

PLOWING IN GEORGIA.

BY FRANCIS MARINE.

Star and Charley are ready—there's nothing to do but go: The wide blue sky and the brown fields call, and the pines are singing low.

"TOM."

BY PRESTON HALL.

GOOD-BY, old fellow," I said, wringing Tom's hand, as we stood together on the wharf.

I hastily crossed the deck of the steamer, and Tom's broad shoulders disappeared among the noisy crowd on the wharf.

Tom and I were natives of the same village, had been playmates in infancy, schoolmates in boyhood, college chums in more mature years, and for the last year partners in a flourishing business in New York.

That evening I took passage on the little steamer that ran up to our village. It was a lovely moonlight night in early June, and the boat was crowded.

I secured a seat in the upper cabin—the decks were jammed—and soon became aware that these two girls were seated on deck just outside of the window behind me.

It was more than I could stand, too. With a muttered exclamation, which I will not repeat here, I rushed from my seat, fearful of hearing still more dreadful developments, and spent the remaining three hours till our arrival in a state bordering on frenzy.

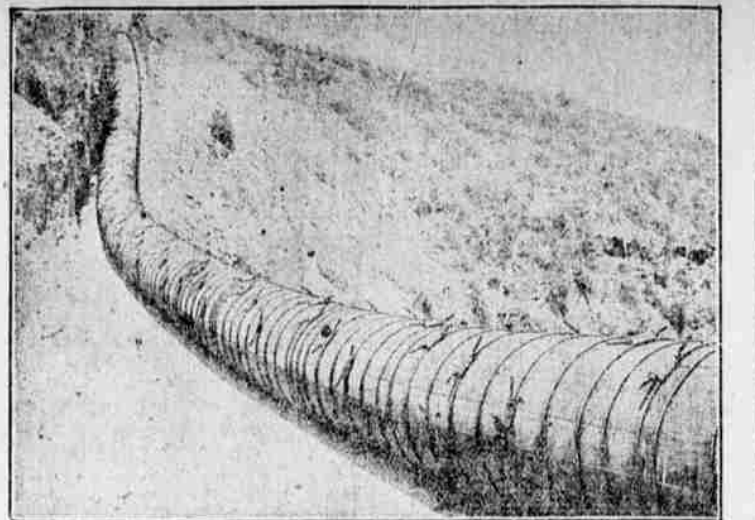
"Good-by, darling," I said, as we stood together at the gate. I know my face looked white and woeful enough.

"Good-by, Carl," she said, smoothing back her curly, golden locks. "Just see how you've ruffled my hair. Of course I'll be true to you, unless some fellow I like better comes along, and she turned hastily and ran up the narrow path and disappeared within the vine-covered porch.

Her parting words rang in my ears. Oh, what would I not have given to know that our separation grieved her one-half as sorely as it did me.

MAKING WESTERN DESERTS FERTILE

THE PYGMIES OF THE CONGO.



IRRIGATION FLUME CARRYING WATER OVER A HILL. From Outing Magazine.

"The hypocrite! the scoundrel!" I cried, between my teeth. "Why, what's the matter, Carl?" he exclaimed, as he came near enough to read the expression of my face.

It was twilight when I walked up the little familiar path, and entered the vine-covered porch, where I had had the last glimpse of Eve. The front door stood open, no lamps were yet lit, all was still.

In an instant the room was filled with a crowd of children and servants. Eve's father and mother appeared on the scene, and a general hubbub ensued, in the midst of which an immense green and gray parrot coolly issued from its cage and, perching on the centre table, hoarsely announced:

"Tom loves Eve. Carl loves Eve. Carl and Eve are going to be married!" "Here, Nancy, put that noisy Tom in his cage, and run for smelling salts," commanded Mrs. Mallory.

The rest of my story is soon told. Explanations, apologies, forgiveness, reconciliation all round.

But after Eve and I were married, I had that odious parrot transported, for though I am not nearly so jealous as I used to be, I do not want to see my wife lavishing devotion and kisses on an unappreciative feathered biped, when there is a human being at hand who could enjoy a good deal more of that sort of thing than he is ever likely to get.

Tom's frequent visits to Kingston are accounted for by the presence of a saucy, little brunette, whose "big brother" wants to marry sister Nell.—New York Weekly.

The Russian imperial family numbers at the present time something like sixty Grand Dukes and Grand Duchesses. It is a fact they would one and all be wholly dependent upon the reigning Emperor, whose wealth is practically boundless, were it not that a former Czar, Paul I, set aside a certain number of estates to which he gave the curious name of "the imperial appanages."

A large rattlesnake was found imprisoned between two rails of a fence near Ellensville and was killed. The snake had come upon a flock of young quail, caught one of the birds and swallowed it. The survivors ran to the other side of the fence, whereupon the snake crawled between the rails until it caught another luckless bird, which it also swallowed.

