hearts!
-From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

stand it here much longer than a few

interrupted Bess.
A glow of pride made Phil quiet and
more thoughtful. He remembered
now that Ed's sister worked hard at

"Yes and in everything else," loyal-

Aunt Matty must turn it over to us then—they only hold it in trust until you become of age, you know—and they'll be glad to get rid of the re-

his forehead.

## Leaving the Old Farm.

By GEORGE E. WALSH.

"Hello, Phil, digging away at the His sister stared at him in an

"Hello, Phil, digging away at the old farm yet?"

The speaker, leaning languidly against the top rail of the fence, held a cigarette in the most improved style between his two forefingers and occasionally puffed slowly at it.

Phil Dryden looked up from his planting and responded: "Why, Ed, is that you? When did you come down?"

"Ed Spencer, and he says he can get me a position when I want it."

"Ed Spencer? Is he home again?" asked Bess.

"Only for a few days. He can't stand it here much longer than a few

"Ran down last night on the early "Ran down last night on the early train. Taking a few days' vacation, and thought I'd like to see the old place." Phil glanced rather enviously at the well-dressed smoker, and then dropped his eyes a little shametace-dy to his own coarse, ill-fitting and faded

dropped his eyes a little shamefaceuly to his own coarse, ill-fitting and faded clothes.

"Why do you stay down here, Phil, and use yourself up on this old farm?" Ed Spencer continued. "I should think you'd go to the city and get a better job. If you hate farming as I always did, you would."

Phil's face flushed a trifle. The contrast between his appearance and "Oh, yes, I suppose I could stay."

contrast between his appearance and that of his old school friend made him uneasy.

"Oh, yes, I suppose I could stay," was the quiet answer, "but did it ever occur to you that I might be lonely,

"I have thought of it several times," and—and the replied slowly, "but there's so much to do here, and ther—"

"Oh, shucks! You hate to make the

"Oh, shucks! You hate to make the plunge. So did I. But after the first break it's all so much better. Clear sailing then. I just picked up my things, and made the start. And now!—well, I'm going to get a raise next month, and then I'll take it easier than now."

"I suppose the work is pleasanter," Thil stammered, "and the pay is better."

"Better?" answered Ed, a little constant the plant of the plant of

"Better?" answered Ed, a little contemptirously. "Why, you get cash there for your work, but on the farm you don't. I'll bet you haven't seen as much money as this in a year."

Producing a roll of bills, the speaker flipped them carclessly through his fingers, exposing to view several of the second of

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high denominations.
"That's what you get in the city,"
be continued. "It's cash—every week

be continued. "It's cash—every week or month."

Phil said nothing, but his mind was feverishly active. Suddenly he asked anxiously: "I suppose it's hard to get a good position at first, isn't it?"

"Yes, and no. If you have influence it's dead easy; if you don't you have to funt around a bit."

Ed Spencer flung away his cigarette, and added confidentially:

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and added conndentially:

"If you're thinking of making the change, let me know. I may help you.

I know the ropes a little. Just send me word when you've made up your made u

Phil kicked a lump of dirt with the

toe of his shoe. Ed seemed to comprehend the state of his mind, and asked, smilingly: "How are the crops, anyway?—slow as ever?"

Ed.

him. "But, Bess,

way?—slow as ever?"

A flash of resentment appeared in Phil's eyes, for he knew the question was asked in well-bred derision.

"Oh, they're pretty good," Phil replied with dignity. "I'll harvest a good crop this season if——"
"If potato bugs don't eat up everything, and cabbage worms don't finish thing, and cabbage worms don't finish."
"Yes, and in everything else," loyally responded Bess.
"Then, why shouldn't I go to the city and make something of myself? I can never do it here."
"Phil, I don't think you would do much better," protested Bess. "In a few years now, you—we—will have the farm all to ourselves. Uncle Ned and Aust. Matty must turn it cyer to us.

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"If potato bugs don't eat up everything, and cabbage worms don't finish what's left," laughed Ed, as he turned to leave. "Well, I must be going. I want to see the old place and get back to the city soon's I can. It's pretty slow here."

He consulted a handsome watch which hung at the end of a gold

"Remember me to Bess," he called over his shoulder. "I suppose she's well."

