

THE MORTGAGE.

We worked through spring and winter, through summer and through fall. But the mortgage worked the hardest and the steadiest of all.

ROSE DORMER.

Mr. Erasmus Scott was a little man with thin gray hair, and pink-and-white complexion and a meek and kindly face. He was about forty-seven, but seemed older.

and sat with a big book on her knees listening to his explanations of it. She had grown suddenly quiet and absent. He was afraid he had wearied her.

A good listener, and this was all Dick wanted. When the engagement was announced in the neighborhood every one said how "suitable it was, and how nice for Mr. Scott to have a niece he was so fond of!

The hay in which the man had been was reduced to a compost by the heat of his body and moisture from repeated rains. On his person were found a receipted bill paid in St. Paul, a rusty old brass watch and a watch key of the kind supposed to wind any watch.

The condition of the patient was eagerly inquired after the other day. In company with Dr. Anderson, several newspaper reporters went out to the poor farm to see the man and learn from him further details of his harrowing experience.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Scandal will run out like dirt when it is dry. Riches are chiefly good because they give us time.