet wide experience in all branches

A widow four feet wide might strike the prune farmer as a cunning little elf to hold on one's knee of an evening when the work was over and the tired prune wailing the past commands less salary culturist had ceased from his pruning.

Possibly, however, in the absence of punctuation we have misunderstood her. and her experience is four feet wide, or Yesterday I received the following she may be four feet, with wide experi-

Another lady of Toronto, Canada, 6 VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 1,
Mr. Bill Nye, New York:

Dran Sire—Can you tell me where I can get a good wife? Am a poor man with good prospects; have set out 2.1-5 acres of land in this pects; have set out 2.1-5 acres of land in this feet 2 inches, with no relatives, desires to ness if wedded to him; does not use of the tariff? Is their sole object to comtobacco in any form; speaks French fluently and exclusively, having come here recently via the Scandia. She has all the chic and bonhomie of France, it seems, and can still read fine print. She has also been fumigated and

Had Broken Something.

If people never cried until they were hurt, there would be much less noise in the world; but sometimes the crying is both amiable and amusing.

An exchange says that a servant sent money to Ireland to pay the passage of her sister to Boston. She was to come by the Cephalonia. Meanwhile the girl watched the papers daily to see whether the steamer had arrived. At last she found the desired item, but it came to her as a terrible disappointment, and she ran to her mistress in a state of dis-

"The Cephalonia has got in," she said, "but, oh, saints in heaven, an accident has happened to her!"

"What is it?" said the mistress. She took the paper, and this was what she

"The Cephalonia below; she has broken her record."-Youth's Com panion.

The Chill Autumnal Days.



"We might as well consider our engagement broken, Reginald." "I don't see why! Your father said

postponed." "Postponed until you arrived at years of discretion. And in your case, Reggy, dear, you know what that means."

Unanswerable.

A quaint specimen of a judge who had been an Irish hedge school master in his time once summed up a case as follows "The learned counsel for the plaintiff has made a very fine argument-a splendid argument. Indade I am thinking his argument unanswerable. And the distinguished counsel for the defendant has made an illigant argument-an acgument that seems to be very sound 1 think it is unanswerable. Indade, gentlemen, I think both your arguments are unanswerable. So I dismiss the case.' -Green Bay.

All's Fish. Complaining Husband-My dear, should think you would be more careful when buying things for me. Now, these expensive slippers you brought from Paris are altogether too small. I can

never wear them. Cheerful Wife-Well, they'll do to spank Tommy with, dear .- Truth.

An Error Corrected.

Chronic Bore (occupying the sanctum window)-Say, old man, I don't for the life of me see how you can do any work here, with this constant stream of people passing by. Don't they trouble you? Patient Editor-No. they're just the ones that don't .- Boston Courier.

In the Fall.

In the fall the maple changes to a dream of golden red. And the iceman tries to estimate how much be is ahead. In the fall a burnished beauty overspreads the mighty oak,
And the "fellahs" wonder how they'll get their ulsters out of sonk.

In the fall a milder music ripples from the happy brook, And the tourist sadly mourns his flabbergasted In the fall the forest echoes with the laughter of the elf And the Nancy Hanks gas meter gets right up

In the fall glad streams of sweetness flow from wine and cider press, While our better half is busy making over last year's dress. In the fall a hazy halo seems to hang round

everything, the prudent father wonders if the girls will spark till spring. in the fall a sheen of beauty crowns the birch

and tamarack.

And our wife begins her yearly dinning for a scalakih sack.

In the spring a young man's fancy turns to love, but in the fall.

He goes back on his engagement 'cause his salary seems so small.

—Chicago Times.

A TAX FOR PRIVATE PROFIT.

Thomas G. Shearman in New York World. The tariff on tin plates now causes the price here to exceed by at least \$16,000 .-000 a year the price abroad. Our woolen goods cost us at least \$100,000,000 a vear more than the same things cost in Europe. So with our glass, our earthenware and many other indispensable things. Altogether our protected articles cost us annually not less than \$700, 000,000 in excess of what unprotected foreigners pay for the same quantity of similar things. Of this sum only \$200. 000,000 go to our government; the remaining \$500,000,000 go into the pockets of individuals. But the whole amount is a tax upon the people. The smaller sum is a tax for public purposes; the larger sum is a tax for private profit.

