∋Between Two Fires € By ANTHONY HOPE "A wise man will make more opportunities

than he finds." -Francis Bacon.

CHAPTER XIX. tonio and his daughter; rumor declared In spite of many anxieties, after this that they had embarked on The Songeventful day I enjoyed the first decent stress with the President and his faithful night's rest I had had for a week. The doctor. Secondly, Johnny Carr was still Colonel refused, with an unnecessary os- in bed at the Golden House (this from tentation of scorn, my patriotic offer to Madame Devarges, who had been to see keep watch and ward over the city, and I him); but his men had disappeared, after turned in, tired out at eleven o'clock, solemnly taking the oath to the new gov-after a light dinner. I felt I had some ernment. Item three. The Colonel had reasons for self-congratulations; for con- been received with silence and black looks siderable as my present difficulties were, by the troops, and two officers had van-yet I undoubtedly stood in a more hopeful ished into space, both Americans, and the osition than I had before the revolution. only men of any good in a fight. Things was now resolved to get my money safe were looking rather blue, and I began to out of the country, and I had hopes of think I also should like to disappear, probeing too much for McGregor in the other vided I could carry off my money and matter which shared my thoughts. my love with me. My scruples about loy-

The return of the day, however, brought alty had been removed by the Colonel's overbearing conduct, and I was ready for new troubles. I was roused at an early hour by a visit from the Colonel himself. any step that promised me the fulfilin He brought very disquieting tidings. In of my own designs. It was pretty evident the course of the night every one of our that there would be no living with Meproclamations had been torn down or de- Gregor in his present frame of mind, and faced with ribald scribblings; posted over I was convinced that my best course or alongside them there now hung multiwould be to cut the whole thing, or, if tudinous enlarged copies of the Presi- that proved impossible, to see what bardent's offensive notice. How or by whom gain I could make with the President. Of these seditious measures had been effected we were at a loss to tell, for the officers I gave up the dollars and the lady; a like and troops were load in declaring their vigilance. In the very center of the Pi-naza, at the base of the President's statue. "One or other I will have," said I, as nzza, at the base of the President's statue, was posted an enormous bill, "Remember 1871! Death to Traitors!" "and both if possible."

"Ho would they do that unless the soldiers were in it?" asked the Colonel deed, I thought she had been crying. gloomily. "I have sent those two companles back to the barracks and had anther lot out. But how do I know they'll be any better? I met DeChair just now and asked him what the temper of the troops was. The little brute grinned, and said : 'Ah, mon President, it would be better if the good soldiers had a leetle more money."

"That's about it," said I: "but then you haven't got much more money."

"What I've got I mean to stick to," said the Colonel. "If this thing is going to burst up, I'm not going to be kicked out to starve. I tell you what it is, Martin, you must let me have some of that each back again."

The effrontery of this request amazed me. The man's want of ordinary morality was too revolting. Didn't he know very well that the money wasn't mine? Didn't he himself obtain my help on the express terms that I should have this wish I could have sent my money with money to repay the bank with?

"Not a farthing, Colonel; not a far thing! By our agreement that cash was to be mine; but for that I wouldn't have | tittering. touched your revolution with a pair of tongs.'

He looked very savage, and muttered something under his breath. "You're carrying things with a high

hand," he said. "I'm not going to steal to please you." sald L

"You weren't always so scrupulous," he sneered.

I took no notice of this insult, but repeated my determination.

"Look here, Martin," he said, "I'll give you twenty-four hours to think it over; and let me advise you to change your

mind then. 1 don't want to quarrel, but I'm going to have some of that money." Clearly he had learned statecraft in his

And indeed she looked at this moment a dangerous subject for such treatment. "I knew what no one else knew, and I could influence him as no one else could, and I had my revenge. But now," she said, "it all ends in nothing." And she broke down, sobbing. Then, recovering herself, and motioning me to

be still, she wont on : "You must be quiet and cautious. But I must go to night-to night, Jack, either with you or to the President." "My darling, you shall come with me," said L.

