there on the null. realendars may be all right for them as thinks 'en so, they don't tell the farmer when his grassis fit to mow. sto know about the time the new moon will be here, about the expected tantrums of the planets through the year. 'what time the 'clipses visible will be along this way. if there'll be some thunder-showers he to some be picters that I've seen for many a year; 'or a the to some the source of the smart young women the to so the picters that I've seen for many a year;

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC.
 Miss Everly," thought she. "I might have some chance. Mamma must give them newopapers say
 About the storms and winds and floods that's comin' right away.
 The cold waves that they havp about that's brewin' in the west, but is so fast. I han't movin' east bout justs so fast. I han't movin' east bout justs so fast. I han't movin' so solety without spending more, and it's a life-and-death business of frunnin' things, as if the Lord He wouldn't cond everybody's rights but her own.

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Big Ship With a Big Belt.

a of any sort of consequence; why, there hain't no kind of doubt
But what a man that undertakes to plan the weather out
Musk know the how wenty bodies, an' conjunctions, just as I
Know all my cows an horses, an' pigs that's in the sty!
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An' when I want to know about the rain, an' snow, an' hail,
I'll look in the Parmer's Almanac, that hangs there on the nail.
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Big Ship With a Big Belt. Up to the recent launching of the British battle ship Royal Sovereign, the Italians had possessed the largest war ships, the Italia and her mates, each being credited with a displacement of 13,000 gross tons. The latest addition is to the British line has a displacement estimated at 14,150 tons, thus slightly outweighing the rival craft. A radical difference exists, however, in the theory of construction, the British ship having a protective belt of armor, with steel face and iron back on the compound system, the same with a maximum thick-ness of eighteen inches, while the big h craft of the Italian fleet have not any outside protection. At the first blush, it would appear that, in point of endur-ance, the odds would be largely with e the British ship, but first-class naval be floated, there is a likelihood that shells will break through and explode, unshipping the guns and demoralizing uch cred sides it likely to cut its way clear through the ship and explode harmless-ly in the water.--|Scientific American.

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The French girl told the whole story, and showed Miss Fielding's card. "This is where it is to be an exact duplicate of yours." "Indeed ?" Ethel shrugged het shoulders. "It shall be better than that. It shall be the bonnet itself. I will send it around to Miss Fielding. I would just as soon wear some other bonnet. One has something else to think of on Easter morning than a new bonnet, Put up your work, Exclicle your mother needs you, beyond all other duty. I will make it right with Madam Plume-jeau."

Gratia Fielding wore the beautiful onnet to church on Easter-the bonnet Gravia Fielding wore the beautiful bonnet to church on Easter-the bonnet for which, as we may as well mention, she had no idea at all of paying-and secretly exulted to see that Miss Everly had on a pretty little confection of white and violets, that she had actually worn three consecutive Sundays before. "if I were an heiress, I should do very differently!" thought she, contempt-uously.

But the next day Colonel Mayfield called on his young friend, Harold Hart-

called on his young triend, Harold Hart-wick. "Harry," said he, "I happen to own is tenement house in Falcon Court. I was there to day. A poor old French-woman has just died in the house, and Ethel Everly was there, watching over her, like an angel of mercy. The daughter, an overworked young milli-ner, told me the prettiest of stories— how Miss Everly had even sacrificed the glories of a new Easter bonnet to secure Estelle's time and strength for the sick-bed.

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You have, of course, never seen a young Beer of South Africa when he goes wooing, but he cuts quite a consist of a general state of the set of th

glories of a new Faster bonnet to secure Extelle's time and strength for the sick-tbed. "And that, you know," he added, with a satirical smile, "is a great deal for a young woman to do. And who do you suppose the merciless fine lady was who would have kept a fellow-creature from her mother's death-bed to feed her own silly vanity? None other than Miss Gratia Fielding?" It seemed as if the very stars in their courses fought against Gratia. Madam Plumejeau herself somehow heard of the story, and hastened to bear-indignant witness against the part that had been so unjustly ascribed to her-and old Mrs. Hartwick came to see poor Estelle in her trouble. For Mrs. Hartwick was one of madam's best customers, and had never trusted any one but Estelle to make up her Quakerish little bonnets for her. ""Harty," said Mrs. Martwick, to her son, as he came into her drawing-room that evening, "does Miss Everly care for you-especially, I mean." "What a strange question, mother!" he answered, evasively. "What makes you think of it?"

"If I thought she did care for me, mother—" Mrs. Hartwick laid her hand tenderly on Harold's arm. "Go and ask her yourself, Hgrold," said she. "Were you a prince of the realm, you could win no sweeter wife." And Harold Hartwick, being an obedient son, did as he was told ; and so the young people became engaged. No bill was ever sent in for the pretty piece of Honiton lace and the white rosebuds that Gra'us fielding wore on that Easter morning; and yet she knew in her sacred heart that it was the dearest bargain she had ever made. "I wish I never had seen the horid thing!" said she. "It has brought me nothing but ill luck from beginning to end !"

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Depression of Agriculture. The working force in the United States is about twenty-three millions, with ten millions engaged in agriculture; with sixteen billions capital invested. I think it would be safe to say, maintains C. W. Carpenter, that the profits hardly pay for the labor, leaving nothing for the use of the land, for keeping up the buildings, fences, machinery, teams, taxes, insurance, etc. From 1870 to 1875 the average value of an arce of wheat was \$13.66; corn in 1870 \$15.54, in 1880 \$7.63; which in 1880 \$7.63, while the arce value of the oat crop has dropped in twenty years from \$12.78 to \$7.73.4. The average yield in bushels has varied but a trifle, is the depression from scarcity of money, high freights, gambling or overpro-duction?

Depression of Agriculture.

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high freights, gambling or overpro-duction? For the last twenty years the popula-tion has increased sity-six per cent., while the grain crops, in fact, nearly all farm crops, have increased, on the aver-age, over one hundred per cent.; thus production has outstripped population from thirty-live to forty per cent. Like-wise, we find a decline in values from thirty-live to forty per cent., the luding the short crops of 1890. It is plain, if we could cut down production thirty-live or forty per cent., we should get as geo prices as we did from 1870 to 1875, when a small suppus was raised, which was readily taken by the foreign demand. Our surplus has been crowded onto foreign markets, depressing prices all over the world. Why this overproduc-tion? A great many farmers are deeply in-

over the world. Why this overproduc-tion? A great many farmers are deeply in-volved in dobt; every nerve is strained to produce mouse crops to live, pay taxes and high interest, with the ulti-mate hope of ifting the mortgage; while those who are not in debt, are forced into increased production by low prices, in order to keep out of debt and keep their heads above water. The harder they work, the more they pro-duce, and the less they get. It is like struggling in a mire of quicksand; the more you struggle the deeper you get. The way out I cannot see. -- Farm and Fireside.



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