

THE WOE OF FARMER FRILL.

My son Lord Byron James Fitzjames Orlando Homer Frill. To poetry has lately turned, While I the land must till.

THE MISSED ITEM.

By Charles Moreau Harger.

The city editor was exceedingly busy. It had been a day of conventions and visitors, and his head fairly throbbled with the consciousness of the details he must look after.

But a sight of the visitor halted him. A timid, brown-eyed girl stood just inside the door, looking beseechingly at him through the tangled curls that half-covered her tear-stained face.

"Are you the editor man?" The voice was sweet and plaintive. "Yes; what can I do for you?" He had not intended to be even civil, but something moved him to tenderness just then.

"It's about Jule. Do you know Jule?" Never heard of him, with a suspicion of a laugh drawing down the corners of the mustached mouth.

"Well, he's my brother, an' he's been took up. They said he stold, but he didn't and I know it. Jule was always good ter me, an' he told me he didn't steal the mittens—he found 'em."

"Wouldn't the officers believe him?" The newspaper man found himself growing interested against his will. "No; an' that's what I come for. You see they tried him to day an' th' judge said he must go to th' perform school, or something like that. An' —an' I thought mebbe if you knew about it you wouldn't put it in th' paper. Jule an' me is all alone now. Since mamma went away to Heaven we've lived by ourselves. Jule sold papers an' I run errands, an' we was getting along fine. We had a lot saved, too; almost two dollars. I'll give it to you if you won't print nothin' about Jule," her face clouding as she thought she saw the shadow of a frown on the man's face.

It was not a frown, but an emotion which caused his eyes to grow suspiciously moist, and he turned away to hide them. A clicking sound recalled him, and he saw the little one's hands dropping the whole store of pennies and dimes and nickels upon his desk—the scant savings of weeks, or, perhaps, of months.

as a messenger appeared, "take this little girl where she wants to go—and, say, get her a good supper at the restaurant on the corner—there's a dollar." The two closed the door behind them and went out into the night. "Half an hour lost," ejaculated the worker as he turned to his desk. A reported sent in his matter. It was police court news. The quick blue pencil flashed across the most important item in the list—a precociously bad youth sent to the reform school.

"It means a scoop, but it may make the little thing's life easier," thought the worker, and moved, somehow, by the spirit of the moment he softened some criticisms to appear in the morning, and now ready for putting into type.

"Say, Matthews, how'd you come to miss th' best police news last night?" growled the managing editor as he came into the office the next day. "I happened to be in the court when it happened. One of the toughest young rascals I ever saw was sent up for a spell. Won't do to be scooped on such things. They teach a lesson, you know."

"Must have overlooked it," muttered the city editor, "some of the reporters got in late, you know." "Yes. Oh, well, I suppose the world will go on as well as usual if we didn't get it."

The city editor thought it might go a little better—Detroit Free Press.

A Clever Woman. In 1848 Mrs. M. T. Hollander of Boston, her wits being sharpened by the necessity of earning a living for herself and her little ones, conceived the idea of making and selling ready-made clothing for children, which before that time could not be bought at all.

Furnishing only good material and honest workmanship with excellent taste and judgment, she secured an immediate clientele, and gradually built up one of the largest and soundest businesses of its kind (for it was copied at once) in the country, "Hollander's" being the symbol of elegant and exclusive fashions. Besides being an excellent financier, a farseeing manufacturer, and a successful designer, Mrs. Hollander was a philanthropist, giving thought, labor, and time to all reforms, but especially to the cause of the advancement and education of women.

And when she died, not long ago, she bequeathed to her child not only a fortune, earned by her unaided capacity, but a reputation for ability, honesty, and benevolence such as few women have had the opportunity to win.—Harper's Bazaar.

Do Thy Best. A young painter was directed by his master to complete a picture on which the master had been obliged to suspend his labor on account of his growing infirmities. "I commission thee, my son," said the aged artist, "to do thy best upon this work. Do thy best." The young man had such a reverence for his master's skill, that he felt incompetent to touch canvas which bore the work of that renowned hand. But "Do thy best" was the old man's calm reply; and again, to repeated solicitations, he answered, "Do thy best." The youth tremblingly seized the brush, and kneeling before his appointed work, he prayed: "It is for the sake of my beloved master that I implore skill and power to do this deed." His hand grew steady as he painted. Slumbering genius awoke in his eye. Enthusiasm took the place of fear. Forgetfulness of himself supplanted his self-distrust, and with a calm joy he finished his labor. The "beloved master" was borne on his couch into the studio, to pass judgment on the result. As his eye fell upon the triumph of art before him, he burst into tears, and throwing his enfeebled arms around the young artist, he exclaimed, "My son, I paint no more!" That youth, Leonardo da Vinci, became the painter of "The Last Supper," the ruins of which, after the lapse of 300 years, still attracts annually to the refectory of an obscure convent in Milan hundreds of the worshippers of art.—Ex.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Always save the best for seed. How about dry fuel for winter? Make a good seed-bed for wheat. Have you selected good seed corn? Oxen in harness do not look as clumsy as you may think.