"Where?" "Oh, out of this somewhere." I was full of rage against McGregor,

I couldn't afford the luxury of indulging it, so I gave my whole mind to out opening the doors so that the fowls finding a way out for us. At last I seem- may get out. An arrangement which ed to hit upon a plan. The Signorina saw

the inspiration in my eye. "Have you got it, Jack?" she said. "I think so-if you will trust yourself to me, and don't mind an uncomfortable a screen is placed. This allows vennight.

"Go on." "You know my little steam launch? It netting may be used in the opening. will be dark to-night. If we can get on board with a couple of hours' start we can show anybody a clean pair of heels. She travels a good pace, and it's only fifty miles to safety and foreign soil. I shall

land there a beggar !" "I don't mind that, Jack," she said, I have my five thousand, and aunt will join us with the rest. But how are we to get on board? Resides, oh, Jack ! the President watches the coast every night with The Songstress-and you know she's got steam-Mr. Carr just had auxillary steam put in." I said, "I didu't know about "No."

course all would go smoothly with him if that. Look here, Christina, excuse the question, but can you communicate with sacrifice would conciliate McGregor, But the President?"

"Yes," she said, after a second's healta-I knocked at the door of "Mon Rapos," "And will he believe what you tel

him? The Signarina was looking worried ; In-"I don't know. He might and he might not. He'll probably act as if he didn't."

"Did you meet my aunt on your way "Well, we must chance it," I said. "At up?" she asked, the moment I was anany rate, better be caught by him than stay here. We were, perhaps, a little hasty with that revolution of ours." "I've sent her away," she continued.

(To be continued.)

START OF A FLORIDA FEUD. Man's Farm Built on Coral Floated Away and a Neighbor Took It. "Speaking about feuds," said John L.

Redding claimed that under the law

where a man's stock wanders on to the

premises of another, without his fault,

ready Florida and Marion County will

have a feud equal to the best that Ken

Camping in New York City.

I didn't know where "home" was, but never ask what I am not meant to know. Humphries of Tampa, Fla., "I think "You see, Jack, I had to care for my that the strangest, in its inception, is one between two familles in Marion "Ob, so you've given it to Mrs. Car-County, In our State. It came about

hole.

neighbor,

this way. You know in our State some-"Yes, all but five thousand dollars." times land disappears during the night "Does the Colonel know that?" and a man wakes up to find his gar-"Dear me, of course not, or he'd neve den a great sinkhole. This is, of course,

have let her go." "You're very wise," said I. "I only

'All this fuss frightens her, so I got the

Colonel's leave (for you know we mustn't

move without permission now liberty has

(rlumphed) for her to seek change of air."

"Where's she going to?" I said.

"Home," said the Signorina.

"No," said L.

noney.'

rington?"

"I'm afraid that would have made dear aunt rather bulky," said the Signorina, "Yes, such a lot of mine's in cash," I

said regretfully. Without more ado, I disclosed my own perilous condition and the Colonel's

oasts about herself. "What a villain that man is !" she ex-"Of course I was civil to him, laimed. out I didn't say half that. You didn't

elleve that I did, Jack?" There's never any use in being unpleasent, so I said I had rejected the idea with scorn.

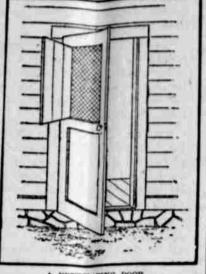
there seemed to be a lot of pebbles "But what's to be done? If I'm here

stop him." "Yes, and he'll marry me," chimed in work and gathered in six bushels of bor will be affected, as compared with the Signorina. "Jack, we must have a potatoes ready for market. -revolution." "That's where the trouble began

Conventent Hes House Door. It is frequently desired to allow ventilation through the henhouse withnot only provides a palatable, succumakes this possible is shown in the

cut, consisting of an opening in the upper half of the door, inside of which tilation in the bonhouse without draft upon the birds, Ordinary poultry

with a tight boarded shutter to be



A VENTILATING DOOR.

closed in stormy weather and at night. Thorough ventilation of the henhouse is very essential, since hens need fresh air quite as badly as they need fresh water, and modern benhouses are being built tight, so that sufficient ventilation must be provided for through ventilating fines or openings in the windows and doors .- Farm and Home.

