

# HIS EYES OPEN

Why There Are No Mail Order Catalogues in One Home.

## FARMER WILLIAMS' LESSON

In Time of Adversity He Got to Understand Who Were His Real Friends—Prosperity in Standing Together.

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"What y' got there, Sis?" inquired Farmer Williams, as he kicked off his felt boots and set them carefully behind the stove to dry. "That's what I thought it looked like, one of them there Chicago catylogs, though I hain't seen one clost for quite a few years back. Me an' your ma ust to buy mighty nigh everthing we used out of them catylogs when we first come to Kansas. Land sakes, I have to laugh now sometimes when I think of the way we would git ketchet out in awhile. They's some cheap things in them catylogs, an' then agin they's a lot 't ain't so cheap. Y' never kin tell till they come, an' then it's too late to send 'em back. But as I was a sayin', we hain't bought nothin' out of a catylog for a right smart o' years now, an' the way it come about I had as well tell y', cause I don't think y' really remember much about it.

"When we come to Kansas long in the first of the '80's we got along right well. We was able to pay cash fer what we got, and we got the money fer everything we sold. We was payin' out on the place right along; crops was purty good an' we was a feelin' like the Lord was a smilin' on our efforts, and the happy home we dreamed about when we first got married was in sight.

But they come a change in Kansas long in the last half of the '80's. Times got hard and kep a gittin' tighter. Four straight years it was so dry y' had to soak the hogs afore they'd hold swill—though I will say they was some extry reason on account of the swill bein' so thin—wheat jest died in the ground fer want of rain, and the hot winds biled the everlastin' sap out of the corn. They wasn't no pasture, no nothing. You can know we was a feelin' purty blue about that time, but we was young and strong, and thought with the chickens an' hogs we could git through anyway.

"Then one day you got to complainin' and lookin' so thin it worried us. Your ma is a middlin' good doctor, take it all around, but nothing she could think of done you any good. Well, you kep a gittin' pindlier and pindlier, till you got so st' y' wouldn't do nothin' but set in a chair by the kitchen stove, wrapped in your ma's old shawl, an' you looked so pitiful that we made up our minds to have the doctor, even if it took th' last chicken on the place. Well, he come, and after he'd looked at you awhile an' felt your pulse, he shet his watch up with a snap, an' says, quiet like: 'Better fix up a warm place fer her in the front room, don't have too much light nor any drafts to strike her.' Then we knowed it wan't no small sickness we had to fight, an' when we got you fixed up in bed I follered Doc. out on the porch an' I says: 'Well, Doc., sez I, 'what's the matter with our little girl?'

"I don't want to skeer ye, Mr. Williams," says he, "but I'm afraid she's in for a siege of typhoid fever."

"Well, after he was gone I went out in the kitchen an' told your ma, but she says, brave as kin be: 'Well, Ezra, if the Lord has seen fit to put that much more on our load we must bear up an' fight it out doin' our duty the best we kin, leavin' the rest to him.' An' I thought so too. So we jest kep' our hearts brave an' done what seemed right 't do.

"The hardest thing was to figure out where 't git the medicine, an' fruit, an' dainty things your sickness called



"Why Cert'nee, Mr. Williams, Jest Let Us Know What You Want."

for. We hadn't been tradin' much with the stores in Huston, buyin' mostly from the catylog folks y' know, an' so we didn't have any credit there to speak of. But I went 't Poster, th' druggist, an' I told him how things was. I didn't have no money 't pay fer th' medicine an' things, an' the prospects fer the next year was as poor er poorer than th' last.

"Why cert'nee, Mr. Williams," he says, "jest let us know what you want an' we'll carry you along till times come better fer you. We're all in a tight pinch now, but if we hang 'gether er things is all goin' to come out right

in the end. I have faith in th' country, an' in the people that live here, an' nobody's sick baby is a goin' to suffer if I kin help any."

"Well, it was the same thing at Harlow's grocery, an' th' coal yard, everywhere in th' town. Cert'nee, Mr. Williams, we'll see y' through on this.' It made me feel mean an' small some way, though I don't know why. An' often when they'd put in a few oranges or somethin' like that, sayin' in a 'pologizin' sort of way, 'little somethin' fer th' sick baby, Williams, why somehow it made a hard lump come up in my throat, an' I had a queer feelin' in my eyes, kinder achy like, y' know.

"Well, to be short about it, fer eight weeks you kep a gittin' weaker an' weaker, an' we kep a feelin' more 'n more hopeless. It was a sad Christmas in our home that year. Your ma was jest wore out with watchin' an' tryin' to do her work between times, an' I was so nigh sick with trouble an' discouragement 't I ust to go around by the barn an' jest cry like a baby. But I never let on to your ma though ner she 't me. We tried 't encourage each other though we knowed in our hearts 't all our cheerful words was lies, an' each one knowed the other knowed it too.

"Well, jest th' night before New Years Doc. called us outside your



I Sez: Les Burn It.

room. Oh, how my heart sunk then! 'I don't want to hold out any false hopes to you people,' he says, 'but I think with proper care from now on, your little girl is goin' 't git well.'

