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From Baltimore, 1.25 A. M., 11.30 A. M., 234 P. M., 6.50 P. M., and 10.10 P. M. From Wrightsville, 9.15 A. M., 220 P. M., and 7.55 P. M. Prom. Hurrisburg, 4.10 A. M., 10.05 A. M., and 3.65 P. M., and 6.85 P. M. and 6.85 P. M. on Sunday, the only trains running are the one from Harrisburg, 10.05 in the morning, proceeding to Baltimore; and those from Baltimore at 1.25 A. M., and 10.10 P. M., proceeding to Harrisburg. No train arrives from Baltimore at 10.10 on Saturday night; and none from Harrisburg at 1.10 on Monday morning. J. N. DU BARRY, General Superintendent.

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R. WILLIAMS,

[Written for the "SPY."] METRE AND RHYME. DELTA, WASHINGTON TERRITORY, September 16th, 1867. Mr. Sey:-

"Tis more than a year since I wrote you a letter,
And just now it occurred to me perhaps I had April 8th, 1867.

GREAT TRUNK LINE FROM THE NORTH AND North West for Philadelphia, New York, Reading, Pottsville, Tamaqua, Ashland, Lebanon, Allentown, Easton, Ephrata, Litiz, Lancuster, Columbia, &c., &c.

Trains leave Harrisburg for New York, as follows: At 3.00, 8.10 and 9.25 A. M., and 2.16 and 9.00 P. M., connecting with similar Trains on the Pennsylvania R. R., and arriving at New York at 5.00 and 10.10 A. M., and 4.40, 5.20 and 10.25 P. M. Sleeping Cars accompanying the 3.00 A. M., and 9.00 P. M. Trains without change.

Leave Harrisburg for Rending, Pottsville, Tamaqua, Minersville, Ashland, Pine Grove, Allentown and Philadelphia, 3.10 A. M., and 2.10 and 4.10 P. M., stopping at Lebanon and principal Way Stations; the 1.0P. M., making connections for Philadelphia and Columbia only. For Pottsville, Schuylkill and Susquehanna Ratl Road, leave Harrisburg at 3.29 P. M.

Returning: Leave New York at 9.00 A. M., 12.00 Noon and 5.00 and 8.00 P. M.; Philadelphia at 5.15 A. M., and 3.30 P. M. Way Passenger Train tenes Philadelphia at 7.30 A. M., returning these Pottsville for Harrisburg at 3.57 P. M.

Ashland 5.00 P.M. M., A. M., and 2.45 P. M.; Ashland 5.00 R. M., and 1.50 P. M.; Tamaqua at 9.5 A. M., and 1.50 P. M.; Tamaqua at 9.5 A. M., and 1.50 P. M.; Leave Pottsville for Harrisburg at 5.50 P. M.; Reading Accomodation Train; Leaves Reading at 7.30 A. M., returning from Philadelphia at 5.00 P. M.; Pottstown Accomodation Train; Leaves Pottsville and 700 A. M., returning from Philadelphia at 5.00 P. M.; Prottstown Accomodation Train; Leaves Pottsville and 900 A. M., returning leaves Philadelphia April 8th, 1867. better: Since my "stockings" are "darned" and put safely away, Till I want a whole pair on next washing day, Devote a few minutes to my old friend SPY, And for the long silence I've kept, tell him why. I hate long excuses when a word will suffice,
To tell whys and wherefores, so I'll be concise,
And tell him the reason in metre and rhyme,—
I've been kept so busy I've not found the time
To devote to it. To devote to it,—you may accept it or not,

RAILROAD LINES.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28d, 1867,

LANCASTER, COLUMBIA, AND READING,

AS FOLLOWS:

Leave Lancaster and Columbia, 8.00 a. m.

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E. F. KEEVER, Gen. Frt. and Ticket Agent.
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Trains will run between

DEADING RAIL ROAD.

a careful observance will discover to you I shed not one tear, nor breathed e'en one sigh, When I bade them a gladsome and lasting good byc.