It sometimes happens that one has to plow sod whenever the opportunity presents itself for doing the work, without reference to whether the time due to the fact that Florida is built on chosen is the best or not. Some argucoral and not very substantially built ments might be advanced in favor of at that, especially in some of the inearly fall plowing, while late fall terior countles. Harry Redding had a plowing also has its advantageous feanice patch of Irish potatoes, and Oliver tures. If plowing is done early in the Vance, his neighbor, had what he called fall, say, in September or October, it a farm and near the house was a sinkis usually necessary to do a little disk-

erwise the grass may make considerable growths, and this in turn prewater where his garden was. The same has the available horse power and also vents the sod from decaying. If one night Vance, who had a sinkhole when the time to do the work, bluestem sod may be brought into fine condition by plowing it early and afterwards disking it. The ordinary method is to plow

Use and Value of the Silo. The use and value of the silo has made phenomenal progress throughout ØLD the country during recent years. In 1888 the United States Agricultural Favorites Department reported only ninety silos in the country. The recent report finds approximately 500,000. Formerly the benefits of the silo were almost wholly unknown to the average farmer; now it is found to be a necessity on thousands of farms. This is especially true The Corn Song.

in the corn belt, where the silo is almost Heap high the farmer's wintry hoard ! a necessity in economical dairying. Heap high the golden corn ! Recent experiments prove conclusively No richer gift has autumn poured that the use of silage is quite as much "From out her lavish horn ! of a necessity in beef production. It Let other lands, exulting, glean

lent, healthy food, but enables the The apple from the pine, The orange from its glossy green, farmer to keep about twice the number The cluster from the vi of live stock as before the advent of the silo. It not only produces nearly We better love the hardy gift double the quantity of dairy products

Our rugged vales bestow, and beef, but augments the fertility of To cheer us when the storm shall drift the soll. The silo is here to stay, and Our harvest fields with snow. every farmer should plan to have one With all its other advantages, there is Through vales of grass and meads of flow

no other way that roughage can be so 428 Our plows their furrows made, While on the hills the sun and showers

Of changeful April played. We dropped the seed o'er hill and plain Beneath the sun of May, And frightened from our sprouting grain The robber crows away.

driven well, says Farming. The method is as follows: A section of pipe (a con-All through the long, bright days of June venient size being inch and a quarter) Its leaves grew green and fair, And waved in hot midsummer's noon Its soft and yellow hair.

> And now with autumn's moonlit eves Its harvest time has come, We pluck away the frosted leaves And bear the treasure home.

There, when the snows about us drift, 'And winter winds are cold, Fair hands the broken grain shall sift, And knead its meal of gold.

Let earth withhold her goodly root. Let mildew blight the rye, Give to the worm the orchard's fruit, The wheat field to the fly.

But let the good old crop adorn The hills our fathers trod ; Still let us, for his golden corn, Send up our thanks to God. -John G. Whittier.

The Brookside. I wandered by the brookside, I wandered by the mill. could not hear the brook flow. The noisy wheel was still ; There was no burr of grasshopper, No chirp of any bird. But the beating of my own heart

Was all the sound I heard. I sat beside the elm tree, I watched the long, long shade, And as it grew still longer.

I did not feel afraid ; I listened for a word, But the beating of my own heart

This gate can be made from the farm- He came not-no, he came not-The night came on alone-Each on his golden throne ; The leaves above were stirr'd,

Was all the sound I heard.

But the beating of my own heart

Fast silent tears were flowing. When something stood behind A hand was on my shoulder, I knew its touch was kind; It drew me nearer-nearer-We did not speak one word. For the beating of our own hearts Was all the sound we heard -Lord Houghton.

Was all the sound I heard.

