How often the thought comes home

As the moments hurry away. Of the things I intended to do Somehow, some time, some day. There are promises that have not been kept.

Though I always meant to be true, But time is too short for all the things

That a body intends to do.

I will answer a letter, or read a book, I will write a bit of rhyme; I will do the things that I ought to do

Some day when I have time. So I look beyond, as I hope and plan For the days that are just ahead, While the day that is here goes into the grave With its opportunities dead.

Today is the day that we have Of tomorrow we can't be sure; To seize the chance as it comes along is the way to make it secure. For every year is a shorter year, And this is a truth sublime-A moment misspent is a jewel lost From the treasury of time.

How Louise Farned a Gown.

-Arthur Lewis.

By Roe L. Hendrick.

"Louise," said Robert Sears, coming in to supper one hot July afternoon, "do you want to earn the best dress that can be bought in Lisbon-a real beauty?"

"What a question to ask a girl!" replied his sister. "Of course I do!" "Well, Charlie and I have decided to make you an offer. If you will drive the self-binder to cut our wheat and cats, we will buy whatever materials you may select and pay the dressmaker besides."

"Agreed!" Louise exclaimed with

But Mrs. Sears protested. "It takes a four-horse team to draw the machine," she said, "and Louise never has driven more than a single span. Besides, she would have to operate the laver which ties and throws off the bundles. You should hire some experienced hand, for it is a man's work."

"I only wish we could, mother," Charlie Sears interposed. "We did not wish to ask her, but farm-hands can't be secured at any price. Ira Ford was going to change work with us, but he cut his foot yesterday and will be crippled for a month."

"Your father always believed it impossible to use a machine on the hill lots," their mother said. "I'm afraid you're too venturesome."

That was simply because he never tried, mother," said Bob. "If we were to cradle those forty acres our harvesting would last till Christmas. I'm afraid. As for the bundle-lever, we have set that so it will work auto- the fence at the edge of the lane un. she also cut the oats. matically, and Louise can give her entire attention to driving. Both fields can be cut by going round them, ascending the easy slope at the north and coming down the steeper south end. We'll put the blacks on ahead, with old Joe and Dolly behind. Louise really needs to drive only the front team, for the others will follow without any guidance."

"Why, of course!" Louise eagerly declared. "Mamma, please don't you say another word. I should be ashamed to be a country girl and not able to help at a time like this. Haven't I ridden the horse rake and hay-tedder ever since I was ten years

Mrs. Sears sighed, but said no more, and directly after breakfast the next morning Louise climbed to the seat of the self-binder. Charlie handed thirriping to the horses.

gloves. Her short "rainy-day" skirt structions in the direct road. was of wool, and heavy for the geason, but manifestly one of the length to restrain the horses on the steep which the dignity of her seventeen slope within the cut, when, looking years usually demanded would have ahead, she nearly lost control of her been far less safe.

rear-olds were restless at first, dan- just emerging from between the high sing ahead in a manner rather alarm- banks. Four-year-old Rose, still far ng to their driver, but the older ahead of her mother and aunt, stood iorses preserved a stolid pace which directly in the centre of the narrow 'eassured her.

Bob and Charlie walked on each side. Once in the field, they would rescue in time, se kept busy arranging the scattered bundles in shocks, so that the long o watch their sister and pass judg- that down grade. nent on her skill in driving.

guiding the leaders was sufficient. The fields. On the right the growing corn ilder horses followed docilely in their stood waist-high over an area of thirright angles from the barn-yard to at the left was in stubble, a heavy world over. he highway she felt nervous, but the growth of clover having been cut from our in hand and the ponderous ma it the week before. thine following made the turn withvas managed with equal ease.