When the two separated, Phil Dryden picked up his hoe and stood for several minutes staring at the retreating form. Contending quetions nos-

several minutes staring at the retreating form. Contending emotions possessed him. The old rebellious spirit rose up to make his thoughts bitter and disquieting.

Life on the farm was drudgery, he thought, and a dozen times he had section work in the city. The opportunity had never been presented quite so forcibly as today, and he felt that the

forcibly as today, and he felt that the decisive moment had come.

"I'll do it," he firmly muttered after the space of five minutes of silent thought. "I'll do it now. Uncle Ned congress of the state of the space of the minutes of silent thought. "I'll do it now. Uncle Ned congress of the same can get along without me. He can hire someone else in my place. I've delayed too long already."

Therefore, the planting progressed.

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Thereafter the planting progressed slowly. Phil's mind was not on his work and several times he had to go over his hoeing to repair damages carelessly done.

It was late in the afternoon, and Phil cut the day's work short by an hour. As he trudged up to the old farmhouse his face was brightened by the thoughts of his newly-formed plans.

"Hello, Ress!" he colled out a the

plans.

"Hello, Bess!" he called, as a slim girl of sixteen met hism.

"You're back early, Phil," Bess replied. "You can't expect supper yet a while. Why, the sun is an hour high."

"Oh, I'm not after supper," the boy responded. "T've made up my mind to quit for good. Bess, I'm going to the city!"

make his mark in a wider field than farming.

"Bess will be terribly disappointed at first," he reasoned, "and she'll be lonely the first month. But she'll soon see the wisdom of my way. When I can take her to the city she will have a happier time of it than here."

Nothing further was said of his change of plans for a few days, but

Phil could not lail to notice, the change in Bess's appearance. Her face was pale and demure, and the eyes ooked as if she had spent sleeples

looked as if see had spent sleepless night worrying over the matter. "I wish she wouldn't take it so to heart," Phil reflected more than once. Then a little irritably, "Girls expect so much of brothers. They want to

o much of brothers. They want to ie them down to their apron strings." This sort of argument did not tend o convince Phil of his mistaken line

of thought.

A week later he had fully made up his mind to carry out his long cherished plans. One afternoon he walked over to the old Spencer home to get Ed's city address. He would write to his old companion and find out what he could do for him.

The Spencer home was a tumbledown, neglected farm of some half a dozen acres. The only one of the family, in Phil's estimation in the past.

dozen acres. The only one of the ramily, in Phil's estimation in the past, was Mandy; but the odds were against her in the up-hill struggle, and today Phil's heart beat sympathetically for

She was pale and thin, and a wor ried expression marked her face. At the sight of Phil she flushed and tried to straighten out the stray locks of hair on her head and to arrange her

days at a time, it's so slow. I don't blame him, either, for it is slow— terribly slow and dull." "I've been so busy," she apologized "that I've hardly had time to fix up

The boy removed his hat and wiped Phil laughed and tried to make her

"I've come over to get Ed's address in the city," he said pleasantly, after a few moments of conversation. "I want to write to him.

"I'm not sure I have it," Mandy re-plied, blushing deeper than before. "Ed has changed it several times late-He doesn't seem to stay in one place long.
"I've always heard that they move
often in the city," Phil answered. "I
suppose he's rising so rapidly that he

has to change every little while to bet-Mandy tried to laugh at this sug-

gestion, but it was a poor attempt.
"Ed is very restless," she ventured finally. "He lost his old position, you inally. "He lost his old position, you know, and I don't know whether he will like his new one."
"No: I didn't know he had lost the "No: I with rand Phil slowly."

"Yes; there was something that—that—well, Ed is very restless. I wish he was nearer home, so I could look after him a little." "I think all sisters want their broth-

ers under their wings," replied Phil, with a laugh. "Bess, now doesn't want me to go to the city to work."

"Are you thinking of going?" quick-

ly asked Mandy Spencer.

"Yes—that is, Ed said he could get
me a position if——"

Mandy dropped her sewing, and with flushed cheeks and sparkling eyes said yehemently: "Please don't go then, Phil-for Bess's sake and mine."

