JOE AND SUSIE.

There were rumors to the effect that oe Beardsley was in love with Susie foore, but they passed as rumors un-l a spelling-school was held in the school-house at the cross-roads. Then it so happened that Joe and Susle were appointed to "choose sides," and it so happened again that they were the last two on their feet. Everybody else had gone down on the hard words, and or become the second of the secon and of the two Joe was accounted the better speller. The chances were seven to three that he would spell Susie down and take the prize, but he safly disappointed his friends. When the teacher gave out the word "tremen-dous," Joe hesitated, colored up and glanged at Susia. Then his advent and glanced at Susie. Then his adherents saw resolve in his face. No young man would lose the prize at a spelling-school to a young woman unless he loved her. His resolve was to lose it. All knew it before he spelled the word "tree men discrete and leave" and the word "tree men discrete and the second the word "tre-men-dious" and then sat down and left her victorious. That settled it with everybody. Susie was Joe's best girl, and it was certain to be

a match.

Joe Beardsley was a young farmer twenty-two years old, and Susie Moore was two years younger and the daughter of a farmer. Their families lived a mile apart, and both were only children. When there is a case of love in the country it is a case for gossip. The Beardsleys had no objections to a marriage, and the Moores came to the conclusion that Susie couldn't have done better. For four or five months the course of true love five months the course of true love ran smooth. On each Sunday and ran smooth. On each Sunday and Wednesday evening the parior at Moore's was given up to Joe and Susie, and the three or four other young farmers who had been spooting about for a year or more gradually hauled off and left the field to Joe. There was an engagement, and Joe's father had begun to talk about dividing the farm and giving the boy a start, and Susie's mother had decided on the feather bed and the quantity of dishes and carpet rags she could start, and Susie's mother had decided on the feather bed and the quantity of dishes and carpet rags she could spare, when the patent-churn man put in an appearance. From time immemorial the Beardsleys and the Moores had used a crock with a wooden dasher in it, and the women folks had handled the dasher. The very idea of change had been looked upon as sacrilege. This patent-churn man would have been as coldly greeted as the score before him had he not been a student of human nature. Before he could be rebuffed he said, could be rebuffed he said,-

"I ain't trying to sell patent churns ils week; I'm just riding around on vacation. Seems to me them Moores re putting on a heap of style for these and times. I heard they'd bought a twenty-five dollar music-box."

"You don't say!" gasped Mrs. Beardsley. "Why, they ain't no richer'n we be, and we can't afford no sich fimeracks."

Some folks are bound to fling on

"Some folks are bound to fling on style whether they can pay for it or not," said the agent, and it wasn't half an hour before he had sold one of his patent churns.

"If they kin buy a music-box we kin buy a churn," said Mrs. Beardsley, with a toss of her head. "I ain't a person as cares fur style, but nobody in this nayburhood is goin' to crow over met?

That was the beginning. As a met.

over me!"
That was the beginning. As a mat-ter-of-fact, the music-box had only been left on trial, but as soon as Mrs. Moore heard what Mrs. Beardsley had

said she set her jaw and replied,—
"We don't need a music-box any
more'n a dog needs two tails, but if
some folks kin buy patent churns and
hold their heads in the air, other folks
can buy music-boxes and hold their
heads still bigher!" heads still higher!"

It wasn't a week before the Moores and Beardsleys were passing each other's farms with their eyes looking straight ahead and their faces set, and the farmers up and down the road for five miles were taking sides. The news of the rupture spread rapidly, and it wasn't long before the wind-mill man, the sewing-machine agent, and various agents for various other things were taking advantage of it. The Beardsleys hough the windrally things were taking advantage of it. The Beardsleys bought a windmill, and the Moores bought a sewing-machine as an offset. The Beardsleys bought am a sewing-machine as an offset. The Beardsleys bought a mile of wire fencing, and the Moores painted their horse-barn a bright red. Mrs. Beardsley got a new myrain carpet for her parkor, and Mrs. Moore bought four cane-seat chairs and two china vases for hers. The Beardsleys had a lightning-rod put on their barn, and the Moores bought a sky-bine pump for the family well. Both Joe and Susie protested against the rivalry when it started, and both solemnly-vowed they would not be drawn into it, and it should make no difference with their feelings; but it wasn't a month before the break came. They felt they had to quarrel, and yet both regretted it.

quarrel, and yet both regretted it. When Joe's mother heard of the break

"I'm jest glad of it! I've knowe Suste Moore ever since she could squall, and she ain't no catch fur any She's that shiftless that sh leaves grease on the dishes when she washes 'em, and she couldn't dye a lot of carpet rags if it was to save her

neck."
Joe didn't rejoice at the words, but
he felt he must be loyal to his family. Susie's mother also fad something to say. When Joe ceased his
visits and Susit went about looking
troubled the mother exclaimed,—
"And who is Joe Beardsley, I'd like
to know! Why, there's more'n forty
tifferent young men around here

different young men around her who'd crawl on their hands and knee who'd crawl on their hands and knees to git you! Don't you go an' be silly, Susan Moore! Jest hold, your head up, same as pa and I do, and lot them Beardsleys know that we ain't goin' to take any of their sass. They started this hull thing, and I hope siney'll git 'ne'll at it before it's ended."

The quarrel had lasted the summer through and autumn had come. If the Moores and the Beardsleys had been willing to make up, the friends of each family would have prevented. It was the only event that had hap every one was anxious to make the most of it. The farmers' wives of one faction called on Mrs. Moore and advised her to keep her chin in the air and "show them Beardsleys what was what," and the wives of the other faction called on Mrs. Beardsley and advised her to "stick it out and let them Moores see they didn't own the earth.'