Bob and Charlie watched her narwwly, but made no comment. Plain- serious resistance to the horses. y they were satisfied, or she would have heard to the contrary.

ane and oats to the south. The latter out slackening speed in the least. land devoted to opium raising. Most were not yet ripe.

saying:

to earn it. Ail I ask is that you thrown off. throw the machine into gear."

fence. work. As Louise started on the sec- driving chain. racing through the standing grain.

reason for the break. Something them. struck her smartly on the cheek, and showed her some of the paper-like entered the meadow. shreds still clinging to the cutter-

About the horses a score of the victous rushes at Louise, who already fore permitting them to stop. had been stung several times on the face and arms. Such an attack ordinarily would have inspired her with hurried across the upper part of the unreasoning terror, but in the present meadow, and was at their heads al circumstances she almost forgot the most as soon as the horses had halted yellow-jackets, thinking only of the infinitely greater danger from the ever, for Louise felt herself mist, ess

There are some fortunate persons whom supreme danger makes cool, field. Pomp and Prince almost needing and Louise discovered to her surprise a whip to urge them into a walk. that, far from being confused and of the knives had changed to a throb. tears. bing hum, so rapidly were they oscillating, while she kept her seat only by swaying to the violent bounding and rocking of the ponderous machine beneath her.

The horses in their mad effort to esless she could steer them through the gate, lower down.

Louise had every reason to fear that the leader would be upset if she turned down the slope, but even that catastrophe involved less danger than to rush headlong into the strong stone and rail fence. The effort must be made at once if at all.

She drew the leaders almost at right angles to the wheel horse before the latter swerved. Then, as the four sprang with great leaps toward the gate, all that saved the machine from graph from the New England Carmer: overturning was the wide table, the edge of which furrowed the loose soil like a gang-plow. The binder bore the tremendous strain well; apparently nothing had broken,

Charlie and Bob were running and shouting far behind, but Louise could not understand what they were sayher the four reins, which she carefully ing; and had she done so it would separated and grasped firmly before have been of little benefit to her. She passed through the gateway with-She wore a "Shaker" sunbonnet of out mishap, and the horses turned straw, the strings of which were tied down the lane. She did not dare beneath her chin, while her hands hope to reach the farmyard in safety, were protected by a pair of faded kid but fortunately there were no ob-

Louise was gathering her strength wits from sheer terror, not for her-Prince and Pomp, the black four- self, but for the tiny figure which was roadway, belpless from fright, and with no one near enough to effect her

> "What shall I do?" Louise cried. There was no room to pass the lit-

They had just swept past the fences Louise found, as Bob had said, that at the lower level of the two grain

The entrance to the meadow was out difficulty, and the narrower pas- about midway between her and the last week. "She was dressed all in age from the road to the farm lane child, but two of the bars were up. They were long and slender bass-wood boards, however, and could not offer haar." And thus another professional

Without an instant's hesitation York Press. Louise swung Prince and Pomp to the The lane led over the store bridge right hand fence, which they grazed and across the creek flats, and thence for a rod or two, and then turned them said to have the widest nave of any tirectly up the steep hill, with a level squarely against the bars. The blacks English church. It is 125 feet wide. break near the middle, which made were tender-mouthed and could be That of York Minster is 104 1-2 feet up the greater part of the Valleyview guided, but while their insane terror in width, farm. On the summit were the two lasted nothing could have checked train-fields of twenty acres each, them. They did not seem to see the The Indian Government now has wheat having been sown north of the bars, but crashed through them with about six hundred thousand acres of

By the time they had reached the was possible, but she saw that she gate leading to the wheat-field the could not hope to clear both posts at blacks had been quieted by the steep such an angle. So, purposely, she ascent, and were no longer prancing. threw the heavy drive-wheel above Bob offered to mount the binder and which she sat directly against the up make the first few circuits of the per post. The wood snapped like a field, but Louise waved him back, pipe-stem, leaving a clear road into the meadow. For a second the girl "No, sir; I shall do the whole thing, bounded up and down like a feather, for if I am to have a fine gown I mean at almost by a miracle was not

