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A COUNTRY BREATH.

A hay-load in the city square, The sweets of a whole summer fair, In one rude wagon piled;

And straightway all the bustling place Is filled with some enchanted grace, And tinkling with the notes

THE POOL OF SALT WATER THIS is the seaweed world, announced the housekeeper, putting a key into the lock.

With this she threw open the stout oaken door, and we entered a square apartment, darkened by closed shutters and heavy with a strong, pungent odor.

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his bride to China, he going there on business for his firm.

"Well, you see, not having his scientific studies to take up his mind, the poor man became very lonesome and morbid. He never wanted to be alone and must needs have a household of company the whole time.

"One Christmas eve, his favorite nephew, Jack Newton, came late in the evening, and to save my soul I didn't know where to put him to sleep.

"What happened during that night I got straight from Jack myself. It seems he went straight to sleep, and never woke till the faintest bit of daylight was stealing into his window."

"Well, Jack went to bed and lay thinking it over for an hour, then fell asleep again. He was perfectly healthy, Jack was, and hadn't much idea of supernatural."

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and fell back on the floor unconscious. He came back to life, but never was well after, and he died six weeks afterward.

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BOTH OF THE OLD SCHOOL. But the old gentleman rather got the better of the old lady.

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CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cate and Cunning Children.

Rough-house is the expression used by the boy of to-day when he is describing a general scuffle, and he always smacks his lips over the word.



stick just under the elbows, as shown. Each contestant endeavors to push the other over; but as it requires considerable attention to keep your balance at all when in this position, the attack is no easy matter.

A Queen's Dolls. The Queen of Romania was sponsor for a peculiar manufacturing exhibit recently held in London for the benefit of certain charities and hospitals.

What African Maidens Learn. Immediately after a girl enters the Sandy a mark designating her rank is tattooed on a conspicuous part of her body.

Drove Stage 93,000 Miles. With a record of having traveled a sufficient number of miles to have taken him four times around the globe, David E. Little, of McCormick, Pa., has resigned as stage coach driver.

One Election Curiosity. It is one of the curiosities of the Presidential election that the banner Republican township should be located in North Carolina.

Beauty unadorned may be all right in some cases, but a little dressing always improves the turkey.

The ink we never spill; the boots That lying round you see, Are not our boots! They all belong To Mr. Nobody!

Scheme of a Bright Boy. A bright boy in New York makes a fairly good living by visiting stores and offices and sharpening the lead pencils of lawyers, clerks and other men of business who have little time to look after such comparatively trivial affairs of office work.

How He Measured Time. Teacher—Charles, what is the shortest day of the year? Charles (from experience)—The day your father promises to give you a licking before you go to bed.—Columbus Dispatch.

The Colors Reversed. A curious butterfly exists in India. The male has the left wing yellow and the right one red; the female has these colors reversed.

GUARDED HIS REPUTATION. Mountaineer Would Not Say He Missed a Deer to Save \$25.

"A business matter took me out West last fall," said the well-known attorney, who was in a reminiscent mood.

"You admit having shot at the deer?" said I when the old man took the stand. "That's what?" he answered.

PECULIAR KIND OF EARTH. Properties It Possesses that are Little Understood by People.

Loess, wherever found, is a yellowish, brownish or grayish earth which is so soft and friable that it is easily reduced to powder between the fingers.

Shying Horses. Horses often have what is called the vice of shying—that is, of starting suddenly at the rustle of a leaf or a piece of paper or at the approach of any object to which they are not accustomed.

Mr. Nobody. Who was a funny little man, As quiet as a mouse, Who does the mischief that is done In everybody's house.

Traffic in Geese at Berlin. The aggregate wholesale traffic in geese at Berlin amounts annually to nearly \$2,000,000.

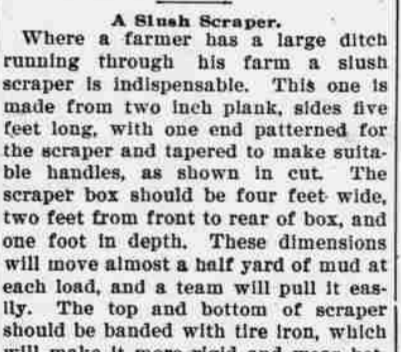
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Starting Early Potatoes. The plant tested at the Rhode Island stations of sprouting seed potatoes is trays so that they would be fairly grown, or as large as they usually are at the first hoeing, when they were set in the field, seems to be so simple and to have so increased the yield, as well as given an earlier crop, that we cannot refrain from mentioning it again.



Where a farmer has a large ditch running through his farm a slush scraper is indispensable. This one is made from two inch plank, sides five feet long, with one end patterned for the scraper and tapered to make suitable handles, as shown in cut.



can clean the slush out of a large ditch and work the team on bank. The length of chain can be regulated to suit the depth of ditch. We used a scraper similar to this last autumn on our farm and found it excellent to clean out slush and also to dress off overhanging banks.—Correspondence Ohio Farmer.

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I have made a new innovation in my neighborhood in the shape of a 3-A harrow, having fifty-eight 3/4-inch teeth, and taking a sweep of nine feet. To this I hitch three horses, and can go over thirteen acres a day, putting it in splendid order, as the teeth are laid off two inches apart, and counting the

width of the teeth, no clod over half an inch in diameter can pass through. This is as far ahead of the old few-toothed harrow as the binder is ahead of the cradle. The frame is made of 2x4's, and can be made any width desired.

Every farmer should be a hog raiser; at least to the extent that hog products can be consumed on the farm. If he can do so, and nearly every one can, he should also raise some pigs for market.

Old stock of any kind decrease in value as they become older. Those who raise fowls for market must keep young stock.

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