The quarrel would have continued, and the enmity might have entered into church and politics, as weil as social life, but for a spotted hog. It was a spotted hog belonging to the Beardsleys. He had been penned up with other hegs to be fattened for the pork market, but one October day, as Joe was digging potatoes in the field, with his father away to town, he heard his mother blowing the dinner-horn. It was mid-afternoon, and was a signal of distress. When he reached the house it was to find that the spotted hog had leaped out of the pen and gone trotting down the road. It was Joe's duty to follow on and turn him back. There was the hog forty rods ahead of him, and as soon as the ani-The quarrel would have continued ahead of him, and as soon as the ani

aneau of min, and as soon as the annual knew he was pursued the started off to make a race of it.

It wasn't at all probable that that spotted hog knew of the quarrel between the Beardsleys and the Moores, tween the Beardsleys and the Moores, or had any plans as to an armistice and reconciliation; but when he left the pen he headed for the Moore homestead. Joe pursued him without a thought of where the race might end. The hog covered the mile between the two farms without losing much ground, but the open gate of the Moores was a temptation he could not resist. He swerved and entered and moores was a temptation he could not resist. He swerved and entered, and then dodged about the house and was lost to view among the cabbages. The pursuer halted at the gate, and hung there undecided. It wasn't likely that the Moores would come out and cabild him from residential him to the company of the cabbil him from residential him to the company of the cabbil him from residential him to the cabbil him from residential him to the cabbil him from residential him to the cabbil him from residential him from residential him to the cabbil him from residential him from re forbid him from reclaiming his runa-way hog, but if he went nearer the house he might come face to face with

He hadn't settled the point when he heard the sound of singing. It was a rough, coarse voice, and a rough, coarse song, and Joe was puzzled. When three other voices joined in the chorus he advanced up the path and walked around the side of the house 'till he came to the kitchen door. Then all was made plain. A gang of tramps

till he came to the kitchen door. Then all was made plain. A gang of tramps had taken possession and were having a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore had gone to town that day, leaving Susie alone. An hour after their departure four tramps had come along and boldly entered the house. When the girl ordered them out they refused to go; when she would have fied they menaced and detained her, and ordered her to prepare a meal of the best in the house. They guarded the doors the house. They guarded the doors so that escape was impossible, and as she cooked at the stove the fellows sang songs, drank from the jug of currant wine one of them had brought from the cellar, and boasted of what fortune had in store for them.

from the centar, find bossted of what fortune had in store for them. Joe stood on the door-step for five minutes before he fully realized the situation inside. It was not until one of the rascals vowed that he was going to bestow a kiss on the cheek of the frightened girl that his presence among them was known. Then the music-box, the patent churn, the wind-mill, the wire-fencing, the spotted hog—all were forgotten in an instant, and Joe lifted the latch and walked in. There was business to be transacted. The odds were four to one, but Susle had just time to cry out, "Oh, Joe, I'm so glad!" when the tramps began to tumble. It is due the profession in general to say that none of the four ran away, but they fought a losing fight. Those words from Susie gave the young farmer the strength of a lion, and inside of ten minutes three of the tramps were lying on the ground outside with their hands and ilon, and inside of ten minutes three of the tramps were lying on the ground outside with their hands and feet lashed, and the fourth was limping across the fields and wondering at the sudden change of program.

When Joe's work had been finished, and Susie had wiped his bleeding nose with a survey of the sudden the su

and suste had wiped his bleeding nose with a wet towel and bandaged his skinned knuckles with a soft cloth he looked up at her and said,—
"I—I came after our spotted hog."
"Well, you can have him," she replied as her nose went up.
False pride makes fools of men and women. Lee might have mored area.

called out,—
"Say you! 'Tain't none of my bizness, but you two had better kiss and make up!"

"I guess we had," said Joe to Susie as he looked into her laughing eyes.
"Way, of course," she replied.
That evening, as Joe and Susie had the parlor again for the first time for months, Farmer Moore came in from locking up the barn and said to his

"Ma, I'll be gosh-darned if I ain' glad on it!"
"So'm I, but you musn't swear," she

"Say," be continued, "ain't there sunthin' in the Bible which reads that a liftle child shall lead 'em?"

"I guess there is, but that hain't nuthin' to do with this case."

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"Why hain't it?"

"Because nobody but Joe Beardsley was led, and it was a spotted hog instead of a little child which led hin," "That's so, madhat's so, and though I expect the plaguey critter has rooted up everything in the garden by this time I won't even yel, 'sho' at him. And the lion shall lie down with the lamb and a spotted log shall lead 'em!"

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Instead of improving, she continued to

transition improving, she continued to grow worse; the aliment that was robbing her life of the joys of young womanhood became more pronounced.

FIVE OENTS PER MILE.

Supreme Court has not Passed on the Fee Bill.

The much mixed matter of constables' fees manages to bob up every now and then in some form or other. A short time ago the papers had an item to the effect that the Supreme court had handed down an opinion giving constables ten cents per mile circular and as a result the spirit of the officers rose. Several days ago County Commissioners' Solicitor Wit mer wrote to Prothonotary Green, of the Sepreme court, asking for a copy of the opinion of that court increasing the mileage of constables, to which he received the following answer:

DEAR SIR: This court has not filed an opinion allowing constables ten cents per mile circular. There may not know it. Yours truly,

CHARLES S. GREEN.

The Supreme court has decided that constables are allowed only five cents per mile circular. The Supreme court could not take action on a matter of this kind when the amount in-volved in less than \$1000.—Milton Record.

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