The evening air passed by my cheek,

THE WORLD'S RICHEST WOMAN. Disdaining Princely Suttors, She Marries a Poor Man.

Disdaining princely wooers and daring the frown of her Emperar, the world's richest woman was married to a poor man. Bertha Krupp is a girl who is accustomed to have her own way, and when her heart went out to Gustav von Bohlen und Halbach she announced that she would marry him though the whole world might object. The young man chosen to share her tremendous power and her almost uncounted millions is 35 years old, is seeretary to the Prussian legation at the Vatican in Rome, and possesses not a dollar beyond his insignificant salary. He is a clean-cut young man, however, of good family, and the match is one prompted purely by love on both sides. Emperor William, who was a great friend of the young woman's father and in a sort of sense her guardian. objected strenuously, but Bertha went to him and told him she would marry the man of her choice though all the crowned heads in Europe filed objections. Then William gave in and accepted an invitation to be present at the wedding, which took place in the great gun room of the Krupp works at Essen.

No one knows exactly what Bertha Krupp is worth. Her fortune is estimated all the way from \$75,000,000 to \$225,000,000, and is probably nearer the latter figure than the former. She is the principal owner of the great Krupp works, where 65,000 men are employed in the foundries; she owns a fleet of steamers carrying coal and fron between Hamburg and Spain; she



has mines by the score in Germany and a number of quarries and shipyards at Kiel. She is not yet 21 years of age, but exerts more commercial influence and possesses a greater industrial power than any other woman in the world. She is a pretty girl with a dark, rich complexion; dresses plainly and is a superb horsewoman. She is in close touch with the gigantic industries under her control and knows personally thousands of her begrimed employes. Her delight is visiting their families, looking after their needs in sickness and sharing their toys in their health and prosperity.

After the wedding the bride announced that she and her husband would give \$250,000 toward the worknen's invalid fund. Her mother said

she would give another \$250,000 and

would also donate 125 acres of land on

which to build model economical cot-

The great Krupp fortune, to which

she fell the principal and directing

heir, is one of the most gigantic in the

world. The history of the Essen fac-

tory dates back to 1810, when Peter

Frederich Krupp began his experi-

ments in steel-making and was ruined

thereby, His son, Alfred Krupp, left an

orphan at 14, was the real founder of

the house. He took up the experiments

where his father had left them, and

from the manufacture of unwelded

tires for wagon wheels drifted into

the making of guns. When the Prince

Regent of Prussia, afterward Emperor

William L of Germany, gave Krupp an

order for 300 guns, he made the future

of the works secure. Since that time

more than 40,000 gigantic weapons

have been supplied to no less than

thirty-five nations and States. To-day

the Krupp field gun is the basis of the

Hungary, Italy, Russia and Turkey,

mobile artillery of Germany, Austria-

For three generations the Krupp

works had descended from father to

son, but there was no son to succeed

Baron Frederick Krupp. But Bertha

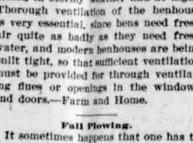
had been her father's chum and confi-

dante and she knew almost as much

about the works as he did. Therefore

His Own Son.

tages for the workmen.



ing before the ground freezes up, oth-"One night Redding's potato patch disappeared and the next morning he had a nice large sinkhole filled with he went to bed, woke up to find that the hole was filled with dirt, in which about the size of a man's fist. Natur- late in the fall, if the sod is turned ally he was surprised. He examined over completely with but little buckling. to morrow, he'll take the money, and, as ally he was surprised. He examined over completely with but little buckling. likely as not, cut my throat if I try to the pebbles to find them potatoes, and the grass will make but little headafter calling the family up they got to way, and consequently a saving of la-

arly plowing-Field and Farm.

water can be obtained.

cheaply stored.

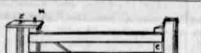
Mulching Peach Trees.

