A Reply to the "Discontented Farmer." BY GLENNIE V. WILDWOOD A Wisconsin farmer sat by his hearth, His head was bowed on his hand;

He'd been working hard in the field all day, Plowing his stump-dotted land. As the candle rays shone o'er his bowed form, Silver threads shone in his dark hair, And the wrinkles that dented his forchead Were formed by time, not care.

At last he said to his toil-worn wife, Who was dusting the hearth with a wing, "Say, Jane, let us sell the farm and stock And move out to Kansas this Spring. "We have labored and toiled for nigh ten year,

But it is precious small pay we've got."

And the farmer glanced disdainfully 'round

At his farm and scantily furnished cot.

"We must do something, and that pretty quick,
For there's scarcely a cent in my purse,
And Jane, if we don't do better,
Its certain we can't do worse."

So the farm was quickly disposed of, And all of the farm stock to, Excepting their old plug horses; And those were to carry them through. As they bid their neighbors and friends good-bye
Many remarks such as this you could hear—
"He's a dunce for selling his farm and stock,
And I'll bet he'll be back 'fore a year."

But the good folks were all mistaken, And to-day in his prairie home, The farmer is wealthy and happy, And never wishes to roam.

His wife and himself are healthy and gay, And on Sanday they think it no harm To take the buggy and spirited bays And have a nice ride 'round the farm.

And then as he looks o'er his acres broad
He rubs his hands with glee,
And he says, "This coming to Kansas, Jane,
Was a lucky thing for me."
—Excelsior, Wis.

Apple and Quince Tree Borers. Every season I receive a number of

inquiries from persons wishing to learn how to prevent borers from getting into the bodies of their fruit trees; or how to get them out when they are in. I have published my method of prevention quite frequently of late years, but it needs to be repeated every season. 1 am very little troubled by tree borers, and if I see occasional marks of their presence in the spring, I do not take the pains to dig them out, as their mischief is generally over at that time. The apple and quince borer ies dormant for a time, and then comes out as a beetle in June, and lays its eggs on the base of the tree during July and August. The peach tree borer is of similar habits but is a moth or large fly, some. what like a wasp, in its winged state. It also appears in June, and lays its eggs in July and August. The simplest and best preventitive is washing the bark around the base of the tree with carbolic soap suds-made of a gallon of soft soap and a pint of crude carbolic acid-(costing only a dime)-stirred into three or four gallons of hot water, and then sufficient cold rain water added to make eight gallons of wash. Apply it to the trees about the last of June, first clearing away the grass and weeds so as to wet down to the surface Where the western or flat-headed borer is liable to injure apple trees the wash needs

## Grass as a Renovator.

Farmer.

or wherever the bark is injured by sun

Many farmers labor for years ignorant of the fact that a close, well-set sod is the foundation of good farming and the basis of good crops. Soil that will produce an immediate and firm set of grass, will bring a good crop of any kind. There is no better way to test the producing capacity of soil than by its grass production. If a field yields a scant grass crop, and is uneaven or full of barren spots, it will not be safe to depend on such soil for any other crop without extra heavy manuring, and even then the crop is not of so great a ache, or the heartache, his degrees and with a firm sod at ploughing time. There his soul become a prey to despondency, he is something in a heavy sod that will son. I never have failed of a good crop earth born consolations are, in their eson such land. Soil will soon be renovated after partial deterioration, if grass can be short lived. They are brilliant and evandensely set on the surface; and this mode of renovation, I claim, is the quickest, ble. But as to the consolations God gives to surest and cheapest of any. There never his people, they fade not, neither do they was a mistake made so full of loss to the lose their freshness. They can stand all farmers as to allow naturally good soil to deteriorate at all, and when the farmers understand and act on this principle, our productions will never fall below an average, even to this point .- Cor. Country Gentleman.

# Of Interest to Housekeepers.

The following are things housekeepers thick cloud. Union to the risen Lord is will want to know: That boiling water a consolation of the most abiding orderwill remove tea stains and many fruit it is in fact "everlasting consolation."-stains; pour the water through the stain, Spurgeon. and thus prevent it from spreading over the fabric. That ripe tomatoes will remove ink and other stains from white cloth; also from the hands. That a teaspoonful of turpentine boiled with white clothes will aid the whitening process. That boiled starch is much improved by the addition of a little spermaceti, or a next to him. He at once plunged in again, little salt, or both, or a little gum arabic dissolved. That a little beeswax and salt will make flatirons as clean and smooth as his way thus to the bank he saw a small glass; tie a lump of wax in a rag, and bundle, which he guessed must be a baby. keep it for that purpose; when the irons He caught it with his teeth, and thus are hot, rub them with the wax rag, then brought the fourth rescued life to shore. soour with a paper or rag sprinkled with Not then able to swim in again, he carried salt. That kerosene will soften boots or the baby home to his mother's humble shoes which have been hardened by winter dwelling, and placing the little orphan in and render them as pliable as when new. her arms, said: "Here, mother, nurse That kerosene will make tea kettles as this baby for me; I will work for it as bright as new; it will also remove stains long as I live." from clean varnished furniture.

