

The Farmer's Song.

I'm of the band that till the land,
And draw from earth her store;
Right happy indeed's the life we lead,

RUSES FOR A DIAMOND.

I saw it kicked by the careless bal-
lorials of a jaunty nurse; I saw a fat
morsel of humanity make for it with a

Having ascertained the nature of my
prize, I proceeded to meditate on the
proper course to be taken, which medita-

"Found, this evening, Wednesday,
in the Regent's park, nearly opposite
the new college, a valuable diamond

"Excuse me, sir," I stammered,
rather hurriedly; "but if the ring is
yours, you can doubtless describe the

"I am afraid you are right," he sigh-
ed, in a tone of deep dejection; "I must
seek further. Alas! what a melancholy

"My dear child!" (I am 45), "it gives
me the most sincere pleasure— Then
I stammer; then I sprang after her.

"I feel it my duty," I said firmly,
"under the circumstances to take every
precaution against mistakes. I trust

disposed to give the necessary descrip-
tion."
"Very well, sir! Exceedingly well!

"Oh, dash it!" he begins, breathing
out a volume of stale tobacco. "I beg
your pardon and all that, but the old

"What sort of a ring was yours?"
"What sort? Oh, come—as if you
didn't know—that's good."

"You can describe the device?"
"Device, eh? What the governor's?
Bless you, he has a device for every

"I replied that I was sorry I could not
oblige him, and added that he had bet-
ter obtain an exact description of the

"A large diamond, handsome," she
believed, "but valuable to her for far
other reasons."

"I am sorry to pain you," I said,
striving to be firm; "but it would be
more satisfactory for all parties and

"I take the ring from its security. I
hold it out timidly for the blue eyes to
examine."

"Dear Jack! What a queer chance if
you have stumbled upon my ring. I
was obliged to run down to Lombard

ing I've been in. If it is mine the crest
is inside; you know it—a mailed hand
holding a lance, and the motto, 'Armed

Idiot! Gull! It is quite useless to
call myself names. It is almost super-
fluous to add that when I called at a

"Mamma, what are you doing?"
asked Willie, looking at his mother as
she filled a little earthen pot with

"Yes," said Willie, "if you plant
things, they always grow, and, you al-
ways get a good many more of 'em?"

"Mamma was not rich and these were
valuable possessions. Naturally there
was much search and commotion, and

"It was so terrible to suspect anyone,
but a professional thief would not have
taken the diamonds and left a watch

"A few days after, he returned with
the information that he had put his fin-
ger on the man, and that it only re-

"I thought Noakes was wild, but I had
no idea he was wicked. Really I can't
believe it now."

"Yes," said mamma, "Oh, real y I
feel sure he is innocent. I want to
find my diamonds, of course; but—"

bother about your diamonds. You'll
have plenty more."
"Hear the child!" cried mamma. "I

"Nobility took 'em. Oh, mamma, I
meant to surprise you."
"Surprise me?"

"Advantages of Low Ceilings."
Rooms with low ceilings, and with
ceilings even with the window-tops,

"Rain-Measurer."
A new measurer of rain-falls exter-
nally resembles a small upright clock-

"SHE—'A wfully nice dance at Mrs.
Masham's last night!"
He—'Yaas. Were you there?"

"HAVE YOU VOTED, Uncle Johnson?"
"Ya, sah! I voted early dis morn-
ing de republican ticket sah! Den at

"THE nudgy craze in New York has
had a new manifestation. The butchers
rise up as one man in opposition to

"A MORNING paper has a heading en-
titled, 'Gale ordered to leave.' The
gale's departure would be received with

"Can you give me a bite or two?"
asked the tramp. "Certainly," re-
plied the farmer. "Here, Tower,

HORSE NOTES.
The b. m. Butterfly, 2,194, will not
be campaigned this season.
Gus Wilson's Cleveland stable in-
cludes Josephine, trial 2,194.

A. S. Cassatt, Chesterbrook Stud,
has purchased the ch. m. Sadie Somers,
foaled 1875, by Alroy, in foal to Eolus.

The Executive Committee of the
Driving Club of New York has decided
to offer a purse of \$1500 for a race

Fires seem to have become common
among the stock farms. On the night
of April 10, Mr. D. Swigert had a nar-

"Knap" McCarthy and Quinton
both say that Marlowe and Gossip, Jr.,
are open for a race with any other

An experiment will be tried at the
Rochester Driving Course on the 5th
of July. A stake, open to all horses,

The list of entries to the spring
meetings at the four Philadelphia
tracks, is larger than for many years,

It is probable that the Ball estate
at the Junction of the Township road
and the Philadelphia and Trenton Rail-

The famous old black gelding
General Butler died at Charles Levinus'
farm, near Jerome Park, April 26. He

FASHION NOTES.
Bronze shoes and very fine brown
silk open-work stockings are univer-
sally adopted for evening wear with

Very small rosary bead buttons are
used to trim edge jackets that are
fastened with big, flat, or medium-sized

The jacket comes to the front for
young ladies. Made of checked, dot-
ted and boucle cloths, with vest front

A novelty in the shape of a beaded
cape is of fine garnet seed, strung in
line diamond pattern, with tiny swir-
ling

Embroideries are preferred to lace
for cotton dresses, though the latter is
sometimes used. Regular doublings

For the present, high effects in
headgear are still the rage. But it is
hinted that their reign is nearly over,

The betting privileges at Lexing-
ton, Louisville and Latonia are now
controlled by the same firm, and the

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