Dear parior sofa, fare thee well.

A long and fond aclieu.

The hammock lays have come and so
We say farewell to you.
We say farewell to you and sigh
I think of all the beaux.
We had and—ous was awful high—
None ventured to propose.

Ah, no, they'd simply talk and smile and sigh and bestate.
And pa kept sections all the while Became gas bills were great.
But none got down to be since and Brought ma tere to a close.
Althougo mannes and I have planned.
None of them have proposed.

And pa he often threatened to

And face of the threshold of Apply to them his book,
And o ght to hang within their view.
This mouto ' op or send !'
Fut after all the o at they burned —
We say it with regree.
Another summe has returned.
And finds us single yet.

Now that we greet the gentle spring And old like winds are gents. We'll once more in the hammack swing at even on the lawn. here some one may ere sommer's o'er. Propess and make ne glod, and it they don - we're very sure from pa will just a made.

TOM'S BARGAIN.

"It is very, very nice, and I am extremely proud of it, but-" and here Muggie Denton hesitated.

It was very nice, fro a the neat little drawing room, simply but elegantly furnished, right away to the kitchen, where every hing shone again. And Tom had got everything together in eighteen months too, when the luck had changed and his writing all at once yo to be appreclated. But, as arangle put it, there was one trilling drawback, consisting of an alco e in the drawing-roo which would never-no never look complete without a piano.

"And a piano you shall have," To said, looking up heartily from the breakfast bacon. "I had a good slice of luck last week which I never expected. You emember that long love story I wrote three years ago, and which I have sent to pretty well every magazine in London. Well, Ned Hartiey advised me to send it to The Woman's Companion, where it was accepted. They paid me #25 for it, not quite a haif-a-crown a page, but it's better than nothing. Don't you think I could get a desent instrument for the money:"

Maggie s illed pleasantly. She was extre sely fond of music, and being a managing little soul, equally fond of a bargain. It would be far better, she said, sapiently, for Tom to keep his eyes open than to go direct to a maker, by which he might save at least £10 of his hard-earned money.

There are lots of the madvertised every day," she observed. "Give me the pa er and I will show you what I mean. Now just listen to this one."

"For Sale:—A bargain; magnificent plano, by a well-known maker; upright grand, overstrung, double check action, seet pedas, steel frame, full compass, trichord hroughout; the property of a lady going abroad; cost seventy five pounds but a few months ago; will sacribee for twenty-five pounds. Army "See aven," one hunfive pounds. Apply "Bee hoven," one hun-dred and hinety-four Connersbury road, Greenthorpe Park, Hamstead, or personally any day this week."

Tom nodded approvingly. An in- chosen by a well known mu ician. strument costing but a few months ago upward of "three-marters of a century" to be disposed of for a third of the amount struck him as the very th ng he desired. It was a lit- stead." strange, chough, an outsider would have decided, that so valuable a property should have gone so long begging, or that the lady going abroad did not see the folly of udvertising regularly at the rate of one

pound per week. "I tell you what it is," said Tom, "as Gunnersbury road is close I'll just walk over there after dinner and interview Mrs. 'Leethoven' personwards and try at "

Soit was arranged, and Tom re- a wife. tired to his writing den, where for purchase was forgotten. There was again " ple ty of work now, for the young writer and journalist, who for the last five years had found it a terrible struggle to keep h mself, and find Maggie, who had until recently been out as a governess, with those trilling luxuries which even the princely salary of a governess does not afford. But the tide had turned now, and although Tom would never be a great novelist or a brilliant trouble in the future essavist, he earned a comfortable income, which by the end of the year figures. It seems a lot of money. but I know more than one of the dodges-" quiet ones of whom the general pu lic have never heard who are doing quite as well. It is so easy to get a living in literature if you have the ability and know how to set about it-especially know how to set abous it, which, perhaps in the long run it better than ability. But this secret is only learnt by much grief and pain and bitter disappointment.

