

BEYOND CRITICISM.

"You are not in earnest, Mr. Theodore?"

"Of course I'm in earnest, Della. You're the prettiest little piece of roses and dimples I ever saw."

"And Mr. Theodore St. Volens hurried off, chuckling Della Stephens under the chin as he went by."

"I wonder," thought Della, "if he really loves me. I wonder—"

"Della! Della! what are you looking about?" cried a shrill, high-pitched voice.

"How much do you get here?" said Mrs. St. Volens, and Della answered meekly:

"Only my board, ma'am."

"I'll give you ten dollars a month," said Mrs. St. Volens.

"It was half an hour or so afterward, and Della was flitting some wide Valenciennes lace for her mistress, when Mrs. St. Volens's shrill voice summoned her upstairs."

"Look here, Della Stephens," said she, "the housekeeper has just brought this to me—a photograph of my nephew, Theodore. She says she found it in your room!"

"Della turned scarlet, and fell listlessly into her bosom."

"I—I must have dropped it," said she, scarce considering her words.

"Then it is yours?"

"Yes," faltered Della.

"How came you to do it?" sternly catechized Mrs. St. Volens.

"He gave it to me."

"Mr. Theodore?"

"Mrs. St. Volens's face grew grim and hard as diseases of the soul are fastened."

"And Della, stunned and bewildered, went up to her room to pack her few belongings and think what she should do next."

"Mr. Theodore St. Volens was considerably surprised that afternoon to see his aunt's maid walk into the downstairs office."

"Little Della," cried he, slipping a pair of eye-glasses to his eyes. "Is'n't possible?"

"Yes," said Della, "it is I. Oh, Mr. Theodore, what am I to do? Your aunt has dismissed me."

"Dismissed you? And why?" demanded the young man.

"She—she found your picture in my possession," faltered Della, beginning to cry.

AGRICULTURE.

PLOWING UNDER.—Mr. Sanborn found that manure plowed under gave 60% more profit than when manure was surface applied.

FROM REPORTS MADE BY C. V. RILEY, entomologist of the department of agriculture, it appears that kerosene oil is a valuable agent for the destruction of insects inimical to corn.

GRASSY APPLE TREES.—The first few years of the life of an apple tree is the most important period for exercising care and diligence in regard to pruning.

PLANTING CORN.—The ground is generally put in good order for planting, by plowing and harrowing. Then the planter is run over the ground, leaving a wheel track from one to three inches deep.

IN ITS FIRST YEAR, according to Getzlin, the domestic hen produces only fifteen or twenty eggs; in the second, 100 or more.

WAXES THE FOLIAGE OF BULBS after flowering begins to decay, the roots should be taken up and placed thinly on a mat.

IF YOU WANT FINE FRUITS in a yard adjoining the house, it is well to plant a little less than the old standard, and put a few cuttings, or a little corn meal or cotton-seed meal every day.

CHARCOAL.—Charcoal has considerable natural value especially if applied to a rich ground, the ammonia of which it absorbs and gives out as the plant roots require.

SALE IS MADE TO DESTROY the onion maggot with partial success. About 100 lbs. of salt were used to the acre, the salt also hastens the maturity of the crop.

IT IS WELL TO GIVE horses a double amount of feed during the winter proceeding a long journey, and only half rations of grain or a little hay on the morning of starting.

DOMESTIC.

According to a German paper, the inventor of inferior matches was a political prisoner who perfected the idea in a work shop in the walls of a State prison.

THE HUMAN MANUFACTURER.—A man cannot drink heartily all day, says an unknown writer, and sit and lounge about doing nothing, in one sense of the word; but his body must keep hard at work all the time or it will die.

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HUMOROUS.

A CHEMICAL looking gentleman entered an Austin newspaper office one day lately, and drawing out a concealed document, said to the editor:

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"My dear friend, I appreciate your delicacy. You have described my condition precisely, but I had no idea I manifested your sympathy so strongly that you would take a collection."

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