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GOING HOME.

The winter day has glorified the west. With Autumn tints the foliage is dead. And every one is going home to rest. Behold a glory gleaming crown the sun. Leaving, proclaims a daily duty done. As their life's burden battles won.

HER DESIGNING SISTER.

BY MARIE FRANCES UPTON.

66 If, I'm utterly disconcerted about the good natured but petulant sister, Miss Murray, she says she's engaged again. And Miss Murray goes on her little round feet and pushes that sent spinning around the music-room.

"Is that the way you feel, my dear?" Mrs. Parkhurst asked. "You don't mind that your sister is engaged? You don't mind that your sister is engaged?"

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"Anything else to do, I think it's quite sufficient to be engaged for the present." "Oh, I understand," Miss Murray said, with all the gravity so serious a subject could demand.

"Not for a minute," Eloise answered. "But I was thinking that if you would postpone your other interest a trifle, I should like to send you to Chicago to study a year before you are married."

"I've concluded not to let these considerations stand in my way, since you will have only a little time left for studying," Miss Murray answered.

"I'm sorry for him," Mrs. Parkhurst said, "I'm going to try to get you out of the house. I'm going to try to get you out of the house. I'm going to try to get you out of the house."

"Great heavens!" Miss Murray said, "I don't mind that your sister is engaged. I don't mind that your sister is engaged. I don't mind that your sister is engaged."

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MINIATURE FARMS.

HOW JAPAN'S TREEMING MILLIONS ARE FED.

A Ten Acre Plot is Considered a Large Farm—Careful Methods of Planting and Raising Crops—The Principal Food.

ALL the land under cultivation in Japan is about 18,000,000 acres, upon the product of which 41,000,000 must be fed. It is unnecessary to add that the farms are small. The average farm is from one to three acres, and a ten-acre plot is considered a large farm.

The methods of cultivation, the succession of crops, and even the kind of machinery used, are the same as they were nearly 2000 years ago. In fact, the agricultural limitations of no country in the world produce so much per acre as Japan.

The land is well suited to irrigation, and the water, which is regarded as impure by the European, is abundant. The water is drawn to high elevations from which it overflows the land in channels.

In April the crops are in a flourishing condition, and the variety of crops raised on the principal part. All the fields are planted with a mathematical precision, for the element of accuracy enters into every act of the farmer.

Almost all the work of cultivation is done by hand, and the tools are models of simplicity. The plow is a simple wooden bar or wheel consists of a sharp blade cut at right angles to the shaft, which is very carefully so that the adjoining plow will not injure it.

Four Big Silver-Tips. While John Chapman was here from his Wyoming ranch this week he had of a thrilling experience. He was riding on a horse, and he had just closed the door of the kitchen when, looking up, he was confronted by four bears, all upon their haunches and within a few feet of him.

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A Pantomime Death Sentence.

"Once upon a time," says George R. B. Hays, "there was a judge named Redman, who presided over a big territory which kept him racing from Santa Cruz to Salinas and San Luis Obispo. The Spanish population was the chief race to be found in that district, and Redman knew but two words in the language, which were 'No Tiende,' and was put to the necessity of employing a court interpreter, who attended him in his rapid tour of the big circuit."

It happened that a murderer was to be sentenced in Monterey and that an important trial must be attended miles away, on the same day. Redman's interpreter had gone off to a fundango in the wilds somewhere and couldn't be found when court was opened and Redman was in a fury of impatience. At last, when he could endure the delay no longer, he said to the man below in the dock:

"Prisoner at the bar—Stand up!" "No tiende," said the man, shaking his head stupidly.

"You don't answer, do you?" exclaimed the judge sharply; "well, do you understand this?" and he proceeded to gesticulate vigorously with his hands, and indicate the motion of rising.

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THE BRIGHTER DAY.

When the dreary weather, cold and wet, Produces "blues" and melancholy, Look back o'er life and don't forget That most of it was bright and jolly.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Quinces came from Corinth. The cantelope is a native of America. Melons were found originally in Asia.

France's oyster industry is the largest of its kind in Europe. The average man uses twenty-nine pounds of sugar per annum.

The estimated yield of pecans in this country is 8,000,000 bushels. An electric fan has been devised to use electricity as a fan for the cooling of the soil.

Three hundred and sixty mountains in the United States are over 10,000 feet high. A fever thermometer is now made in cellulose form for the use of trained nurses.

A Philadelphia inventor has a miniature trolley road on the roof of his house. The largest meteorite stone was found in Greenland and weighs 53,000 pounds.

The American people in 1892 drank the aleoction from 610,000,000 pounds of coffee. Russia raised 1200 pounds of grain and fifty one pounds of meat to each inhabitant.

The prairie water the more active it is in corroding and pitting iron or steel pipes. The tomato is a native of South America and takes its name from a Portuguese word.

The United States are said to have 14,000,000 acres of the kind which are used for food. The proposed hydrograph will enable ships to communicate with one another at distances.

PITH AND POINT.

There are too many people in the world who use their nest-eggs to make cake of.—Atchison Globe.

There are times when he is very gloomy. "I don't wonder; he calls himself a self-made man."—New York Press.

A Western lecturer has selected for his subject "A Bad Egg." This subject often strikes a lecturer unfavorably.—The Sifters.

When an unmarried woman says she has revealed since her choice, do not be so rude as to ask her "from whom she chose."—Boston Transcript.

George Elliot says: "The man who trusts a friend educates him." But the traveler often gets the most experimental knowledge.—Columbus Post.

An anti-trunk bill has been introduced into Congress. The farmer's boy will be anxious to know if it includes the agriculturalists.—Lovers' Courier.

The banana has a great variety of uses. It is said that four is not made from it. It is so secret that the skin makes low slippers.—Lovers' Courier.

Why did you buy that? "I bought it because it was a bargain."—Lovers' Courier.