HOEING HIS ROW.

Hoeing his row, the farmer boy Whistles and sings in careless joy, Nature smiling on every side, Quickly the hours and moments glide; Little of sorrow his spirits know As gaily he labors and hoes his row.

Hoeing his row, in later years, A buoyant hope his spirit cheers; While blade and stalk grow green and strong.

He sings full many a lover's song; And future pleasures brighter grow As hoping he labors and hoes his row.

Hoeing his row in middle life Away from cares and angry strife, A loving wife and children fair His many joys and pleasures share; Crop of plenty their wealth bestow. As happy he labors and hoes his row.

Hoeing his row—the setting sun Tells us his work will soon be done--Peace and comfort crown his days And all who know him speak his praise; Who would not change the world's vain show

For his simple joys, as he hoes his row?

Hoeing his row? His life is past. His sweetest moments were his last: He never sought for praise or fame, But children's children bless his name: Over his grave sweet breezes blow, The faithful farmer has hoed his row.

DON'T GO TO LAW.

Lawyers are very useful sometimes but to the farmer their benefit should be in keeping him out of lawsuits rather than making it easy to enter upon them. Our Iowa friends are, perhaps, all familiar with the celebrated "calf case," which has been in the courts in that State for a dozen years. It has its practical lessons. The Peoria Journal thus summarizes its history:

"Twelve years ago S. D. Potter. of Greene county, Iowa, went to Jones county to buy some calves. and purchased five of Robert Johnson, which the latter claimed to have purchased from a stranger named S nith. These calves proved to have been stolen, and Johnson was prosecuted by the Anti-Horse-Thief-Association, but was acquitted. He then began action against seven members of the association for malicious prosecution, and asked \$10,-000 damages. The case has been in the courts ever since, and has been tried seven times, and each time except one Johnson received damages ranging from \$3,00 to \$7,500. This week the verdict was set aside and now comes back reversed at the close of the last term. The total court costs figured \$3,300 and it was estimated that expenses on both sides since the prosecution began would aggregate fully \$20,000, and several persons have been bankrupted by it. The calves were only worth about \$50."

A WORKINGMAN'S COLLEGE.

The Agricultural and Mychanical College of Texas first opened its doors to students in/1876. began its work under the most flat tering auspices. Expecting to find in its curiculum a course of studiespecially adapted to their needs, the young men of the State-a State whose industry / is almost wholly agricultural-flocked to it in such numbers that /its buildings were over-crowded and temporary dormitories had to be erected to meet the pressing need of room.

But in this college, as in most of its compeers under the land grant act, the system of instruction first adopted and followed in the traditional ruts of drill in the so called classics-mementoes of dead and buried centuries-to the neglect of the very lively issues of the living present, and it was soon discovered that such a system was wholly out of place among a people so eminently practical as the farmers of Texas. Three-fourths of the students left, and criticisims without and dissentions within soon brought the school to the verge of ruin.

In 1879 the college was completely reorganized in such a manner as to bring the departments of applied

In looking over the last annual lizards and reptiles.

catalogue of this school, we note that its course of instruction begins low down-so low that any farmer's boy who has obtained the rudiments of a common school education may enter immediately upon the special an over-fat hog struggling to swim studies provided in this college course, a provision which recognises both the disadvantages under which the farmer's boy labors in the struggle for education, and also the lack of aptitude of the present high school methods to the necessities of whit worse than thousands of open of those whose living must be made pens in villages where the pig is chiefly by manual labor.

low but it ends low. Apparently the fact has been recognised that of the too general neglect in these but a small proportion of the youth matters that the well-to-do classes of our farms can or will spend fif- are getting out of the way of using teen or more solid school years, of nine months each, in the common school, high school and college, and hence the attempt is made to place before them, not such a course of study as every man who has tested the value of education would be glad to see every young man follow, but a course calculated to give those whose environment forbids a more extended pursuit of knowledge, that training which shall best fit them for the struggle for bread which they must soon enter.—Farm and Fireside.

AN IMMENSE BUSINESS.

packing firm, the employees of which furnished the chief portion of the men who inaugurated the recent great strike in Chicago, is probably the largest packing house in the world. The following statistical items of their business for the year ending March 31st will be of interest: Their sales for the year amounted to \$43,000,000; they killed during the year 1,133,479 hogs, 330,652 cattle and 635,262 sheep and produced 55,-142,952 pounds of lard. 85,918,460 pounds of salted meats, 51,508,386 pounds pickled meats, 4,062,459 pounds spiced meats, 8,219,630 pounds green hams and shoulders, 54,008,729 pounds smoaked meats 33,696, 460 pounds canned meats and 22,431,522 pounds fertilizers. Armour & Co.'s buildings cover 30 acres of ground and furnish a foor area of 88 acres. Their chill-room and storage area is stated at 20 acres, and their storage capacity at 90,000 tons. During the summer season they employ 4,000 men, and during the winter season 5,000 Their annual pay roll exceeds \$4,000,-

SAGACITY OF A RAT.

During the recent freshet in the Ohio river, a singular instance of a rat's sagacity occurred a short distance below Cincinnati. About the time the river was at its height, a number of people were assembled on its margin, watching the huge masses of hay swept along on its Arresistable course. At length a goose hove in sight, struggling sometimes for the land and at others sailing majestically along with the torrent, and as it drew near, a black spot was observed upon its snowy plumage, which the spectators were astonished to find was a living rat, and it is propable that it had been borne from its domicile, and observing the goose, hastened to it as a refuge. On the goose making land the rat leapt from its back and scampered away.

-Colorado has 800 miles of firstclas irrigating canals, 3,500 miles of secondary canals, and 40,000 miles of smaller ditches, which have cost in the aggregate about \$11,000,000. and will irrigate 2,200,000 acres. The largest canal is taken from Rio del Norte. It is ninety-eight feet wide at the top and sixty-five feet on the bottom, with a carrying capacity of 207,000,000 cubic feet per diem. The main line is fifty miles long, and it is designed to irrigate 200,000 acres. It was constructed in four months by 5.000 men and HOME 1,200 teams.

-A French entomologist has described the bird-spider of tropical America, the largest of the several hundred known species of spiders, as a formidable creature having a agriculture and mechanics to their body 41 inches long, or a diameter proper place as the leading features of seven inches with the legs extendof the school. It necessarily required ed. Its nest, in the centre of which some time to recover from this early its 1,500 or 2,000 eggs are deposited, mistake; but during the last three is so strengthened as to be capable years there has been a continuous of arresting a small bird, and the increase in the number of students spider is sufficiently powerful to until now there is no room for destroy not only young birds and adult humming birds, but large

CLEANLINESS OF PIGS.

We apprehend that few persons would have their appetites greatly sharpened for pork steak by seeing through some of the liquid manure tanks, called hog pens, we have seen under barn stables.

We do not feel like defending or apologizing for the existence of such homes of the pig, nor are these one put into a ten foot space open to all Not only does the course begin | the rains that fall, and never cleaned till the hog is killed. It is because pork upon their tables, except to a very limited extent. Pork is one of the least popular meats sold in our markets, and yet it may be so grown as to be one of the best as well as one of the cheapest. It does not spoil a pig to get his feet dirty, any more than it spoils an ox to get his feet dirty.

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