WHEN THE MERCURY RISES.

The man whose rule it is to take The weather as it comes. Without a word of fuss, finds life A pudding full of plums. He doesn't care how low or high The mercury has got, And even when it's mid-July, He hardly knows it's hot.

But he who, when the mercury Goes up to eighty-five, Makes such a fuss that every one Regrets that he's alive, Thus makes himself unhappier Than he was meant to be, And feels the heat at seventy-two As if 'twere ninety-three.

So take a warning from these lines-It's good advice, though free-And when the hot days really come Don't watch the mercury. Just go about your daily tasks Regardless of the heat, And you will find that every day Your life will grow more sweet. Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

HOW TOM RAISED THE WIND

and the monotonous way in which he was pacing upand down the room, the Hon. Robert depression when his particular chum,

Tom Langton, favored him with a morning call. "Halloa! What's up, Bob? By Jove, you are looking seedy."

The Hon. Robert stopped in his and bitter sigh.

"Are you ill, chappie, or has the peerless, patrician Penelope-' "Sit down, Tom. The fact is, I've been a fool.

"And how did you discover it?" "Well, as you know, I've been and his set. Jolly fellows, but inupward of £3000 playing cards at the Junior Aborigines-at least, that's the amount they hold my I O U's for."

"What confoundedly bad luck you must have had!"

"I posted down to the family nest never touch a card again if he would help me out of this scrape."

"And has he refused?" "Point blank. He reminded me that on several occasions he had paid off my legitimate debts-small in comof making or getting rid of money."

break off from this connection, he buried, and a cairn built over and proposed to reduce my allowance to about its resting place. £500 for one year, during which time week."

"And what did you say?" money-lenders, and so I must get obtain the captive's release. these fellows to wait until I can redeem my paper."

"Look here, old chap. I'll come with you for a time, and we'll go in for a walking tour."

start this week."

ture-kept Lord Methwick fully acenjoying himself, judging from his gers. graphic descriptions of the scenery and incidents of the walking tour.

Then the letters ceased altogether. Several times lately the doubt had arisen in Lord Methwick's mind as to his deliverer the gold was handed over, whether he had not been too severe, remembering that his son had hitherto borne an irreproachable character, evincing a deep dislike to all the having uttered a word, and the Consul worser forms of dissipation, and there and his purchase were free to depart. was no doubt that this unfortunate affair at the Junior Aborigines was not the result of inherent or newly-acabout by a false position, in which, and repute, he had been led away by

Now that no news came from him, his father's resolution rapidly gave way under the disquieting influence arrive. The next letter did disclose his whereabouts, and this was the-

thunderbolt: "Most Illustrious Signor-The son of your Excellency is doing us the honor to condescend our humble hospitality to partake and has to us your address given so that we may impart his well being. He now his departure desires, but we would that your illustrious Excellency to us sending the sum of pounds 4000 Englische that we may be solaced for his loss." Then

to the gendarmes will be on the son of your Excellency.

(Signed) "GIUSEPPE," Giuseppe! The most noted and bloodthirsty brigand of modern times, about whose crueltics and tortures so many harrowing tales were told by travelers, and upon whose

Lady Methwick piteously besonght her husband to send the money at

you-you-will have sent him to his

Her daughters, the Hon. Agatha, Ondine and Clovis, added their agonized entreaties; indeed so carried away were they by their feelings that new hats and dresses for the next dent." twelve months, in order to contribute to the ransom money. But his Lordship did not believe in giving way at once. Doubtless a lesser sum would be accepted, and while negotiations were in progress and there was a chance of the ransom being ultimately paid, he did not think his son would be in any danger. So he sent an offer total amount is about £2996. The of £2000. The reply to this was a curt remaining £1004-" UDGING by his refusal, and a postscript added in haggard looks Robert Spenceley's handwriting was: "Father, send soon; feel sure they will not take less." But still Lord Methwick would not give in without another effort to reduce the amount, and he increased his offer to £2500.

