

Current Literature

THE FIRST FARMER

AN AGRICULTURAL LYRIC.

There are fools who scoff at the plow and spade, While they boast of a dingly scoldade...

What! labor a curse or a hollow cheat? Well, now, to my fancy, some toils are sweet!

I can see him now, in the Orient shine, His deep eyes holding a gleam divine...

I behold him later, when peace steals down To crown his days with a twilight glow...

And as he is tending his orchard trees And weeding with mattock hoe and spade...

On the low, soft heave of her unveiled hair, Oh, marvelous deliverer on hill and lea...

Not a germ can rise, nor a seed expand: On the highland sweep or lowland strand...

Uprose to his heaven-born hopes again, Till the sin-bound fell and his soul was free...

There is a Talmudic tradition to the effect that Adam, digging more deeply than usual...

Yes, she said, "there's a vacancy in the 'Old Ladies' Home, and the hundred dollars that Parson Amory left me will pay my way in..."

Miss Becky was going to the "Old Ladies' Home" at last. It was a sorry fact, but there was nothing else for her to do...

and rendered her more or less helpless at times, yet her dark, velvety eyes looked out like soft stars...

"You did not tell me, and I've been home a week..." "I had forgotten all about it till you reminded me..."

"It's such an every-day affair for you to ride with Sam Eustis..." "I suppose not—I suppose not. Have you lived there long?"

"Well, now, she never married..." "She must be sixty odd; she was a pretty creature, such a dipple—I suppose they are wrinkles now!"

"You seem to have known her pretty well..." "I should think so! I've loved Becky Thorne from my cradle..."

On the way to the Old Ladies' Home, she wrote Mrs. Wright; "I was persuaded to go to an old ladies' home..."

The Big Bend country is destined to undergo one of those magic transformations...

In certain locations timber is found sufficient for fire wood and fencing. Choice hay lands and meadows on government lands...

An act providing for taxing prosecutors with costs and disbursements of criminal actions found to be malicious or without probable cause...

Two full meals a day are enough for fowls that run at large. These should be supplied at regular hours—say between 7 and 8 A. M. and 4 or 5 o'clock P. M.

Wells Health Renewer restores health and vigor, cures Dyspepsia, Impotency, Strach, Debility, etc.

single friends, Miss Becky had been spending some weeks with Mrs. Doctor Dwight, who had moved away from Plymouth after her husband's death...

"You friend was speaking of Parson Amory and Plymouth, said he..." "I couldn't help hearing it. I was born in Plymouth myself, but I haven't met a soul from there these twenty years..."

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GREAT WITH A LOOM MAKER

A Trade that is fading away from the Cheery Old Man who Talks of the Past.

In Fifteenth street, near Eighth avenue, stands a queer old frame structure that has a rounded roof, like a back that is bent by age...

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Longevity of the Oyster.

It is proposed to give an account of an interesting determination of the extreme age of a pair of venerable oysters...

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"They who cry loudest are not always the most hurt..." "Kidney-Wort does its work like the Good Samaritan, quickly, unostentatiously, but with great thoroughness..."

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JOHN MINTO, BREEDER OF MERINO SHEEP, Salem, Marion County, Oregon.

DAVID GUTHRIE, BREEDER OF LONG-WOOL AND SPANISH MERINO Sheep, Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.

Pure Bred Berkshire Swine IMPORTED STOCK. MY BOAR OAK GROVE WAS BROUGHT from England and his dam was a famous prize winner...

Valuable Bull for Sale! PRICE, \$75. HALF JERSEY HALF SHORT-HORN. A THREE-YEAR OLD BULL SHIP BY E. ALCHO...

FOR SALE. THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS THE FOLLOWING PURE AND HIGH-BRED STOCK. For sale at figures which it is believed, will meet the approbation of the public.

ROAN COLT RATTLER. Two years old the 16th of April; by King William, dam the Rattler Mare, owned by Mr. Armstrong...

GRADED SHEEP. Ten graded COTSWOLDS, FRENCH MERINOS, and LEICESTERSHIRE bucks. Price, \$10 to \$15.

WM. WATSON, commission Agent for GALLOWAY and POLLED ANGUS: Or

MASON CHIEF. HIGH BRED TROTTER STALLION. Foaled in 1877; by Fred by Herr & Young, Lexington, Kentucky.

THE TWO FULL-BLOODS, Wide Awake and Marquis. THE PRIZE WINNERS AND ACKNOWLEDGED superior draft and All Work stallions...

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This shows a good likeness of Mrs. Lydia B. Fish, of Lynn, Mass., who above all other human beings may be truthfully called the "Dear Friend of Women..."

On account of its proven merits, it is recommended and prescribed by the best physicians in the country. One says: "It works like a charm and saves much pain..."

"Mrs. Finkham's Liver Pills," says one writer, "are the best in the world for the cure of Constipation, Biliousness and Torpidity of the Liver..."

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