Once there was a law that, on a certain day, when the meeting-house belt rang for noon, everybody should turn into a cat. ne people don't believe this is true;

Well, and so you may be sure it was great fun to sit up on the big granite-rock machinery, agri-ulturis's only had kept up on the side of Deer Hill and see them turn the disposition to let "newfungled" things just where they were and whatever they alone. But the war came and there were no

were doing, at that very minute! study, with his hat in his hand, and said : profited thereby. With very much to lament

And then Mr. Fadyon's fool caught hold implements it have us is one thing at least to

of the bell-rope." Mr. Fadyon's fool knew some things as

and stubby, and whiskers began to start, would be hard to be a machine with sufficient tarily, that Vegetine is the best of and, countries and her ears pricked up as though she intelligence to understand what to select and by the public for resoluting the blood, cradicating all by orces he what to refuse. But the difficulty seems hardold rooster's spurs on. After scaring be accepted by the manimate gatherer and them half out of their feathers, she kept on the other refused. through Mrs. Deacon Davis's cat-hole, and up in the back ckamber, where she plowed about and sniffed in all the dark corners and behind the old tea-chests and bar-

When she was Aunt Patty she always had mistrusted whether or no Mrs. Deacon Davis hadn't some cobwebs and poke-holes looking neat as wax on the outside.

And then the minister's son jumped with began to bite the minister's hair and claw of his classes, for he liked rough ways and mischief as well as any boy only he had to be proper because he was the minister's son.

his arms grew slenderer and slenderer; and there was a great black cat, with a white ping at the flies, with one paw on a volume of Jonathan Edwards' sermons.

It was a great change for the minister But as for Mrs. Deacon Davis, she didn't seem to need to alter bardly a bit. Her work steadily, and clean thoroughly, is my eyes were the mildest skim-milk before, much more faded than an old cat's eyes; and her heir was pale buff and sort of fur-ry. And she had a way of rubbing herself When horses are worked six days in the week

to catch themselves doing such odd things,

minister's wife's bureau-drawer among her having poor horses, and in not keeping them Prepared by H. R. Stevens, Boston, Mass. cat, it looked a thousand times worse Aunt Patty, with Uncle Rodney's hat still on her head and a hoe under her arm.

Mrs. Deacon Davis was curled up asleep in the rocking-chair, and she rubbed he eyes and put her hands in the wash-tub again, and didn't know anything had hapfelt grieved to see a few cat's hairs on her the day, "But then," she thought, "my nap has rested me up completely, and with such poor health as I enjoy, I do suppose I need it. And, all is, I must work the smarter to make up."

The minister looked most astonished to find himself playing with a large brown, limp rat. "It is very extraordinary! Most remarkable!" said he. "Glorians!" he continued, turning to the black serving-maid, who was swinging herself down from the "Gloriana! you may take this dead animal milk. and bury the creature in the garden. It will act as a fertilizer."

And then he began to walk up and down the footpath, from the door to the gate, with his hands be hind him, and to think over the heads of his next sermon.

... On the whole, it was funnier when the cats became people than when the people became cats; they were so surprised and they were doing .- St. Nicholas for April.

to be put, and the reply was to "soak roots after handing over the bottle and its contents, required in a conversational manner; "What kind of roots are you going to soak?" roots of me tongue, be jabers!"

An individual who sold clams on the Lord's day defended himself with the plea that he "feared the clams would not keep till Monday, and it would be better to pay the costs of Court, and enjoy a free conscience, than to paim off dead clams on an from year to year for the past eighty years, unsuspecting people, and suffer the pangs and that by a careful selection of seed each

He was sitting silently by her side one chilly evening last autumn, thinking of something to say. Finally, he remarked: "How sad it is: the frost has come, and it will kill everything green." Thereupon the young lady extended her hand and said in s sympathetic tone; "Good bye."

A lady once called on an alderman i great haste-and being quite indignant at an expression used to her, addressed him

"Alderman, my next door neighbor called me a thief. Can't I make her prove "Well," said the alderman, after a mo

ment's deliberation, "you can, but you had

One swallow doesn't make a spring but nine grasshoppers out of ten do-just when you think you've got your hand on them.

Agricultural.

A Chance for Agricultural Inventors. While our war was going on and men became senree for farm-work, there was a creat inducement for inventors' to try and replace but you ask the children and the barn-swal- hand labor. It had been the reproach of furming that while all other brauches of industry had reaped great profit from improved The minister's son had come into the opportunity, and hoth he and the farmer "Shall Cornelius and I, sir, take our as war always beings lamentations, it has scythes, sir, and go out and mow a little some slight compensations, as it is an ill wind daily prevent a billion attack. The we will be all that blows no good at all; the new agricultural druggists,

be thankfur for Wallays 1 of a few things to do. We wan well as anybody; and he knew how to ring som-thing to cut and sho k curn, and then comthe bell exactly when the sun-dial and the something that will go through and Fluck it, noon-mark and his grandmother's eightday clock said it was noon.

So "ding, dong!" went the bell, and—it
was only a Maltese kitten that had hold of
the rope!