'Tis a year and three months since I left the old place,
To battle no more with the four-footed race, And conquered,—but my fate I cannot bemoan Pottstown Accommodation Train: Leaves Pottstown at 6.30 A. M., returning leaves Philadelphia at 6.30 P. M. A la Davis, my freedom I've got and who cares! Sir Ratt or Davis immunity shares. What then? Immortalize Traitor and Ratt, Give me honor because I decamped "and a'that to a place where there's many fair faces to see, and where proudly floats the "Flag of the free. Northeast from Wind Mountain you'll see i doth lay, Joon a small river they call the Touchet,

at 6.30 P. M.
Columbia Rall Road Trains leave Reading at 7.00 A. M. and 6.15 P. M., for Ephrata, Littz, Lancaster, Columbia, &c.
on Sundays: Leave New York at 8.00 P. M., Philadelphis: 8.00 A. M., and 3.15 P. M., the 8.00 A. M. Tath rushing only to Reading; Pottsville 8.00 A. M. Tath rushing only to Reading; Pottsville 8.00 A. M. Harrisburg 5.5 A. M., and Reading at 1.20 A. M. for New York and 4.2 F. M. for Philadelphia.
M. for New York and 4.2 F. M. for Philadelphia. commutation, Mileage, Season, School and Excursion Tickets, to and from all points, at reduced Rates.

Baggage checked through; 30 pounds allowed and Passenger. tes. schecked through; 80 pounds allowed whose sky colored form my eyes e'er can G. A. NICOLLS, General Superintendent. Reading, Pa., April 8th, 1867. Where the tall fir, and cedar, the hemlock and pine, The tamarack, maple, their branches intwine, Trains of this Road are run by Reading Rail Road Time, which is 10 minutes faster than Penn-sylvania R. R. Time.

But these are so distant you discern not their You see naught but sky piercing mountains READING AND COLUMBIA R. R. Turn from them to the north, south, and west, field to the freight boats, whose accomnot a tree Save a few cotton wood on the stream can you see, O'er the hills and the valleys, (save a dot here Which tell that some farmer with diligent care

Has broken the globe,)far and wide the wild grass, Rolls in waves like the sea when the winds o'er Where the curlew affrighted springs up on the

And a thousand gay larks their sweetest songs Leave Lancaster and Columbia, at 8.00 a. m., and 3.00 p. m., daily, except Sundays. Arrive at New York at 1.00 p. m., and 3.15 p. m., and Philadelphia at 1.00 p. m., and 9.10 p. m.

Returning—Leave New York at 12.00. Noon, and Philadelphia at 3.30 p. m. Arrive at Lancaster and Columbia at 3.30 p. m.

The above trains also connect at Reading with Trains North, on P. and R., and West, on Lebanon Valley, Roads. I miss old Wind Mountain,—the forest, prowl The bear, panther, wolf-the hoot of the owl,-The pond by the wood where the sly nimble tront. In the sunshine and shadows sported nimbly Where I dropped in my hook; beguiled with my My gay finny friends soon lay at my feet;

And where the wild duck bathed his plumage s fair. Found its way to its heart; this story is true I miss the sweet flowers that grew at my door,

The berries so plentiously scattered o'er,
The hillside, and low lands,—the plum-pudding and pies—
But they're gone and I think of them often with And nourished my fancies which drove off the

Wrote rhymes for the Spr, and what else I don't know; Where the sun for two months in the year never And the face of a woman save my own scarce was known. Let bygones be bygones," and now I am here, Far away from my triends and those I love dear,

Yet here I have found kind triends not a few, Friends that I cherish, loving and true.
Can you guess what I'm doing here? No you can't do't; form "teaching the young ideas how to shoot " and to this compliment I simply say "thank ye."

'm proud of my birthplace New England foreser! can ne'er be a *" Webbfoot or Lopear' no never! Yes, I'm teaching a school of small scholars and

large,
I am happy to say I am proud of my charge.
Eighteen little urchins their "abs" have got past,
You'll allow me to say I think they learn fast, have I Intelligence sparkles in every eye. The East does not have all the witty and wise.

The West has its counterpart neath its blue skies Yet different they are in habit and speech, The climate and people are peculiar to each. The "Yanks" have their phrases, the "Lopears likewise, Can match with their "lingo" in cuteness and size By way of diversion I'll give you a few Of their many sayings, which to you may be new I said "how do you do?" to a lady I met in The street: "Jist tol'rable, how are ye gettin?"

