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ning. "By the grace of God, I am what I am." I was born in London, and I remember nothing but poverty-stalking crime and absolute want. The houses where I lived were in various stages of filth and decay. Whether A G E N T S W A N T E D the old blear eyed man who kicked and commanded me was my father I never knew. Whether the woman who sometimes fed and often beat me was my mother, I cannot say. All I know is, that I had a miserable drag about life of it, going round after cold victuals, knocking smaller boys down to get the contents of their broken bas-

> gutter. I suppose I was rather a good looking boy; they call me good looking now for an old man. I know I was smart, comparing myself with children as I see them.

Of course I was like the rest of my class, I could fight a little, swear a lit-RAMSDELL NORWAY OATS. small way with these giant cereals, we have con-cluded to offer DOLLAR SAMPLE PACKAGES. which was soldom. I was ignorant-I didn't know one letter from another, and didn't want to. What did I care ding \$1 at once, for a package, enough to grow 10 bushets. Sent, post-paid, with printed history full of interest to every farmer. Look out for book from one years' end to another? And love, gratitude, hope, I could of course understand neither. Nobody loved me, therefore I loved nobody .-Nobody had ever made me gratefulhad ever held out hope to me.

Some strange impilse was given me one day. I waked up, sprang from my bundle of straw, and involuntary the words came from my lips, "I am going to do something to-day." What that something was, I had not the remotest idea, but I put on my apologies for clothes, and sallied out in my vagabond way whistling, caring for nobody.

It was about noon, and I had not yet tasted a mouthful of food. I was angry, and skulked about grocery shops, hoping I could get an opportunity to take something that would stay my appetite, till I felt in the humor for begging. Passing round the corner of a public street, I saw a genteellooking man, standing at his horse's head, gazing about him somewhat perplexed. "Boy," he cried, "won't you take care of my horse for half an

hour ? "Yes sir," said I.

I think it was the first time that I ver put on the "sir."

"There's a man !" he exclaimed. I've got considerable fruit here and you must guard it well. "Here's a couple of peaches for you; just stand here quietly-nobody'll disturb you.'

He went away, and I stord for a while till I was tired. Then, thinks I, "I'll get a hatful of fruit and run." But for the first time I felt an instinct of shame at the suggestion. "He trusted me-he saw I was a mean looking fellow, too; but he trusted me and I won't abuse his kindness."

I graw wealthier; my business (my benefactor had stocked me a fancy as my strength surely returned I misshop) prospered, and I was in a fair sed her. As soon as she saw I could way, I thought, to marry Lucy Man- be left with safety, she had left me;

Sweet Lucy Manning! the most artless, winning maiden in all the world now so desolate, and saw many evito me. I loved her deeply, dearly, dences of my miserly habits. She was blue-eved, auburn-haired, her disposition was that of an angel, and I had plighted my vows to her.

One night I was invited to the hou met a siren in the person of his niece, a black eyed girl, whose charms and whose fortunes were equally splendid. She was an heiress in her own right, was beautiful and accomplished.

Heavens, what a voice was herspure, clear, sweet, "ravishing ! I was charmed, and she was pleased with me. Alas, I met her too often!

In her presence I forgot my gentle It was triumph to feel that so beautiful, gifted, and wealthy a woman loved me-me, who had been brought up known misery and corruption all the first years of my life.

Gradually I broke off my intimacy with Lucy. I received no token from in my heart that she was suffering, and | accompanied them :

branded myself a villain. me a letter, a touching letter, not one Oh, what a noble soul I wounded !-though the effort made her heart ed. Farewell, forever !" bleed. I knew it did.

me, radiant in rich fabrics and glitter- room. ing diamonds, the white face of poor Lucy glided in between, and made my heart throbguiltily. Oh, how rich I grew! Year after year I added to my gold. My miserly disposition began to manifest itself soon after my banks, and then to my own private safes.

I put constraint on my wife, for very generously she had made over her whole fortune to me, and began to gromble at the expenses. I made our living so frugal that she remonstrated, and finally run up large bills where and when she pleased. Against this I protested, and we had open quarrels more than once.

