

FARMERS' COLUMN.

A little boy watching the progress of chicken hatching, observed just as he saw a chick popping the shell. "I know what yer coming out that shell for. Jes see yer 'fraid yer'll be cooked, that's it, yer 'fraid you'll be."

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JUMBLES.

—A man over-bored!—The editor.

—Only a question of time—Asking the hour.

—A two foot rule—Don't wear tight shoes.

—The coroner as well as the farmer makes hay when the sun shines.

—The first river you come to in Scotland they will tell you is the Forth.

—"Another man overboard," as the landlady remarked when the dead bear skipped on Saturday night without paying his week's board.

—Some are so enamored with work that they will stand and watch another labor, forgetting for hours all thoughts of getting in their enchantment.

—To protect one's self against the storms of passion marriage with a good woman is a harbor in the tempest but with a bad woman it proves a tempest in the harbor.

—There is a vigilance and judgment about trifles, which men only get by living in a crowd; and those are the trifles of detail, on which the success of execution depends.

—An Irishman, watching a game of base-ball, was sent to grass by a foul which struck him under the fifth rib. "A foul, was ut? Begorra, I thought it was a mule."

—A person is expected to be thankful because he enjoys good health. Only a small boy can enjoy bad health, and then it must be bad enough to keep him out of school.

—A catfish five feet long was recently caught in the Ohio River. How thankful civilization ought to be that the catfish, unlike the cat, does not get upon the back fence and howl.

—Has it ever occurred to us, when surrounded by sorrows, that they may be sent to us only for our instruction—as we darken the cages of birds when we wish to teach them to sing.

—There is many a man in the world who, like the Abbot of Bamba, gives away for the good of his soul what he can't eat, and thinks it ought to be counted in his favor on the last day.

—When you fail to do a thing well it is never your fault, of course, but the fault of circumstances. The Spanish have a saying which corroborates this statement:—"The archer that shoots ill has a lie ready."

—A Michigan farmer heard that music would prevent bees from stinging, and he took his accordion and went out and sat down by the hive. Only forty-four bees had got a show at him when he jumped into a lake.

—The Prince of Wales' two sons are somewhat lively. While on a sea voyage recently the younger was heard to exclaim: "Come bub, turn up your fiddle and give us 'God save your old grand-mother.'"

—An American girl who marries an Italian marquis gets on very well until his Serene Highness begins to spend all her money and talk of her father as 'de shopkeeper.' Then she fires up and gives him a little 4th of July.

—Harvey Denton says that it puzzles him how strange men walk in houses and abstract fifty or a hundred dollars from a bureau drawer. He says he couldn't do it in his own house, and he knows every nook and corner in it.

—On the ears a youthful gummy prepares to light a big cigar, and as he does so turns to an old lady beside him and says, kindly: "I hope you don't object to my smoking this, madam—that it may not make you sick!" "Not at all, monsieur," replies the lady, politely, "but mayn't it you?"

—A New England writer is noted for neglect in his personal appearances. The night before Christmas a gentleman spoke to a friend of making the author a present. "I want to get him something that will keep," observed the gentleman. In that case, I would suggest a cake of soap," remarked the friend.

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