"A right smart chance" you can have to "go in For a share," if you'll "go for to do it ag'in. "Is it time to take up books?" I oft hear it said, 'Do you take up school now?" asks another curly head.
"Shall I build on the fire," "I done it one't," I heard him and tho't surely he must be dunced

I never have saw," says everybody here 'You bet your life on it, their heads are clear," 'I'll go my pile on that," "he'll get shet o'that I say if you're hungry jist help yourself When my melodeon in school was first seen

And heard one boy scream, "shet up that much ine, It makes my head ache. I want to go home," But now he is braver and will listen all day To the beautiful music the machine doth play. But enough of this nonsense, no more I'll lease Your pattence with such phrases as these. Good morals, good sense, kind hearted and free, The people are known to possess, and to be here wealm to shape the young mindsaright.

We have also good preaching, a Sabbath school, We've a Lodge of Good Templars set up in town, There's but one saloon and that must go down; Three stores, one flour mill, one carpenter's shop; the wheat fields are heavy with a volunteer crop

Truly you'll say the farmers are blest. In every three years they have one to rest. and quite as heavy a crop as the last it is found. From their burden of fruit—of each there's no

And we've not had a rain this summer to wet 'hrough the soll—'tis as much as we usually get 'he mercury counts 105° in the shade— The nights are as cool as they can be made; You need a good quilt, and a blanket mayhap, Or else you will have a decided cool nap. The farmers are thrifty, their pastures attest, The sheep, cattle, horses, will rank mong th We ladies ride horse-back, I have one of my own, Fou could not buy it, but I'm willing to loan;

She's a fine dappled cream, black legs, tail and niane, you ever rode once, you'd wish to ride again. All the fashions,-the shaker-the pondrou head-gear,
And the dainty apology for a bonnet are here.
Gored dresses—O dear I never can tell— In short the apparel is nonpariel. I'll notice the seasons: the winter's are short But little snow falls therefore little the sport.
And there's little cold; grass grows the yea

It is the best country I ever have found. In brief I think I have told you about all,
If you ever come this way please give me a call.
Mrs. N. J. A. SIMONS. * The people who live in Oregon are called Webbiect; those who live in Washington Territory are called Lopeans.

Original Loetry. [Written for the "SPY."] Death's Shadow o'er our Home.

BY ANNA LINDEN. Dim in memory's chamber, There is a picture yet, Of my mother's midnight tresses And splendid eyes of jet; And her smile of wondrous sweetness That made sunshine in our home, Ere she left us sad and grieving-Motherless and Jone.

Home never looked so bright again And never seemed so fair; Oh! how we missed her guiding hand! And tender love and care . Our minds had never grasped the thought That she could droop and die, And leave her helpless, little ones

For brighter worlds on high. But so it was! Death's angel came And dark the shadow fell. When to a mother's loving care We had to say, Farewelt! And soon we found the world was cold And full of sin, and woe.

And many thorns were in the path O'er which we had to go. My life of suffering and pain, Whose love could give relief; And how I've needed care like her-In illness such as this

And feel a mother's kiss.

Miscellaneous Bending. THE FATAL CARD. Some years ago the Mississippi river vas famous for its "floating, palaces," as

the large steamers plying between New Orleans and the ports above were called. Now the railroads have driven nearly all the fine boats off the river, and left the modations for passengers are by no means palatial. The former class of steamers were, in many respects, delightful, but they never ceased to be objects of dread to timid people, for if the racing, which was on that steamer reduced to a system. did not result in the loss of the boat. there was sure to be one or more encounters between the more lawless portion of the traveler, in which pistol bullets would fly rather too thick for the comfort of steady-going people. The cause of such disturbance was generally a quarrel over the gaming table. The regulation of the boats usually required that all such amusements should be conducted in a saloon provided for that purpose in the "Texas," officer's cabin, situated on the hurricane

deck, but the sporting gentlemen were by no means careful to observe this rule, and the gaming was most commonly carried on at the dining-table, in the main salocu of the steamer, to the great annoyance of Many professional gamblers used to make these boats their homes, traveling back and forth with them, fleecing all who were foolish and readers. two-thirds of those on board. who were foolish and verdant enough to fall in their clutches. So well, indeed, was the system managed, that the various

members seemed to have their different steamers marked out for them by common consent, so that no one won apon-the demain of the-other. Of course, these men were warm friends of the officers of the boat, who were too sincere in their openly or dishonestly."

Studies are an expert in cheating. But go ou; I can be to you whether you play openly or dishonestly."