to Tom finished his morning's work and, after dining comfortably, walked after all. over to Gunnersbury road, a pleasant. semi-genteel street, with little houses, all bearing a strong family likeness to each other and all striving to look as if they were semi-detached residences and not the occupants of a common terrace. Number was, perhaps, a littlect eaner and neater than its neighbors; the door has been painted within recent memory, there were extremely white curtains in the windows, sand a nest little maid took Tom's card after she had ushered him into a tiny drawing-room, the furniture of whi h struck him as being new and cheap. But tawdry as h s surroundings were, Tom speedily forgot them as the door opened and a lady entered holding

m was a tolerably self po at he felt at a dieadva

nating manner her features were won. Maggie decided, vigorously. de fully sweet and regular, and her one so long as he does not buy it sorrowful blue eyes, haif bold, wholly himself. Your late nusband must shy, went straight to Tom's heart have been sadly taken in, dear, that and en laved him on the spot. He was a very sensitive, feeling kind of in the street." fellow, and when he noted the black dress and tiny white cap perched upon the golden, wavy hair, Tom felt that he could do anything to her, or die happy in the attempt.

had a wonderful bewildering, fasci- and you a custo er for the grand"

a broad.

tearful voice:

years.

showy thing is not worth picking up

about, but a fortnight later Mrs.

Kerr found herself established at

The Laurels for a few days before, as

she said, she could anally dispose of

loth, at one time she was in the best

when I was introduced to a trade-

man whose business it was. I found.

to buy cheap planus and sell them to

unsuspecting customers eager for a

ba gain. 1 was a good I re, and 1

played an important part for two

suburban London, a plano has been

brought in, our advertisement insert-

well, you can guess the rest. I tried

to deceive you. What could I do, as

you were a stranger to me then?-

have come here unless I had been

forced to, and you cannot tell how 1

have longed for a little rest and

quiet. My employe was angry: but

I was equally determined, and be-

sides, I have promised to go back

again; but I cannot go now. If you

can only say that you forgive me, re-

membering how hard I was poshed."

"That is your | lace," he said, firm-

And with these words ringing in

'I have not finished yet," she said,

so much the tetter." Tom said.

wrong all the time but although,

my darling, I d d not buy that very

elegant looking plane. I am inclined

DIAMONDS BY THE HANDFUL.

How It Feels to Let the Precious Stones

Stip Through the Fingers,

hold a handful of loose, unset precluus

said a fair cosmopolitan to a writer

fo the New York Tribune "Not

long since, in London, I went into a

store famous for its lewels; and while

I was talking with the clerk about

the resetting of some old family rei-

ics. Lord A. who is a great friend of

mine, came in. After-some casual con-

versatio he asked me if I would

come with him into an inner room.

to sook at some pearls he was think-

ing of purchasing. There we found

Mr. U., one of the heads of the firm,

cussed, and finally a couple were de-

see your unset stones; asked Lord

A. after everything had been settled.

glittering contents. Rubles, dia-

monds, pearls, sapphires-all the long

array of precious stones and all as-

sorted according to size and quality.

Would you trust me to take up a

handful of those diamonds?' I had

the audacity to ask. 'I simply long to know how it feels' Both men

seemed much amused, the jeweler

gratifying my request without hesi-

tation; and as I felt the heavy gilt-

I felt the thrill I spoke of in the be-

glaning. 'You look as if you were

reverent'-and, oddly enough, that

Yankee exaggeration is a trick

An old lady was alone in a very

collapsed and the house came tum-

bling down around her. Her escape

uninjured. When asked what her

in church! laughed Lord A.

was just the way I felt."

form of understatement.

stones just as if they were pebbles,

"It gives one the oddest thrill to

"And, like most bargains, dear at

was strong and kind.

widow at all?"

bargain.

-Waverly Magazine

ly; "rest there, my darling."

her ears she struggled no longer.

but I have suffered. I would not

ed in the London daily papers, and-

I have taken cheap lodgings in

Tom never knew how it came

"It is of no conse uence," he her furniture and plane before going stammered, unconsciously paraphrasing Mr. Toots. 'I did come over to see the instrument, which I thought of purchasing if it-that is-"

If it is satisfactory," the lady and bightest of sprits, at another said, with a smile, and concluding the beautiful face looked sad and the speech. Tom deemed it almost sorrowful, and occasionally tearfully heres, to utter. "It is there, as you also, see. You are, no doubt, a good judge, and in that case the piano speaks for Itself.

It did and pretty loudly, too, as any connoisseur of the popular form harmonial torture would have read ly te tified. It was suspic ously new. the varnish was bright and obtrusive. There was also some little difficulty both died last year I found myself G. in raising the lid, and when Tom penniless, friendless and without a did clamsily run his hand over the situation. I was getting desperate keys, even be-ignorant of music as he was-felt startied at the metallic demon he had aroused.

