

SPRING FEVER.

Spring fever—ain't no cure for it I have it once a year; It takes me in the city, And it makes me drowsy there.

AT CHARITY'S MERCY.



HERE was no prettier piece of land in all the country round than that occupied by the Tinker County poor farm.

But it was not on account of natural beauty that the Tinker County poor farm had been selected.

The Bowen farm had the reputation of being the poorest in the town. It was rocky and unproductive, and had already ruined several small farmers who had been imprudent enough to trust their little to its keeping.

But it was just the place the selectmen were looking for. It was off the highway and was cheap. They approached the owner cautiously and found that he was anxious to sell—so much so that he accepted their first offer.

But Pratt liked to rule. Before his advent to power he had never been able to hire help. Now he was autocrat of a small colony. In a few months he had fixed upon the maximum work which could be had from each of the paupers.

Tinker County had little money to spare its paupers for clothing, and Pratt and the farm needed all the work they could give.

One afternoon several of the old men were at work in the lower field. The wind was sharp and cut through their clothing until their teeth chattered with the bitter cold.

you's blegged ter. Tain't decent! I'm a sosherble man myself, an' I don't like bein' tied to a stick."

The Squire gazed at him vacantly for a moment. Evidently his thoughts had been far away, and he was bringing them back by a powerful effort.

"What is it, Thomas?" he asked, gravely. "I was thinking, and did not hear you. We old men," with a slight smile, "have so much past and so little future that we are apt to go wool gathering."

"An' owned that house across the lake, an' had horses an' stables an' servants an'—an' Government bonds?" excitedly.

"Yes"—a slight tremor came into the grave voice—"but we will not speak of that, Thomas. Suppose we go to work. We will freeze if we stand here talking."

They set to work vigorously, each taking one side of the long row of piles which the wagon had left and spreading as far as the seaweed would cover.

As they passed through the barnyard, a great, hulking figure slouched from one of the sheds.

"Well, take care ye don't git down ag'in when it's time for work." At the door they met Pratt.

"Jest the feller I'm lookin' fer," he said, briskly. "Bill'll have ter go back an' do up the harnesses. Bill an' Ike don't seem to think they're fit. You see t' the horses, yourself, Squire," he added, as they turned to do his bidding.

"I don't know as I shall be able to make a lead without help," said the Squire, doubtfully, "I sprained my back a little yesterday."

"Tut, tut! We've got shirks 'nough on the place now 'thout you tryin' to join 'em. You're all right. Git some vittles an' be starin'." We can't 'ford ter board ye here for nothin'."

The Squire made no reply. Taking a few pieces of cold bread he ate them mechanically, and then opened the door and went out. It was bitterly cold, and he took a handkerchief from his pocket and tied it around his neck.

When he reached the barn he found a piece of old sacking, and this was made to do duty as an overcoat. It did not take him long to yoke the oxen, and presently the heavy wheels of the wagon were creaking sharply over the frozen ground.

When the sun rose he was well on his way to the beach. Soon after he drove across the low ridge of sand hills which had been washed up by successive storms.

eyes grew wistful. It was the road which led to the mansion among the trees.

As he stood there he saw a carriage approaching. Driving his team to one side he waited; but the carriage stopped as it came opposite.

"Does Squire Burke still live at the old place?" a man asked. "No," he left many years ago.

"Richard!" The Squire tried to keep his voice steady; but it broke as the young man sprang forward and caught him in his arms.

"Where have you been all these years, Richard?" the old man asked. "What have you been doing?"

"In South America—working. After you—disowned me I wandered about the country for some weeks and then shipped on board of a vessel as a common sailor. Finally I drifted into a place where I obtained a good situation.

"No!" in eager protest. Then, for the first time, he seemed to notice the Squire's garments. From them his eyes wandered to the oxen.

"Surely you are not so—so—" "Poor? Yes; I have been on the town farm nearly ten years. I was ill, and could get no employment. There was nothing else."

The young man's face whitened. Stepping quickly to the carriage he said something in a low tone to the driver. Then he returned and took the whip from his father's grasp.

"I will drive the team," he said. "The carriage will come for us in an hour and take us to the hotel. Tomorrow we will see the owner of the old place and buy it back. But you are cold!"

Removing his overcoat, he threw it around the shivering form; then he took off his gloves and forced them on the toil-worn hands.

Frederick L. of Prussia was killed by fear. His wife was insane, and one day she escaped from her keeper, and, dabbling her clothes with blood, rushed upon her husband while he was dozing in his chair.

