## A KISS AT THE DOOR.

We were standing in the doorway— My little wife and I-The golden sun upon her hair Fell down so silently; A small white hand upon my arm, nat could I ask for more Than the kindly glance of loving eyes As she kissed me at the door

Wno cares for wealth, or land, or gold, Or fame, or matchless power? It does not give the happiness Of just one little hour

With one who loves me as her life-And says "she loves me more"-And I thought she did this morning.
As she kissed me at the door. At times it seems that all the world.

Is very small and poor indeed Compared with what I hold!

And when the clouds hang grien and dark I only wait the more For one who waits my coming step

To kiss me at the door. If she lives till age shall scatter The frest upon her head, I knew she'll love me just the same As the morning we were wed ; And she goes to Heaven before shall know her when I meet her, For she'll kiss me at the door.

#### Land Reform in Great Britain.

The agricultural interests of Great Britain are in an unsatisfactory condition, notwithstanding the great progress made there in scientific farming. Lord Leicester, speaking in Norfolk last October, said that after careful consideration he had come to the conclusion that the product of the soil of the country was not more than half what it ought to be. The same opinion has more recently been expressed by Lord Derby, who says that calculations which he had carefully made convinced him that the annual loss to the country from deficient cultivation was no less than £200,000,000, a sum equal to three times the whole taxation

of the kingdom.

It is not believed that farmers make great profits, notwithstanding that the agricultural laborers of England receive but the merest pittance for their work. The deplorable condition of this class of the population, as shown by the reports of Parliamentary commissions, and brought just now into special notice by the Warwickshire strike, is exciting general attention in England, and is ascribed primarily to the lack of capital at the command of those who cultivate the roil.

The opinion is expressed in influential quarters, and is constantly gaining ground, that the greatest drawback to the agricultural interest of Great Britain consists in the cumbersome and antiquated system of land laws, which operate to keep the greater portion of arable lands in the hands of a comparatively small number of families.

Of twenty-five million inhabitants of Prussia, not less than five millions are directly interested in the soil as small proprietors; while in Great Britain, with an equal population, there are not more than four hundred thousand persons who own the soil they till. The cause of this state of things is not so much the poverty of the farmers as the fact that the purchase of land in Great Britis attended with such extraordinary expenses in the way of transfer, lawyers' fees, searches for titles years, and the like, that a man of small the highest point of productiveness.

Another serious obstruction to the highest development of agriculture in Great Britain is found in the laws of entail and strict settlement. These discourage the investment of capital in agricultural operations, and increase the complications of titles and the expense and delay incident to the transfer of real estate. By these laws the greater portion of the real estate in Great Britain is held by persons who in reality are only tenants for life, and who, therefore, will not spend money on their land as freely as if they owned it in fee simple. Indeed, it is often out of their power to do so, for if their property is all in land, and they become embarrassed, they cannot sell it or borrow money on it at easonable terms, but have to struggle on through life the nominal owners of large estates which they can not make properly productive.

Tenants can not be expected to supply

the means for the full development of the land which they cultivate, since under existing laws they have no claim for unexhausted improvements, except in Ireland, and it would be foolish in them to spend their own means for the benefit of landlords, who may turn them adrift at the expiration of their leases, without any compensation for what they may have added to the permanent value

of the property.

A significant indication of the drift of popular opinion in England on this subect is found in the fact that on the 9th inst., in the House of Commons, Mr. W. Fowler moved a resolution condemning the present state of the law of entail and strict settlement of land as a discouragement to the investment of capital in agriculture. Although the resolution was negatived by a vote of 103 to 81, its introduction served to provoke an animated discussion of four hours' duration, during which Mr. Fowler's motion received the earnest support of several prominent members of the House, who gave free expression to their views in favor of sweeping reforms in the land laws. It also had the effect of drawing from Mr. Gladstone an admission that the entire subject of the laws of entail, settlement and limited ownership demands the early and serious consideration of Parliament.
Various circumstances have combined

to give this subject special prominence in Great Britain at this time, and there can be little doubt that the agitation will be pursued until it results in securing important changes in the laws relating to entail, settlement and transfer of land, and also in regard to the rights of tenants to an ownership in exhausted improvements. So far as the law of entail is concerned, the only argument that can be brought in its favor is that it tends to uphold in power a landed aristocracy, and that is an argument which in these days may prove injurious to those who use it.

A waiter girl in the Coliseum refreshment saloon is reported to have stolen the heart of one of the members of the in that musical body and an emigration of a certain Johnny Bull from Old England to New will soon take place in consequence.

A Des Moines teamster, who is hauling the morning found it all in the morning found it all gone, and the biddies quite as well as graduate of an Eastern college, and was for years a popular clergyman.

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#### Spiritual Affinity.

