
Tuestay, April s, 1873.
FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS


## A Young Lady Farmer

Tho Prairie Farmer says: We Lately ad the pleasure of "interviewing" a Miss A., of minois, who for some years past has
boen engaged in farming a farm of 120
acres ; and, deeming her example worthy of mitation in these days of unhealthful an lackadaisical womanhood, we have made a Cew notes for the beneflt of our renders.
Miss A. was a teacher, but at the time of er commencing farming wana student in a leading young ladies' seminary of the
country. Her father died, leaving a widow, and, we believe, two daughters, of whom

Miss A . was the eldest, and tho boy a lad of ten or a dozen years of age. The farm | was, we believe, encumbered with |
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| onsiderable amount of debt. She found | he health of her mother who was endeav-

oring to manage the farm with lired help, cilling, and concluding, as she expressed t, that she would rather keep her mother in 1868 and commenced farming.
The farm at the time consisted of eighty was in cultivation, and most of which was bottom land, rich, but was more or less
subject to overtlow, and at a little distance were forty acres more, all in cultivation.
The home farm had a pretty good house, but the barn had recently been burned, and had been planted to apples of good variety. other from a friend, who also aids and is She has now a good team of her own raising, besides a
So slee went to work with the aid of hor
then little brother, and to some extent of her mother and sister, who also took charge of the housekeeping. They hired but little
labor, and as far as possible did their own work, She learned to do nearly all kinds of work. She does not plow much, but she can do it. She took out 50 to 100 stumps time assisted her brother, who was drillin and can drive team well. She can nso the better than her brother, but now he chop as well as she can herself, and she does lem
of it. She wears a gymastic suit while at home, at work, a broad brimmed hat,
gloves, and boots mado to order wishes to look as well as other girls, thus protects hervelf from the exposure reopen air life and the out-door work, and is vigor from the modern young lady's stand point.
Most of the home farm is cultivated in
corn, though she has 8 12 in orchard. She raised 23 acres winter wheat in 1872 . It was a fine crop but she lost from 3 to 5 acres from the it in time. Evon then, with searce and inefllienent labor by that feeble elass of men
who are always willing to take advantage of those who cannot help themselves, 1 ,
cost her 880 to harvest and thresh , he wheat. Yet she got 450 bushels of whe weigthing 62 pounds to the bushel. fruit in 1858, and she sold a good deal of summer apple, and has 150 bushel of apples now in the sellar. Ste took most of the apples to markot hersif, nelling some of
them as low as 75 cents per barrel, and nome as high as $\$ 1$.
> tone as diatinct us if rung in the air Stop one ear with the finger and preess
the other to tho end of a long atick, and if a watch be held at the other end of the
wood, ticking will be heard, be the wond atick ever so long.
> Hamel two or three feet long, and preat your thumbs ur fingers into your ears, while yoo swing your poker against an iron of a heavy church bell.
> These experiments prove that water
wood, and flannels are grod condutors nound, for the sound of the bell, the watch and the fender pasues through the water and along the deal and flannel to the ear, of all kinds, it is ascertained, travels at the softeat whisper travels as fast as the mont tromendous thundor. The knowledge of of distance.
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