The horses again turned down the He did as she requested and she hill, parallel with the lane, and the started to the east, the horses tramp- girl had a moment's respite in which ling in the grain, while a swath eight she could take stock of her condition feet in width was cut close to the Rose was saved, at all events, and the runaways were in an open field Thus she went about from right to They had shown themselves amenable left, and then, turning, circled from to guidance, and now an inspiration left to right, cutting the grain through | came to the driver. Despite its rough which the horses had walked in their usage, she did not believe that the first round. Formerly Eastern farm- binder was greatly injured, for the ers always cut first swath by hand, but knives still hummed as freely as ever, in recent years the four-horse self. although the binding attachments ! binder has been made to do the whole were disabled through the loss of the

ond round, Dolly, the mother of the Hitherto Louise had thought only of leaders, leaped high in the air and keeping her seat and avoiding fences. plunged wildly to the right. At the trees and stoneheaps. Now, after al same instant Pomp and Prince start lowing the horses to run straight ed at a headlong pace, the three drag- down to the foot of the slope, she ging the unwilling Joe for a few rods, suddenly threw all her strength upon when he, too, squealed loudly and the left-hand reins, and turned them bounded ahead as eagerly as the oth- sharply toward the south end of the ers. Without warning, and seeming. meadow. When that boundary was ly without cause. Louises four-in- nearly reached, she again turned the hand was beyond her control, and leaders in the same direction; but now they were forced to mount the The girl tugged frantically at the long hill in its steepest part, and the reins, wholly unable to understand the heat and strain quickly overcame

Seeing that the time was ripe the blow was followed by a sensation Louise pulled as hard as she could as if a red-hot iron had been applied just where the slope was steepest, and to the smooth skin. Then she recog- Pomp and Prince slowed to a walk nized the painful sting of a yellow. almost instantly. The older horses jacket; or American field hornet, one needed no restraint, for they had been of whose domeshaped nests the reap. lagging for some time. The hornets er-knives had destroyed. A side glance had been left behind soon after they

Reeking and trembling, the four were ready to halt when they reached the crest; but determined not to give enraged insects were circling, and two them a chance to start again, Louise or three of the hornets were making headed them into a fence corner be

Charlie was still following in the track of the runaway, but Bob had His services were not needed, how of the situation. After resting a few minutes, she drove back to the wheat

Then, as she slipped to the ground frightened, she was keenly on the Louise clasped little Rose in her arms alert. She noted that the swift click and allowed herself the luxury of

No more work could be performed that day, for not only did the binder need certain repairs, but the horses had been severely stung. They were in condition to resume the cutting of the wheat by the following after cape, had swung to the right. In a noon, however, and Louise completed in many of the poorer homes eggs found really dangerous to stock. In few seconds they would collide with the task without difficulty; and later are all the money families ever see, the cow barn the cement floor should

Her brothers were as go word, buying the handsomest mater ials that could be found in Lisbon; and with their Aunt Caroline they also joined in the purchase for Louise of a gold watch.-Youth's Companion

Opinions Differ About Healgehogs. Won't it jar Vermont farmers, who have complained so eloquently of the depredations of the hedgehog that they have worked the State for a bounty on him, to read this para tion is being given to poultry than

"The wise and wideawake farmers in the vicinity of Geneva, N. Y., have there will always be a demand for organized the Farmers' Animal Protective Association. Their purpose is to check the slaughter of toads, moles, highest prices are realized during the properly protect the cows.-Indianapbirds and hedgehogs, all of which are holidays one ought to manage so as good friends to the farmers, because to have the pullets come into laying they destroy the bugs and worms that prey upon the farm crops. To carry nor the pullets will lay during severeout their work they will put up bulle | ly cold weather, however, unless given tins or signboards on fences and barns in their territory, asking chil | er food.-Laura Jones, in the Eptodren and adults not to kill moles, mist. birds, toads and hedgehogs, and giv ing the reasons for permitting these creatures to flourish. Every year sees the foes of the pests reduced in num bers, and the result is that every year sees the pests increasing at ar alarming rate. The time has come to protect the foes of the pests."--Windham County (Vt.) Reformer.