The day came when Giuseppe's re-Spenceley was ply was due, but it did not arrive, evidently under and pent-up anxiety caused his lordthe influence of ship two sleepless nights and two misa serious mental erable, irritable days. On the third morning, among the contents of the post-bag was a small parceel, the handwriting of the address of which was immediately recognized. With trembling fingers Lord Methwick tore open the package, and there lay disclosed purposeless walk, languidly extended | the bold brigand's staggering replyhis arm, lightly touched the tips of a cardboard box containing a man's his friend's fingers, and heaved a deep ear packed in sawdust, and inside the lid these words were scrawled:

"No less than £4000. Part of his Excellency is sent free so that he may

hear your decide which was final." In after years that day always remained impressed with startling vividness on his Lordship's memory. What mixed up a bit with Lord Temptown | with his wife's continual fainting fits; his three daughters in consecutive clined to go the pace a bit too fast. hysterics, their conscious intervals be-Hang me if I can say 'No' to anything ing employed in upbraiding him in that they propose, and, the upshot of such severe terms that one would have it all is that in two nights I have lost | thought that the poor man had himself cut his son's ear off; his own mental anguish as he remembered that fastened its fangs in the catamount's the future head of his house would never be able to hear both sides; the utes' struggle the catamount suchorrid possibility of getting the wanderer back for nothing-a piece at a yesterday, laid the whole affair before time; and the fear that at that mo- about the head, but not seriously the governor, and vowed that I would ment further tortures might be in hurt. course of infliction-he often mar-

her tottering throne. And the climax was reached when, in the softening shades of twilight, parison to this one-but he considered | Lady Methwick and her three daughplaying cards for high stakes so out- ters, dressed in black, went in solemn rageously foolish that he could not procession to a distant part of the and would not help me. I fold him grounds, where, beside a rippling they were debts of honor, but he said stream and beneath a spreading tree, it was a most dishonorable way either the gardener had already dug a grave. There, with fresh bursts of tears and "In conclusion, he told me that as passionate sobs, the box of sawdust it was most desirable that I should with its precious freight was solemnly

The outgoing evening mail carried I am to travel and see as much of the two letters, one to the brigands agreeworld as I can on a paltry £10 a ing to their terms, and the other to a friend of the family, who happened to be a Consul in the near neighborhood, "What could I say? I have no inclosing a draft for £4000, and beg-choice in the matter. I have made ging him to put himself in instant up my mind that I will not go to communication with Giuseppe, and

The Consul did as he was desired, and, in compliance with instructions from the robber band, who were evidently taking every precaution against being trapped, proceeded alone one "Tom, you are a brick. Let us evening carrying a parcel of 4000 sovereigns to an indicated spot on the outskirts of a forest. Here he was met by Three months had elapsed since a sunburnt, black-bearded giant, pic-Robert Spenceley's departure, during turesquely attired in his native dress, which period frequent communications who carried a rifle, while a couple of -each bearing expressions of regret revolvers and a poniard adorned his for the past and promises for the fu- sash. Motioning to the Consul to follow him, he proceeded but a few paces quainted with his son's doings. The into the forest, then halted and blew a absent one seemed to be thoroughly long, low, peculiar whistle on his fin-

Approaching footsteps were immediately heard, and there emerged from among the trees the whilom prisoner, alone. As he ranged up to the side of carefully counted, and then, with a low bow, the robber turned on his heel, at once disappeared, without

Methwick Hall was ablaze with light on the evening of the heir's return to his ancestral home. The female porquired viciousness, but rather brought | tion of the family had spent the day in alternately laughing and crying for surrounded by companions of wealth joy, and were now in a state of intense excitement, anxiously awaiting the rethe excitement and his inability to say | turn of the carriage from the station. Presently the sound of wheels was heard drawing up to the door, and mother and sisters rushing out, fell upon Robert, hugged him and kissed of foreboding and the continuous en- him and half dragged, half carried him treaties of his mother, until at last his into the house, but it was not until recall was decided upon so soon as the after they had been for some time asnext intimation of his address should sembled in the library that there flashed across their minds the remembrance of that horror that lay buried beside the stream. His mother first made the discovery.

always had two?"