"Well, because—we'll miss you, and then you'll be happier here. Ed is not

then you'll be happier here. Ed is not doing as well as you think, and—""I'm not so sure of that. He seemed to have plenty of money with him last week. But I suppose he gave it to you for a birthday present."
"Birthday present? Oh, did you remember that my birthday was last week? I'm so glad. I thought—"
"Didn't Ed remember it?"
Mandy hent over her work and made Mandy bent over her work and made

no reply. She was too loyal to make any confession that would reflect upon he's doing well in the city, and I don't see why I shouldn't do as well. I was always smarter in my studies than her brother. When they parted a few minutes

later she took Phil's hand and said earnestly: "Please do not leave Bess—and me. We should miss you so much, Phil.' Phil walked home in an uncertain

state of mind. Somehow his desire to go to the city had cooled down and the sight of two anxious faces made him hesitate. "Ed is about as selfish as ever," he

acknowledged. "A fellow with all of his money who doesn't remember his only sister's birthday is a good deal deal of a-a-"

He didn't finish the sentence, but he sponsibility. Then we can—"
Phil kicked viciously at a stone.
This sort of argument did not please

knew pretty well in his own mind what he meant. Suddenly he stopped in his walk. A strangely unpleasant thought occurred to him. Was he also

Phil deferred writing his letter to Ed for a full week. Then something happened that made it unnecessary. happened that made it unnecessary.

In one of the city papers there was a small news item tucked away in a corner that greatly excited the people living in Greenville. It was no less than an account of the arrest of Ed Spencer for robbing his employer.

The details of the case were not

The details of the case were not given, but one could read on the surface the old story of temptation, weakness and final failure. Phil's heart nearly stopped beating. He could not show the paragraph to Bess and in his heart he hoped that no one in Greenville would see it. would see it.

But this was a foolish wish, within twenty-four hours the news had stread all over the village and the farming section. Phil thought of Mandy. How would she take it? How Mandy yould Bess take it if he were the pris-

oner?
"Oh, Phil, suppose it had been you!"
exclaimed Bess, when she heard the
ficws. Then, blushing deeply, she
threw her arms around his neck and
stammered: "But, of course, I know
it couldn't have been you."
Nevertheless she subbed rather ner-

Nevertheless she sobbed rather ne vously for a few minutes until Phil was tempted to say:

"I don't know, Bess. I—I might have fallen, too. Who knows?"
"No, no," protested Bess loyally. Phil picked up his hat and strode toward the door.

"Where are you going?" she

"Y am going over to see Mandy," as the reply. Without further explanation of his Without further explanation of his sudden resolve he walked across the fields until he reached the Spencer home. Without waiting for any formality, Phil entered and caught the girl curled up in a heap, with her sewing scattered in a nopeless mass around her.
"Mandy!" he said softly.
She raised dull, red eyes to his.
"Mandy," he repeated, "I'm going to the city."

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"Oh, Phil!" she cried. "I'm going, he continued, "to see what I can do for Ed. Then I'm

coming home to stay.

"If Ed had only stayed," she moan "He will come back-in time," Phil

The girl raised her head and laughed hysterically. "Yes; now he will came home," she said wildly, "and no-body will have anything to do with him. He won't be able to get work again, and we-we shall nave to move

way."
Phil twisted his hat nervously, but Phil twisted his hat nervously, but his voice was clear and firm when he spoke. "He will always be the same to me, Mandy, and if—if he'll work on the old farm with me, he'll never lack employment. I'm going to stay on it, and keep Ed, too. Maybe in the end it will be a good thing for both of us. We'll make better farmers for the the experience."

end it will be a good thing for both of us. We'll make better farmers for the—the experience."

Something like a hopeful expression entered the stricken girl's eyes. "Phil—if—if you could bring him home now, I—you know they're not going to prosecute him. Mr. Barrows has discharged him, but he will not have him imprisoned for the—the—" understand." Phil replied. "I shall bring him home right away, and

shall bring him home right away, and we'll run this farm together." The door suddenly opened and Bes appeared on the threshold.

"Bess!