My clothes grew shabby, I could not afford to buy new ones, although the interest of my investments was more than I could possibly spend for ration-

1 grew finally dissatisfied with everything but my money. I neglected my wife, and grew careless of her society. Several gentlemen came to my house, among them a would-be author and celebrity. He came, I thought too often for my good . name, and I ordered my wife to discontinue his com-

But I recovered slowly and at last. and oh, what a blank-the dreadful blank! I wondered around my rooms

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I know not why, but towards my wife my feelings seemed to have undergons a revulsion. I fear I hated She had nearly beggared me,

her. of a prosperous merchant, and there I had deceived and shattered my health. destroyed all my hopes Months passed before I was able to

estimate the damage that had been done me. Every means that could be put forth were used for the discovery of my money, but all in vain.

One night I sat by the fire, a cheerless, disappointed, and lonely man. I burned my brain, but did not purify Lucy; she magnetized, thrawled me. my heart. 'If I had only married sweet Lucy,' I said, again and again, 'all this had not been so.'

My housekeeper came in with a letand as it bore a foreign postmark, I opened it with a trembling hand ?-

What was that? A rustling, crumpled

"MY HUSBAND: I am dying! My At last she knew with certainty that disease-there is no need in telling purpose for which it was intended. I was to marry Miss Bellair. She sent you. Forgive me, and accept the enclosed as a faint effort toward restituword of upbraiding nor one of regret. Ition. It is not much over half of bed for hogs, as he thinks it warm e-But she could calmly wish me joy, is-I know not where. I am desert-

An icy chill thrilled me. It seemed wedding, when my bride stood before together, and throw them across the or stone sides. "Lie there, curse of my soul !"

cried. "Lie there till I have conquered myself! ay, if the victory is not won till you are rotten !" I shut the door and sealed it, and for six months I toiled like a penniless marriage. I carried my gold first to man, till I had partially redeemed myself By managing cautiously, I placed my business on a successful footing, and began life again, a new

> man. It took many a year to wear off my old habits of parsimony, but every effort gave me a new and agreeable surprise. Meantime Lucy Manning became dearer to me than she had ever been in the flush of youth. I entreated her forgiveness! humbled myself to a confession, tested myself in all ways, and convinced her at last that I was as worthy now as once I was only in seeming.

On the day of my wedding, I opened the door the sealed. The banktook them up with the pride of a conquerer, and placing them in her hands. exclaimed, "They are now no longer my masters; use them as you will."

Now I am a man !- redeemed from pany. She refused and I locked her in the thralldom of covetousness. I have and rotation of crops; and just when

FARMERS' COLUMN.

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Indian Muffins .- One tablespoonful had been thinking thoughts that only of yeast, one pint of water, flour enough to make a thick batter, and let them raise through the night. In the morning add one pint of Indian meal, a coffee cup and a half of milk, a teaspoonful of soda, some salt and two in the purleous of a city, who had ter-an unusual large package i, was, eggs. Beat the mixture well before putting it into the rings to bake.

Trimming Shade Trees .- Such farmers as have shade trees in different bank-note! Another and another parts of their farm can improve their her, she was too proud. But that came forth, until there laid upon my appearance greatly, as well as add to cheek grew pale, that eye languid, knees twenty bills of the largest de- their utility, by cutting the top branch and though I seldom met her, I knew nomination. A few trembling lines off. This will cause the branches of the tree to spread horizontally, and

render it much better adapted to the

A Correspondent of the Western Rur. al thinks that the ground is the best what we took from the safe. The rest nough, and a valuable disinfectant .--To prevent the hogs making distinct

beds, he advises laying down flat stones, and then covering thom with I tried however to forget her. I as if her spectral presence was near four or five inches of earth. He precould not. Even at my magnificent me. I shuddered as I rolled the bills supposes a good house, built of brick

> Fowls eating each others' feathers .-This propensity only come to those that are in confinement. Birds that are at liberty never fall into it. It arises from a bad state of body ; this is caused by confinement and deprivation of something they get when they are at liberty. We speak practically. Ours are cured by lettuce and sods of fresh earth.-Farm Journal.

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The successful management of a farm especially in this age of progress, renotes lay where I had flung them. I quires thought not less than hard work. Something more needs to be done than scatter the seed and reap the harvest. What to plant, in order to be tolerably certain to obtain a good price for the product; in what soil, as to quality

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some of them," they said. "No you won't" says I, "I'm put thing stole." With that they began a rumpus. They reached over the cart. I struck them, and used such efforts that they all came pell-mell upon me, and we fought till the blood came; but I vanquished them.

