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THEONEACREFARM；
＇How much land have you got here in ur lot，Mr．Briggs，
＇I have one aere．
＇One acre！and here you are taking the Vowe England Farmer，the Culticator，
＇Inery＇s Magazine and the Horticulturist， and all becayse you have one acre of round！Hiow many such papers would ou have to take if you had a hundred ＇cres ？＇
＇1 sh ＇I shouldn＇t probably need any more han，take now＇；you now，Mr．（hap rotions＇on one aere，as woll as ou a hun－
tred．＇ ＇A man can throw away money with he good you get from such periodicals， money they cost into the fire ；they al wothing but humburs．
 me＇mer，one－dolar for the culluctor，
hree dollars for the Ilurticulturist，wal eight dullars
Eight dollars！enough to buy a tip op barrel of flour and a ley of bacom aud then if you read these periodicals， there is twice the amond

II do actually read or hear read almost ＂very word there is in them．My hoys and take turns in reading
＇Complete nonsensel No wonder your shop don＇t turn out any more boots in a
day than it does！＂ day than it doos
PPerhaps we d
works，some days，as some of our neigh－ bors，but I－guess that in the course of the rear we turn out as many，according to the hands at work，as most do．
＇I suppose it is out of these publica－ sons you get your foolish notions about
so many kinds of fruit trees．One of my boys came houe a while ago，and said trees and such things，that cost I don＇t know how much，and wanted me to buy some grape rines，pear trees，and so on．
I told him it was all foolishmess；and not to let me hear him say anything about peading money so foulishly．You have， tpending money so
dare say，laid out terí or fifteen dollars
his spring．＇ out twenty－five dollars for trees and gar－ den fruits．
Twenty－five dollars！I wonder you are not on the town，or in jail，at least，hefore
now．＇
＇I＇m not afraid of either；；l＇ll bet you he twenty－five dollars I＇ll sell you that mount of fruit from those things for
which $I$ paid the twenty－five dollers， ，in which I paid the twenty－five doller．3，in
fie years．＇ will cost you 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
ut or taking care of them，it is as good out．or taking care of hem，it is as good exercise as playing ball，wieket or any－ out，one of your boys came to get my boys to go over to Mr．Moody＇s，where，he siid there was to be a great time playing ball； and I have no doubt your boys spend just
just as much time playing as－mine do just as much time playing，as mine do
with our trees，and so forth；and then something is done，but in playing the strengh is all laid out for nothing．＇ ＇Well，it don＇t cost anything to play ball，but trees cost money． The foregoing conversation occurred in the shop，between two neighbors，both
boot－makers，in a town not more thay thirty miles from Beston．
－Mr．Briggs，in whose shop the conver atition took place，was a man of more tha ordinary intelligence for oue of his ad vantages and ciroumstances in life．Il had been a poor boy，and hy industry，ob way on in life，and reared and well celu－ aated a fanily of children，who，like hin self，were industrious and steady．For the few years past he had becoune inter eated in horticulture，and both for exer eise and amusenient，had turned his at
tention to cultivating his＇one acre farm． Inis attention was first called to this by micans of a＇back number＇of tho Not ringlend Farmer，which was put arvunt ne things hought at the the Mr．
itrerequd his so ingue then that he