"Mandy!" And the two girls were sobbing in ach other's arms. Phil looked on each other's arms. Phil looked on with wet eyes, and then whistled soft-

"I guess," he said finally, "with two such sisters, Ed and I ought to keep straight. If we don't, we deserve something worse than a thrashing, and I'll be the one to do the licking."

"Why, Phil, what are you saying?" demanded Bess wiping her eyes. "You've been talking to yourself, while "Acting like two silly school girls,"

prompted Phil. "But I'm off now! I'm going to the city, Bess—going at "To stay?" demurely asked Bess

"Until I can bring Ed home," re-sponded Phil as he pulled the door softly shut behind him.—Country Gen-

QUAINT AND CURIOUS. The Canadian Pacific Railway offer

The new Japanese uniforms are the same for officers and privates, except that those of officers have small stars

a 12,000-mile trip under one flag

Two cents is the standard price an ordinary trolley fare in Italy, France or Germany, and four cents is the London standard.

Chicago's restaurant and luncheo rooms must henceforth pay the city a license fee of \$25 a year. The fund thus created is to be used for the peri-odic inspection of their kitchens and to check the serving of foods that are poiled or unwholesome

The island of Cuba is 800 miles long and 80 miles wide. In shape it is like a scimitar, with the point of the blade extended toward Key West 80 miles to the westward, and the curved blade swinging up into the Atlantic Ocean toward the United States on the North

A Pike county, Missouri, man has a mare that isn't in debt to him fo board to any extent. He bought her when she was three years old, and since then she has raised thirteen colts, six of which sold for an average of \$100 apiece, still leaving which he values at \$1000. The original cost of the mare was \$85, so us thinks he has made pretty good interest on the principal.—American Farm

When a passenger boards a car in Copenhagen he exchanges greetings with the conductor; a gentleman, on leaving the car, usually lifts his hat in acknowledgement of a salute from that official. When a fare is paid, the conductor drops it into his cash box, thanks the passenger and gives him thanks the passenger, and gives him a little paper receipt. He offers change with a preliminary "Be so good," and the passenger accepts with

Very remarkable is the machine which husks and shells the corn. Shack corn, is fed into it and the ears are co from the stalks and the shucks from the ears; stalks and shucks are blown through a pipe by a revolving fan and forced into a barn loft or silo. Ears go to another part of the machine and the shelled corn to a granary or wagon and the cobs to a place where the housewife may get them for her kitchen range.

Up to Date.

"I don't know about calling in Dr. Rybold. Do you consider him a safe physician?"
"Perfectly. He shaves his face clean and he hasn't a spear of hair on his head."—Chicago Tribune.

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

Timber in the South is of quicker growth and more harsh and brittle than timber grown in the North.

highest point of temperature in ter-restrial thermometry. He has accom-plished this by exploding cordite in closed vessels with a resulting pressure of fifty tons to the square inch, and a temperature of no less than 5200 degrees C. Sir William Crookes saw that one incidental result of this experiment should have been the formation of diamond—that is, if his calculations were correct. On working over the residues of the explosion-chamber he has recently extracted from them small crystals that seem to be veritable diamonds.

The metal tungsten is remarkable for The metal tungsten is remarkable for the great density of its alloys, and on this account, since the introduction of repeating rifles of "small caliber, many attempts have been made to flatten the trajectory of the bullets by augmenting their density through the addition of tungsten. This fact has led to a singular situation with regard to the tungsten deposits found in the eastern part of France that have hitherto been explainted by a German company. The plointed by a German company. The question is now seriously debated whether the French government should not assume entire control of this supply of what may become an importan naterial of war

CARE OF DOGS.

Proper Food to Give-How Often to

Wash Them-The Kennel. Remember that a dog digests its food very slowly, so should never have more than two meals a day when in health. For a house dog that gets lit-

The food should be plain, wholes and nutritious. Above all things, and nutritious. Above all things, says Country Life in America, avoid pre-serves and sweetmeats of all kinds, sugar, hot toast, tea and other stuff of that kind.

