

THE FARMER'S CHILD.

Into the meadow to lead his bay,
A weary horse rode Farmer Grey,
His little girl, his knee astride,
Had clambered up to claim a ride.

A SMALL DISCUSSION.

"A most admirable man," I said,
I was talking to Tom. Tom is my brother,
"Darrest and honest and zealous in all
good works." Very modest, you see, but

"I don't ask what you understand it to
mean, I ask what it means to you."
"Well, then, it means one devoted to the
interests of mankind; uplifting, defend-

"Indeed, it does not. There is but one
way to settle the matter. You and I
share the family dictionary. Look at the
dictionary—that's one authority you

"Now," said Tom, "it is not necessary
to explain to a person of your penetra-
tion and acumen just why I was surpris-

"So have I. I've heard all that, and
the fact remains that the dictionary war-
rants no such use of it. If those who so

"I think they have used the word with-
out the slightest warrant for it except
an custom gives, and custom as you

"After all, Tom, I think your object is
not so much devotion to exactness as it
is to see how people will fall into the trap

mean, or how do you spell that, or what
is the etymology of such a word? A few
years ago I was a member of a club for
mutual improvement and such, and I re-

"Accent on the antepenultimate, eh?"
said Tom.
"Yes, sir, in the face of all the deci-

Tom rummaged in his vest pocket,
pulled out sundry well-worn scraps of
poetry, and finally the name "that of

"All of which," said the immutable
Tom, "is not the least to the point. I
remember, rightly and judiciously, dis-

"Very edifying indeed, Tom, your
remarks; don't you feel exhausted?"
"Somewhat, but I have sufficient vital-

"The fishing season near the city has
been an average one thus far, both in
fresh and salt waters. The height of the

"In the fresh-water fishes there are the
trout streams of Long Island, the Cats-
kills, New Jersey, Connecticut and

"I admit that, of course, but after all I
find it rather tiresome, this everlasting
endeavor to be exact. I don't believe in

crowd loaded with lunch baskets, re-
turning with the party well sunburned
and usually sea sick, with more or less

In the brackish waters of New York and
New Jersey bays and the small bays,
weasels, white perch, blackfish, floun-

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whether the scientific angler or humble
brother of the hard line and worm, can

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because the president has assumed a bit
of an excursion for himself, and Hal-

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