The Nebraska experiment station has demonstrated that rapidly growing peach trees are made hardler in both wood and fruit bud by the use of a cover-crop. By drying the ground somewhat in late summer the growth of the trees is checked and the wood matures properly before the advent of freezing weather. Cover-crops that survive the winter-rye, for instance-are detri-

mental to orchards, because they dry the ground excessively in spring when the trees need abundant moisture. Cover-crops that are killed by the early frosts are better than those which live later, because as soon as killed they

stop drying the soil, catch fall rains For I listened for a footfall, and winter snows and check evaporation. Gate for the Farm.

er's wood pile. A is main post, B is a post 4 inches in diameter, setting on The little stars sat one by one, a stone, D, about 10 inches thick, half In the ground, with a depression in cen-



ered with a brass gauze. The point is driven into the ground by a sledge hammer and five-foot sections of galvanized iron pipe are joined to it as it is driven into the ground. Frequent tests are made with a pitcher pump to discover when water has been reached. This method of obtaining water is not altogether satifactory, because from the very nature of things the work has to e done blindly, and very often one is obliged to give up entirely after havng driven twenty or thirty feet of pipe through quicksand from which no

How to Drive a Well.

In many sections of the country

where there is a gravelly sub-strata,

the obtaining of water is a compara

tively simple matter by means of a

is fitted with a point of iron. This pipe

is bored full of holes, which are cov-

predecessor's school, "Twenty-four hours Is something," thought I, and determined to try the cunning of the serpent.

"All right, Colonel," I said, "I'll think It over. I don't pretend to like it; but, after all, I'm in with you and we must pull together. We'll see how things look to-morrow morning."

"There's another matter I wanted to speak to you about," he went on. I invited him into the breakfast room,

gave him a cup of coffee (which, to my eredit, I didn't poison), and began on my knitting her brows. own eggs and toast.

"Fire away," said I briefly, "I suppose you know I'm going to be

he remarked. marrled?" "No, I hadn't heard," I replied, feign ing to be entirely accupied with a very nimble egg. "Rather a busy time fo marrying, isn't it? Who is she?"

"You needn't pretend to be so very innocent; I expect you could give a pretty good guess.

"Madame Devarges?" I asked blandly, "Suitable match ; about your age-"I wish you wouldn't try to be funny !"

he exclaimed. "You know as well as I do it's the Signorina." "Really ?" I replied. "Well, well, I

fancied you were a little touched in that quarter. And she has consented to make you happy?"

I was curious to see what he would say, I knew he was a bad liar, and, as a fact, I believe he told the truth on this occasion, for he answered :

"Bays she never cared a stray for anyone else."

"Not even Whittingham?" I asked maliciously.

"Hates the old ruffian !" said the Colo mel. "I once thought she had a liking for you, Martin, but she laughed at the idea. I'm glad of it, for we should have fallen out.

I smiled in a somewhat sickly way, and took refuge in my cup. When I emerged, I asked :

"And when is it to be?"

"Next Saturday. Fact is, between you

and me, Martin, she's ready enough." This was too disgusting. But whether

the Colonel was deceiving me, or the Sig-norina had deceived him, I didn't knowa little bit of both, probably. I saw, how ever, what the Colonel's game was plainly enough ; he was, in his clumsy way, warning me off his preserves, for, of course, knew my pretensions, and I don't think I imposed on him very much. But I was anxious to avoid a rupture and

gain time. "I must call and congratulate the Indy." I said.

The Colonel couldn't very well object to that, but he didn't like it.

"Well, Christina told me she was very busy, but I daresay she'll see you for

few minutes." "I daresay she will," I said dryly, "I must be off now. I shall have to be about all day trying to catch those fel-

lows who destroyed the bills." "You won't be doing any business to

day, then ?" "What, about settling the government?" he asked, grinning. "Not just yet. Wait before w ecamet ot he bank he drove me till I've got the Signora and the money. and then we'll see about that. You think this room, and said : 'Christina, I am about the money, my boy !"