From a train of the Pacific Railroad, eastward bound, there came into the city of Council Bluffs, Ia., a fortnight ago, a fine-looking woman—slightly past the first bloom of life, but still not very matronly in manner-who, upon registering at the Pacific House, complained that she felt unwell and desired that a doctor should be called. She was an English lady, she told the hotel clerk, on her way homeward to England from a trip by sea to San Francisco, and, finding herself attacked by alarming in-disposition in the cars, had decided to pause on her journey until assisted by medical skill. It being not supposably the custom of English ladies of rank to travel across continents without masculine escort, the clerk was skeptical as to the exact veracity of this explanation and troubled not himself to consider

whether a medical practitioner of the highest professional grade should be summoned in such a case. Amongst the guests of the house at the time was a certain travelling doctor. of some reputation for "wonderful cures," and him the young gentleman recommended with off-hand fluency as the physician to be called with the least trouble to himself. Accordingly, when the lady had been conducted to a room, the aforesaid itinerant was notified to pay his respects, and was skillful enough discover that his patient's ailment existed more in imagination than reality. This he frankly told her, in effect, and prescribed some trifling nervine; but he lady, who gave her name as Mrs. Fitch, persisted in thinking herself an invalid, and demanded a course of treatment. She was, she said, a spiritualist and a clairvoyant, and knew her own condition better than any doctor could tell her, and she must take such and such drugs for the restoration of her health. Believing that he had a hypochondriac to deal with, the man of nostrums made no strenuous protest against the involved prospective profit to himself of such a case, but being rather busy at the time with the general callers drawn to his room by his advertisements, deputed his "secretary," a young Englishman named Stanton, to render the professional services desired by Mrs.

view with the young deputy; astonished him greatly by asking if he believed in "Spiritualism." His polite evasion of a direct answer subjected him to a still Englishman, the eccentric lady serenely told him that he was the person selected by the spirits for her husband! He her mad, and would have rehought treated without further conversation, but his patient begged him to remain

Fitch. The latter, at her second inter-

and hear her story. Her father, she declared, is an English bishop, and her family one of the most respectable and wealthy in England. Although but thirty-five years old, she had wedded and buried three husbands already, losing the last one in California; fourth helpmate. At first sight of Mr. Stanton she had known him to be the person appointed for her by fate, and now offered him her hand and fortune, as commanded by the spirits. Overextending back an indefinite number of whelmed by the oddity of the affair, the means finds it far cheaper to rent his farm than to buy it, even if he has the money in his pocket. It follows that persons engaged in the cultivation of ground which does not belong to them will not be likely to expend their money in such a manuar as to insure its permanent. charletan's secretary managed to express | end within 14 hours of a sunrise. But in such a manner as to insure its perma- of what he deemed satisfactory proofs which would have required eight men nent enrichment, and thus bring it to of her fortune and respectability of for the same time-say five to six acres.

try, and in an unpromising employment, of 15 or 16, may drive. What a saving while the widow, with all her eccen- of labor! No wonder farmers say they tricity and spiritual delusions, was both cannot afford to cut grass with the old rich and comely. In short, if the Omaha sc, the.

Bee is to be credited, Mr. Stanton finally At 11 concluded to accept the destiny thus well wilted, you can, with a good haycuriously thrust upon him, was married tedder, one horse, and an old man or a to the lady in the parlor of the hotel a youngster to drive, throw what hay has ew days ago, and is now in this city been moved into the air so many times, with his strange bride, on the way to to fall back light and loose as feathers Europe.

Homes Reduced by Dress.

Only those women who have not the noney to "dress" can fully appreciate he crushing weight which society ruthlessly heaps upon this disability. To be unable to "dress" is to be treated with almost disrespect in the car, the boat, at the public gathering, the street and the shop; to be ignored; to feel the shrug of contempt, the sneer of levity and the smile of scorn; to be thrust aside; to be laughed at; to be uncerenoniously displaced; to be cruelly driven out of good society; to have your heart, your intelligence, your thought, your virtue, your character held as nothing against silk; to be stung; to be outraged; to be proscribed; to be insulted; all this and much more

for the lack of money "to dress."

It matters not whether this rule of society is right or wrong, the fact remains to blight and to ruin. The fashionable lady thinks nothing of paying \$75 for making a dress, made up of forty yards of silk, at from \$4 to \$10 per yard. These are the women who rule the too fully. I wondered and watched and too fully. I wondered and watched and w street, drawing-rooms, theatres-dar. we say churches. After such the lesser lights take pattern. What defense have

cannot be by honest means. The poor in the hen-yard this is about the most industrious shop girl looks upon even \$50 dresses and they are beyond her reach. There is a \$40 gulf between her and the respect and them—between her and the respect ful and full of promise to the ear of the and attention of society. Her virtue hen-shepherd, lose their jubilant resonwill span the chasm. She longs to lift ance, when, in addition to what you the load of poverty, to receive the caress hear you can see them cackle and crow of society, to be freed from bondage. all over, that is, if you should not hap-She sells herself to hell for dress. After the first step is taken, it is not long bestudy of muscular movements as exemthe first step is taken, it is not long be-fore all useful labor is eschewed, and plifted in the process. the foul vice made to be the only service of income. This is no picture, but the tion, ever recurring, and ever unanswer-what happens every day, and is a plain able—eating feathers being only a result

els are made. This mania for "dress" is devastating our American society and demoralizing American women to an alarming ex-tent. The wives and daughters of the rich men who lead society in this fearful race of extravagance are responsible for a great share of the prostitution which curses the nation as well as for thousands of business failures, scattered families, and the long train of miseries among us under the cover of "keeping up appearances." Let those who have the courage take this lesson and act upon it.

