Mr. Bowser's Dairy Farm

There Is a Fortune In Keeping Cows.

WIFE VETOES HIS PLAN

She Tells of a Lot of Expense That Her Lord and Master Has Overlooked In Estimates.

(Copyright, 1906, by E. C. Parcelia,1 APPENING to look out of the window the other day an hour before Mr. Bowser's time for coming home, Mrs. Bowser caught sight of him and a strange man walking up and down as if viewing the house. When they had finished with the front they went around to the alley, and it was almost an hour but figure as a business man." before the man went away and Mr. Bowser entered the house,

"Well, is it another cow?" he was asked.

"My dear Mrs. Bowser," he replied, smile on his face, "I have some news for the last five years." "We will talk it over," said Mrs.

Bowser, as she motioned him to a chair. "Yes, we will talk it over, but you can't possibly find any fault. I have "However, if you think I am wrong, got facts and figures right down pat to please show me where. Can you buy prove to you that it will be the best deal of our lives."

"What sort of a farm is it?" Wanted a Dairy Farm.

"A dalry farm, my dear. I have given up the idea of chickens. It is a dairy farm of eighty acres, and we shall exchange even up. The man is



"I BHALL PUT IT UP IN PANCY CAKES." so auxious to get into the city to educate his daughter that he will make most any sacrifice. Now listen to me. I start in the dairy business with thirty cows. The milk can be estimated at 300 quarts per day. If sold at 5 cents a quart to the creamery there is \$15 a day, or \$105 per week. All we have to do is to deliver the milk and take a check. I shall sell only half the of starting with thirty." milk, however. The remainder will be made into butter. I shall put it up in fancy cakes and call it 'Bowser's Best.' The sales will amount to about \$8 per day, and on the sour milk and whey I shall fatten about fifty hogs during the year. When these are marketed the total income per week for the year will per year. We live well, have the benefit of the country air and make \$7,000 per year, and if you have got any fault not a couple of women customers come to find with that you must be hard to please. Such a bargain as this man is willing to give me can't be picked up

"You start with thirty cows?" queried Mrs. Bowser.

once in a hundred years. What do you

'From thirty to thirty-five." "They are on the farm and part of

think of it?"

the bargain, are they?" "Why, no. I must buy them."

"Oh, I see. Has the farm a barn for

"I-I don't think so, but I can build again."

one."

Mrs. Bowser Makes Estimates. "Of course. Let us see. Thirty good

cows will cost you \$1,200. To build a dairy barn will cost you at least \$800 more. There is \$2,000 to start with. Had you figured on that?" Mr. Bowser swallowed away at his Adam's apple and began to turn pale.

"To run a dairy of thirty cows you will have to have two men. They must milk, feed, drive the milk to the creamery, etc. You can figure on \$50 per month as wages, and, of course, you must board them. You must add \$600 to the \$2,000 in the first year's expenses. Has the farm got at least thirty acres of good grass land?"

"I-I didn't ask about that, but of course it has."

"Well, if it has you are all right for the summer. What about the winter? Those cows must be fed from November to May. Each one will consume from two to three tons of hay. What about sixty or seventy tons of hay and

the soft feed in addition?" "Woman, what are you trying to get at?" shouted Mr. Bowser, as he pounded on the table with his fist.

"The actual state of affairs," she replied. "There will be at least one month out of twelve when half your cows will be farrow or nursing their

calves. Have you figured out that some of milk?"

"But the calves alone will net me a thousand dollars a year."

What It Would Cost Him, "Then you are greater than the beef trust. If every one of your thirty cows had a calf, the thirty calves might bring you \$200, but no more. In Philosopher Figures Out That figuring on the expenses of the first year we will say that your hay and soft feed cost you \$1,700. That is a very close estimate. You must buy a team of horses, wagon, milk cans, palls, churns, etc. You must allow at least \$500 for these things."

"Not on your life! Not if I know how to cipher! Why, you must take me for the biggest fool in the state!"

"You can submit my figures to any one you will. You have estimated your income altogether too high. The cows will give much less milk in the winter. Some of them may be alling or die. The price of hay may go up. Instead of \$125 per week, you should figure on \$75. Out of this, even after you get started, must come the expenses of feed, help and the keep of your team. You will have to turn in and work yourself, and if there is any 'Bowser's Best' butter made you will have to allow me an extra girl in the house Don't bob around on your chair now,

Figures Encourage Bowser. "Don't tell me that I am bobbing around!" shouted Mr. Bowser, so loudly that he was heard in the next bouse. "One would think you were talking to in a paternal way and with a broad an infant. I say you are wrong from beginning to end. I tell you there's at to delight you. Tomorrow I expect to least \$5,000 a year clean profit in this complete negotiations for the exchange thing for me, but of course you want of this house for a farm. You know I to knock it in the head if you can. By have been hoping to make an exchange thunder, what a jackass I am ever to sit down and talk to you about busi-

> "I don't think you have lost anything by it," quietly replied Mrs. Bowser. cows for less than \$40 apiece? Haven't you got to have a barn? Haven't you got to have help? Haven't your got to have feed? Tell me where my figures are too high."