Much to my relief he then departed, believe you're in love with that young and as he went out I yowed that neither Martin.' Then he apologized for his plain Signorina nor money should he have. In speaking, for he's always gentle in manthe course of the next twenty-four hours ner. And I defied him. And then, Jack, I must find a way to prevent him, what do you think he did?" "Rather early for a call," said I, "but

"What?"

I cried.

I must see the Signorina." On my way up I met several people and tragic intensity. "I couldn't stand that, heard some interesting facts. In the first so I joined the Colonel in upsetting him.

"I don't see what good that'll do." I answered dolefully. "The President will take the money just the same, and I expect he'll marry you just the same." "Of the two, I would rather have him Now, don't rage, Jack ! I only said, 'of the two.' But you're quite right; it ouldn't help us much to bring General Whittingham back "

"To say nothing of the strong proba allity of my perishing in the attempt." "Let me think," said the Signorina,

CHAPTER XX.

The Signorina sat there, looking very (houghtful and troubled, but it seemed to me as if she were rather undergoing a conflict of feeling than thinking out a ourse of action. Once she glanced at ne, then turned away with a restless movement and a sigh. I strolled up to the window to look out,

had stood there a little while, when I the enemy. heard her call softly : "Jack !"

I turned and came to her, kneeling down by her side and taking her hands. She gazed rather intently into my face unusual gravity. Then she said : with

"If you have to choose between me and money, which will it he?" I kissed her hand for answer. "If the money is lost, won't it all come

tucky has ever produced."-Denver Re ut? And then won't they call you dispublican. honest?"

"I suppose so," said I. "You don't mind that?"

If you will take up any good map "Yes, I do. Nobody likes to be called of New York City and follow along the a thief-especially when there's a kind of truth about it. But I should mind losing East River with your finger until it joins the sound, you will find that from you more.' "Are you really very fond of me, Jack? there on the western shore of the sound No, you needn't say so. I think you are. is dotted with small islands, says Coun-

Now I'll tell you a secret. If you hadn't try Life in America. As to their numsome here, I should have married General ber and extent the map itself, if it is Whittingham long ago. I stayed here in- a good one, may prove deceptive, for tending to do it, and he asked me very soon after you first arrived. I gave him many of the smaller dots are in actuality merely barren rocks of only a few my money, you know then."

yards area, and not a few of them are I was listening intently. It seemed as if some things were going to be cleared almost awash at high tide,

"Well," she continued, "you know what The exploration of this half dozen miles of shore either by launch or rowhappened. You fell in love with me, I boat is a fascinating occupation, and tried to make you, and then I suppose I you will find before you reach the "city fell a little in love with you. At any rate, limits" some decidedly primitive natural I told the President I wouldn't marry him just then. Some time after, I wanted conditions, as well as a score or so of some money, and I asked him to give me back mine. He utterly refused ; you know his quiet way. He said he would keep it for "Mrs. Whittingham." Ob. I could have killed him ! But I didn't dare to break with him openly; besides, he's very hard to fight against. We had constant disputes; he would never give back the money, and I declared I wouldn't marry him unless I had it first, and not then uness I chose. He was very angry and vowed I should marry him without a

penny of it; and so it went on. But he never suspected you, Jack, not till quite the end. Then we found out about the No Divorce for Him. debt, you know; and about the same time I saw he at last suspected something be

Browning-They say Skinner's wife treats him shamefully.

ween you and me. And the very day Greening-Why doesn't he get a dito desperation. He stood beside me in vorce? Browning-He's afraid to. All his growing old. I shall wait uo longer. I

money is in her name. Both Sides of It. Her-There is nothing more disgust-

ing than a boy who acts girlish. Him-With the possible exception of "He laughed !" said the Signorina, with girl who acts bolsterous.

place, no trace had appeared of Don An- Ah, he shouldn't have laughed at me." finding it warmer to be dirty.

