

A SONG OF HAPPY DAYS.

Sing a song o' happy days— Sing it all the time! Roses bloom in the ways— Bells that sweetly chime!

MY NEW FOUND COUSIN.

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O begin with, no fellow was ever more fortunate than I in having a host of pretty girl cousins.

Last year I was studying at the School of Fine Art, in Paris, adding the finishing touches to my education in art.

Late one afternoon the postman brought me a letter, postmarked Paris and addressed in an interesting feminine hand.

"Who can this be from?" I asked myself as I scanned the envelope and address. I tore it open without more ado.

"Daisy Tillotson, Daisy Tillotson," I repeated to myself. "I don't remember of any Tillotsons in our family.

"Daisy, this is your cousin, Mr. Jones," said Mrs. Payne. "Now, you can have a good visit together."

conversant and in sympathy with these subjects. She was herself a student of the piano. So there was enough to talk about.

I looked at my watch. I was after eleven o'clock. How the time had passed! Three hours had slipped away and I hadn't realized it.

"What a romantic and unconventional situation fate has thrust us into, Miss Tillotson," I remarked as the carriage rolled off toward the Luxembourg.

"Yes, I've been thinking of it," she answered, "but you know we're cousins, and that's different."

"After all," I persisted with the idea of teasing her—for I'm a confirmed tease—"are you perfectly sure of that? You never knew me. Jones is a common name.

"It was a gala day for me. How I enjoyed telling her what I knew about the pictures. And in the evening, how I enjoyed hearing her talk of the opera—it was 'Carmen.'"

One evening when I was at Mrs. Payne's there came a ring at the door, and the maid brought a card in to

Daisy. It read: "Mr. Anthony Jones." "Do you know him? Is he a relative of yours?" asked Daisy, handing the card to me.

"Why, she's my cousin, too, then," I must explain, Miss Tillotson. My mother is a cousin of your mother's, I believe.

"I don't see any way to decore for the present," said I. "Miss Tillotson, I'm afraid, will have to remain in uncertainty until our credentials can be compared."

"Well, well, what an amusing mistake! I'll go and explain it to Daisy—Miss Tillotson, I mean—at once," thought I. "It's due to her. I'll tease her about it.

"Bless you," I said. "I'm glad, after all, that you're not my cousin, and I wouldn't change places with the other Mr. Jones if I had the chance, for now."

The Phenomenon of Gray Hair. Gray hair by no means shows a premature decay of the constitution. It is a purely local phenomenon, and may exist with great bodily vigor.

Supporters of the telephone system in Birmingham can now be placed in communication with Christ Church in that city, and practically take part in the service.



FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

CULTURE OF THE GOOSEBERRY. This shrub needs coolness and shade. The bright, hot sun produces mildew, which stunts the growth.

Lucky is the farmer who in this year of droughts has planted some sorghum as a fodder crop. It is much better to resist protracted drought on account of roots striking deeply into the soil.

Feeding hogs green cornfodder will not produce cholera, as an inquirer intimates, says Professor J. H. Shepherd of the North Dakota Agricultural College.

Has any one ever figured up the cost of bad temper in the dairy? If allowed a rough guess at it, I would say that bad temper was the cause of more loss in the dairy than all other sources of loss put together.

Are you mowing around the same bushes that you were twenty years ago? Remember shade trees in too great profusion injure the quality of the grass.

Are you plowing about the same little swale that you were twenty years ago? Do not make the horse carry a heavy halter in addition to the bridle when at work on a hot day.

Time put into farm improvements is a better patrimony than money in the bank for your children. That pasture needs drainage for either sheep or for cows if health and best results are to be expected.

Are you not wasting time that, if applied, would in a few years fit your farm for all modern machinery? The demand for good riding horses will increase in proportion to the improvement in the horses produced.

Are you plowing around that same rock, that an hour's time would remove, that you have plowed around for twenty years? The most vigorous and healthy foliage of the strawberry plant is not an indication of the best fruiting plants, according to Professor Lazenby.

Cross, unrestrained dogs in the country prevent the free movement of the country boys and girls; let these be first and dogs last in full liberty. A writer says that many fail to understand while yet it is the fact, that when cows are on good pasturage is when they need salt the most.

The owner of a small farm who keeps only one or two cows is more interested, or should be, in having choice animals than those who own large flocks. One good cow will serve the purpose of two inferior ones, and where space is limited every additional quart of milk or pound of butter is quite an item with the keeping of a single animal.

The Hour Fly.

The hour fly, originally noticed in Texas and also in Kansas, has within a few years been frequent in Canada. We have noticed it at Brunswick, Me., the past season, where it has been very abundant, collecting in great numbers on the sides and heads of cattle, and forming at times dense rings around the base of the horns.

A Means Out of the Difficulty. Any strain or bending of the back for any length of time leaves it in a weakened condition. A means out of the difficulty is always handy and cheap.

The smallest telegraph facilities are possessed by Paraguay, Uruguay, Peru and Persia. Dr. Kilmner's Swamp-Root cures all Kidney and Bladder troubles.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures. Hood's Sarsaparilla came out on my limbs. I tried different medicines, but none helped me.

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Scott's Emulsion stands alone in the field of fat-foods. It is easy of assimilation because partially digested before taken. Scott's Emulsion checks consumption and all other wasting diseases.

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