HOW HE PROPOSED.

I took her little hand in mine, It quivered like a bird, And as I feit its touch divine a trembling sigh I heard.

Momentous time Should I propose?

i know not what to say; As I behold my biushing Rose felt my hair turn gray? I thought of Hyron, Scott and Mooret

Alt. could I but recall A cit of their poetic lore? i once had known it all "O woman in our hours of ease,"

I blunderingly said, and then I thought my tongue would from And wished that I were dead

And yet my lips were dom The clock that hung upon a nail Ticked louder than a drum I could not see, for, strange to tell, The air seemed full of smoke Then from my tongue the fetters fell,

My beart was beating like a flail.

And then -and then I spoke "I love you, dear." I said in haste; "I love you, too" she said And then I clasped her dainty waist And knowed her lips of red Then came a flood of postry. I spouted vards of rivens And she is going to marry me

-S M Peck in Harper's Bazar

CAUGHT THE BURGLAR.

but since Aunt Sarah needs me so badly I think it is my duty to go," said my mother, as father was preparing to help her in the carriage. "Oh, we won't mind it in the least,"

replied I The carriage was soon lost from view around the curve in the road, and we

were masters of the place. We lived in a country village of New England, in a large, old fashioned, rambling house. Mother had received word that her sister was very sick, and as it was only a few miles, father was going to drive over with her, and then come back the next day We were all to take our meals at a neighbor's house, and, altogether, we expected to have a fine time by ourselves.

By "we" I mean Fred, my brother, and myself, unless you counted the dog. Fritz. In that case there were three

We busied ourselves at first one thing and then another until it began to grow dark. After supper we tried to read, but somehow we could not get interested in any book or paper that we could find.

"What if a burglar should come around here to-night-what would you do?" inquired Fred.

"Do?" replied I in scornful tones, for I rather prided myself on my courage; "why, of course, we would do the best we could. If he was stronger than both of us I suppose then we should have to give in, but if he is not then he had better keep away from here!"

But there might be two of them." "Well, let's talk about something else. It is not probable that anything of the kind will happen," said I, quite willing bly in Golden Days. to let the subject drop, since Fred was bound to have more than one of them.

Will Andrews," continued Fred, "told me today about a consin of his that had his house entered at night by four men, they wanted.

one more dreadful than that.

We told of first one terrible thing and then another until it grow late.

just as soon you would go first, Frednot because I am atrait," I hastily adda coward, "but because"-"Didn't you hear something then?"

asked Fred, as he drew closer to me. "That's nothing but the wind rattling

the vines on the stoop," answered L We finally got to bed, though not witheach other had the effect of making us

rather-well, a little careful. Father was the possessor of a large old this, we felt reasonably secure against any attack that might be made upon us.

into bed. such foolish mistakes.

"What's the matter?" I asked.

"Listen Somebody's in the hall." could hear somebody going up to the farther end of the room, which was very creaking on its hinges.

Fred trembled, and so did I, wholly forgetting the revolver which was resting peacefully under my pillow.

'He's gone in the closet," said Fred, between his clutches at me. And then what did that boy do but slowly crawl out of bed, go noiselessly up to the door of the closet and shut it!

which he fastened. mind never to plague Fred with being a

coward again. He hurried back to the bed and took other end of the hall to mother's room. We locked the door this time, jumped into bed and pulled every one of the bed clothes over our heads. We heard the burglar making considerable noise for some time and then all was quiet, except the beating of our hearts, which Fred insists to this very day that he heard.

The closet was large and contained a high from the ground.

dow," said Fred.

"Yes. I wonder why he did not bark when he was coming in? Do you suppose there's more than one of them?" I inquired.

"Perhaps there's a dozen, and if they Washington Letter.

should set the house on fire, then what would we do?" be answered.

"If I only had the revolver, I"-"No, you wouldn't." put in Fred. 'You had it once and never did a thing with it, even when you had the chance." For the first time, I think, I allowed Fred to taunt me with being a coward. We heard the clock down stairs strike twelve, when we were sure it was nearly

day light. "Have we got to stay here all night, with a burglar caged up in our house?" inquired Fred, as he stuck his head out from under the clothes for a few minutes.