Scarcity of Quail. Quail starved to death by thousands he can go after it. He argued that the they had an easy time except in Februin the winter of 1904-05, but last winter same doctrine applied to potatoes which ary and March. From Massachusetts

had wandering habits. For he was very to Indiana the quall are so scarce that sure that the potatoes on the Vance restocking has become necessary. The farm belonged to him. Vance and his birds for this purpose are hard to find. friends invoked another principle of More than 100,000 have been captured law that a man owns his land from in Alabama and the southwest, where heaven to hades and he refused to dig they still occur in abundance, and have up the potatoes for the benefit of his been shipped north for breeding. Even

this supply is inadequate, and may not "All that happened ten years ago," last long. The quall is perhaps our most outlinued Mr. Humphries, "and the popular game bird, and a market will Reddings and the Vances are still be found for all that can be procured. armed against each other. Two or three Complete success has been had in raisskirmishes have taken place between ing them on a small scale. Why should the parties and one of the Vance boys, not some one go into the business on 18 years old, was wounded by fire from such a scale that he could turn out 100,000 quail per year?-Country Life "They are never spoken to each other

eter at butt end, and three feet to each

In America. since that eventful night ten years ago. Lawyers and politicians have gone out To Stretch Fence Wire. to help them settle their difficulties. Go to the woods and cut a wide but they were obdurate, and if the feud spreading fork, three inches in diamgrows for twenty years as it has al-

FOR STRETCHING WIRE.

crotch. Cut off fork branhes so as to

have three feet spread at wire. Use both as lever and windlass, as shown in diagram. Staple wire on top and drive large nail in post beneath to hold in place. Now wind up and staple. Can stretch eighty rods at one time.

World's sheep Supply. This country is beginning to gain islands, small but well above the water of wool. But here the lamb and mutslowly in its number of sheep and yield and with scrubby undergrowth among ton demand has developed so rapidly the rocks and here and there an occa- that from this cause the increase is sional tree or two. Some of them be slower than in some other countries. long to the city, some to individuals, Argentina seems to stand at the head while others, and some of the best, are now in numbers, having 74,379,562 of doubtful ownership and title. One head, and Australia 72,322,918. Russia or two are permanently occupied, but is third, with about 53,000,000, and the the others are in almost every case ac- United States next, with 45,170,423. cessible to orderly camping parties, and The United States next, think 29,076,777. many of those near the shore are so France has 17,800,985 sheep, signinst Germany's 7,907,173. Cape Colony has 11,318,829 sheep and Natal 726,752.

Improving Live Stock.

Improvement by selection has made the live stock of this country more valuable. It was once supposed that a three-minute gait in trotting was very fast, and the four-mile running horses barely accomplished the distance in eight minutes. A 60-pound sheep was large, and the razor-back hog was on every farm. To-day we have trotting horses that have gotten close to a mile in two minutes, the runner has nearly

CHEAP FARM GATE. ter, post B made to fit it. Bore 11/2-inch holes, put hardwood in and wedge the

same at post S. E is a piece of 2-inch plank with hole to hold post B. F is a brace from B to C. This gate will last for many years and will swing either way.

## Electric Farming.

Experiments in electrical farming, which have been held by Prof. Lemstreem, of Helsingsfors, have demonstrated some very interesting facts. In one experiment with carrots the yield was increased 30 per cent the first look at the checks.

over plants that were not treated electrically. In another experiment with thaat the large harvests of Spitzbergen ful at the time he failed. and Finland are due to the electrical influence of the aurora borealis .---

Farming.

Essential of a Silo.

The proper construction of the silo Port Hood he papered the walls of one is of the greatest importance. If the of his rooms with them. They are sides of the silo are not airtight, too drawn on at least twenty banks, and much air is admitted and the silage DeCosta declares he can tell what will spoll. If the walls are not per- each paid for. That is all the more refectly rigid the presence of the silage markable, as the man settled his perwill cause them to spring out, thus al. sonal as well as his business obligalowing air to enter between the silage tions with paper. He never carried and the wall, and, again, the result is more than a dollar in cash in his pockdecayed sllage.

Before building a silo the most careful attention should be given to location, size, form and method of construction. These will differ somewhat and this is literally true, for all his according to locality and individual meals are served in the check room. needs.-Farming.

