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THE INDEPENDENT FARMER.

How pleasant it seems to live on a farm, Where nature's so graciously dressed...

'Tis pleasant to sit in the cool porch door, While you smoke half reclined at your ease...

In keeping a dairy there's surely delight, And it speaks of contentment and plenty...

But, the task fairly over, you cheer up once more, And joyfully seek your repose...

But in raising your pigs there is truly a charm, When they sell at the present high price...

But no one disputes that the farmer is blessed, With true independence and labor...

THE DONATION PARTY.

BY EBEN E. KEXFORD.

"We're going on donations, elder. We jest in on heavy on them things."

"I have never found donation parties very satisfactory," said the minister.

"Why not?" asked the minister. "O, they've got in the habit of havin' donations, an' they expect 'em, ye see..."

"Well, then," said the poor minister, with a sigh of resignation to the inevitable.

"Dear me!" exclaimed Mrs. Spooner in dismay, when Mrs. Spooner told her that a donation party was being talked up.

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"Immediately there was a buzz among the female portion of the congregation, and little groups of women put their heads together and began discussing what to carry in the shape of eatables."

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"So can I," said Mr. Pettigrew. "I got a joffed big crop off'n the side-hill lot. I guess I'll take beans, too."

"I've a good notion to take some o' my Almire's clo'es," said Mrs. Deacon Spears to Mrs. Pettigrew.

Such a sight! The eldest girl was arrayed in Almire's cast of dress, of navy blue, with some other girl's polonaise of red.

"I can't see why she should," responded Mrs. Pettigrew. "Clo'es is clo'es an' a minister's folks hadn't ought to get mad at what's give 'em as long as they hev to depend on you for a livin'."

"You can put them in the woodshed," said Mr. Spooner. "Just then Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew drove up."

"Hello, elder, good evenin'," called out Mr. Pettigrew. "I've got some beans here for ye. Wnen'll ye hev 'em put?"

"In the woodshed," said the minister, with a smile at his wife. "It's going to be beans this year, my dear," in a whisper.

"Then other arrivals followed in rapid succession, and at least three out of every four brought beans."

"I've counted fourteen bushels already," whispered the minister to his wife about eight o'clock, "and still there's more to follow."

"I'll that time. I can imagine the appearance they'd make in them. No two alike, and probably not one that would fit one of the children."

"I cordially endorse the sentiment from the receiver's standpoint," said Mrs. Spooner, as they looked over the "proceeds" of the donation-party when they were alone.

"What will you do with the stuff?" asked the minister, turning over old jackets and aprons, and other articles of clothing with a comical look of dismay on his face at the formidable collection.

"I think I shall make about a hundred yards of rag-carpet," answered Mrs. Spooner. "That's about all a good deal of it is fit for."

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The Revolt of a Leading Republican Journal. The Philadelphia Daily News Bolts the Quay Ticket.

(Philadelphia Daily News, Rep. Sept. 1) The Daily News is, as it always has been, a staunch Republican paper.

The country knows that Matthew Stanley Quay is one of the biggest rascals out of jail. It knows that he is a man whose word is worthless, whose treachery is notorious, whose dissipated habits and covardice are monumental.

Against the will of the Republican party in this State Quay forced the nomination of this man, Senator Delamater, for governor.

For the sake of the future of the Republican party Pattison should be elected and Quay's man defeated.

It is not a pleasant thing to be known as a puppet in the hands of a man like Quay, and yet Senator Delamater dare not deny he is such a puppet.

How would the Republicans of this State like to elect a man with this shameful record under his chin to the governor's chair?

The Dishes Might Taste all Right if You Didn't Know How They Were Made.

As a rule only one principal meal is eaten in Central Africa, in the early part of the evening. It usually consists of parrot soup, roasted or stewed monkey, alligator eggs (also well liked by Europeans) and birds of every description.

FITZY TRIES TO BE FUNNY.—"Hello, Fitzzy, where did you get that black eye?" "Oh, it was only a lovers' quarrel."

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