Studies are an expert in cheating. But go ou; I can be to you whether you play openly or dishonestly." friendship to put a stop to the practice, or too much afraid of the gamblers to care to provoke a quarrel with them, for in those days it was a common affair for such men to resent any fancied insult with a pistol

One of the most remarkable men of this class was named Daniel Sturdivant, a Frenchman, the son of a broken-down cion of nobility, who had settled in New Orleans before the transfer of Louisiana to the United States. Sturdivant had been raised a "gentleman" by his aristoeratic father, but on coming of uge, and finding his fortunes very bad, had taken to cards as a means to better them. His success in this field was so great that he was induced to continue it, until at the ly. time of which I write he was one of the most notorious gamblers between St. Louis

and New Orleans. He was a man of fine personal appearance, and of great physical strength. He was also noted for his per-sonal courage. As a gambler he was most expert and successful. There were dark stories of deeds which he had committed while under the influence of play and liquor, and it was said by some that he had killed half a dozen men in his lifetime. Yet no one dared to speak these stories openly, for no one dared to bring upon himself the anger of such a man. There were few who knew him that really dared to play against him, but they feared a refusal to do so might involve them in

quarrel with him, and rarely declined his About fifteen years ago, the time of which I write, he had attached himself to one of the magnificent steamers plying between New Orleans and Vicksburg, and had publicly aunounced his determination to shoot any man who encroached upon his scene of operations. Of course this left him undisputed possession of the field, and he reaped a golden harvest during the one brief year he conducted his operations

It was my lot at the time to be compelled to make frequent trips between New Orleans and Vicksburg, being heavily enguged in cotton speculations. I preferred the steamer of which Sturdivant had taken possession, inasmuch as it was not only the most comfortable, but also the swiftest, and time was of the utmost importance to me. It was known that I carried large sums of money, and 1 was also apprehensive lest Sturdivant should

ask me to play.

I had fully made up my mind to refuse him, and if he attempted to draw me into quarrel, to shoot him without mercy, as knew that the only chance for my lay in getting the advantage of him. Strange to say, he did not make any such proposition to me, and I gave him no hance to do so.

One night we had started out from Vicksburg, and were heading merrily down the river when Sturdivant came up to the group which had gathered around the stove. He had been drinking, and was smoking a fine segar as he approach-

ed. All made way for him.
"Well, gentlemen," he said, in an unsteady tone, "you seem to be terribly dull. Who wants to play for twenty dollars ante?" There was no reply. All present seemed to know the man, and no one cared to volunteer to place himself in his clutches.

"Umph!" he exclaimed, with an expression of contempt, "afraid to try your luck with Dan. Sturdivant, eh? Or may be you want a little coaxing. Some of you must play with me. I can't stand such treatment. Come, let's see who it shall be.' He glanced around the crowd as if to

select his victim. For the first time I noticed the gaze of one of the group fixed steadily upon him. He was a stranger to me, and was dressed in a plain suit of

homespun, and his face was partially concealed by a broad-brimmed sombrero, which was drawn down over it. He was a small, but powerfully made man, and in the decided expression of his well-shaped head I read an unusual firmness and intensity of purpose.

'Are you Daniel Sturdivant, the gambler?".he asked in a calm tone, without Sturdivant flushed darkly, and gave the tranger a dark glance. " Some persons call me so, behind my

back," he said, insolently, "but no one and with no other means of gaining a would care to apply that term to me before my face.' "Nevertheless," said the stranger, quietly, "I want an answer—yes or no?"
"Well, then, I am," said the gambler, angrily; "what of it?" · Simply this," replied the stranger,

"I have heard it said that you claim to be the best card player in the Southwest. I have come two hundred miles to prove you a liar." Sturdivant strode forward a step or two, take when they impose upon the brain of and thrust his hand into his breast, as if

to grasp a weapon.
"Stop," said the stranger. "If you gencies. shoot me you will simply prove your-self afraid of me. Take your seat at the table, and I will make my words good." There was something in the calm, stern manner of the stranger that seemed to render the gambler powerless. He hesi-

"I never play with a man whose face I cannut sec.' you shall see it when I am done with you.'

ten thousand dollars there. If you can win it you shall do so." With an oath Sturdivant placed him-

self at the table, and bade his challenger do likewise. Those of us who had listened to this singular dialogue now gathered around the table, expecting to see a scene of more than usual interest. The stranger had not raised his hat brim, and none of world. A power higher than the throne did not take long to show us that the of thy face shalt thou cat bread." divant exerted himself as he had never

two thousand dollars. I noticed the flush upon his face deepen, and a strange light come into his eyes. At last, with an exclamation of triumph, he drew toward him the heap of notes. "That was well done," said the stranger. You are an expert in cheating. But go