Just then out came the proprietor. What's the matter ?" says he.

"Oh, nothing; only I had to fight for your stuff here," says I. "You did, eh? You've got a black eye for it."

"No matter," says I. "I mean them boys shouldn't steal a peach, and they didn't neither."

"Well, youv'e good pluck-here's a rown for you."

My eyes stood out. "A whole crown," says I.

"Yes; do what you please with it, but I'd advise you to buy a pair of shoes."

"Thank you, says I, with a beating heart. It pays to be good don't it ?" He smiled a curious smile, asked me several questions, and ended by taking me home with him.

Home! I thought I was in heaven, albeit I have seldom heard of such a a place. My heart beat heavily every time I dared put my foot upon those rich carpets. The mirrors were some thing new to me. The next day there came a man to see me. I was washed clean and had on a good suit of clothes. Says he "Youngster, I am going to where you live, and probably shall make a bargain with your people. I want a boy, just such a bold clever boy as you are, and if you behave yourself, I promise you that you shall have as pleasant a home as you desire."

Well, that was good. I hardly dared to speak or breathe, for fear of breaking the illusion. I never was so happy as I was that day. They gave me light tasks to do, I wished they were more important. From that day I was treated as one of the household. The man was a widower, and had no children; consequently, I became to him as a son. He educated me hand. somely, and when I was twenty one pounds.

counsel I put my money out on in-terest, bought stocks and mortgages. Manning was my idol. premium at one of the Richmond fairs, which could be made young and thrifty by this process.

evening, when I returned, she was gone from the house. That caused me grace of God, I am what I am." some uneasiness; not much, for I was soon absorbed in taking account of my gains.

It was, perhaps, nine in the evening, I had just managed to take up a paper for a moment to read out its business in charge here, and I won't see the first details, when the door opened, and in came my wife, dressed bewitchingly, as if just from an evening concert, folfowed by that moustached celebrity.-"Good evening, my dear," she said in the coldest way imaginable, and placed a chair fot her friend. "Stop!" 1 cried; my jealousy aroused; "that man sits not down in my house."

"That man-a gentleman and my my wife, firmly.

My passion was excited then as it never was before, and I collared the scoundrel. He was my match; but from a cane into his hand, and he stabbed me. I fainted, and I remembered nothing more till I found myself on a bed in my own chamber, watched over by my housekeeper. "Where are they?" I gasped.

"Gone !" was all she said.

It occurred to me then, like a flash of lightning, that somebody was near my keys were about my person, and that I had been robbed, perhaps, of all my available property.

The thought threw me into an agony of fear. I ordered my clothes to be brought to me. The keys were there. Taking one of them out, I told Mrs. Hale, my housekeeper to go to my safe, and bring me the papers that were there. She returned, her face white with terror, to say there was nothing there, all the little doors were open. "Robbed ! robbed !" I yelled with imprecations, and again my senses deserted me.

Brain fever ensued. For weeks I lay deprived of reason, literally treading the verge of the grave. One morning I was conscious only of a sinking, deadly feeling, as I feebly opened my eyes. Was it an angel I saw standing beside me, her soft eyes full of pity, looking down upon me with the most commiserating gentleness. For a moment I thought I might be in heaven; treasure was all of the earth, earthly.

her room. How she managed to set three blooming children, Lucy is an herself free I never knew; but in the angel of goodness, and I write myself as I did at the beginning, "By the

LADIES' READING.

Drop Biscuit: Cep of milk, one egg, cup of flour, one spoonful of melted butter and a little salt. Bake in a hot over, and eat as soon as possible.

Very Nice Biscuit: One quart of of butter, one egg, one tablespoonful of white sugar, half teaspoonful of soda; raise again; rollthin and bake quickly.

Rye Drop Cake: One pint of milk and three eggs, a tablespoonful of friend, shall sit here if I please !" said | in rye flour until about the consistency of pancakes. Bake in buttered cups or saucers half an hour.

Baked Muffins: One cup and a half of sour milk, half a cup of butter, two my wife put a dirk-knife that she drew | eggs, one teaspoon ul of soda, (you can use sweet, milk and cream of tartar.) Stir to a stiff batter, and bake in muffin rings. They are best made with one cup of cream and one cup of sour milk.