"It is a great bargain," the lady rema ked, "and as you see, almost

Tom did see, a d hastened eagerly to pay a fitting tribule to its youth, which apparently was the only virtue it possessed. And yet the softhearted fellow, with those pathetic blue eyes turned upon him, could not steel h mself to presounce the flat which his common sense dictated.

"I will not decide now," he hesitated, ma like. 'You see, I am not buying for myself, but for a ladymy sister-and I should like her to see it first. If there is no objection I will call again to-morrow after-BOOR "

"My-my husband chose that instrument," the lady said, a most timidly; "indeed, did not circumstances compel me, I would not part with it now: but I am not so well off

She turned away abruptly, so suddealy that for a moment Tom was conscious of an idiotic desire to take her in his arms and comfort her. Yet, usually he was a keen hand at reading character, and some inward monitor warned him even now that the pretty, childlike widow was merely acting a part. But we are only mortal, and Tom knew too well what poverty was, not to feel for the others who suffer from its blighting influence.

"a am very sorry-Mrs. Kerr. I think you said?—but I cannot de- cheerfuily. Do yo know I have free to slide up and down post C. e de now." he said, almost humbly. "I will bring my sister to-morrow."

Maggie listened with interest to the story of the interview. but, sister like, she by no mean's liked Tom's encomiums concerning the widowed possessor of the instrument any price." Marion laughed happily.

"I de lare you are quite in love with her,' she said, half jealousy. .It would be a romance if you went to buy a piano and found a wife in-

"Natu al enough, too." Tom returned. "Why shouldn't I marry? I should not be in the way then when Ned Hartley omes of an e en-

ing." It was Maggie's turn to look con-

fused now. Nea Hartley aforesaid, a great chum of Tom's and a dashing young journalist of some repute, certainly spent a great deal o. time in Magally. If I like the looks of the in- gie's company, to Tom's se ret gratistrument ou can come over after. fication, or Ned was a good fellow, and well able to afford the luxury of

"We will go and see the lady." three solid hours the anticipated she said. "I can't trust you alone and the pearls were produced and dis-

Tom assented, although not with- clied upon. Could you let Mrs. X. out certain misgivings. Being, like most of the cra t, of a sentimental, emotional nature be did not care to bring his divinity under the cold, practical eye even o his own sister, and as he sat awaiting the arrival of the disconsolate widow, and coolly criticising the unfortunate plane, Tom began to scent something like

My dear, the thing is a regular takein," she said, decidedly. "Any promised to touch close upon four one but you would have known that rows of drawers, each with its own half these advertisements were mere special lock and key.

"Not forgetting that you advised the dodge to be tried," Tom retorted. Any further conversation ter sinated by the entrance of Mrs. Kerr, who stood in the doorway looking from one to the other. A stray ray of sunshine touched her lively hair and sweet, patheti : face so softly that even Maggie, the practical, was fain to admit that Tom's extravagances had not been so exaggerated

"I a sorry to have kept you wait ing," she commenced, "but-"It is." Maggie cried, impulsively,

"a tually it is, dear Marion." Dear Marion, thus accosted, smiled | tering things slip through my fingers, redly, and returned Maggie's warm

"It is an old school friend of mine," the latter said incoherently. expression on your face is absolutely 'Tom, you have heard me speak of her? What a memory you have, to be sure! And to think of you being married, and I never knew it! a widow also! Let ne see. I have not seen you for four years: since ou left Mrs. Grimsnaw's. You must come and see our house, the dearest

little place in Hampstead, I call it." Tom, looking on, thought that al. old house when the walls suddenly put in at the two sides. though Mrs. Kerr seemed pleased to see her old friend, she was strangely ill at ease. She parried Maggie's questions but hurridly and confused. ly; the strange feeling that she was playing a part struck him; with a new and unco nioriable force.

"You must on re and stay with us, and if you are serving here Tom shall considerably skeered; I reely was."

"ANY AGRICULTURAL NEWS

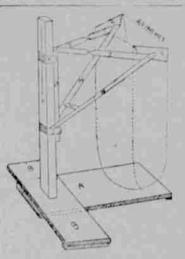
A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

Life of the Small Farmer Is a Happy One Convenient Bug Holder- A Model Vil-

lage Stable - Well-Arranged Bench-Agricultural Notes.