Sturdivant said nothing, but dealt the cards again. The hand was played, and Sturdivant was about to seize the stakes again, when the stranger laid down a card and checked him. The gambler uttered a sharp cry and sat motionless, with his eye fixed on the card, a worn and faded ace of hearts, with a dark stain across the face. Sturdivant's face worked convulsively as he gazed at

it, and the spectators gathered more closely around the two wondering at the strange "In God's name, who are you?" asked

Sturdivant, with his eyes still fixed on the card. · Look at me," said the stranger, quiet-

As if powerless to resist, Sturdivant raised his eyes to the speaker. The stranger raised his hat and sat look ing at the trembling man, with eyes which blazed with fury. Sturdivant uttered a groan and sank back in his chair, with his face white and rigid. The stranger with one sweep gathered up the money from the table and thrust it in his bosom. "The ace of hearts is an unlucky card for you, Daniel Sturdivant," he said coolly; "you played it once when you thought is

to your advantage. Now, God help you, for that play is returned." As he spoke he raised a pistol which we had not seen, and before we could stop girl read to her while she busily plies the him, aimed deliberately at the trembling man, and fired. The gambler fell heavily upon the table a corpse, and the bright blood streamed over it, hiding the fatal

card from sight.

"Gentlemen," said the stranger, rising to his feet as we stood paralyzed with horror at the dreadful scene, "that man ruined my wife, and tried to murder mc. I have been hunting for him for ten

He walked slowly by us down the stair-way to the lower deck. Just as the steamer touched at the landing, hesprang ashore and vanished in the dark woods. I never learned the history of the mysterious affair, for the dead gambler was beyond all human questioning; and I never saw the stranger again; but I shall never forget the impression it made

npon me at the time. SHARP PRACTICE.—We have heard of a sharp trick of a couple of Northern men in this county. It appears that Northern man No. 1 went to a respectable farmer and bargained for his farm, finally promising to pay \$8,000 for it. Shortly after Northern man No. 2 came along and offer-ed \$12,000 for the same property. The farmer, unsuspecting the ruse, went to Northern man No. 1 to get released from the \$8,000 sale, which he finally accomplished by paying \$2,000 as retract money. Upon looking for the \$12,000 it had fled. There is no doubt but that both were playing into each other's hands, and divided the \$2.000 between them. Tolerably sharp I (Va.) News. sharp practice, that .- Winchester

THE SICK ROOM.—Avoid as much as possible, whispering in a sick room. In many instances the patient's senses are acutely sensitive, and he will hear every word you utter; but when this is not the case, he seldom avoids perceiving all mysterious signs between those around him, and they are sure to irritate and alarm him. Let your manner to the invalid be kind, frank and cheerful; and whatever private communication you may have to make to your fellow nurses, make it when you have left the sick room.

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"A Friend in Need." The New York Sun has an editorial giving some good advice to parents-to give their boys a good trade. That is the best "friend in need" the editor knows

Every day (we are told) there are in stances of men slipping from high rounds to the lowest one in the ladder of wealth. Business men find themselves engulfed in the sea of financial embarrassment, from which they emerge with nothing but their personal resources to depend upon for a iving. Clerks, salesmen and others find themselves thrown out of employment, with no prospect of speedily obtaining places which they are competent to fill, this city to-day, some of whom have families dependent upon them for support, who bewail the mistake they made in not learning useful trades in their younger days? There are hundreds of them. There are men here who have seen better days, men of education and business abilsure support for himself and family in his | made for me every one of the articles of handicraft. Parents make e great mis-

of as life wears on, and he adds:

their boy the task of supporting him without preparing his hands for emercumstances may be, he should enter the \$600 in cash, at the end of every year, battle of life as every prudent general en- whereas, during the four years that I was tated a moment, and then said, bullyingly: to the lowest pecuniary point, at some stage of life, and it is hardly necessary to "Never mind my face," said the reach that point. No man is poor who is that we have undertaken on the farm.