A POULTRY breeder says farmers will Savior's redeeming grace. Christ finds feed a bushel of corn to produce six the sinner perishing in the dark waters of Hemlock Boards, feed a bushel of corn to produce six sin. He rescues him, gives him into the pounds of pork, worth 60 cents, while care of His church and says, in the lanthis bushel would keep a hen. She would lay at least twelve dozen eggs, which averaging 18 cents a dozen, would equal pay thee."—Christian Voices. \$2.15, and she would rear a brood of chickens worth as much more, making a

# The Huntingdon Journal. Around the Fireside.

Religious Conversation. Here "talk" is worth nothing, but who AND JARS

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loes not remember with inexpressible gratefulness, how much good a "good talk' with some good friend has done him? It s much to have the Gospel well preached from the pulpit to the pews; it is perhaps of more importance to have the Gospel talked from heart to heart. Few persons are converted out into active, happy Christian life "all alone." Even Paul, at his conversion, was bidden to go at once to the street called "Straight," to the house of Ananias, who by taking the matter over him should help him to understand the wonderful change, and to see clearly the

To say just enough; to say not a word too much; to say it at the right time in the right place; and say it right heartilythis is a most enviable gift of grace which some have. We wonder how they acquired it. The secret of it-if they be any mystery about it-one wishes they would explain. But likely enough these persons are just the ones who have been so intent upon seeing what it is, and if it is true, and acting accordingly, that it has never occured to them that there is any secret. A mind, alive with intelligence and useful thought, a heart tranquilly constantly actuated by sentiments of devotion to God and generous regard for others may be trusted to speak wisely.

Religious conversation, like good conversation on other subjects, should be utterly free from affectation and cant. It should not assume superior airs of sanctity or knowledge. It should not go on stilts. It should be neither formal, nor too familiar. Care should be taken not to wear out a good impression once made, by saying too much. A word may be better than a speech, especially if it be, in fact, one of the words of God, addressed to each of us; and if, too, it be uttered as an arrow speeded and winged with prayer.

It is a bitter feeling with some, which many have, that "no man cares for my soul." It is often a most sweet surprise to one, to find that some person has been cherishing a deep, tender solicitude for his soul's welfare which he could no longer

True prayer is the highest, holiest, most real, and most influential, of all forms of conversation. And let it be carefully minded, it is necessary to pray well, if we would talk well to another on things which concern our spiritual being. And, after all, it is with religious conversation

much as Coleridge says of prayer: He prayeth best who loveth best All things both great and small; For the dear God who loveth us, He made and loveth all.

#### Everlasting Consolation.

"Consolation!" There is music in the word. Like David's harp it charms away of the ground. An old paint brush or a the spirit of melancholy. It was a distinshort broom will answer for the work. guished honor to Barnabas to be called the "son of consolation." Nay, it is one of the illustrious names of the greater than to be applied all over the trunk and large Barnabas, for the Lord Jesus is "the conlimbs, especially on the south western side, solation of Israel." "Everlasting consolation." (2. Thes. ii. 16.) Here is the cream of all, the spikenard very precious, scald or other cause, as the borers are apt to attack such places.—M. B. B., in Ohio for the eternity of comfort is the crown and glory of it.

This makes an estate worth having when a man may hold its fee simple in perpetuity forever. A man works to make money, and after toiling hard he finds himself the owner of it, and it is a consolation to him; but it is not an everlasting consolation, for he may lose or he may spend all his treas ure, or he may be compelled to leave it. It cannot be, at best, more than a temporary consolation.

the A man toils hard for knowledge. He accquires it; he becomes an eminent scholar; his name is famous-this is a consolation to him for all his toil. But it can-9 not last long; for when he feels the headcertainty as if the ground was covered his diplomas cannot cheer him. Or should may turn over many a learned tome before perfect a crop even in an unfavorable sea-he will find a balm for a broken heart. All sence, fleeting, and in their existence, escent as the rainbow hues of a soap bubtests-the shock of trial, the flames of persecution, the lapse of years; nay, they can money even endure death itself. What is this "everlasting consolation?" It includes a sense of pardoned sin. A Christian man has received in his heart the witness of the Spirit that his iniquities are put away like a cloud, and his transgressions like a are at

## Heroic Conduct of a Boy.

A young working lad of Woolwich was on the river bank when the Princess Alice went down in the recent Thames collision and, being a good swimmer, at once dashed into the river and brought out the struggler and rescued a second, to rush in again and return with a third. As he was making

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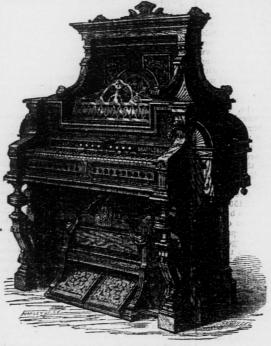
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