Convenient Hag Bulder. The Oblo Farmer thus describes She seemed very pleased to come, the bag holder which is here Hiusand yet at the same time strangely trades. A. to an inch board Inches wide and 20 Inches long. B. B. is an inca board a luches wide and inches long. C is an upright post nches high, 1/x2 inches square, and mortised through the boards A One evening she knocked timidly and B. E. at the bottom: D is an upright post - in he- high. : x2

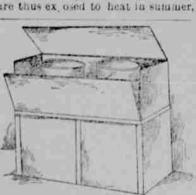
A prevention of parasitic diseases
it one spot in particular was so
forces square. E. E. are two from
of coreals by treating them before
hard that the to is preduced a black at the door of Tom's sanctum, and, having taken the seat he offered, looked into his face and said, in a inch thick, fastened on top of cost "I have a confession, a shameful confession to make, and it had better a half twist as shown; also two up-I with a wood screw bolt, and given be made now. When my parents H. H. are two hickory springs at feet



long, 2 inches wide by 1 inch thick; Tom murmured a few incoherent fastened near the outer end of the words and the next thing happened iron arms. E. t. with rivet at lower was that his arms were round her, end to post 1) with inch bolt. I is and she was crying gently on his a small block fastened between the breast. She made an ineffect al springs H, H, to give the arms F, E, struggle to free herself, but the clasp the proper spread, which should made of hoop iron fastened to post K is a light fron clevis fastened around post C. A piece of hoop iron, lifting the sweet rosy face to his. Is in hes long, is fastened in post "Do you know that I am not even slightly extending at back of post, entitled to that name-I am not a and has very small notches filed in it to waich the cievis K holds. Post suspected that there was something thus adjusting sitself to long or shirt bags, while the springs, H. H. allow the arms E. E. to be pressed together or spread, this adjusting likely to to think that after all I got quite a wide or narrow bags. The dotted lines show bag in position for tilling.

A Well-Arranged Water Beach.

spring, the task of bringing it in large proportion of homes are still the yard from which the water must be carried to the house in pails. A simple bench usually provides a support for these pals of water which are thus ex osed to heat in summer.



CONVENIENT WATER BENCH.

'I will be ber security,' he continued jokingly, 'Most certainly,' answered the obsequious tradesman, politely dust, flies, and an orcasional visit, unlocking what proved to be a door perha s. from the family cat. into a huge safe, but which looked Illustration accom anying this shows like part of the paneling of the room. how water can be kent cool in sum-He ushered us into a small room in mer and perfectly protected from the safe itself. It was carpeted with cats, n.es, and dust. When the pails green baize and had no furniture. are to be filled, the front, which is the walls being filled with rows upon hinged, is let down, the cover raised, and the pails when filled are as easily set back as upon an open beach. The " Here you have wealth enough to front and the cover can then be buy a kingdom,' said Lord A., and I closed and the water kept clean and could not repress a cry of astonishcool. The closet below will be found ment and rapture as Mr. C., with apexceedingly convenient for numerous parent carelessness, opened drawer uses that will occur to any houseafter drawer, and showed me the keeper living in the country.

AlTob for Grain Sonking.

At the grain sow ng season nothing is more handy than a tub in whice to soak, clean or kill smut

spores than a tight half-barrel of convenient size for use. On many mon method is to borrow the good wives' washtubs, pans, etc. The cut shows a

half-barrel which may be put to use at all seasons of the year for other purposes when not in use for seed soaking. In making, select a tight, strongly made barrel, a vinezar or molasses barrel being preferable: but if a ligh one is desired a flour or that works both ways. It is most sugar barrel where perfectly tight amusing, perhaps, when it takes the may be used. In the farm toolmay be used. In the farm toolhouse it may be quickly sawed in two, tightly hooped and rope handles

was little short of a miracle; but she In no other department of hortiwas taken from the ruins entirely cultural knowledge has so much progress been made as has been made in sensations were when the house fell, spraying. It was at first recom-"Well, to tell the truth, I was moth, which destroys the apple crop. you buy your fertilizers, do it in as considerably skeered; I reely was. But it is now found equally effica- condensed form as possible.