"But we buried one of them." The Hon. Robert was evidently in lowed into rooms about seven feet the dark, and when they explained he declared (truthfully) that he knew nothing about it. As a word painter lithic tombs, large slabs supported on he proved a decided failure, consider- upright stones, are near by, it is probafollowed an address to which a com- ing the adventures which they expect- ble that these little rooms were used munication was to be sent, and the ed him recount. He had nothing to as dwellings and not as burial places. missive concluded: "Any information relate, simply monotony waiting for | -New York Sun.

the ransom, and, no matter how they plied him with questions, he could tell them nothing of the doings of the gang, for he said he never saw any of them except the one who had him in

A few days after his return, pleading the necessity of a visit to a West End head a heavy price had been set long tailor, he traveled to London, after receiving strict injunctions and giving a promise to shun his old haunts and companions. Arrived in town he at once proceeded to Tom Langton's "They will kill my darling boy, and chambers, and his first words to his chum were: "I say, Tom, what about that ear,

and why wasn't I told of it?" "Well, I thought you might object, and as it was desirable to bring things to a climax, I got it from the disectthey actually offered to go without ing room at the hospital through a stu-"It took me quite by surprise when

> and told me they had buried one of them. But how about the money?" "I have told the fellows that you have negotiated a loan and empowered me to pay your debts. Here are the I OU's that I have bought up, and the

they accused me of having two ears,

"You will please keep for yourself as arranged, for the double purpose of paying you for your trouble and buying your perpetual silence."

"Thanks," old chap. I will be si-lent as the grave; but, I say, I had a difficulty in keeping silence when we had Her Majesty's Consul in the forest. I never wanted to laugh so much before."-London Tit-Bits.

Dog Whips Catamount.

There was an exciting fight last night between Tige, a brindle buldog, owned by a Portsmouth man, and a catamount, owned by a Bracken County (Ky.) farmer.

The scene was in a barn near Latonia Springs and the amount bet was \$100. The announcement of the fight drew a crowd of about 200 people from this city and across the river.

The catamount was confined in a cage about twelve feet long and six wide in the center of the barn. The catamount was driven to one end of the cage and then the dog was thrown in. At first neither made a move.

The dog, after eyeing the catamount some moments, finally jumped at it and secured a hold on its neck. This started the fight on in earnest and both fought viciously.

Several times the catamount shook the dog off, but finally the brindle neck and held on. After a ten mincumbed and was taken out of the cage, dead. The dog was badly scratched

The result was not what the sports velled, not only that he survived it, but had expected, and considerable money that reason did not altogether forsake was lost. Many thought the datamount would make short work of the dog, and were disappointed, as it only acted on the defensive. The dog weighed thirty-two pounds and the catamount twenty-two pounds .-- Cincinnati Enquirer.

Mustaches Proscribed.

It is the rule at the well-known banking house of Coutts & Co., Strand, London, that none of the bank clerks are to wear mustaches, and it has long been considered a point of business etiquette that all the gentlemen employed at the bank should wear frock coats during business hours. A clerkship as Messrs. Coutts's is considered one of the prizes in the banking pro-

fession. Some of the men are university graduates, many have been educated at one of the great public schools, while several have been called to the English bar. Some years ago an attempt was made to have the unwritten law regarding mustaches rescinded, but it was found that a greater number preferred the old custom to remain in force than were in favor of

its abolition. This curious custom is also said to prevail in some of the large tea houses of the city, while it is well known that some Church of England bishops prefer the curates under their charge to be clean shaven. A lady who tried about three years ago to enforce a shaven face on the groom in her employment, and dismissed him at once because he refused compliance with her order, found that the law gave her no such power, and was mulcted in £5 for wrongful dismissal and the costs of the action by the Judge of the Bedford County Court. - Tit-Bits.

Happy Idea to Banish Tramps.

Daniel Dolobran, the contractor who is building the new public school at Flobertstown, Conn., has hit on a happy idea for keeping tramps off his grounds at night. His "Beware of the Dogs" signs have been sufficient warning for the daylight hours, but, not being visible after dark, he has been annoyed by intruders who have slept in his barn and appropriated his poultry. He now has four such signs painted with phosphorescent paint and they gleam their warning so effectually that he has not been bothered since he hung them out. - New York Mail and Express.

