[Owelnded from Piret Page.] close to the grindstone, and there her daughters had rejentlessly held it, through all of the long years since that

first tragedy.

Solomon believed in progression. He thought that the sciences might be better understood; that new discoveries were to be made; that the Atlantic would be crossed in a balloon; but Solomon's radicalism didn't include the coming woman. She was to be what she had been from the beginning. So he poch-peohed at his daughters' farming, not believing that any good thing

hould come out of Nazareth.

It was an up-hill road to those five dainty daughters of Solomon Brown. But in one thing they resembled their father. They were obstinate, and when they learned his prediction as to their failure, they were quite determined not to fail.

They were up early and worked late. Their strawberries were a success. They gave employment to a number of girls in the village in gathering their small fruits, thus recognizing the true policy, that women must help each other. They kept one hired man, and under his instruction these young la-dies learned to turn a ready hand to all

kinds of farm labor.
Old Solomon Brown's "pooh-poohs" Old Solomon Brown's "pool-pools" grew less emphatic, and he hegan to speak with a sort of shamefaced pride of "our girls" place." Then, when the fame of these women's farming had trweled far, and people came from a distance to inspect personally their success, Solomon began to feel proud in saying, "Yes, sir, they are my girls."

"Your girls are all boys, then," said one, smiling, quoting hip Van Winkle.

"Just as good as boys," said Solomon Brows, blushing at the retraction of old

Brown, blushing at the retraction of old sentiments. But theories must fall be-fore convictions, and well filled wheat, fine potatoes, good corn, etc., were more convincing to Solomon of his daughters' worth than volumes favor-

ing the "subjection of woman." Solomon Brown's daughters still hold Jacob Sloan's farm Lucy, the youngest, is married to Frank Lawler, but instead of her going home to him, as is the manner of the world, he came home

Under the homestead laws, a woman that isn't at the head of a family-that is, a widow—cannot pre-empt land. If this was not the case, I do believe that one of Solomon Brown's would go west and take up a piece of land. As it is, they are all going in the spring, and Solomon will enter a hundred and sixty acres in his own name, which in reality will belong to his daughters, as it will be purchased with the profits of their farming Jacob Sloan's land. — [Our Fireside Friend.

HUMOROUS.

-Hash is said to be the connecting link between the animal and vegetable kingdoms.

-A certain man has a watch which he says has gained enough to pay for itself in six months.

—An Irishman, seeing a ship very heavily laden, and scarcely above the water's edge, exclamed: "Upon my sowl! if the river was but a little higher, the ship would go to the bottom!"

-An uustamped letter was deposited in au Indiana post-office last week, and underneath the adress was the indorse-ment, "Let her slide, P. M., she's all hunk; inside air one of them post hole

-Medical students are warned not to ask a certain Western minister to preach for them. He has his text ready: "In his diseases Asa sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers."

-As a fashionable young lady, fresh from the boarding-school, came to her father's breakfast-table, instead of speaking English and saying "Good morning," she spoke French, and said, "Bon jour." "Of course the bone's yours, if you say so," responded the ractical old gentleman, as he handed her the ossified portion of a beefsteak. What a splendid accent she must have

cleo recently called upon some lady friends, and after spending some time in conversation, rose to take his leave. He was bowing himself towards the door, the handle of which he selzed, with his face still to the company, and in another moment was gone, and the door closed behind him. Then, to his horror, he discoverd that in his confusion he had made for the wring door, and had shut himself up in a china closet, while the uncontrollable laughter of the ladies by no means tended to restore his

-"That's unjust," exclaimed a traveler when informed by the conductor of a railroad train, that the price of passage had been recently doubled. "True," replied the urbane official, as he took the passenger's cash; "it is hard, but then it is fare."

—"A horse! a horse! my kingdom for a horse!" cried a celebrated trage-dian. "Wouldn't a jackassde as well?" inquired an affected young man rising in his seat. "Yes," triumphantly ex-slaimed the actor, "just dep ur this way, eir." The young man sat down.

-The maddest man in Weissport is Brown. He wound up his clock every night for fifteen years, and then discovered that it was an eight day time piece. He muses on the work he might have done in those wasted minutes, and his anger is dreadful.

—Passing by a marble yard the other day, we happened to hear a conversation between a friend, who is an artist on monumental marble, and a Teuton who had just buried his wife. "Mister, I had just buried his wife. "Mister, I vants a doomstone for my vife vat's dead, und I vants you to make him leedle angels ou." "All right," reaponded the secommodating artist, and the price was arranged. "Yell, now," said he, "vat do you charge for one doomstone for me, as I dies soon, too, und I may as well get him now?" The price was named, and the old man. price was named, and the old man, turning to go, said, "Dat's all right.—I gives you dat—but mind, mister, I vants, my leetle angels mit trowsers on."

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