She was a delightfully fresh faced Fruit Trees and Rabbits. lassie and clearly from the country dis-When snow is on the ground rabbits have a hard time securing food and tricts, and as she walked up State will eat anything that will prevent street more than one man turned to starvation. It is then that they girdle look at her, expressing the pleasure she trees and do damage which is not with. gave to him by a frank stare of admiration. Presently the happy look in her in the power of the farmer to repair. Smearing the trunk with blood or eyes changed, of a sudden, to one of sheer horror. With a gasp of alarm wrapping the trees with tarred paper or mosquito netting two feet from the she caught her companion by the arm ground serves as a protection.

in Waldo County, Maine, reaches ex- turned to see what had occasioned its actly the same conclusion, having expression of shock and terror, all he his items, however, sound rather un wagon striking another. derestimated. He figures for plowing and harrowing \$3, planting, \$3.50, seed

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Was Prosperous.

iniscently at the walls of a square room papered with canceled bank

Physicians say that he has an incurable disease and order him to lie down, but

potatoes where the current was gener. prosperous grain merchant. He continated galvanically in the earth by when he was forced to the wall and left ated galvanically in the earth by means of copper and zinc plates con-nected by insulated wires strung above growing vines, an increased yield of from 60 per cent to 100 per cent was recorded. Some scientists now claim control loss harvests of Splitzbergen

he named her as his successor, and she when he came here in 1898 and bought has proved well equipped for the task. a small house between River Denys and

> Richard Seddon, then premier of New Zealand, was very active in urging the colony to send troops to ald the mother country in South Africa during the Boer war, says the New York Tribune, On one occasion he was taunted by an opposition member with readiness to sacrifice the lives of the colony's manhood.

"You are ready enough to send our sons and brothers to be shot at. but-" began the opponent.

"Sir," interrupted the premier, "I have this morning signed a commission for my own son-and I have dared him to come back without a wound."

His critic was effectually silenced.

What Caused the Explosion.

A sweet little girl, the pride of the family, rushed into the bedroom one afternoon where her mamma was indulging in the afternoon nap and exclaimed : "Oh, mamma, there is a man in the kitchen hugging the hired girl." Seeing the look of surprise on her mamma's face she clapped her hands and cried : "April fool ! It's only papa !"--Oakley (Kan.) Graphic.

Every Monday we wonder what people do on Sunday to make them so cross on Monday. We know what we did; we ate gravy, and chicken dumplings, and ple.

There is such a demand for shelves In the house that any man can become known as a good husband by hammering up a few.

What has become of the old-fashioned boy who used to hunt the neighbor's geese to get goose quills with which to make potato shooters?

and stood rooted in the middle of the traffic. To have seen her face at that An estimate of the cost of growing moment one would easily have imaginpotatoes in Michigan recently made ed that she was looking at nothing less places the figure at 14 cents, which horrible than a cold blooded murder. sounds very low, says American Culti- And yet when one spectator who had vator, but at the same time a grower caught the transformation on her face

grown 216 bushels for \$30.24, which saw was the familiar spectacle in a would be 14 cents per bushel. Some of Chicago street of the wheels of one

There is a lot of trouble in store for \$3, fertilizer, 800 pounds, \$11.75, har. the woman who has so little to do that The people of Thibet rarely wash, sheep that weigh 400 pounds alive are rowing \$2, parts green applied \$1, dig. she finds time to prove to herseif that ging and storing \$6. her husband's love is Growing Cold.

Remind Owner of Time When H Sitting many hours a day gazing rem-

checks, Gerald de Costa, a queer old character, is passing the last days of his life, says a New York World correspondent at River Denys, Cape Breton.

he insists on sitting up, that he may year and 90 per cent the second year De Costa went from London to Chicago after the great fire which devastated the Windy city and became a

> These checks he has always treasured as souvenirs of his prosperous day and

ets at one time, and if a man didn't want to cash a check he made no sale. De Costa says that he would rather look at the checks than eat his dinner.

Cause of Fright.