> "What's the use? You don't want to be convinced, and you won't be. I am offered the opportunity of my life, and you stand in the way and try to make me out an idiot."

"You are hardly fair with me, Mr. Bowser. If you will show me where I am wrong in my figures I'll cheerfully start a dairy farm with you."

"I'll bring you figures from a man who has run a dairy farm himself and made \$10,000 a year at it. I'll even bring the man himself,"

A minute later Mr. Bowser was out of the house and on his way to the family butcher's. He had often heard that the butcher was formerly a dairy farmer, and that his sole object in selling out and moving into town was to educate his son in telling the difference between a knockkneed horse and a comic opera. He found the butcher smoking his pipe and meditating, and he began:

"Mr. Bones, didn't you used to run a dairy furm somewhere?"

"I think so," was the cautious an-

"And you made \$10,000 a year?"

"I have been charged with so doing." "Well, now, knowing me as you do, what would you advise in my case? I can trade my house and lot for a dairy

"How many acres?"

"Eighty." "How many cows?"

"As many as I want to buy. I thought

"How's the cow barn?"

"There isn't any." "What's your experience?"

"Haven't had any." Butcher Discourages Plan.

"Mr. Bowser," said the butcher, as he rose up and got behind the meat block, "go into the business of raising be about \$125. We will call it \$7,000 jackasses. You have had experience

and can't help but make a success." There would have been a row had in. Mr. Bowser was forced to postpone the bloodletting to another time, and he went out and wandered up and down the street with bent head and back humped up. His dairy had soured on him. His "Bowser's Best" would never be on the market. He would never rub the backs of cows or fondle their calves. And men and women who took notice of him whispered to each other:

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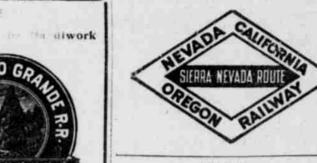
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newspaper man in Boston several

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& White, the noted New York architects, of which Stanford White, who

was murdered by Harry K. Thaw in

New York recently, was a member.

The device, says the Pittsburg Gazette-

Times, was an acrostic of names fa-

mous in history, literature and art by

which the firm's name was to be en-

graved on the Boston Public library.

As may be observed, the arrangement

defied literature, history and philoso-

phy in arrangement, and this was the thing that attracted the newspaper

man's attention. The names were con-

glomerated from all nations and ages

into a seemingly neat ornamentation

for the fine building. Beginning at the

top of a space to be devoted to names

famous in the world in various lines

Isocrates.

These names, through their initials,

formed the first part of the acrostic,

spelling plainly "McKlm." A slight

space appeared before the next list of

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Irving, Titlan, Erasmus.

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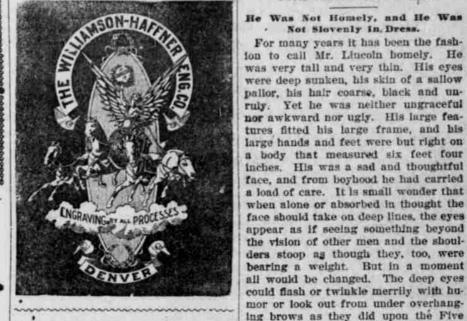
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the time and place.

So, too, in public speaking, when his

tall body rose to its full height, with

head thrown back and his face trans-

figured with the fire and earnestness

of his thought, he would answer Doug-

In reading the grotesque stories of his boyhood, of the tall stripling whose trousers left exposed a length of shin, it must be remembered not only how poor he was, but that he lived on the frontier, where other boys, less poor, were scarcely better clad. In Vandalia the blue jeans he wore were the dress of his companions as well, and later, from Springfield days on, clear through his presidency, his costume was the usual suit of black broadcloth, carefully made and scrupulously neat. He cared nothing for style. It did not matter to him whether the man with whom he talked wore a coat of the latest cut or owned no coat at all. It was the man inside the coat that interested him.-Helen Nicolay in St. Nicholas.

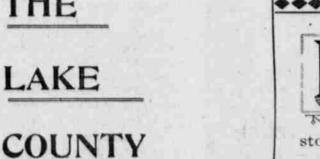
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