"Don't know what else we can do," I Mr. Andrews' house.

"But there's probably a whole lot of them waiting in the yard to shoot us down, or do something else to us, if they only get the chance."

I was not at all averse to remaining where I was, as I don't think there was a single thing that I wanted ever so much -not even a new pair of skates-that would have tempted me to crawl out from under those bedclothes for the brief

space of five minutes. Finally the night did wear away, somenow, but we thought each minute was an hour As soon as it was fairly daylight, we dressed and hurried over to Mr. An-"I am very sorry to leave you, boys, drews', never once stopping to even look at the door of the room in which our visitor was confined

We told our story, and I am sorry to say that we made it a trifle larger than it should have been.

us; but at length be took his hired man item of transportation eliminated from and started for the house. We followed, not caring to be the first ones there. They took nothing to defend themselves with, despite our protests that we were sure the robber was armed.

We were anxious to keep up our good record, and so boldly stood by while they opened the door to the closet.

The door flew open and there stood-

Fritz, our dog! Alas for our bravery! It did not amount to much now, since most anybody could get up courage enough to shut a dog up in a closet.

Mr. Andrews was at first surprised, and then, when he fully realized what we had done, he laughed until he could laugh no more.

"you really thought that he was a burg lar, and it took as much courage to do what you did as though he had been

I think we could have stood it very well if Mr. Andrews' hired man had not

except Fred and myself; and I don't think that we will soon forget the night that we kept poor Fritz shut in a closet,

Fortunes in Small Things.

and they bound and gagged him, and the end of lead pencils is worth \$200,000, way. The watermelons, cabbages, peas, then made him give up everything that The miner who invented a metal rivet or asparagus, celery, potatoes and feans "Oh, that's nothing!" I replied, and and trousers pockets, to resist the strain proceeded to give an account of another caused by the carriage of pieces of ore a de conditions by the truck farmers. "Well, let's go to bed," and taking the of gold bearing quartz. Every one has cities, and small prices are realized for lamp, I started to lead the way. "I'd seen the metal plates that are used to the goods. But the tone of the market protect the heels and soles of rough shoes, but every one doesn't know that ed, for fear be would think that I was within ten years the man who hit upon tances from the larger markets cannot the idea has made \$250,000.

As large a sum as was ever obtained Yankee who invented the inverted glass goods to an overstocked market, the latbell to hang over gas jets to protect ceilings from being blackened by smoke. A out a good many looks about the room, simple thing? Yes, very. Frequently as the stories that we had been telling time and circumstances are wanted before an invention is appreciated, but patience is frequently rewarded, and richly rewarded, too, for the inventor of the fashioned revolver, and, armed with roller skate has made \$1,000,000, notwithstanding the fact that his patent had nearly expired before the value of it was "Are you sure that you locked the ascertained in the craze for roller skating door?" inquired fred after we had got that spread over the country several years ago. The gimlet pointed screw "Of course I have." I replied, with has produced more wealth than most some sharpness, for I always wanted it silver mines, and the Connecticut man distinctly understood that I did not make | who first thought of putting copper tips on the toes of children's shoes is as well I think it was about 11 o'clock when off as if he had inherited \$1,000,000, for Fred pulled me by the arm and woke me that's the amount his idea has realized for him in cold, clammy coin.

The common needle threader, which every one has seen for sale, and which The room was perfectly dark; but we every woman owns, was a boon to needle users. It isn't at all intricate and any 15-year-old boy might have thought of large, and then we heard the closet door it, but he didn't. The man who invented it has an income of \$10,000 a year from his invention. Few inventions pay better than popular patented toys. minister made \$50,000 over in England by inventing an odd little toy that danced by winding it with a string as a boy winds a top. The man who "invented" the return ball, an ordinary wooden ball with a rubber string at-It was a large, massive door, on strong tached to pull it back, made \$1,000,000 hinges, with a large bolt on the outside, from it. The person who invented the most recent popular toy, "Pigs in I then and there solemnly made up my | Clover," will be rich before the leaves turn this autumn, for there is an unprecedented demand for it, and stationers cannot supply the demand. A half hold of me, and then we both ran to the dozen factories in the east are turning them out by the tens of thousands, but the public wants more than the factories can make.-Pittsburg Press.