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per｜he the bill amounts to thirty－seven cal depot，and then lie became a regular ubseriber．Mis sons soon became inter terest of the father and sons increased to the pitch indicated in the foregoing con versation．＂
In tique，every inch of that acre of
ground was＇brought under．the spade， ground was＇brought undcr．the spade， and almost every＇byst＇varroty of fruits
had a place there，and the father and sons found pleasure and profit in the garden， after being cooped up in the shop，until
the＇stent＇was done，and the excreibexvas far more profitable than the sp．
Mrolent © Chapman，the other neighboir，was
Man the upen everything new，or wincommon，as
folly＇and＇nonsense，＇and was ready to sucer at every one who steppeded fron the the him to see a man stay at home
sill frou＇muster＇or＇training，＇or＇shows， and spend his time in cultivating a gar den；or，instead of loitering away th crening at the store，smoking and hearin or telling a deal of nothing，or worse， ＇nonsconse＇as the Furmer and the Iort numserise afford．
Years pass，and Mr．Briggs＇＇one aci farm＇shows that he aul his boys have not read＇the papers＇in vain．They ha
learned how to＇sct out a tree，and how to take care of it after it was set out．－ kind of food and care，and straiehtwa beran to bring forth fruits meet for grod cultivation．In a short time the wants of the family were more than supphed，and the supbens found a ready n
the neighors at arood prices．
Those carly apples，so rich and tempt ing，when an ond then such pears then went as fast as the sun and house conle ripen them，at three，four or five cents a
piece．Then such clusters of rich，ripe grapes－too tempting for the coldest to pass without a watering month．Mr
Chapman＇s fanily were among the best customers for the temptinn－froit fiyst liberality of Mr．Briygs，who never faile to send a specimen of his best to his neighbor．
The fifih season came．It was a frui ful year－－Apple，pear，peach，plum，and
all wher trees were loaded with fruit．－ Keeping in mind his converation with
Mr：Chapman，Mr．Brigigs had directed Mr：Chapman，Mr．Briggs had directed
his family to set down every cents worth of fruit sold to Mr．Chapman，or his fam－ ily．This year，as it happened，was
year ofextreme hard times．The boot business was at its lowest ebb；littl work and very low wages－and yet the
prices of every kind of provisions up the＇hishest notch，and provisions up ly＇tight．
But there was one family that did not
seem to be in the least affected by tho hard times，low prices of labor，high prices of provisions or the scarcity of
money；Mr．Mrigrs and his two oldest change＇to let on short time＇with inter est，＇to their needy neighbors．
One day Mr．Chapman，who was shor applied to Mr．Briges for a＇half＇for quarter，＇meaning fifty dollars for thr months．
＇Yes，＇ said Mr．Briggs，
ole，just as you like．
＇What，a hundred dollars by you；these
times？I don＇t kee how it colues．Yun and your boys don＇t work any harder lardy get I and my boys do，and we can hardly get
along．We are as saving and pinching and everything a family has to buy is so dreadful high，and wages so low．Pota－ ooess a dollar a bushel，beef fifteen cents a pound，pork sisteen cents，eggs twenty dollars a barrel．How can aman hive． ou for that twenty－five dullars now，will ＇Twenty－five dollars！What do
nean？I don＇t understand you ！＂
＇Bon＇t you recollect we have a bet be trees 1 bought five years ago next spring？ Ah， 1 do remember something aboul hars if you didn＇t get your twenty－five
dollars back from me fur the products of hose trees and things．It will come ver handy just now．
it won＇t toome very heighbor．I＇m afraid That was what I was dunining you for，－ thit twenty five dullars？
What．you don＇t pretend to say that we have had twenty－five dollars worth of
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ty－five dollars worth of trees and othe things．ILere is an account of everythin yon have bought and paid for；of course
it don＇t include what 1 have sent you mitis．
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Why，this bill anounts to thirty－seyen
dollars：It is not possible ＇It is just so；you have had over twen－
ty bushels of apples and three bushels of py bushels of apples and three bushels on pears；and th
＇I own，up ，the＇com；＇draw the note for
venty－1tre． go．I only mention it to show that ghere imes．Now I will betteth rwenty－f ：勆 ny fimily ．）
＇If I had not been so badly taken in before，I would
it won＇t be safe．＇
＇We have raised our own potatoes，corn， pas，beans and all other gavden vegeta
Our eqgs are alway fresh and in bundanec from the yest，and for mor han two years
ipe fresh fruit．＇
＇How fresh fruit．＇
＇How that be？
＇Well，by the first of Jtune we have wherries ripe，and soon after cherrie and so forth；and long before these a one the early apples，pears and peache锅e continues，later pears and apples，and hese continue all winter，and upples til he luscious circle．＇
Well，I declare that is something
ever thonglit of．But it takes so much mime and bother to get these thingsstart d－then it is ；an everlastine job to tak are of them．＇
＇It needs no
ou needs no more time and money than you throw avay on things that amount to fruit you save the expense of a heavy
ment bill，which is not healthy in hot meat bill，which is not healthy in ho
veather．No doetor has been called to tep a foot into my dour for over four
years past！Fresh，ripe fruits are sure years past！Fresh，ripe fruits are sur
comedies for all alluents，and they are hard to take

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