The fact that a good many millions are thus [by the tariff] collected by private individuals cannot be honestly and intelligently disputed. It it were not so pel themselves to pay higher wages to their hands?

Every tariff taxes the poor many times more heavily than the rich.

A protective tariff is a tax upon the poor, for the exclusive profit of those who are already rich.

Why Republicans are Not Feeling Well.

From the St Paul (Minn.) Giobe. It appears to be settled beyond dispute that Republicans would be teeling netty good these fair autumn days they could only forget that-

Maine slun ped Vermont dittord Alabama stood firm So did Arkansas. So did Florida. So did Georgia. Gresham has bolted So has MacVeugh. So has Cooley Blaine didn't vote. Things look bad.

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of America :

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Bull calf, 6 months old. WILLIAM GREGO.

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NOTICE—By virtue of authority conferred by a certain deed of trust executed to me, the undersign d trustee, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1890, by J. M. P. Roberts and his wife, Josephine Roberts, to secure certain notes therein described, which deed of trust was registered in the Register's office for Buncombe county, N. C., in book of mortgages and deeds of trust No 23, on page 191, etc., on the 20th day of December, 1890, and default having been made in the payments as provided in said notes and on demand of T 8 Morrison, the legal holder of said notes I will sell at the court house in the city of Asheville, N. C., to the hishest bidder for cash, on Saturday, the 22nd day of October, 1892, the following tract of land, situate in the county of Buncombe, on the east side of French Broad river, not far south of the mouth of Reems Creek: Beginning on a pine and maple on the bank of the river near and below the mouth of a branch an runs cast 83 poles to a stake and pointers; thence north 58° cast 48° oles to a post oak; theate north 58° cast 48° oles to a post oak; theate north 58° cast 48° oles to a post oak; theate north 58° cast 48° oles to a post oak; theate north 58° cast 48° oles to a post oak; theate north 58° cast 48° oles to a post oak; theate north 58° cast 48° oles to a post oak; theate north 58° cast 48° oles to a post oak; theate north 58° cast 48° oles to a post oak; theate north 58° cast 48° oles to a post oak; thence north 77° west, 204 poles to a stake, and pointers on the bank of the river; thence up and with the river to be begin mig, con sining 121 acres more or has; an bring the not conveyed to wird J. M F. Roberts by A M. Alexander commissioner, by deed dated March 1, 1882, and recorded in Revister's other of said county in deed rook No 48°, acc 34°. This the 19th day of sestember, 1892.

1 H. OSBORNE, sept19d+tmon Trustee

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NOTIC:—By virtue of authority conferred by a certain deed of trust executed to me, the undersigned trustee, on the 15th day. I here miser A. P. 1890, by J J Ross and his wife. Josephine Ress. to accure certain notes therein describen, which deed of trust was duly registered in the Register's office for Buncome county, N. C., in book of morty gees and deeds of trust No. 23 on page 191, etc., on the 2-th day of December, 1890 and refault having been made in the payments as provided in said notes and on demand of T. S. Morrison the legal holder o said notes, I will sell at the court house dior in the city of Asheville N. C., to the highest bidder for cash, on Saturday, he 22-d day of October, 1892, the following fract of lands situate in the county of Buncombe, a d beginning at a stake on the sank of Flar C res at the mouth of a small branch at the old ford below the Hicksom Mill place and ruos south 34% west 20 poles to a white oak, there a suth 65% west 64 oles to a white oak, there e south 56% west 64 oles to a white ract; thence south six poles to a class, and pointers on top or a stake, and pointers on top or a stake on the bonk of the Creek, hence up the Creek with the mea derection or less, and eding the land conveyed to said J J. Ross by J M P & berts by d of dated Decemb r 15, 1890. This the 19th day of Rept.

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This notice is made by virtue of an order re dere in h above entited cause at the August term of our said Superior c. u. 1892. Witness my hand this 29th day of he tember, 1892.

Clerk of the Su erior Court of issues above county aforesaid.

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