The Office Seeker and Matt Ogar.

"Confound the luck," exclaimed a man from Bradford, Pa., "I can't find Senator Quay anywhere. I go up to his house and they tell me he is not in. I come window, through which the burglar here and try to send in a card and they rould have escaped had it not been so tell me it is executive session. If it isn't an executive session the senator is "Fritz is barking right under that win- not in his seat. I go up in the gallery and look down and see him sitting there. I come back here and send in my card and the doorkeeper can't find him. For three days I'm been looking for Senator Quay and I haven't found him yet."-

FARMANDGARDEN

Truck Farming in the United States.

PROFIT PER ACRE VARIES.

replied, "unless we dress and go over to Truck Farmers Have Carried Science of Farming Nearer to Perfection Than Any Other Class.

Truck farming is one of the leading under more active trading. branches of agriculture in this country, and it is estimated that upward of \$100. 303,000 are invested in the business, Atthough a comparatively new industry, it has cobably assumed larger propertions thus any other rural occupation for the length of time it has been in existence, and the marvelous fact is that during the periods of agricultural depression it has always proved profitable. The profit per acre in truck farming varies from year to year, and is different in different localities; but generally, where intelligence and experience are brought to the susiness, about 40 to 50 per cent. is profit. This represents the profit after all expenses in work, taxes and seeds are At first Mr. Andrews would not believe | deducted, but there is the considerable the question. Truck farming proper is that carried on so near to large cities that the produce can be carried to the

markets by the farmer's own teams. The truck farmers have probably carried the science of farming nearer to perfection than any other class of tillers of the soil, and many of their methods would be of value to the wheat and corn growers. There is little doubt but the same profits could be obtained in other per cental; New Potatoes, 1%c per per cental; New Potatoes, 1%c per per cental; New Potatoes, 1%c per cental; New Pota lines of agriculture if the same progressive and intelligent spirit were manifested. Net profits of \$100 an acre is certainly remunerative, and this is what the average truck farmer calculates upon, and he generally succeeds in coming up to his calculations.

The question of expense is one that loes not deter the progressive truck Well, never mind, boys," he said; farmer from securing what he considers the best. Their expenses are sometimes enormous near large cities, and it is estimated that seed alone for this class of farm rs averages \$1,500,000 annually, which means that they purchase only the very best. Seedsmen find their best customers to the thousands of truck told everybody that he metabout it. The farmers scattered all over the country, boys at school made our lives utterly and they offer only their best to those who are not as a rule to be found nap-It was soon forgotten, however, by all ping. Truck farming is intensive farming, and only as many acres as can be cultivated thoroughly are brought into use, and the very highest yield possible is obtained from every square foot of under the delusion that we were doing soil. Improved methods of drainage, something courageous.—Clifford Trem- economical but plentiful use of fertilizers, careful cultivation and continual ex- Canned Salmon, Standard No. 1, \$1.35 perimenting are the price of success in per case; No. 2, \$2,55. this work. Special crops are also raised by the market gardeners, and some of The New Jersey man who hit upon the these have been improved so by their The New Jersey man who hit upon the idea of attaching a rubber erasing tip to idea of attaching a rubber erasing tip to the large cities surthey are produced under the most favorand heavy tools, has made more money The extent to which this branch of farmfrom his letters patent than he would ing has been carried frequently causes have made had he "struck" a good vein great fluctuation in the prices in large is quickly restored, and the next consignment is likely to bring large prices. The result is that those living some distances from the larger markets cannot Derko Faurrs—Quote: Italian Prunes. compete well with the truck farmers living in the suburbs, for, while the former for any invention was enjoyed by the bave to run the risk of sending their

> ones. Even the presence of trustworthy commission merchants on the scene will not always avert poor returns, but they help to mitigate the evil. Market gardeners have so far congregated only around the very large centers of population, and the competition among them is becoming stronger every year. Smaller cities frequently have to depend upon these larger cities for their supply of goods, for they have no regular home source from which to obtain the goods. It is in the suburbs of such places that market gardeners and truck farmers are needed. The ruling prices here are often higher than in New York, Chicago or Boston, and the demand far exceeds the supply. If there is any good opening in farming, it is probably n such a line as this, and any truck gardener with pluck, energy, intelligence and perseverance might open a good market for his truck goods near hundreds of the small cities of the East and

ter can closely watch the condition of

the prices and take advantage of any high

Poultry Hints.

