

Farmer's Department

ONE ACRE FARM: Or, Cure for Hard Times.

BY RICHARD HOF.

"How much land have you got here in your lot, Mr. Briggs?" "I have one acre."

"One acre! and here you are taking the New England farmer; the Cultivator, Hovey's Magazine and Horticulturist, and all because you have one acre of ground?"

"I suppose it is out of these publications you get your foolish notions about so many kinds of fruit trees. One of my boys came home a while ago, and said Mr. Briggs had got lots of fruit trees and such things, that cost, I don't know how much, and wanted me to buy some grape vines, pear trees and so on."

"I'm not afraid of either; I'll bet you the twenty-five dollars, I'll sell you that amount of fruit from these things for which I paid the twenty-five dollars, in five years!"

"Well, I'll stand you; so your trees will cost fifty dollars sure, in money, besides the time thrown away in setting them out and taking care of them."

"As for the time spent in setting them out, or taking care of them, it is a good exercise as playing ball, wicket, or anything else."

"While we were setting them out, one of your boys came to get my boys to go over to Mr. Moody's where he said was to be a great time playing ball; and I have no doubt your boys spend just as much time playing as mine do with our trees and so forth; and then something is done, but in playing, the strength is all laid out for nothing."

man or his family. This year it as it happened, was a year of "extreme hard times." The boot business was at its lowest ebb; little work and very low wages—and yet the prices of every kind of provisions were up to the "highest notch" and money extremely "tight."

But there was one family that did not seem to be in the least affected by the hard times, low prices of labor, high prices of provisions, or the scarcity of money; Mr. Briggs and his two oldest sons, all of them had a "spare change" to let on short "time with interest" to their needy neighbors.

One day Mr. Chapman, who was short, applied to Mr. Briggs for a "half" for a "quarter" meaning fifty dollars for three months.

"Yes," said Mr. Briggs, "I have a 'half' or a 'whole,' just as you like."

"What a hundred dollars by you these hard times! I don't see how it comes. You and your boys don't work any harder than I and my boys do, and we can hardly get along; you are saving and pinching as can be, too; times are so dreadful hard, and every thing a family has to buy is so dreadful high, and wages so low; potatoes, a dollar a bushel, beef, fifteen cents a pound, pork sixteen cents, eggs, twenty-five cents a dozen, and flour, ten or twelve dollars a barrel! How can a man live?"

"It won't be hardly fair for me to ask for twenty-five dollars now will it?"

"Twenty-five dollars! What do you mean? I don't understand you!"

"Don't you recollect we have a bet between us about the price of some fruit trees I bought five years ago last spring?"

"Ah, I do remember something about it. You were to give me twenty-five dollars if you didn't get your twenty-five dollars back from me for the products of those trees and things! It will come very handy just now."

"Don't be too fast neighbor! I am afraid it won't come very handy just now." That was what I was dunning you for, that twenty-five dollars.

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