

THE FARM MAN.

Let me have men about me that are fat. Julius Caesar, Act I, Scene II.

THE SCHOOL TEACHER'S STORY.

Mary E. Williams in Romanes. I have taught school forty-four years. Now I have delivered the keys of my school house to the committee.

I was never extravagant in clothes but once. That was twenty-five years ago, when I was 33, and expected to be married in the spring.

Looking backward forty-four years I cannot remember any other extravagance than this outlay for clothes when I expected to be married at 35.

My mother died when I was 14; my father when I was 16; then I began to teach. My father left me nothing.

Marshbrook was named after the brook there, that runs through marshy land, and gets soaked up in it some seasons of the year.

To tell the truth, I never could get along with children. I have never been teaching them from forty-four years. I never dared to say before, but it is true.

I have never been sure, either, that they learned anything so as to remember it, and have it to do them any good. I have always been afraid that no matter how hard I tried to do my duty.

story, I have to review my face, and my whole character, in my mental vision, as before a glass, to establish, as it were, my own reliability to myself.

It was just twenty-five years ago today that I went to Marshbrook to teach the No. 1 district school. It was in the middle of the springtime.

She had come from the east village to teach it, when I gave it up, and it wasn't more'n three weeks before he began to go with her.

I don't know as I should have got any till fall, if the teacher at the No. 1 district in Marshbrook hadn't left sudden.

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I asked her again what she wanted, and she piped up, just as she did before: "Please, teacher, find my doll for me."

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Simonds and his wife, and she was as neat as wax and a good cook. She was kind of woody, and didn't talk much, but I didn't feel much like talking, and I liked it full as well.

One day Mrs. Simonds said, if she was in my place, she'd make her plans not to stay after school. She didn't seem any more fidgety herself than a wooden post.

"I don't know how long I sat there—quite a while, I suppose, for it began to grow dusky. The frogs peeped as if they were in and out of the room."

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I noticed that folks in the meeting house at Marshbrook eyed me some. I don't know whether it was because I had come to teach the No. 1 school, or because I was a stranger.

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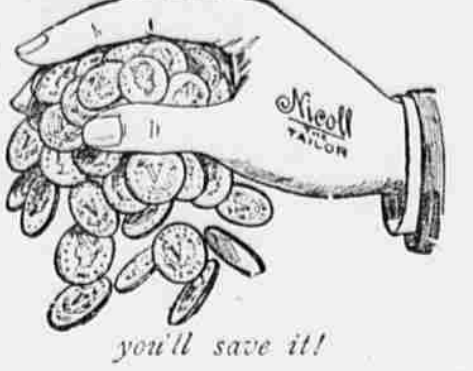
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and get the fidgets out of them. I'll get a new pair for the place next time. I've had enough of women."

"I don't want to give up the school," says I. "What are you talking about then?" says he.

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graveyard. I saw a gleam of white in there a minute; then it was gone. That evening I went to Dr. Emmons and told him what had happened.

"Now," says I, "I want to know where that child was buried." "She was buried in the old Williams tomb," says he.

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THE TWO FOES. In a great war for concentrated ground. One of the foes, Christ and one who served Man.

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