The following mixture is found by an experienced breeder to be admirable both for producing egg material and for making healthy, strong bodies. Three sacks of wheat, two sacks of broken corn, two sacks of oats, one bushel of ground oyster shells, one bushel of broken charcoal, one gallon of sulphur and one-half bushel of salt; all of this thoroughly mixed. Town-raised chickens need some meat, and this, boiled and chopped fine, is given them two or three times a week. In the country, where they can pick up worms and catch insects, the meat is not necessary.

It is generally reported that the demand for eggs and birds this spring is in excess of the supply in the West, and that the hatch has been good. The condition of affairs indicates a healthy growth of interest in pure-bred stock, and that another season's business will be profitable because of the supply. The duliness complained of for three or four years past is manifestly at an end. So delicate and nourishing an article of food as an egg is well worth all it costs. It is just as easy to have hens laying at any season of the year as to have cows give milk. There is no luck or chance about it. It is natural for hens to produce eggs, and under favorable circumstances they will lay freely.

Adolph Satro, the rich Californian who made his money by the great mining tunnel that bears his name, is to turn his fine collection of nearly 46,000 volumes into a free public library for the benefit of San Francisco people.

PORTLAND MARKET.

The Wheat Market Very Quiet - Eggs Scarce-Poultry in Good Demand.

Oranges and bananas are plentiful, but Sicily lemons are still scarce. Eggs are very scarce. Poultry is in good demand, and the supply is first-class. Califorma butter has been driven almost entirely out of the market by the Oregon article. Trade in staple groceries is only fair at present, and brighter times are looked for in a few weeks. Coffee is stiff at present prices, and is almost sure to go higher. The supply is very short.

THE WHEAT MARKET. The market continues very quiet, with no change to be noted in the conditions. Foreign markets present no new features, The demand for cargoes is quiet, but values steadily hold. Mark Lane wheat and flour show a firmer tendency. The depand for spot wheat in Liverpool is rather better, and options closed higher

Produce, Fruit, Etc.

WHEAT-Walla Walla, \$1.50; Valley,

FLOUR-Quote: Standard, \$5.25; Walla Walla, 45.00 per barrel. Oars-Quote: 670568c per bushel. Hay-Quote: \$16@17 per ton.

Millistures — Quote: Bran, \$19.00; Shorts, \$23.00; Ground Barley, \$33.00@ 34.00; Chop Feed, \$25@26 per ton; Barjey, \$1.25@1.30 per cental.

BUTTER-Quote: Oregon fancy creamery, 27½e; aney dairy, 22½e; fair to good, 17½@20e; common, 14e; California, 22% @24c per pound. Сиккк—Quote: Oregon, 13@15c; Cal-

ifornia, 11@13c per pound. Eggs-Quote: Oregon, 18c per dozen, Poulray-Quote: Old Chickens, \$5.00; young chickens, \$4.00@4.50; Ducks.

\$8.50@9.00; Geese, nominal, \$12 per dozen; Turkeys, 18c per pound. VEGETABLES-Quote: Cabbage, \$1.50 @1.60 per cental; Cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; Celery, 90c per pound; Tomatoes, \$3.00 per box; Asparagus, 4@5c per pound; Oregon, 10@15c per pound; Lettuce, 12\cdot_c per dozen; Green Peas, 5c per pound; String Beans, 12c per pound; Rhubarb, 4c per pound; Artichokes, 40c per dozen; Parsey, 25c per dozen; Radishes, 10c per dozen bunches; young Onions, 10c per

FRUITS-Quote: Los Angeles Oranges, \$2.25@2.50; Riverside, \$3.00@3.25; Navels, \$4.50 m 5.50 per box; Sicily Lemons \$7@7.50; California, \$4.50@5 per box; Apples, \$1,00@2.50 per box; Bananas, \$2,50@3.50 per bunch; Pineapples, \$5.00 678,00 per dozen; Strawberries, 15c per pound; Cherries, 12 % or 15c per pound Gooseberries, acroe per pound

Nurs-Quote: Camornia Walnuts, 11 4 @12%c; Hickory, 8%c; Brazus, 10@11c; Almonds, 16@18c; Filberts, 15@14c; Pine Nuts, 17@18c; Pecans, 17@18c; Cocoanuts, Se; Hazel, Se; Peanuts, Sc

Frau-Salmon, Se per pound; Hallbut, 12 c: Cod, the; Soles, 10c; Flounders 10c; Shad, 12c; Carp and Catfish, 5c.