A Strange Village. At Tebessa, in Algeria, near the Tunis frontier, a strange megalithic village has been discovered. At the foot of a shell limestone cliff, half a mile "Why, Robert, you have two ears!" from the phosphate mines, are many "Two ears, mother? Have I not large boulders, from thirty-five to forty feet in circumference, which have fallen from the cliff. These were holsquare, and openings cut in the rock



CULTIVATION TO PROMOTE FERTILITY. The first purpose in cultivation is roots of plants may run freely through | della. By August 1, or when the kerit. But an object scarcely less important is to increase soil fertility by mixing surface and under soil together, and thus promoting their fer- produce three and a half times as mentation. It is for this that corn potato ground is harrowed after the seed is planted. On moderately rich soil two such cultivations are equal to the addition of several loads of manure per acre. An incidental advantage is that such harrowing of the Cultivator.

A HORSE THAT CANNOT BE LED.

It is the fault of the training that a horse cannot be led by a halter. This should be the first lesson taught to the colt. It is difficult to teach an old horse, but it may be done by an experienced person by using a strong halter, and taking short hold of it, so as to control the head, and thus leading the horse in a small yard. Possibly the horse has been whipped for causes his refusal. Try a little sugar. Poultry should not be kept in a horse stable, as they are usually infested by lice, which then go on to the horses. Horses have been worried to death in this way without the cause being susas much strong solution of common soap, in hot water, and beat up to P cream. Add a quart of water, and beat it up some more, and sponge the horses with the emulsion, brushing it well into the bair. It will kill the lice. -New York Times.

THE BEST OF FODDERS.

The man who in the future intends to feed cattle through the winter, and to do it profitably, in competition with the balance of the feeding world. will have to make sure of having an abundance of fodder for roughness, and it must not be fed where it grew, nor the stock turned out in the cold to gather it. We have an abundance of fodder plants, a luxurious abundance of them, indeed, and some of them the best in the world. What we have to do is thoroughly plow and prepare the seed bed; do it as well as it can be done. Then put in the seed, be it what it may, and court and cultivate as best we know how, and when the time comes harvest and store it where it can be handily fed. Our grain will not only go farther, but do better for having plenty of good roughness to go with it, and the stock will do well again under shelter as they would in the stalk fields. There is hardly a better crop to be raised for this purpose than sorghum; it makes a heavy growth, possesses more saccharine matter than any other, and is relished and eaten with avidity by stock of all up in the fall. kinds.-Coleman's Rural World.

GOOD PREPARATION FOR CORN.

Some growers will not accept the stuff every day. statement that half the culture of a corn crop should be given before the corn is planted, but thousands attest its truth, remarks an exchange. The food of the plant must be prepared beforehand, and that is accomplished by tearing the sod in a most thorough manner. If the land has been properly plowed with the use of a jointer, five or six inches under the surface, it will decay rapidly. We are after the millions of roots that form the sod. With disk or spring tooth harrow they should be torn to pieces and every clod of earth pulverized. There should be four inches of soil on the surface, ready to surrender up its plant food to the young corn plant. The tramping of the horses and the preparation of the seed beds firms the earth and grass at the bottom of the furrow, so that soil water from beneath can rise. fermentation gives, has food, has the ground will provide a shade. needed air that passes in when organic matter is present in the soil, and has moisture from beneath. Of course, it takes a little more time to prepare a seed bed in this way, but with improved implements the work is done rapidly, and after tillage is saved .-Atlanta Journal.

NEW FORAGE CROPS. New forage crops have been tested for years at the Massachusetts Station, twenty-seven different crops having been grown last year that are adapted to Ohio and the Middle States. Dr. Goessman advised raising mixed crops, say summer vetch and oats, as they forty-five pounds summer vetch to four bushels oats, and seed early in June. The fodder is highly nutritious, and may be cut green and fed for two or three weeks or cured for hay. Sown at various times, it will grow through the season. Vetch and oats, or vetch and barley, will both cut three and a half to four tons of dry hay per acre. The latter make an excellent fodder, containing sixteen to seventeen per sponds with clover, does not need \$1,000,000 a year. - New York World. grain, and can be used as either green early feed. Serradalla produces ony.

twelve to thirteen tons of green feed per acre. If green feed for the season to make the soil fine, so that seeds is wanted, begin with vetch and oats, may germinate freely in it, and the then green soja beans, and later seranels glaze, green fodder may be cut. While the average cut of hay is but one ton per acre, oats and vetch will much weight, with fifty per cent. more food value. - American Agriculturist.