clous in preventing the scale and blight on leaf and fruit, which is a greater present danger than the cod. The Stones Are France of the Governst of ling moth to perpetrate its species. In most orchards where the apple In a report made by George P. crop entirely failed when apples are Kunz to the . S. Geological Fursey now grown they are bee from worms. not yet a print; an interesting ac-For grapes the spraying is now re- count is given of an experiment made garded as indispensible to prevent at hicago during the World's hair red. The Bordeaux mixture is also in determining the baracter of what found an effective remedy for an appeared to be a diamona carbon thruchose on mackeap raspherries found in a meteorite by that, George In spraying for fungus diseases sev- A. comits of the Un versity of eral applications are better than Pennsylvania. one. A small bit of fungus that cs- | Frof. A. E. Foote, of Fhiladelphia. capes the first or second application obtained a piece of meleorite rom increases very rapidly. But it is canon Diable. Arizona, in 1804. He probable that thorough spraying one sent it to Frof. keenig for e am naseason will g ently lessen the amount ton. The piece weighed about sixof this work that will be needed the teen pour is. When an attempt was year following.

Cout With Coul Cit. sowing or planting has been found nowder instead of chips. When the useful by many who have experimeteorite was being cut, an attempt mented along this line. A slight was made to polish the sections on an ward and outward extending danges the autumn is said to destroy the per ruined. contains of coat oil given to peas in emery wheel. The emery wheel was sinches long and i inch high weevd. This causes the crop of the weevil. This causes the crop of the Diamonds had been noted pre-lociowing season to be almost free viously in Russian meteoric stones, from this jest. A somewhat analo- and Prof. Keepig pronounced the gons reme ly has been discovered for black particles from this Arizona smut in wheat and outs by I'ro essor meteorite to be chamond. The par-Jansen of Denmark, only that the ticles of this substance obtained were heat seems to be the effective agent so minute that the ordinary chemical in these cases. The remedy is simply tests could not be applied to them, to immerse the seed wheat or oats but Mr. Kunz suggested at the meet in water at a temperature of 135 to ing of the Academy of Arts and 1 0 degrees. The crops grown from Sciences that if enough clean grains seed thus treated have been found to could be obtained to poli-h a dlabe entirely free from smut. The mond, the nature of the substance remedy has the merit of being both cheap and simple.

Hoard's Dairyman gives these hints about wooden vessels: "I on't d amond cutting in the Mining Buildset a wooden bowl or butter printer ling of the World's Fair gave toe opin the sun or by a stove to dry. They portunity for trying the experiment, last much longer if dried slowly. and Ti any & Ca made preparations Also wet these things before using for the test. A diamond-polishing them for cream, milk, or butter. If the pores are filled with water they prepared with radiating scrat hes so cannot absorb grease and so get tainted. Wood will absorb the but- powder. ter lats in milk and milk products, and they will not dry out as does tions to the minute, and a diamond water.

A Village Stable,

A small window over the stable to inches at outer tips. I is a collar door, through which hay is pitched with dimeulty, is avoided by a break D and fitt ng loosely around post C in the roof, as shown in the accompanying diastration from the Amerloosely to post D and litting loosely lean Agriculturist, giving room for a



door of generous size. A box stall State have been studied minutely Where water can be brought by a ought to be provided in every stable, with a view to probable development pipe from a near-by well, or from a as it will be found most useful for of diamond mines. The diamond in the occasional use both of the horse the nited States is almost as great pails can happily be avoided. But a and cow. It may take the place of a freak as the diamond-dust in the erved with water from a pump in be provided for the horse of a visitor. so that there is but little extra room called for.

Pattening Animals on Grass.