Staple Groceries

buckle's, 100-pound cases, 2714: per pound.

SUGARS-Quote: Golden C, 40 ac; extra ouss anything ever sent to market, for C, 47 c; dry granulated, 57 c; cube crushed and powdered, 614c per pound confectioners' A, 5% per pound. Syntrs-Eastern, in barrels, 47@55c balf barrels, 50%58c; in cases, 55680c per galion; \$2.25@2.50 per keg; California, in barrels, 40c per gallon; \$2.25 per

BEANS-Quote: Small Whites, 33/e;

10% oc 12c; Petite and German Prones 10c per pound; Raisins, \$1.75@2.25 per box: Plummer-dried Pears, 10@11c; sun-dried and factory Plums, 11@12c; evaporated Peaches, 18@20c; Smyrna Figs, 20c; California Figs, 9c per pound. Rics-Quote: \$5.75 per cental. Honey-Quote: 16@18c.

SALT-Quote: Liverpool, \$16, \$16.50, \$17; stock, \$11 per ton in carload lots. Canned Goods — Quote: Table fruits, \$2.25, 256; Peaches, \$2.50; Bartlett Pears, \$2.25; Plums, \$1.65; Strawberries, \$2.50; Cherries, \$2@2.50; Blackberries, \$2.25; Raspberries, \$2.75; Pineapples, \$2.75; Apricots, \$2.40. Pie fruit: Assorted, \$1.50 per dozen; Peaches, \$1.65; Plums, \$1.25; Blackberries, \$1.65 per dozen. Vegetables: Corn, \$1.35 @1.65, according to quality; Tomatoes, \$1.15@3.50; Sugar Peas, \$1.25@1.60; String Beans, \$1.10 perdozen. Fish : Sal mon, _____; sardines, 85c@\$1.65; lobsters, \$2.25@3.25; oysters, \$1.50@ 3.25 per dozen. Condensed milk: Eagle brand, \$8.25; Crown, \$7; Highland, \$6.75; Champion, \$6.00; Monroe, \$6.75

The Meat Market. Beef-Live, 4@416c; dressed, 7@8c Mutton-Live, sheared, 4c; dressed

per case.

Hogs-Live, 51/4@51/c; dressed, 7@8c Veai-5@7c per pound.

SMOKED MEATS AND LARD. Quote: Eastern Hams, 1234@13c; Oregon, 1016@1236c; Breakfast Bacon, 12@13c; other varieties, 8@11c; Lard, 934@1134c per pound.

Miscellaneous.

Hides—Quote: Dry Hides, selected prime, 81/4/29c, 1/4c less for culls; green, selected, over 55 pounds, 4c; under 55 pounds, 3c; Sheep Pelts, short wool, 3. @50c; medium, 60@80c; long, 90c@\$1.25; shearlings, 10@20c; Tallow, good to choice, 3@31/4c per pound. Wool—Quote: Willamette Valley, 18

@20c; Eastern Oregon, 13@19c per pound, according to conditions and shrinkage. Hors - Nominal. Quote: 20c per

pound. Name—Base quotations: Iron, \$3.00; Steel, \$3.10; Wire, \$3.75 per keg. Енот-Quote: \$1.75 per sack. Coal Oil-Quote: \$1.95 per case.

The Sailor's Wood Pile. A Washington county sea captain aspired to fit a handsome pile of firewood this winter, and worked lustily with saw and axe. Proud of his exertions, he called on his wife to gaze and admire. "Phoebe," he bawled, "how does the pile look from there?" Back was wafted the answer, "Quite a pile, William! I think if you were to move the well curb it could be seen from the street."-Lewiston Journal.

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