

AGRICULTURAL.

TOPICS OF INTEREST RELATIVE TO FARM AND GARDEN.

Food for Fowls. Buckwheat fattens. So does corn. Wheat is the best egg producer.

Grabbing Out Trees. Wherever time is an object in clearing land no stump should be allowed.

Value of Skim-Milk. Some dairymen whose specialty is butter make a profit selling skimmed milk.

Scientific Butter-Making. Mary C. Conell, in the Agricultural Gazette, thus describes butter-making at the Cheshire Dairy Institute in England.

One Experience Enough. "Maria," said Mr. Wipledon, as he came in and threw a folded document on the table.

An Accommodating Texas. When Col. Sumpter was in New York, strolling about and seeing what was to be seen, he noticed by the side of the door of a large mansion on Fourth avenue.

His Sister Was Sharper. Bobby (to Mr. DeLuyter, who is waiting for Miss Jenny to come down).

From a Small Boy's Standpoint. "Joseph Hoffman, the infant pianist is a wonderful gifted child," said a traveling man to his wife.

He Fixed It. St. Louis man (in his room at Chicago hotel, preparing to retire).

BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SKETCHES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

What He Gave Him—Curved Around the Obstruction—More Than He Expected—His Health Was Delicate, Etc.

"I have just given my father-in-law a very nice present," said a traveling man to another.

Carved Around the Obstruction. "Steele," a bright four-year-old, had told that he must not ask for anything to eat when visiting the neighbor.

More Than He Expected. Young Man (to editor): "What do you think I ought to get for the poem?"

His Health Was Delicate. Lady of the House—"Now that the servant has given you a lunch in the kitchen you will shove the snow off the sidewalk, will you not?"

Realistic Effects. Admiring Visitor—"The action of those oxen drawing the load of hay is simply immense, old man; but I don't quite catch your idea in painting that explosion behind the hill."

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Long Island Whalers. Amnagnesset, Long Island, whose numerous whaling crews have been sent to the seacoast village, and it is the last settlement on Long Island.

No Man's Land. "Although I am a native of these good United States, I have never deserted the Stars and Stripes in any emergency.

What is the Riddle to All this, then? "I hail from No Man's Land," No Man's Land, when I was a boy, men went some place away off in the ocean; but this, as you know, if you have been watching the doings of Congress lately, means a narrow strip, 170 miles long and 24 wide.

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Smarter than the Pawnbroker. A firm of gun dealers down-town got a consignment of beautiful cast-iron shot guns from England.

His Name Led All the Rest. About Ben Jenkins (may his tribe increase) Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace.

The Poor Irish Crofters. Besides fishing up herring and hake-the poor people at the head of Bantry Bay fish up sand.

Will 1888 be a Year of War? The present year is the fifth year of modern times in which the aggregate of the figures is twenty-five, and there will be five more years in which such a combination is possible prior to the year 2599.

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