Painting Mrs. Roosevelt's Portrait. In a studio building not a thousand miles from Bryant Square Park, one that is occupied for the most part by foreign portrait painters, there is a restaurant where the waiters wear badges made to represent an artist's palette splashed with paint. They al! take an interest in the artist-temants. straw might be cured by wind and the one on either side, and no human and relate to the regular patrons of sun; but now they had opportunity arm could have checked the team on the place what distinguished sitters are posing for the painters. They get to know them partly from the fact that most of the sitters take luncheon in the restaurant, their identitie; be ing revealed by the underground gos racks. When called upon to pass at ty acres, while a field of similar size sip that goes on between servants the

"Mrs. Roosevelt was in here to luncheon to-day," one of the walters confided to a regular diner one night black. She is having her portrait painted, you know, Mr. Von Krumsecret was scattered broadcast .-- New

St. Michael's church at Coventry is

Louise had made as wide a turn as of the product is shipped to China



THE CARE OF MILK.

All milk which is not run through a separator or fed immediately should be cooled as quickly as possible after it is drawn from the cow; not cooled simply to 60 degrees temperature, but to 35 or 40 degrees. If it is to be sold as milk, or the cream is to be taken off and sold, this is very important, and the quicker it is cooled and the lower the temperature the longer and better it will keep sweet and of good flavor. Every farmer who has no separator should have a tank at the that have been in custom for years pump large enough to hold all of his! milk in setters, and cool the milk and requirements of his crop while it here by pumping fresh cold water is expected to produce what he into this tank and changing it sev. wishes. The screet pian, then, is to eral times each day, running the experiment on small plots in several water from this tank to his drink tank; or if he has ice should cool the milk in this tank and then place the cans in another tank of ice water, in which ice is kept at all times. If to be sold, the milk should be stirred it has been discovered that lime fa once or twice while cooling, and the lids of the cans removed until the heat is out of the milk, unless the milk is submerged, in which case the water absorbs the gases and heat. If the cream is to be removed the milk should not be stirred nor disturbed

more than necessary. When washing milk vessels or utensils, never pour scalding hot water into them until all milk is washed off; if you do you will cook the milk on the tin and a yellow coating will result. Always rinse and wash them first with warm water and a good brush, and use some sal-soda, at least occasionally, in the water, then scald with boiling water or steam, and turn up to dry and air. Be careful to brush all seams and corners. If your milk sours or is off flavor don't blame the other fellow, but see that you are doing your part as you should .-F. M. Parsons in Rural World.

PROFIT IN POULTRY. Is there anything on the farm that pays better than poultry or the ben? Some say there is no profit in poultry, but this depends upon who is in the business. In many homes the poultry money clothes the children and gives the farmers wife many a necessity that otherwise she would be compelled

to go without. Often the hen on the farm is greatly neglected, and has to pick up her food wherever she can find it, yet she attends strictly to business and gives one an idea of gre floored with them, considerable ago it was almost impossible to get time and study to poultry it pays won- udder laying on the cold cement. that the hen is the greatest wealth is that made of heavy board, matched may be, it is certain that more atten. or the cracks filled in, inclined to the ever before. There are many who use eggs as a substitute for meat, and them no matter how much the price varies with the season, and as the saved and ordinary bedding would

FARM TOPICS.

the warmth they require and the prop-

pulling.

the children true to it. dum of each year's results, with cer- nice, secluded place, tain crops of animals. Live, wideawake farmers make a note of every- MOISTURE IN POULTRY HOUSES.

of food served in an attempt to econo- halation from the bodies of the birds. mize. Keep the stock always in the How to ventilate is a problem. To best condition and the cost of mainten- get ventilation is an eas) matter, but ance will be lessened.

been concocted in Delaware. It is a tod. Much depends on the direction combination of kerosene oil, stone of the wind at the time of ventilation. lime and water.

more water than anything else.

keep them in laying condition. If your horse has galls get some red oak bark; steep it, and bathe the | The street cars in Rome have been parts with the tea. It is a remedy fitted up with letter boxes and the many horsemen.