Feed your dog regularly. If you give him one meal a day, let it be at mid-day; if two, morning and evening, and

uit soaked in milk, oatmeal or ric or potatoes, and once or twice a week green vegetables. Scraps of beef, mut-ton, etc., from the table are all that is needed in the way of meats. Avoid giving liver

Dog biscuit is good for a Many owners feed fish now and then to their dogs, but we have had dogs that such food always caused to suffer Let your dog have water as often as

Give your dog regular exercise, Do not take him out for ah airing at the end of a chain—that is not exercise. Turn him loose and let him run. Exerise either before feeding or some tim afterward, for exercise on a full stom ach is likely to cause fits.

Do not wash your dog more tha

twice a month; if you keep his coat well combed and brushed, once a month will be enough.

When washing use tepid water and

When washing use tepid water and some good dog soap, as in this way you will kill fleas and clean the dog at the same time. Rinse out the soap thoroughly and then douche the dog in cold water, after which rub dry.

If you keep the dog outside provide a good dry kennel with a southern exposure and with clean bedding of wheat or rye straw. Change the bedding frequently and sprinkle a little

wheat or rye straw. Change the bedding frequently and sprinkle a little oil of peppermint over the straw now and then—just enough to let you know it is there. If you can get the dry pep permint use that. It will help to keep the dog clear of fleas.

Remember that if the kennel is no clean and dry and cheerful, or if your dog is pampered and overfed, he will be likely to have distemper. If You Read This

Timber in the South is of quicker growth and more harsh and britte than timber grown in the North.

The tensile strength of catgut musical-instrument strings is 60,000 pounds per square inch, the elongation at rupture 15 to 19 per cent.

European river or lake steamers use a horizontal engine and all of them are long, low, rakish craft, much faster than American boats, in addition to being safer.

Certain butterflies have marked odors, some good, some bad. Dr. F. A. Dixey, a British entomologist, mentions a white butterfly of England than has the fragant seent of lemon verbena, and has noted many species in Africa with such odors as those of chocolate, vanilla and various flowers. The agreeable odors belong to males, being a charm to attract females. The offensive odors, shared by both sexes, are protective, repelling enemies.

In the manufacture of denatured alcohol forp power, light and fuel, any substance containing starch may be used. Even scabby or half-decayed or coarse potatoes may be used. Corn cobs, by fomentation, yield eleven gailons of alcohol from a ton, and by similar methods six gallons of alcohol may be secured from a ton of green corn stalks. The Germans use a potato to large and coarse for food in the manufacture of alcohol. In this new liquid are great possibilities through the conversion of waste materials into light, heat and power.

Sir Andrew Noble has reached the highest point of temperature in terrestrial thermometry. He has accomplished this by exploding cordite in the least of the protestion of temperature in terrestrial thermometry. He has accomplished this by exploding cordite in the least of the protestion of temperature in terrestrial thermometry. He has accomplished this by exploding cordite in the least of the protestion of temperature in terrestrial thermometry. He has accomplished this by exploding cordite in the least of the protestion of temperature in terrestrial thermometry. He has accomplished this by exploding cordite in the least of the protestion of temperature in terr

Marion Harland.

The celebrated authoress, so highly estemed by the women of America, says on pages 103 and 445 of her popular work. Eve's Daughters; or, Common Sense for Maid, Wife and Mother:

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remove the entire scales by bathing or
using oil to soften them the flesh would
be perfectly raw, and a light discharge of
bloody substance would ooze out. That
scaly crust would form again in twentyfour hours. It was worse on my arms and
limbs, although it was in spots all over
my body, also on my scalp. If I let the
scales remain too long without removing
by bath or otherwise, the skin would
crack and bleed. I suffered intense itching, worse at nights after getting warm
in bed, or olood warm by exercise, when
it would be almost unbearable. W. M.
Chidester, Hutchinson, Kan, April 20, 1905.

St. Paui's Sinking. The building of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is solid, \(\frac{1}{2}\) appears, notwithstanding its age, but the whole mass is gradually sinking "about half the thickness of a sheet of note paper every three years.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased became that there is at least one dreaded distant the release that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrn. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now know at the medical frateraity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional

the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treathent. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood andmucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faithin its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fulls to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Chenker & Co. Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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Sometimes there was retention and at other times passages were requent, especially at night. was pain and discoloration. too frequent, There

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