### AGRICULTURAL.

How to Make Hay .- An agricultural gentleman, of more than ordinary intel-ligence, and whose theory and practice are worthy of respect, says that for 30 years he tried gathering grass while in blossom, and at •various subsequent stages of growth, and he invariably found that he got as much in bulk by the early as by the latter cuttings, while the quality of the former was greatly superior, as shown by its effects on stock. It made more bone, more butter, cheese, beef, and veal.

But to the end that haymaking may be finished before the grass is badly injured by standing too long, he would start the mower a day or two before the period of full bloom.

But why hurry the work? Because, if you do not, the last will be half spoiled by too late cutting. The sugar, starch, and gum, abounding in early-cut hay, will be changed into woody fiber; the seeds will fall out and be lost; much of the foliage will be wasted in the same way, and the stems and whatever else remain will become less nutritious

—little better than rye straw.

Again, grass should be dried and housed as soon as possible after being cut. The danger of damage by rain is thus diminished, labor is economized, your haymaking goes on faster; if you out the grass in the morning and put the hay in the barn the same day, the injurious change of sugar, starch, and gum into woody fiber ceases as soon as the hay is in mow, and it better retains its nutritious qualities. These considerations favor the making of hay in the

shortest possible time.

Hay should not be made so dry as many have supposed. Too much drying causes it to shed its leaves and its seeds in the meadow. It hastens the transformation of sugar, starch, and gum, all nutritious, into woody fiber, not nutritious. From these causes considerable loss in food value follows; and then there is no use in making hay dry as tinder; it will keep as well, better even,

without. The more hay can be dried by air and the less by sun the better will be its quality. The food value of the grass will be more fully retained in the hay, and less chemical changes, unfavorable to its nutritiveness, will take place. It "Spiritualism." His polite evasion of a direct answer subjected him to a still greater surprise at a third interview, when upon coafessing that he was an with rain or dew; for water on hay causes it to mold in autumn and to smoke ever afterward if handled for removal or feeding. It is quite otherwise with hay that is moist with the natural juice of the grasses. This, instead of molding the hay, sweats it slightly, diffusing through it a gentle heat, cooking it, one might almost say, certainly making it tenderer, more easily chewed, and more nutritious to cattle, and better by them, than if it had been scorched two or three days in a hot sun. Such is the difference; and to conform and on her way from San Francisco was our practice to natural law, we should "spiritually impressed" with the conviction that she should very soon meet a fellow-countryman destined to be her to admit a portion of the natural juices, as they improve rather than deteriorate the quality of hay.

The end of haymaking for the season may be reached in a few daps after the beginning, and haymaking for a day may generally-not always, of course-

family. He was poor, in a strange coun- An old man of 60 or 70, or a smart boy

At 11 o'clock, dew off, and hay pretty on the turf, the wind and air all the time so passing through it, so perme ating it, and so absorbing its moisture that it dries almost as fast without sur as with, and becomes fit for the barn by 3 o'clock, or sooner, if the sun be shining and the air be not uncommonly moist This work would have required si strong, active men the same time, and they could not have done it as well. N wonder that farmers who have tried th hay-tedder say it helps them quite a

much as the mower. From 3 o'clock, or a little earlier, to 6 an active boy with a lively horse and good horse-rake will put the whole int windrows, and three more, or four a most, with a horse hay-lifter, can put a into the barn or on the stack. Damag to hay by cutting out of time, and lo of health by overworking men in hay time, may now cease.

SALT FOR FOWLS .- A lady thus write

in Hearth and Home:
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The rich can be fashionable, the poor feathers. Of all disagreeable occurrences

"What ails your hens?" was the quesstatement of how the recruits to broth- of some idiosyncrasy beyond my fathoming.

"Having read in different papers that hens must not be fed with salt, and having taken extra pains to keep it from mine in their food, I resolved for sake of change they now should have it.
"I had fed them sour milk or curds

almost daily through summer, so I added almost daily through summer, so I added ly as fire is extinguished by water. The one teacupful of fine salt to a pan hold-Douche and two medicines for \$2 by all druging three quarts of sour milk, stirred it well together and set it before them. At

ment was followed, keeping well-salted milk before them at least half the time, giving also plenty of water. The result eating, though the fowls and the treatment have been the same in other re-

"I imagine they obtained a little salt may be, the cure was perfect, and no injury to the fowls resulted therefrom."

#### Charles Reade on Tichborne.

The Tichborne case has evidently received the close attention of dramatists, who must have derived many a hint therefrom in the matter of plot and character. Mr. Charles Reade gives his impressions couched in his usual lucid and direct style, of the identity of the claimant. Pointing out that three separate coincidences, fixing guilt upon a suspected murderer, are sufficient to hang him, Mr. Reade goes on to say:

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