Boiling water destroys the germs of miasma which it contains. By weight, ducks lay more eggs during the year than hens. An animal raised on the farm will not introduce disease there. Two hundred and nine feet on each side will make a square acre.

As nearly as possible, follow a line of farming that suits you best. Gather the eggs regularly every day and keep in a dry, cool place. Change the feeding coops for the young poultry every few days. There is scarcely any danger of giving too much variety of food.

Remember that flat culture is best for dry soils and ridging for wet. As far as possible, own your tools and keep them in a good condition. Don't be afraid of keeping your dairy stable too clean and parlor-like. Composting manure reduces bulk and saves in the amount of handling.

Chopped onions, with a little ginger mixed in, is said to be a sure cure for chicken cholera. Harness oil made of one gallon of neat's-foot oil with four ounces of lampblack, well mixed, is simple and effective. You can beat a bacon trust dead sure by raising your own pigs. Pigs make pork, pork makes bacon, bacon makes your family happy when grub time draws near.

Rye is one of our most valuable plants to use as a green manure especially on an impoverished soil. It can be grown to its full development between the middle of September and the middle of the following May, and thus we are able to grow our fertilizing crop and get some other crop from the land every year.

An old experienced farmer says that hickory cut in July or August will not become worm-eaten. Oak, chestnut, walnut or other timber cut from the middle of July to the last of August will last twice as long as when cut in winter. White oak cut at this season, if kept off the ground, will season through if two feet in diameter, and remain perfectly sound for many years, whereas if cut in winter or spring it will become sap-rotten in a few years.

The First Stop. Perhaps you are run down, can't eat, can't sleep, can't think, can't do anything to your satisfaction, and you wonder what ails you. You should heed the warning, you are taking the first step into Nervous Prostration. You need a Nerve Tonic and in Electric Bitters you will find the exact remedy for restoring your nervous system to its normal healthy condition. Surprising results follow the use of this great Nerve Tonic and Alternative. Your appetite returns, good digestion is restored, and the Liver and Kidneys resume healthy action. Try a bottle. Price 50c. at Watson's Drug Store.

Substitutes for Wooden Railroad Ties. The wooden ties now in use upon the tracks of the United States number 515,892,918. The average life of a wooden tie in this country is six and a half years. Every year, therefore, calls for 80,000,000 new ties. The interest in this subject is well shown by the fact that 491 patents have been issued in this country to inventors of substitutes for wooden ties. One ingenious individual has protected an idea for glass ties. An Englishman has taken out letters in his own country, the United States, France, Belgium, and Spain for a tubular tie made of concrete or some other composition to be cast around a core of wire netting. One proposition is to manufacture rails, ties, and other articles for trackage from a composition of paper pulp, silicate soda, and barytes. The proportions are 500 parts pulp, 25 parts soda, and 10 parts barytes. Two inventors, working jointly, have evolved the suggestion of terra cotta or earthenware pyramids to support the rails. The pyramids are to be connected by iron metal ties. An earlier device is a concrete tie with wooden blocks inserted for the rails to be spiked upon. The idea of a metal skeleton or framework tie covered with concrete or artificial stone comes from France to be patented. Concrete blocks with cork plates for the rails to rest upon are suggested. Concrete chairs and blocks and compositions of fiber soaked with asphaltum and shaped by pressure were among the

earlier designs. But of the 491 patented substitutes for wood but eleven are metal.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The New Discovery. You have heard your friends and neighbors about it. You may yourself be one of the many who know from personal experience just how good a thing it is. If you have ever tried it, you are one of its staunch friends, because the wonderful thing about it is, that when once given a trial, Dr. King's New Discovery ever after holds a place in the house. If you have never used it and should be afflicted with a cough, cold or any Throat, Lung or Chest trouble, secure a bottle at once and give it a fair trial. It is guaranteed every time, or money refunded. Trial Bottles Free at Watson's Drugstore.

WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

SOUTHPORT RETAIL MARKET. Irish potatoes, 45 cents per peck. Sweet potatoes 50 cents per bushel. Shell corn, 80 cents per bushel. Corn meal, firm at 80 cents per bushel. Peas, \$1.10 per bushel. Lady Peas \$1.00 per bushel. Wheat bran, \$1.85 a cwt. Hay, 95 cents per cwt. Corn Bran, 50 cents per cwt. Oats, 65 cents per bushel. Rice flour, \$1.00 per cwt. Eggs, 28 cents per dozen. Pork, 8 cents per pound, light demand. Beef, 10 cents per pound. Chickens, 30 cents a piece. Spring chickens 20 cents a piece. Oysters in shell, 50 cents a bushel. Oysters 15 cents a quart.

WILMINGTON MARKETS. COTTON REPORTS. Good middling, 9 1/2—cts. Middling, 8 1/2—cts. Low middling, 8 1/4—cts. TURPETINE. Turpentine, crude firm; hard \$1.20; virgin \$1.90; yellow dip \$1.90. Tar firm at \$1.40. Rosin—Strained, \$1.15; Good Strained \$1.20.

WILMINGTON & WELDON R. R. SCHEDULE No. 12. Dated Monday December 18, 1890. TRAINS MOVING NORTH. No. 1 No. 3 No. 15. Lve Wilmington 9:00 a.m. Ar Fayetteville 12:25 p.m. Lve Fayetteville 12:50 " Ar Sanford 2:22 " Lve Sanford 2:22 " Ar Greensboro 5:00 " Lve Greensboro 5:10 " Lve Walnut Cove 6:32 " Ar Mt. Airy 8:25 " Lve Bennettsville 8:30 a.m. Ar Maxton 9:40 " Lve Maxton 9:50 " Ar Fayetteville 11:45 " Lve Millboro 6:50 a.m. Ar Greensboro 9:25 " Lve Greensboro 10:10 " Ar Madison 12:15 "

CAPE FEAR AND YADKIN VALLEY R. R., Co. SCHEDULE No. 12. Dated Monday December 18, 1890. TRAINS MOVING NORTH. No. 1 No. 3 No. 15. Lve Wilmington 9:00 a.m. Ar Fayetteville 12:25 p.m. Lve Fayetteville 12:50 " Ar Sanford 2:22 " Lve Sanford 2:22 " Ar Greensboro 5:00 " Lve Greensboro 5:10 " Lve Walnut Cove 6:32 " Ar Mt. Airy 8:25 " Lve Bennettsville 8:30 a.m. Ar Maxton 9:40 " Lve Maxton 9:50 " Ar Fayetteville 11:45 " Lve Millboro 6:50 a.m. Ar Greensboro 9:25 " Lve Greensboro 10:10 " Ar Madison 12:15 "

GRAND BARBECUE. The Democrats of Brunswick County propose to celebrate their great victory at the last election by giving

A GRAND BARBECUE at Lockwood's Folly Bridge, Wednesday, January 7, '91. Prominent Speakers have been invited and will be present on this occasion.

The C. F. S. Cornet Band of Southport, will furnish music. With Good Speaking, Good Music and plenty of good things to eat, a good time is promised to all. All Democrats, their families and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

R. W. McKeithan, Chairman of Committee. The Improved Shannon Letter and Bill File. Acme Bank Check File. Legal Blank Cabinet. U. S. Document File. Metal Roller Book Shelf Cabinet.

Write for complete information about any or all of the above goods. WALTER B. STEVENS, Agt. for the State of North Carolina. SOUTHPORT, N. C. Liberal Discount to the Trade.

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PYTHAGORAS LODGE, No. 249. A. F. and A. M. Regular Communication first Tuesday in every month, at 8 P. M. Visiting brethren always welcome. S. M. ROBBINS, W. M. W. E. DOSHER, Secy.