Just at that hour, Aunt Patty was out in
her garden hoeing weeds, and an old hat of
Lucke Reduce's tied on her head; and she

Lucke Reduce's tied on her head; and she noon-mark and his grandmother's eight- as we thush grain pechaps going so far as to Uncle Rodney's tied on her head; and she has to be gone over continually because of the Witness of the above, began to turn, first her nose and then her successive ript way of the heads or bolls. If chin. They were very long and sharp when all mature in there would be little difshe was Aunt Patty, and they grew short ficulity in the patter. But as it is now it and stubby, and whiskers began to start, would be hard to er machine with sufficient heard something, and then, quicker than what to refuse. But the difficulty seems hardyou could say "scat!" she was a spotted cat ly insurmountable. The mature head is soft, chasing Deacon Davis's hens, that were try and the unripe one hard; and this fact might ing to sneak through the garden sence with be taken advantage of, so that the one should

and the unripe one hard; and this fact might be taken advantage of, so that the one should be accepted by the inanimate gatherer and the other refused.

If in no other way, surely something might be thought of that would gather pretty rapidly by min's aid in the selection of each boll, that would do away with the loss of time, incident on so much stooping and rising, as in the present plan. We see no reason whatever why all this may not be done. It is no ever why all this may not be done. It is no seem sight to see now in the west men in the present plan where the seem of the present plan. We see no reason whatever why all this may not be done. It is no seem sight to see now in the west men in the present plan. We see no reason whatever why all this may not be done. It is no seem of the present plan where the present plan was present plan where the present plan where the present plan was present pla out of sight, for all that she kept everything riding on plows and cultivators, with pleasant sun umbrellas over their heads, as cool as cucumbers. Indeed, agricultural implement one spring on the minister's shoulder, and have made farming in the west such a light and pleasant occupation, that dumb bells and gymnastic excreises are sadly at a discount.

We expect yet to see some such improve ment for the southern cotton field, the mule The minister looked around solemn and leading the driver, seated and shaded, and the dignified, a good deal astonished; and then cotton dropping off at the rate of a hundred his glasses grew rounder and rounder, and bolls a minute! As it is now, large quantities must spoil, because the planter sets out more then he seemed to wink all over; and then than he can gather. As we said, this and there was a great black cat, with a white spot on his throat and a white face and four white feet, sitting in the study chair, snap- we hope to live to see it. — Germantown Tek-

MANAGEMENT OF HORSES. - Feed liberally motto in the management of horses. My great trouble is to have the horse rubbed dry against the side of her chair as she talked thorough grooming is absolutely essential to alone in a kind of purr purring tone. She their health. The more highly they are fed stopped work for the first time in her life, the more important it is to clean them. Most igh, and taking her yellow paws out of men use the currycomb too much. and the the wash-tub, went to chasing dandelion- whisk and brush too little. I do not myself insist upon it, but I believe it would pay al-But as soon as ten clocks anywhere in ways to take the whole harness from the horse town struck one at the same second, all the when put in the stable at noon, and rub him cats turned back to people again; and you dry, washing the shoulders with cold water, ought to have seen how surprised they were afterward thoroughly drying them with a cloth. I question if one former in a hundred Aunt Patty was rummaging through the duly appreciates how much he loses from best clothes; and, bad as that looked in a in vigorous health, and in a condition to do a maximum day's work .- American Agricult

Cows Coming Fresh.-Some dairyme insist that the cow, soon after calving, should be allowed to go to the trough and take all the cold water that the appetite craves. We pened. She wouldn't believe it now if you do not approve of this course, preferring to should tell her. Only, when her clock give her a rail of tenid water in which a litgive her a pail of tepid water in which a litstruck one (it was always a little slow), she the bran is mingled making a thin gruei. Our chair-cushion, and to find she had lost so practice has been to give freely tepid water, or sufficient to satisfy thirst, and not allow cold much good time right out of the heart of water from the trough until the third day, and not then if the cow seems to be weak-or ailing. It is important that the milk from the udder be completely drawn soon after the eow has calved, and if the bag is swollen or inflamed it will require attention in this respect, frequently three or four times during the day. So soon as the feverish condition of the cow incident to calving, shall have sub-sided, generous feed should be given, bran mashes at first which may be increased gradually with additions of oaten meal and rations cherry tree, where, a moment before, she of roots, of weich mangolds and carrots are had been a black kitten, chasing a squirrel. best, as they give no unpleasant flavor to the

DRIVING NAILS .- Every farmer who has had occasion to drive a fail into seasoned oal posts knows its liability to bend and break. If the point be moistened in the mouth it will drive more kindly. Oil is still better, but then it is inconvenient to dip each nail separately into it. Another point observed is shocked to find where they were and what that boards become loose eventually from the rusting of the nails, which communicating to the wood, causes not only an enlargemen The other day a son of the Emerald Isle of the hole but the destruction of th entered a drug store, and taking a bottle nail itself, readering the fences or the build from his pocket, asked for a quart of whis- ing shaky and insecure. This may be preky. The salesman ask to what use it was vented by heating any rough grease until it smokes and then pouring it over the nails to The order was filled, and the clerk, be used. The grease will penetrate the pore of the iron, and cause the nails to last, with out rusting, an indefinite period. Beside this, no trouble will be experienced in driving Pocketing the bottle the customer said, "The them into the hardest wood. The reason that the coating of grease prevents contact o air, and consequently oxidation-

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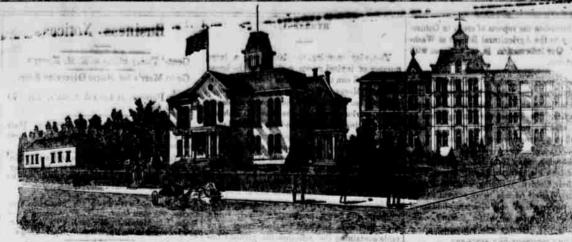
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