

ABLE TO GET HELP.

OF THE DRAWBACKS TO WESTERN FARMING.

of this condition—harvest is practically simultaneous and getting to new fields of labor takes what money worker has earned.

A peculiar situation in which there is profit for neither employer nor employee is found in the harvest season of the heavy cereal-producing States of the Missouri and West Mississippi valleys. Search in the Boston Transcript.

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ing outfit. They so simplify thrashing that the farmers of every fairly well-settled community can take care of the operation without outside help.

LEFT HANDEDNESS.

And Left-Sidedness Said to Be Inherited from Savage Races. Much has been written about left-handed people, but as no one has heretofore tried to determine by means of statistics how frequently they occur.

As man advances in civilization and culture he shows an always greater right-sidedness as compared to savages, the masculine in this way outnumbering the feminine and adults outnumbering children.

Dog Knew His Business.

A certain officeholder decided to buy a dog. In reply to his "ad," a man called at his office with an intelligent-looking animal, that he immediately took a fancy to, though he deemed it advisable to first inquire into something of its characteristics.

"What can he do?" he asked. "Oh, sir, he can do anything. If you've lost anything, sir, he'll go direct to the place where you lost it. He'll—"

Concerning Cigar Boxes.

There are something like 15,000,000 cigar boxes used in the United States annually and about nine-tenths of that number are made in this city.

The Changing World.

"The world is not the same," I said. "As in the days gone by. The beauty of the scene has fled. And things have gone awry."

An Elaborate Explanation.

"So your flying machine is a failure," said the sympathizing friend. "Certainly not," answered the scientist. "There are one or two minor details that won't work and which I intend to fix with the rest of the apparatus."

THE HOUSE WHERE I WAS BORN.

Round the little old deserted house the noisome weeds are growing. And the wind unheeded wanders through the broken eastern door.

Here before the ancient fireplace, where the dust of years is lying. I first saw the embryo pictured as I watched the future glow.

IN THE SHADOW OF THE HILLS.

A BREEZE stirred the foliage of the trees at the base of the hills. The air had a touch of chill in it, for the October day in this Southwestern Dakota country was drawing to its close.

A man was lying at full length on the grass that the early frost had touched and killed. The man's hands were supporting his chin and his eyes were looking far off across the rolling prairies, which here met at the base of the Black Hills.

Caleb Frye rose. He listened a moment, hoping to hear once more the voice of that prince of singers, but no sound came save the slight rustling of the russet leaves.



LAW HIM COMING AND WAVED A HAND.

great, rambling ranch house. On the veranda was a young woman hardly past girlhood. She waved him a welcome, which he answered with his hand, but in his eyes there came the look that was there before the thrush sang.

Caleb Frye had come to this Dakota country in search of health. He was a student bent on following a life of study and research.

In the ranch house, the home of old John Driver and his motherly wife, Caleb Frye had met himself a favorite. There he had met pretty Frances Darrow, the school-teacher, who made her home there and refused to "board round" because she so dearly loved "Mother" Driver.

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They were happy days—God rest them—for my feet had never been straying. Where the soul is bruised and broken by the brambles of turmoil.

I have passed from it forever. All the wonder and the glamour. Of the little eastern window from the world have worn away.

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Caleb Frye laughed. "They're weeds that I'm mighty glad to get," he said. "This is the Aster linarifolius, and I never before have been able to find any that were white."

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One of the most durable woods is eucalyptus. A statue made from it now in the museum of Gizeh at Cairo, is known to be nearly 6,000 years old.

A new fuel is being manufactured in California which is made from twigs and leaves of the eucalyptus tree mixed with crude petroleum.

An innovation in the line of railroad telegraph service has been put into use on the New York Central Railroad between Utica and Albany.

In a recent report on the results of extended measurements of mental traits in the two sexes, Prof. E. L. Thorndike said that in the measurement of abilities the greatest difference found was the female superiority in the tests of impressibility, such as the rate and accuracy of perception, verbal memory and spelling.

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SOME BARGAINS IN CLOTHING THAT PLEASED BOTH FATHER AND SON.

HE was a plain, ordinary citizen, with a smile, and a friend asked him why he laughed.

"Because I am happy," replied the man. "I'll tell you about it. My boy needed a new overcoat, and I had \$10 laid away, and I was afraid that the ten wouldn't cover the need."

"Well, he tried on one. It was gray and warm and had a belt, and came down to the tops of his shoes, and he was so tickled he just giggled. He kept finding new pockets, and he threw his chest out and said: 'If I could just have this one, papa.' I asked the clerk and he said 'five dollars.' Five dollars for all that expense of coat! I gasped like a drowning man, and said: 'Boy, don't you want something else?'

"And it all cost \$7.34, and I figure that there was one thousand dollars' worth of good feeling in it. I am happy, and yet I feel like a cheat when I think that I ever begrudged my family anything."

QUEER STORIES

Governor Bailey, of Kansas, is a great believer in corn lands. He owns a farm of several hundred acres which he refuses to sell, holding that corn land will soon be more valuable than wheat-producing ground.

Some sixty-four miles off the coast of Tunis a cluster of little islands has been discovered. One was found to be inhabited by a former French sergeant, Clement, who had disappeared some fourteen years ago, and a small number of natives.

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"Now, even to the unthinking," concluded the merchant, "this sounds preposterous. But just the same, it actually happened, and had not the dye rubbed off of the little captives, and thereby their identity established, I don't doubt that the grafter would have died independently wealthy."

A. T. STEWART'S CARPET WAR.

How the Merchant Started the Mills at Grovesville, N. Y. With all his wonderful shrewdness, A. T. Stewart, merchant prince, occasionally caught a Tartar. Mr. Stewart lived to see the decadence of the American trade in foreign carpets, first largely undertaken by him in New York.

The Smiths had little to say. Alexander and Warren B. went quiet along with Stewart's orders and increased their plant. Inasmuch as Stewart had financed the company right along he thought he owned it. One day Smith (it was in 1873) called on Stewart at his store for funds.

It was a severe blow to Stewart's business, as well as to his pride. For revenge he built an extensive carpet factory at Grovesville, N. Y., with a capacity of 2,000,000 yards annually, but by some strange perversity of fate he died on the very day that the first roll came from his looms.

The Ubiquitous Winsome. She was a pretty and winsome little colonial lady of four summers, but, says the Cornhill Magazine, she began her first conversation with the gentleman just out from England in this unpromising fashion:

"The fleas bite me a lot in the night." "Dear me, that is very sad." Then, wishing to administer consolation even in these trying circumstances, the gentleman from England added, "Do they bite you in the day time, too?"

For Playgrounds. San Francisco's city engineer includes an item of \$731,000 for children's play grounds in his report on needed improvements.

It's almost as difficult for a medium to predict what is going to happen as it is for a historian to record what has happened.