stranger; "if you are not afraid of losing the master of a trade. It is a kind of and she has made from \$850 to \$500 "But how do I know that you have reverse, and that clings to a man when all selling butter, eggs, and marketing of money for such sport?" persisted Sturdielese has been swept away. It consoles different kinds. My yearly expenses for "You look seedy enough, my fine him in the hour of adversity, with the fine clothing, etc., before I was married, "There," said the stranger; "I have him, he need have no fear for the support were after I was married, combined silly notion, the offspring of a sham arrents to regard a trade as something disreputable, with which their children should not be tainted. Labor disreputa-

us had seen his face, but we all felt, from of aristocracy has ennobled labor, and he his general air and manner, that Daniel who would disparage it must set himself Sturdivant had at last met his match. It above the Divine principle. "In the sweat stranger was an unusually good player. trade is a "friend in need;" it is depen-For an hour or more the playing went on | dence and wealth-a rich legacy which in silence. The stakes were high, and the contest marked with rare skill. Stur- which the richest should regard as more

valuable than gold.

Taking a Paper. There are many families who claim they are "too poor to take a paper;" but did elsewhere, they were equipped with the any one ever hear of a family too poor to most worthless cast aside tools, such as keep one or more good-for-nothing, snar- rusty hoes, worn out scythes, old-fashionling, yelping dogs, whose keeping, every ed forks, used up shovels, dull axes, batyear, costs more than enough to pay for tered hammers, unfiled saws, and so on several good family newspapers, that would be a source of intelligence, comfort and profit to the household?

But many give the excuse that dogs are healthy for the children.
Give the children plain food, and plenty of out-door air and exercise, and they will get along without the aid of dogs, and receive ten-told more pleasure and profit in the rearing, and care of poultry, and in the culture of flowers to beautify their homes, if only instructed how to do it.

A good and noble dog is good in his place, and where there is use for him; but there are legions of worthless, yelp-ing curs, that infest every village and neighborhood, and are a public nuisance. Dogs should not be permitted to shut out the light of knowledge from the poor man's home, where there is a wife and

children, whose minds starve and run to waste, for the want of it. The weekly visits of one or more good family papers, of "THE COLUMBIA SPY calibre, add greatly to the intelligence and

refinement of a family whose means are limited to purchase many books. Children soon learn to love to read newspapers, if encouraged in it; and it gives an honest pride to the child, as well as the parent, to have them able to read and tell the many good things the paper contains, when the tired father comes in from his work, before he has had time to read it. It cheers and lightens the mother's heart to have her little boy or needle, making or mending garments, or doing other work for the treasure of her

home and heart. A Cool Husband.

There is one sensible married man in this State. He is a soldier, and was reported to have been killed, but was only a prisoner. He returned home to find that his wife had turned over a new leaf in the marriage service, and that another man occupied his sent in the chimney corner. Did he go to work slaughtering the false wife and new husband? Not much. He

walked in, and said: "Well, old gal. how is things?"
"Putty good, Bill," said the double irried woman, not taken aback greatly. "Which do you prefer, the old or the

new love?" She hesitated for an instant, and then said: "I don't like to hurt your feelings, but -but---' "Oh, spit it right out. Don't mind

my feelings nor the other chap's. I won't be angry if you come down a little rough on my vanity. Count on me being amiable. I won't cut up rusty if you should go back on me." "I'm glad you're so thoughtful, Bill and I acknowledge that I do like my presenthusband best; but if anything should happen to him, I know nobody else I

would so soon join fortunes with again as

"That's the way to talk. I'll now bid drink, at once cooling and palateable. It you good-bye, hoping that no accident will happen to the other fellow, and that he will live long to enjoy your delightful society. Good day."

And the careless husband traveled off, with his knapsack on his back, whistling in cherry, clear tones, "The girl I left be-

hind me.' "Both Legs Shot Off." During the war, a lady passing from cotto cot, through the wards of a hospital, distributing tracts, was shocked to hear a soldier laughing at her. She stopped to look here, ma'am," says he, "you have given me a tract on the sin of dancing, when I've both legs shot off."

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AGRICULTURE is the most useful and most noble employment of man.—Washington.