MANURES AND DISEASES. Manure that has been well decom- four miles of railroad.

posed can be used in connection with ashes, potash salts, finely-ground bone or superphosphate. Potatoes are very different in their mode of growth from corn, and are expected to keep well during the winter. It is not necessary to mention how and when potatoes should be planted, in a de tailed manner, for every farmer's experiance has taught him how such work should be performed, but there are certainly methods of manuring which would be changed entirely if the farmer would consider the needs ways, and each grower will then bet ter understand the condition of his soil. Formerly, it was supposed that an application of lime would benefit vors the conditions for scab, and that to avoid disease care should be exercised in procuring seed from a lo cality free from disease affecting the potato crop, while it is also an advantage to change to a new location for potatoes every year .- Philadel-Record.

A VALUABLE DISCOVERY.

The Wisconsin agricultural experiment station has discovered the valu able fact that cheese cured in an at mosphere of low temperature sustain: a far less shrinkage than the chees: cured in warmer atmosphere. discovery is valuable to cheese making throughout the country. By its application manufacturers may put their product through a process of ripening and sustain a far less loss by shrinkage than when the ordinary at mosphere is used. As a result of the discovery cold storage places are so constructed in connection with chees factories that the temperature can be easily governed, and in these the heese will be ripened. Underground storage places can be built at comparatively small expense. The results of the experiments are contained in a bulletin just issued by the university agricultural station .- Connecticut Far-

CEMENT STABLE FLOORS. While the cement floors in barns are desirable, and often so when the stalls her value when carefully attended to. care must be used or they will be and these are exchanged in the small be covered with a movable floor of siats, upon which the cows can stand cash for eggs in the country, but now form the gutter. Possibly this floor pass over all the leading highways bedding was heavy, so that there was pass over all the transfer prices for paying the highest market prices for poultry and eggs. Where one gives the cement or catching cold by her

rear, so that the liquid portions of the manure would readily run off into the cement gutter, which should be constructed immediately behind the cow. In this way the manure would be all olis News.

NESTS FOR LAYING HENS.

at that time. Neither the old fowls To make nests to prevent hens from eating eggs take three boards; two fourteen inches wide and one tweive inches wide. Nail these together for floor, putting the twelveinch one in the middle. Make two rows of nests, fourteen by fourteeen. On a soft road wide tires save much on the outside boards. Make lids for these nests, putting hinges at the up-Lard and kerosene are excellent to per side of the nest. Cover the space remove pitch pine from saws and between the rows of nests with boards upon which you fasten hinges. This Never allow broken glass of any de- makes a building similar to a double scription to lie about the premises. | cornerib, with driveway between. Whatever makes the home more at. From this make a small hole just tractive tends to keep the hearts of large enough for the hen to go through into the nest. It being rather All good farmers keep record books, dark in these nests, she will not stay They not only keep a record of re- longer than just to deposit her egg, ceipts and expenses, but a memoran- for which purpose she thinks it is a

Dampness is due to the condensa-If the food is diminished and ani- tion of moisture on the walls of the mals become poor, the amount of food poultry house. This may be due to required to get them into good condi- evaporation from the water cans, tion would be greater than the amount from moisture in the air, or to exventilation without loss of warmth, or The latest spraying mixture has draughts of air, is quite another mat-If a ventilator is used a small lamp If a hen does not have access to should be placed in it so as to cause plenty of water she cannot lay many an upward draught. All tarred paper eggs for the reason that eggs contain should be put on the outside, and not on the inside of the house, while To make hens profitable the farmer doors and windows should be opened should study their requirements and during the daytime, when it can ' he can thus better understand how to safely done.-Mirror-Farmer.

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