RAILROADS. ATLANTIC COAST LINE. Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad CONDENSED SCHEDULE. Dated April 28, 1890. TRAINS GOING SOUTH. No. 23, No. 27, No. 15. Lve Wilmington 6:15 P. M. Ar Marion 9:35 P. M. Ar Florence 10:20 P. M. No. 50, No. 58. Lve Florence 4:30 A. M. Ar Sumter 4:45 A. M. No. 51, No. 59, No. 53. Lve Columbia 10:35 P. M. Ar Sumter 11:58 P. M. Lve Sumter 11:58 P. M. Ar Florence 1:15 P. M. Lve Florence 4:35 P. M. Ar Marion 5:20 P. M. Ar Wilmington 8:35 P. M. No. 78, No. 80, No. 14. Lve Florence 4:35 P. M. Ar Marion 5:20 P. M. Ar Wilmington 8:35 P. M. *Daily. *Daily except Sunday. No. 53 runs through from Charleston via Central railroad. Leaving Lanes 8:30 A. M. Manning 9:10 A. M. Train on C. & D. R. R. connects at Florence with No. 58. TRAINS GOING NORTH. No. 51, No. 59, No. 53. Lve Columbia 10:35 P. M. Ar Sumter 11:58 P. M. Lve Sumter 11:58 P. M. Ar Florence 1:15 P. M. Lve Florence 4:35 P. M. Ar Marion 5:20 P. M. Ar Wilmington 8:35 P. M. No. 78, No. 80, No. 14. Lve Florence 4:35 P. M. Ar Marion 5:20 P. M. Ar Wilmington 8:35 P. M. *Daily. *Daily except Sunday. No. 53 runs through from Charleston, S. C. via Central R. R. arriving at Manning 7:04 p. m., Lanes 7:42 p. m., Charleston 9:30 p. m. No. 59 connects at Florence with C. & D. train from Cheraw and Wadesboro. Nos. 78 and 14 make close connection at Wilmington with W. & W. R. R. for all points North. Train on Florence R. R. leaves Pee Dee daily except Sunday 4:40 p. m., arrive at Rowland 7:00 p. m. Returning leave Rowland 6:30 a. m., arrive at Pee Dee 8:50 a. m. Train on Manchester & Augusta Railroad leaves Sumter daily except Sunday, 10:50 a. m., arriving at Richardson 12:01 p. m., Returning leave Richardson 12:15 p. m., arrive at Sumter 1:30 p. m. JOHN F. DIVINE, General Superintendent. J. R. KENLY, Assistant General Manager. T. M. EMERSON, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON & WELDON R. R. And Branches. CONDENSED SCHEDULE. Dated June 15, 1890. TRAINS GOING SOUTH. No. 23, No. 37, No. 41. Lve Weldon 12:50 P. M. Ar Rocky Mt. 1:40 P. M. Ar Tarboro 2:00 P. M. Ar Weldon 2:50 P. M. Ar Wilson 2:50 P. M. Ar Weldon 4:20 P. M. Ar Selma 4:40 P. M. Ar Fayetteville 6:00 P. M. Lve Goldsboro 3:15 P. M. Ar Warsaw 4:10 P. M. Ar Magnolia 4:24 P. M. Ar Wilmington 5:50 P. M. TRAINS GOING NORTH. No. 14, No. 78, No. 40. Lve Wilmington 12:01 P. M. Ar Goldsboro 2:23 P. M. Lve Fayetteville 4:40 P. M. Ar Selma 11:00 P. M. Ar Wilson 12:10 P. M. Lve Wilson 3:03 P. M. Ar Rocky Mt. 4:10 P. M. Ar Tarboro 4:20 P. M. Ar Weldon 4:30 P. M. *Daily except Sunday. Train on Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Halifax 2:30 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 3:45 p. m., Riverton 6:10 p. m., Returning leaves Riverton 7:20 a. m., Scotland Neck at 10:20 a. m., daily except Sunday. Train on Millard N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily except Sunday, 6:00 a. m., arrive at Smithfield 7:50 a. m., Returning leaves Smithfield 8:00 a. m., arrive at Goldsboro 9:20 a. m. Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton daily, except Sunday at 6:00 p. m., and 11:10 a. m. Returning leave Clinton at 8:30 a. m., and 3:10 p. m., connecting at Warsaw with Nos. 41, 40, 23 and 78. Southbound train on Wilson & Fayetteville Branch is No. 51. Northbound is No. 50. *Daily except Sunday. Train No. 27 South will stop at Wilson, Goldsboro and Magnolia. Train No. 18 makes close connection at Weldon with all points North daily. All rail via Richmond, and daily except Sunday via Bay Line. Trains make close connection for all points North via Richmond and Washington. All trains run solid between Wilmington and Washington and have Pullman Parlor Sleepers attached. JOHN F. DIVINE, General Superintendent. J. R. KENLY, Secy. Transport. T. M. EMERSON, General Passenger Agent.