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Written for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. OUR LOST LOVED ONE.

BY KATE C. FLEMING. Death laid its icy hand Upon our last loved one...

Household.

SPONGE CAKE. Three eggs, beat two minutes, add one and one-half cups of sugar...

FEEDING A FIRE—SOME IDEA OF THE WORK OF A LOCOMOTIVE FIREMAN.

Incessant Action and Intelligent Direction Necessary—Passenger Train Engines the Hardest to "Fire" —Why the Gauge Should Have Attention.

Little has been written of the locomotive fireman. Like the newspaper reporter, his life is sunk in the greatness of his machine...

HOOSIER SHREWDNESS.

At Guessing the Native of Indiana is the Equal of any Yankee.

One day, as I was riding through the lower end of Tipton county, Indiana, I came upon a native, who was engaged in "picking trash" and burning logs in a little clearing by the roadside...

"All he has to do is to put in coal!" It would be great sport to see the authors of such remarks "put in the coal"...

Putting in the coal is all right, but when the coal is put in every two or three minutes it soon becomes monotonous and shortly fatiguing...

The fire-box of a locomotive is a treacherous thing to one not understanding it. The box is from six to eight feet—in some cases ten feet—in length, and four or five feet in width...

The speed of the engine depends upon the ability of the fireman to "steam her," and thus the fireman is the important factor in running a train...

But the fireman's hardest lot is when his run is heavy and his engine "gets leaking." Engines poorly "packed" or loose in their joints will leak steam with astonishing rapidity...

In some Eastern States the number of pounds of steam which an engine may carry is regulated by law, but in the Western States little attention has been paid to the matter...

In addition to firing, the fireman is required to keep his machine, inside the cab, clean, and "bright works" must be kept spotless...

ringing the bell, keeping a sharp lookout ahead, and watching for signals are thrown in just to keep him in practice during the few minutes he may chance to spend on his seat box...

UNCLE REMUS.

Brother Fox Makes a Narrow Escape. [From Nights With Uncle Remus.]

The next time the little boy had an opportunity to visit Uncle Remus the old man was alone, but he appeared to be in good spirits...

"O Mr. Rabbit yo' ear mighty big— Yes, my Lord, dey made fer ter las; O Mr. Rabbit yo' tail mighty short— Yes, my Lord; at des fits me!"

THE ARIZONA KICKER. Lots of Things Happen in Those Western Towns.

We extract the following from the last issue of the Arizona Kicker: NOTICE.—If the party who threw the brick at us last Tuesday night as we stood on the corner of Apache avenue and Green street will call at our office...

In observance of Atonement Day, our Store was closed from sunset Tuesday evening, September 23d, until sunset Wednesday, September 24th.

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PERSONAL.—Mrs. Judge Embo, who has been absent at Tucson for the past two weeks, returned last night, and, as usual, found the Judge so drunk that he couldn't tell her from a Digger Indian.

IN THE WRONG.—"Handsome Charlie," the genial and enterprising proprietor of "The Black Swan" saloon, has called at this office and convinced us that we were wrong in stating that he had killed seven men...

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