PIG RAISING.

The chief trouble with pig raising as practised by many farmers is that the pigs are not kept growing. This surface destroys all weeds as quickly is a matter of prime importance, for as their seeds germinate. - Boston the care and attention given to them will surely show in the final results. They must be kept warm and dry and be furnished with good, clean, suitable food at regular intervals. Neglect one day cannot be counterbalanced by overfeeding the next.

At its birth a pig should weigh about three pounds. At the end of one month it should have increased to fifteen pounds and should be ready for market at the age of seven or eight months, for with the average farmer the:e is very little profit in this fault, and the association of ideas | feeding pigs after they reach a weight of 250 pounds. The most pork is made with the least feed on younger pigs. The cost of pork is fifty per cent. greater if made in the tenth month than in the fifth month in the food consumed. Quick returns and pected. Mix a pint of kerosene with quick profits should be the aim of the swine breeder. It is well to remember that the profit in an animal fed for market does not always lie in its heavy weight, but rather in what it has cost to produce that weight; hence only animals of quick growth should be reared.

Pigs must be kept steadily growing from the start, and pushed as much as possible without crowding. This last must be carefully avoided, as it will more than neutralize any benefits already obtained. Good succulent food and grain are necessary to obtain the rapid growth desired, and sour slop should never be fed. Cleanliness and regular feeding at stated hours are the best preventives of disease-New

York World.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. Do not grain-feed the fowls too

May is not too late to plant sunflower seeds. Keep the brooder as near 100 de

grees as possible. See that the poultry houses are kept clean and free from bad odors these

Have some regard for the comfort of your flocks. Feed more .-- most any-

thing than corn in hot weather. Hyacinthus Candicans are stately and majestic in appearance. They grow from bulbs and should be taken

If the hens are confined be sure they are induced to scratch for their

living. And give them some green Plenty of fresh water, lime, gravel

and green stuff are just as necessary now as in winter. Do not neglect furnishing these. The little chicks should have shade

and water, but not drafts and wet. Tight roofs. dry floors but fresh drinking water handy to be constantly If you wish a sure blooming rose .-

one that is hardy, beautiful in color, clean and strong in foliage, and profuse in flowering, just plant the Mrs. John Laing and you will have it. The Dayton strawberry is one of

the best and most reliable berries for home or market, fruit large, bright, fine-shaped, good flavor and perfect blossom. It will pay you to try it.

Poultry raisers are cautioned against permitting the fowls to spend The grass readily ferments and gives the hot summer days exposed to the up its plant food. The corn plant has direct rays of the sun. A board or a chance to do its best, has the heat two raised even two feet from the

It is useful to know that the natural enemy of the common green lice of plants is the pretty little ladybug, and to catch a few of these and set them free on alice-infested plant will quickly result in the disappearance of the troublesome pests.

The old Turner red raspberry is one of the most reliable, and is noted for its hardiness. We are not thinking of discarding it yet, in spite of the new kinds offered. It is of delicious flavor---melting and sweet, unsurpassed for the home table and market, although too soft for distant shipment. While it produces many suckers these are no disadvantage where proper culproduce larger yields than when ture is given. The canes are strong grown singly. Sow together forty to and thornless, which is indeed a good point in their favor. They should be cut low, say three and a half to four feet, and will need no stakes or wires.

Richest Child in the World.

Lady Mary Hamilton, the young daughter of the late Duke of Hamiltop, will be the richest child in the world. She is only ten years old and inherits the bulk of the Duke's escent. protein, in digestive value corre- tates. Her rentals already amount to

feed, ensilage or dried hay. Barley is A company with a capital of \$200,-not as good as cats. Winter vetch 000 for the establishment of agriculought to come up in April. Rye sown tural settlements in German Souththe provious fall should make a good west Africa has been formed in Sax-

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A Ten-Inch Vermitorm Appendix.

Recent anatomical investigations prove that the gorilla has a ten-inch vermiform appendix, but no mention is made as to whether that animal suffers from the fashionable complaint of appendictis or not. The great length of the appendix would tend to disprove the supposition that in man it is an outcome of civilization and increasing in size with each generation. The opposite theory, that the useless appendage is breeding out, receives support. - New Orleans Picayune.



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