But perhaps the most remarkable death from fear was that of the Dutch painter Pentman, who lived in the seventeenth century. One day he went into a room full of anatomical subjects to sketch some skulls and bones for a picture he intended to paint.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, when a London street was newly formed, its name and date were frequently recorded on a tablet built into the wall of a corner house.

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COPPERAS FOR GRAPEVINES. Copperas has been tried in France on grapevines which are suffering from an absence of the proper green color.

SOUR MILK FOR CALVES. Sour milk is not fit food for a calf. It may keep the animal alive, but it will not thrive or make a healthy growth.

FATTENING SHEEP. When the hog has stopped putting on flesh or fat he must be disposed of, no matter what the market, for after that period all food given is practically wasted.

BEES AND FRUIT. The business of the horticulturist and that of the apiculturist are each a necessary adjunct of the other, says a lady writer.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. Give the peas a light, rich soil. Red raspberries should not be given deep cultivation.

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toward the latter is very manifest in many directions in the studies of the public schools. It is always better to teach a few things that the student may be fully acquainted with them rather than to overwhelm him with a lot of useless trash that retard him in his life work.

When extra feed is needed as early as June there is nothing better than clover. The best time for sowing clover is in July or the early part of August.

Oats and peas, sown at the rate of one and one half bushels of oats and two of peas per acre, will afford excellent forage for midsummer.

With most farmers corn is the great forage crop for late summer, and early fall feeding. While it is doubtful if there is any crop that will produce a larger amount of food material per acre, there are a number of leguminous crops that can be grown with less drain upon the soil and will afford forage of much higher nutritive value pound for pound.

Late in September it is sometimes found necessary to use rowen from the mowing field and in this case the more clover there is in it the better.

For a late fall feed there is no crop yet in use equal to barley and peas. This crop can be sown the first part of August on the clover ground, or it may follow the oats and peas.

Young bees are valuable in the spring, and none should be allowed to die from carelessness.

Sow celery seed early. It is estimated that one ounce of seed will produce about 2500 plants.

Beeswax will be darkened if melted in an iron vessel. It is better to use brass or copper vessels.

The best shipping crates for honey are of a single tier, and hold from twelve to twenty-four pounds.

Basewood is light, white, and free from gumminess. Nothing so far has been found to equal it for making pound sections.

Never set plants of a poor quality. Poor seed will make a failure, but only for a single year, while poor plants last over many seasons.

All fruit plants, including trees, should have a generous supply of fine, light-colored, fibrous roots, in order to be of a vigorous and healthy growth.

For the potato crop sulphate is thought to be much better than muriate of potash, for it gives a greater yield and improves the quality in a higher degree.

The cucumber should not be set in open ground until about the middle of May or until the weather settles, as it is a very tender annual.

Geronimo and His Braves. George Gauz, an Apache Indian, aged about twenty-one years, and a splendid specimen of physical manhood, returned to the Mescalero reservation last week from school at Mount Vernon, Alabama, having completed his education.

Gauz says that old Geronimo has aged so rapidly in the past few years, his hair now being almost as white as snow, though he is still robust and hearty.

The desperate and seemingly implacable Black Mangus, who took his fourteen followers and left Geronimo because the latter merely suggested a second surrender to General Cook, and who, after his own capture by the troops under General Miles, fought the soldiers in the cars and jumped from a window while the train was under full headway, is now a quiet, obedient soldier—one of our country's defenders.

These two conditions are combined in the region in which stands Quito, the capital of Ecuador. This plateau is 9442 feet above the level of the sea; it is also surrounded by mountains, twenty peaks, eleven of which rise beyond the snow-line, being visible from the streets of the city.

Time and Season. All things have their time and season, and in the changeless temperature of a closing winter rheumatism flourishes. The best treatment is referred to in a letter from Miss Lina Gunkle, Trenton, O., Feb. 22nd, 1893, who says: "I suffered for several years with rheumatism, but was cured by St. Jacobs Oil. I am now well and never feel anything of it."

Another vein of coal has been struck at Litchfield, Ill.

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In the spring of 1889 I was taken with severe pains in my breast so that I could hardly straighten myself up. I could not sleep at night and shortly after I was taken with night sweats. I had no appetite and when I did eat I became deathly sick.

Then large lumps the size of a hen's egg formed upon both sides of my neck. I opened them and closely followed the doctor's directions, but I grew worse and the hair commenced to fall off my head. Finally, I heard so much talk about Hood's Sarsaparilla I decided to take it. I continued until I took five bottles which cured me as sound as a dollar, and from that time until now I have not had a sick day and have

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