Recently a lobster in one of the aquarium tanks cast his skin. The process lasted about half an hour. A split appeared in the thin skin just in front of the first joint of the tail (abdomen), and through this opening the lobster slowly withdrew the forepart of his body, legs and feelers. Then with a jerk the tail was withdrawn. The old skin was left intact and absolutely perfect.—Letter in London Mail.

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For years we have been aware of the actual existence of a race of pygmies in the interior of Africa. And now, authorities on the subject have expressed the belief that in this little known race of black dwarfs, hidden to-day in the fastnesses of the tropical forests of the Congo, but in past centuries probably far more common and widespread, we may have the origin of the dwarfs of tradition.

The human type, in all probability, first emerged from the ape in South-eastern Asia, possibly in India. The higher types forced the negro from the continent in an eastward direction, across the intervening islands, as far as Australia, and westward into Africa. Even to-day ape-like negroes are found in the gloomy forests, who are, doubtless direct descendants of these early types of man, who probably closely resembled their simian ancestors.

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Would you like to make a talking machine? If you have a toy trumpet put the small end in your mouth and your two hands over the large, or funnel end. Now blow through the trumpet, and open and shut your hands once quickly. The syllable "ma" will be sounded, and if you repeat this in a quick succession the word "mamma" will be spoken by the trumpet. It

Among the latter individual types of the lower order crop out now and then, indicating that the two were, to a certain extent, merged in past ages.

When the pygmies came or where they originated is unknown to us. In the hieroglyphic records of the Egyptians and other ancient people are accounts that prove conclusively that the dwarfs existed in Africa at that time.

China has ten railways in operation, with a total mileage of 2255, or about one-tenth that of Great Britain.

High Tide of Prosperity. The year 1905 stands out as a record-breaker—"a year of superlatives in the business world," as Dun puts it.

been as strong since the early '80s; shipments of footwear from Boston are close to the maximum, and including all shoe centres, the movement this year is beyond precedent.

A HOME-MADE TALKING MACHINE.

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When the sky is simply dark and cloudy these busy workers do not leave their dwelling all at once. A few go out at first, as though the queen had sent out messengers to study the state of the atmosphere. The greater number remain on observation until the clouds begin to break up and disappear, and then all the bees rush out in search of nectar.

All milk cans and pails should be of tinned steel, and, in order that they may be properly cleaned, they should be so made that every part can be seen and reached, and all cracks or crevices should be filled up with solder.

Why Hens Do Not Pay. Hens do not pay when their owner loses sight of the fact that they need food and a certain amount of care, just as do any other living things.

Drinking Trough. In raising poultry it is very necessary to have plenty of good, clean water convenient for them to drink.

It is surprising that hens treated this way do not lay and that they are not profitable? Try a different way this year and see if things do not change for you.

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The little chicks cannot get into the water or get drowned.—R. E. Hough, in The Epitome.

FARM TOPICS.

THE BEST FOR CHICKS.

The incubator has come to stay, and the enterprising poultry man who cares to keep up with the procession has one. It's those young broilers that bring in the large returns.

BREAKING A COLT TO HALTER.

There is a little item in the Horse Breeder that contains a great deal of information in a nutshell for those who breed and break colts. It says that the best time to halter-break a foal is before the youngster is six hours old, the sooner after the foal is on its feet the better.

BEEES AS BAROMETERS.

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MARKETS.

Table with columns for Grain, Flour and Feed. Items include Wheat, Corn, Oats, and various flour types with prices listed.

Table with columns for Dairy Products and Poultry, Etc. Items include Butter, Eggs, and various poultry types with prices listed.

Table with columns for Fruits and Vegetables. Items include Apples, Potatoes, Cabbage, and Onions with prices listed.

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Table with columns for LIVE STOCK. Items include Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep with prices listed.

Table with columns for CALVEA. Items include Veal, extra, Veal, good to choice, and Veal, common to heavy with prices listed.

Table with columns for SPORTING BREVIETTES. Items include Harvard's football squad, Cornell's football line, and Larner walked seven miles at Stamford Bridge.

The All Chicago Association football team defeated the Pilgrims, the British eleven, by the score of 2 to 1.

The yachting season was practically concluded, and the boats will now go out of commission until next year.

The Automobile Club of America has appointed a special committee to open a campaign for improved city streets.

The automobile boat Simplex won the race from New York City to Poughkeepsie and back, 145 knots, in 7h. 27m. 55s.

Karl H. Behr and R. D. Little won first prize in the lawn tennis doubles of the tournament given by the Staten Island Cricket and Tennis Club.

The popularity of football in this country would be increased five times were the brutal elements of the play eliminated and a more open game substituted for that now in vogue here.

Graft among the rowing clubs is the latest reflection on American amateurism. The charge is that certain individuals when ordering shells for their organizations demand a rebate from the builder.

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Theilly Miss Winifred, by Direct Mail, 2044, that is in Ben White's Ideal Stock Farm string at Syracuse, suddenly changed recently from a trotter to a pacer without having previously shown even a sign of being double gaited.