Large numbers of animals are every year fattened on grass, being turned custums peculiar to itself. The garout in May or June, and sold off when | den salvia, for |instance, slaps the fattened in the fall. This grass feed | buriy bumblebee spon the back and is also right when at its best, but at marks him for her own as he is either end it needs to be sup le- ushered in to the feast. The moun-mented with grain feeding, as does ta n-laurel welcomes the twilight also the feed of cows at pasture. Fo moth with an impulsive multiple long as the grass is immature a con- embrace. The de-modium and gensiderable amount of grain will be esta celebrate their hespitality with enten daily. There should be a grain a loke, us it were, letting their ration also when the pasture falls in threshold fall beneath the feet of the fall, and especially if it is sup- the carler, and startling him with an plemented by fodder corn cut before it explosion and a cloud of yellow pows mature enough to come in tassel. A | der. The prickly near cactus incloses little grain feed in summer will go its buzzing visitor in a golden bower, farther in fattening any kind of stock from which he must emerge at the than a much larger amount in roof as dusty as a miller. The bar

Farm Notes.

ing up bare places on grass plots, as rose, with outstretched tlaments, it will grow and thrive where other hangs a golden necklace about the grasses will fall, but it prefers a rich | welcome murmuring noctuid, while soil that contains lime.

and does not have to go or come at is one which prevents a pair of tiny the beck of anyone else. This is clubs to the schinx-moth at its worth remembering when you are threshold, gluing them to its bulgfiguring up the advantages and dis ing eyes. Another attaches similar advantages of the occupation.

for a hundred years, and, as its name parting guest with a sticking-plasindicates, seems the have first been known in South America. The com- so we might continue almost indenmon kidney bean seems to have first nitely. been known to the ancient Peruvians:

test cabbage seed is to drop some on says, "half a dozen snow balls and a hot stove. If the seeds burst and soaked them in water. In the mornpop (like popcorn) they may be con- ing they were solid ice. I shaped sidered of good quality, and those in them as near like eggs as possible, the package will germinate and pro- and then placed them under the set-

der for the purpose of enriching the ice eggs under her and chuckled sortly soil, an application of lime will often to them. In a few minutes she be of the greatest benefit. It helps appeared to get uneasy. She arose to correct the acidity of the soil, and scratched the darlings together which often results from too rapid and shook herself, then, evidently fermentation of the green stuff.

FARMERS' clubs, grange meetings, institutes, etc., help to promote the evident concern. Something was social side of farm life, and bring the wrong, surely! Perhaps the weather people of a community into closer relation and sympathy with each other, chilly; but with great persecerance Do not reglect these things any more than you do the proper cultivation of this time for go.d. She walked out your land.

Ir does not pay to use low-grade fertilizers. They contain less of the desired elements in preportion to dislikes so much as the thought that their cost than do the higher grades, she is hiding her talents away from and the cost for freight and handling the world. mended chiefly to destroy the codling is out of proportion to their value It

DIAMONDS AND FREAKS.

Planes.

made to cut it, it was found to be remarkably hard. The edge of a haffinch chisel was repeatedly broken by

would be definitely determined. About 200 pounds of the meteoric fron was examined, and spe imens which appeared to contain diamonds were dissolved. The exhibition of wheel was specially planed down, and as to be easily charged with diamond

The wheel was run at 2,500 revoluwas tried on it for five minutes without any polish resulting. The wheel was then charged with the meteorite powder mixed with oil. As soon as the diamond was placed on the wheel a hissing noise showed that it was being out. In three minutes one lace of the diamond was polished. After a series of experiments with werer, Mr. Eunz sa she is satthat it is diamond, for a subwith the same hardness, color

and brillian v." This experiment is interesting only as showing one of the queer freaks of nature. Why a meteorite should be charged with diamond-dust is no more apparent than is the rea on for the discove v of a single diamond in a Kentucky field. There has been but one diamond discovered in Kentucky, though certain sections of the

Dubious Bospitality.

In the reception of an invited guest-for every clossom is an embodied welcome to its insect affinity -each flower observes curious social berry, in a similar vein, lays mischievious hold of the tongue of its sipping bee, and gives him a roughly WHITE clover is excellent for fill- cordial welcome. The evening plimthe various orchids excel in the in-THE farmer is his own employer, genuity of their salutations. Here tokens to the tongues of butterflies, THE Lima bean has been so called while the cypripedium speeds its ter smeared all over its back. And

A Note for Farmers.

A "Cape Codder" tells now he It is stated that the best way to cured a setting hen. "I made," he ting hen. She smiled. I stood by WHEN green crops are plowed un- and watched her. She cuddled the satisfied, settled down again. Soon she got up once more, this time with was getting cold. She felt wet and she sat down again, and again got up. of the lox, and than turned and looked in; but she had had enough."

Ir isn't the dishwashing a girl

MOTHERS get scared so easily that doctors make considerable money.