COMMUNICATIONS, Selections, Recipes and articles of interest and value, are solicited for this department of the paper. We desire to supply the public with the best practical information in reference to the furm, garden, and household. A Profitable Wife. I have been married twenty-two years. The first four years before I was married,

I began farming with 250 acres, in the Blue Grass region, Ky. I handled cattle, hogs, sheep and horses—principally the two first named—and lived, I thought, tolerably economically; spent none of my money for tobacco in any way; never betting a cent or dissipating in any way; and yet at the end of the four years I had made little or no clear money. I then married a young lady eighteen years of age—who had never done any house work or work of any kind, except make a portion of her own clothing. She had never made a shirt, drawers, pants, waiscoat, or even sewed a stitch on a coat, and yet ity, who envy the mechanic who has a before we had been married a year she clothing named, and knit numbers of pairs of socks for me; yes, and mended divers articles for me, not excepting an old hat or two. She had also made butter, sold eggs, chickens, and other fowls, No matter how favorable a boy's cir- and vegetables to the amount of nearly far as to making of money, we have had money clear of expenses every year since we have been married, in everything capital that defies the storm of financial every year except one, during the time, assurance that, let whatever may befall were more than my yearly expenses of himself and his family. Unfortunately with the expenses of my wife and children, and our farm has increased istocracy, has of late years led many pa- from 350 to 650 acres; and I believe that if I had not married, it would never have increased but little, if any; and I have never been absent from home six nights, when my wife was at our home, since we were married, and her cheeks kiss as sweetly to me as they did the morning after I was married .- Cor. Country Gen

> Boys on THE FARM .- The time was when boys were considered of but trifling account upon the farm. They answered to run errands and to do the light " chores" about the house and barn. To keep them out of mischief when not attending school they possibly did some service astride the horse to mark out corn ground, and cultivate the corn and potatoes. But if ambitious to join the men in the field, or plements. They grew weary using them, and so would men have done, accomplishing only the same amount of labor. It would not be strange if such treatment first planted dissatisfaction in the heart of many a farmer's boy, which finally ripened into utter disgust, the seeking of em-ployment behind the counter of the village store, or, perhaps, in something less honorable, which in the end resulted in

iniquity and ruin. We have faith in the farm boys of this day and generation. The nation owes them its sincere gratitude. They are de serving of all the benefits that shall result to them from the new Industrial Schools that are about being established. Their early life is a preparatory school that will teach them to appreciate the benefits and blessings that the agricultural colleges are intended to dispense. Honor, encourage and care for the boys of farm agriculture

BREAD AND BUTTER .- The Berks Couny Agricultural Fair has just closed. One the committee, on closing its report, thus spreads the eagle and bread and but-

ter:
The girl engaged in moulding bread Shall make some sweetheart flutter, With hope to get that dairy mald To make his bread and butter. She may not play the game croquet.

Or French or German stutter, If well she knows the curd from whey, And makes sweet bread and butter. In meal or cream she's elbow deep, And cannot stop to putter; But says if he will sow and reap, She'll make his bread and butter

The dairy maid, the farmer's wife,

Shall be the toast we utter; Alone, man leads a crusty life Without good bread and butter GOOD HAMS .- After hams have been moked, take them down, and thoroughly rub the flesh part with molasses, then im mediately apply ground or powdered pep-per, by sprinkling on as much as will stick to the molasses, when they must be hung up again to dry. Hams treated in this manner, will keep perfectly sweet for two or three years. This must be done before the fiy deposits its eggs, for after that is done nothing will that is done, nothing will stop their ravages. The above has been practiced in our section for twenty years. No soaking is necessary. One pint of molasses and one and a half or two pounds of black pepper are sufficient for any ordinary fam-

Try this plan, if you want good CRANBERRY WINE, taken internally and applied externally, is announced as a cure for scrofula. To make the wine, take the ripe berries, mash them in a mortar to a fine pulp, put into a stone jar, add one quart of water to two quarts of berries, stir it well, set away and let it stand a week; then strain it through cotton, and you have a beautiful wine, which. with a little sugar, makes a wholesome

does not ferment. To DYE BLACK .- Dissolve 1 pound extract of logwood in 5 gallons of water, boiling it for a few minutes in an iron pot, add a tablespoonful of copperas, one oz. of vitrol in 5 gallons soft water, putting the articles to be colored first in the vitrol, then boil them two hours in the logwood, stirring them often; then dip them in a strong lather of homemade soap suds, to set the color. Sweet skimmed

milk is very good. FRENCH APPLE PUDDING .- Bake some apples with sugar till they become a mar-malade; put them into a pie dish already lined with puff paste; make a custard with half a pint of milk and two eggs, flavored with butter and sweet almonde; pour it on the apples, and bake in a slow oven.