Crumpets: Mix a gill of yeast with two quarts of water, just lukewarm, to which add sufficient flour to make a thinnish batter, and let it stand six me at the time I was wounded, that hours in a warm place: whenever raised stir it well with a wooden spoon and let it remain four hours longer; then bake in muffin rings.

> of pound of scraped horseradish, one ounce of minced garlic, one drachm of Cayenne, one quart of vinegar. Put all the ingredients into a bottle, which and bottle, and it will be fit for use agreeable relish to cold beef, etc.

Sally Lunn: Seven cups of sifted flour, half a teacup of butter warmed tablespoonfuls brewers' yeast; if the yeast is homemade use twice as much. Pour this into square pans to rise, and then bake it before it sours.

Receipt for pickle : Scald the picklebut no, I reasoned with myself-My fresh water; wipe them dry and put a foot of earth. Vigorous and healthy Again I opened my dim eyes. The lons of vinegar, four ounces of black the weak ones of which were broken vision seemed wavering now, but oh, pepper, four of ginger, two of tumeric, off, and leading ones, at a proper dishe died, and left me three thousand did it not wear the beauty of sweet two of cloves, two of allspice, two of tance, trained to the arbor. The new Lucy Manning? A quict, unutterable mace, two tablespoonfuls of celery- growths are now clean, healthy and Well, I considered myself a rich peace took possession of my entire be- soed, one large handful of horseradish, strong-sufficient entirely to cover the man. I gloated over my wealth; it ing. I forgot wealth, health, every- one of garlic, three lemons, sliced, and large arbor the present season; we became an idol to me. How to in- thing. My past life seemed blotted two pounds of brown sugar. The now look for bushels of fruit from the crease it was my first desire. I consul- oit, and I was again innocent, un- spices should be beaten. Pickle made new-bearing wood. We see old grapeted competent men, and under their touched by the griping hand of avar- mide by the above receipt took the vines everywhere doing no good, and

to cultivate, and with what imple ments, secure the best results-all these things need to be considered. The comparative leisure of winter is the best time to think of these questions. Now is the time to lay out the spring cumpaign, and to prepare the means for prosecuting it vigoreusly.

The best food for horses affected with the heaves, is such as is nutritious and succulent, and should be condensed into as small a compass as posmilk raised; when light, add one cup sible! Dry and ducty hay is injurious, and makes the animal wheeze distressingly. Moistened ground feed, potatoes, carrots, and ruta bagas, are the best food for animals having the disease, and if the water to drink would be given to the horse out of a cask sugar and a salt spoonful of salt. Stir with slaked lime at the bottom and stirred occasionally, it would materially lessen the difficulty of breathing. Persons owning horses afflctied with the heaves, and neglecting to feed and and treat them properly, should be visited by Mr. Bergh or some other member of that humane society, and admonished that it is contrary to law to oppress poor dumb brutes.

Many thousands of dollars are lost annually in cousequence of planting poor seed. Acres of old and worthless carrot, beet, onion, and similar seeds are sown every year, which might be avoided if every one who is growing such crops would take the trouble of testing a few of the seeds previous to sowing. The loss of preparing the ground and sowing is usually far more than the cost of the seeds, an i gener-Horseradish vinegar: One-quarter ally when their worthlessness is dis covered the season is too far advanced to remedy the evil.

It is a very easy matter to start a few seeds in pots or boxes, and detershake well every day for a fortnight. mine what proportion will grow, with-When it is thoroughly steeped, strain out running the risk of losing a crop in addition to the cost of preparing immediately. This will be found an the soil and sowing--Hearth and Home.

To Rejuvenate Old Grapevines.-The editor of the Practicul Farmer says :in a pint of milk, one salt spoonful of | Having on our premises, planted by salt and three well-beaten eggs, two former owners, probably twenty years ago, half a dozen old grapevines, with large weather-beaten trunks of stems, which made annually but little new wood, and yielded but very few poor grapes, two seasons ago we cut off the ing brine every three days for two branches, and laid the main stems weeks, then soak out the brine in down in trenches, covering with about them in a liquid composed of two gal- shoots sprang up in great abundance,