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A young farmer in the Southwest. having come into possession of a small elude you like greased pigs "Then ! plantation through the death of his father, determined to introduce some rad- "I recall your face, but for the life of ical changes. The farm had not been profitable for several years. His father had borrowed money of merchants and put every acre into cotton, buying his food supplies and running every year more deeply into debt. The son was anxious, as he said, "to get out of the

He decided to abandon cotton-plant- to her confusion. ing, and to raise strawberries and other fruit on a large scale, and, so far as possible, to make a living from his farm Grant, an event that naturally impress by producing his own food supplies. ed him strongly. Later in the day, ac-He began with a few acres of strawber- cording to the New York Mail and Ex-

It is too late! Ah, nothing is too late who did not raise cotton, but devoted call the name," said the actor. Gener Till the tired heart shall cease to pal- his energies to small fruit and "truck- al Grant courteously gave his name, ing," would be of no account socially, "I got off at the next floor for fear I young farmer was warned that in the war," Jefferson said, in relating fax and adjoining counties and in the Bore off the prize of verse from his breaking the customs and traditions of the story. the cotton belt he was lowering his dignity and degrading himself to the level own name. He had gone into a post-And Theophrastus at fourscore and ten of "the poor white trash."

Completed "Faust" when eighty years These are indeed exceptions; but they berries? You are as mad as a March mail and bowed himself out. Where little else than life itself sur-

"The finest varieties of berries will grow here to perfection. I can make arrangements to send them by rail north, where I shall be ahead of the season, and also south for the latest va-At a sale of animals from Barnum's rieties when the home crop is exhausthippodrome in Bridgeport, says Life, a ed. As for cotton, it is impoverishing tiger was being offered. The highest the planters here, as you well know Why should I raise cotton without stranger, and to him it was knocked profit for the sake of what you call sodown. Barnum, who had been eyeing

cial prestige?" "Well, sir," was the angry reply, "if you are bent upon going on with your crazy schemes, you shall not drag down my daughter with you. She is a cot "Down South a bit," responded the ton planter's daughter, and shall not be a truck-farmer's wife."

As the daughter sided with the fath-"Are you connected with any show?" er, the engagement was broken off. The "And are you buying this animal for young man, undismayed by the disapproval of his neighbors, carried out his experiment was successful.

He was obliged to be patient as well not take this animal unless you want raspberries as a crop to follow the straw to, for there are those here who will berries. The result has been that he found his profits warranted the purchase lessons. "I don't want to sell," was the quiet of another farm, and the enlargement of his fruit business.

Then Barnum said in desperation: Meanwhile the planters around him "What on earth are you going to do were many of them impoverished by Exchange. with such an ugly beast, if you have the low prices for cotton. The veteran no show of your own, and are not buy- who had called him a lunatic was reing for some one who is a showman?" duced to such straits that one or two of "Well, I will tell you," said the pur- his children went into the fruit-farmchaser, "my wife died about three er's fields to pick strawberries in their weeks ago. We had lived together for season for the wages they might receive. ten years, and then I missed her." He Every one now is convinced that there paused to wipe his eyes and steady his was method in the young planter's madvoice, and then added, "So I have ness.

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# Forgot His Own Name.

had it on the end of my torgue," and ly heard as to excite no comment name?" inquired a young lady of an

was one day introduced to General ries, and put the remainder of his land press, he got into an elevator of the in corn, oats, grass, potatoes and vege- hotel at which they were both stopping tables, increasing his supply of poultry A short, heavy set man also got in, lift-All his neighbors remonstrated with remark. "I beg your paidon. Your him. A Southern planter, they said, face is familiar to me, but I cannot rewhile inviting financial ruin. The should ask him if he had ever been in

One critic was even more outspoken. unknown and asked the clerk if there Chaucer, at Woodstock with the night- He was the father of the young woman was any mail for him. "What's the whom the young farmer had been name!" asked the clerk. "Name? Oh, courting, and who was engaged to him. yes, certainly. Why, let's see! I play "You're acting like a lunatic!" growl- Rip Van Winkle, you know." "Jeffered this veteran. "What can you do son," said the astonished and delighted without a cash crop like cotton? Where clerk. "Yes, Jefferson, thanks," he can you find a market for your straw- answered politely, as he received his

A Cheerful Face.

There is no greater every day virtue than cheerfulness. This quality in man among men is like sunshine to the day, or gentle renewing moisture body else." For, as the Salvation Army to parched herbs. The light of a cheerful face diffuses itself and communicates the happy spirit that inspires it. The sourest temper must sweeten in the atmosphere of continuous good humor. As well might fog and cloud and vapor hope to cling to the sun-illumined landscape, as the "blues" and moroseness to combat jovial speech and exhilarating laughter.

but will lift sooner in the presence of a determined cheerfulness. It may at plans with resolute determination. The times seem difficult for the happiest peace and content, but the difficulty as determined, and the result was that will vanish when we truly consider that he was soon obliged to double his straw- sullen gloom and passionate despair do young man." he finally said, "you need berry acreage. He then introduced nothing but multiply thorns and thicken sorrows. Ill comes to us providen-

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The reply of a Boston maiden may be deemed characteristic: "I sit down to the hardest mathematical problem that I can find."

"I go into one of the alcoves in the reading room." said another, the posessor of that Boston patent of nobili v a share in the Athensenum, "with the new magazines or a pile of local histo-

"I suppose the saintly-minded would say that the best plan is to go to see some one who is worse off than yourself," said a young woman of feeble constitution, but brilliant mental endowments. "I only add this misery to mine, and the sum total is suicidal. I just think, 'it isn't illness and it isn't death; nothing else matters.' Or I try to bring myself to the admirable frame of mind that Dolly Madison attained at eighty: 'My dear, when you have reached my age, you will learn that nothing matters."

"I sweep my room," said an energetic little housewife, "usually to the indignation of the maid, who has just completed the same task."

Perhaps the best suggestion of al came from the tired little bookkeeper "I try to do something for somesister phrased it, "It you make other people 'appy, you've a 'appiness in your 'art that don't come in no other way.

# She Only Wanted to Know.

It was a little, dried-up, stoop-shouldered, thick-lipped, white-eved black woman who went into a big dry goods emporium the other day and said to the affable floor-walker as he met her "Got any yarn knittin' thread?"

"Yes, step this way, please."

"Wait a minute, honey," said the old woman, grabbing the floor-walker by the coat tails, much to the amusement of all the idle clerks, who began to gather around to see the fun. ain't ax vou vit. Got any pins an cotton stripes, an' silk dresses, an' bleeched termestic, an' blue ribbon an' piller cases, an' undershirts, an' sewin' machines, an' bustles, an' crimpin' pins, an' table colors, an'-an'---"

The largest bell in Japan, is that in break down, but she had only paused nd 16 feet in diameter across the rim. "What mek you won't lemme ax

The largest bunch of grapes of which you what I wants?" she went on. there is any record was picked at San "Got any cookin' stoves, an' lace cur-Jose, Cal., in September, 1886. It tains, an' lamp chimblies, an' carpets an' chany cups, an' hairth brooms, an The highest chimney in the world is pitcher frames, an' writin' paper, an kid gloves, an' head hankchers, an-" "Step this way."

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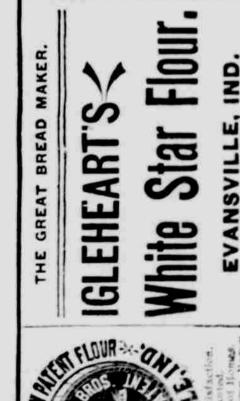
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