Elsie, it seemed jest like a ton of hay had been lifted off my chest right there. As fer your ma, why she jest busted down an' cried as hard as she could. After Doc. was gone we went out to the kitchen an' kneeled down right there an' thanked God fer the most glorious New Year's gift he ever give 't anybody in th' world—the health of our baby girl. You know your pa ain't no ranter er shouter; yer ma bein' a Baptist has furnished most of th' 'ligion fer our house, but jest then I seen how it was that they comes times in people's lives when they've jest got to have somethin' bigger an' greater than anything human 't turn to with a great joy er a great sorrier.

"Well, it was a long time yet before you was strong enough 't play out doors, an' it was a hard winter. I burned every post of the fence around the south eighty fer firewood afore it was over. But it seemed like we had so much 't be thankful fer that we was strong 't care fer any of th' smaller troubles that we come across.

"It really hain't so bad to look back at it now after th' trouble is over, but them hard years in Kansas drove nearly all our neighbors 't give up their land an' move away, broke in hopes an' pocketbook. Them of us as stayed is purty well fixed now, but we fit fer everything we got, an' fit hard, too. An', O, yes, about th' catylogs. Well after you was well an' things begun 't take a turn fer th' better, one night ma brought out that Chicago book an' laid it on the kitchen table an' says: 'Ezry, what do you want 't do with this?' An' I sez: 'Les burn it.' An' your ma sez: 'Jest what I was thinkin', too.' An' so we did burn it, an' what's more, we ain't never had one in th' house since, an' we never send away fer anything we can git at any of the stores in Huston, 'cause we want to deal with them as has an int'rest in the country we live in, an' in us people that live clost by."

"Why, you needn't of put yours in th' stove, too, Elsie, I didn't mean—yes, I don't know but what it's jest as well y' done it after all."

Folk Denounces Mail-Order Idea. Addressing a meeting of retail merchants in Jefferson city recently, Governor Folk, of Missouri, said:

"We are proud of our splendid cities, and we want to increase wealth and population, and we also want our country towns to grow. We wish the city merchants to build up, but we also desire the country merchants to prosper. I do not believe in the mail-order citizen. If a place is good enough for a man to live in and to make his money in, its good enough for him to spend his money in.

"No merchant can succeed without advertising in one way or another. Patronize your town papers, build them up, and they will build the town up in increased trade and greater opportunities. Do not be afraid that business is going to be hurt by the recent exposures of wrong-doing in the commercial world."

Mixture of Many Nations. Louis N. Parker, the dramatist, was born in France; his father was an American, his mother an English woman; his first language was Italian and he was educated in Germany.

## BLOATED WITH DROPSY.

The Heart Was Badly Affected When the Patient Began Using Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell, of 415 West Fourth street, Olympia, Wash., says: "For over three years I suffered with a dropsical condition without being aware that it was due to kidney trouble. The early stages were principally backache and bearing down pain, but I went along without worrying much until dropsy set in. My feet and ankles swelled up, my hands puffed and became so tense I could hardly close them. I had great difficulty in breathing, and my heart would flutter with the least exertion. I could not walk far without stopping again and again to rest. Since using four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills the bloating has gone down and the feelings of distress have disappeared."

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Whine from Henry James.

Henry James, pursuing his theme, "The Speech of American Women," speaks of a group of Boston young women, "all articulating as from some mouths, all mumbling and whining and vocally limping and shuffling as it were together." He compares, also to its great disadvantage, a school where parents pay so much not to have their boys taught to speak as gentlemen, with one "beyond the sea, in which the proviso that the schoolmaster shall speak as a gentleman is so absolutely vital."

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using De-fiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

## MANY SOURCES OF SALT.

That from Natural Springs Is Generally Most Nearly Pure.

The purity of salt depends upon the source from which it is obtained and the sanitary conditions under which it is prepared for the market. The supply of common salt, the most indispensable of all the seasoning substances both as a relishing condiment and a well-nigh universal food preservative, is exhaustless, yet even so there is salt and salt, says the Pictorial Review.

Formerly salt was obtained by evaporating ocean water, a process that left many impurities in the residuum, to say nothing of its exposure to all kinds of dirt in its shipment from seaports. The Turk's island or rock salt, which is still largely used in pork packing and in the manufacture of ice creams, comes to the United States in holds of vessels continually subjected to dirt and foul odors. Upon its arrival it is again hauled, then packed in coarse burlap bags, permitting dust to sift into the salt. In this condition it reaches the consumer.

Latterly, however, the product of salt springs has largely taken the lead in this country not only for table salt but for meat packing. The annual production from this source in the United States reaches more than 40,000,000 bushels, the state of New York in the vicinity of Syracuse furnishing a large proportion of this important supply.

## NEVER TIRES

Of the Food That Restored Her to Health.

"My food was killing me and I didn't know the cause," writes a Colo. young lady. "For two years I was thin and sickly, suffering from indigestion and inflammatory rheumatism.

"I had tried different kinds of diet, plain living, and many of the remedies recommended, but got no better.

"Finally, about five weeks ago, mother suggested that I try Grape-Nuts, and I began at once, eating it with a little cream or milk. A change for the better began at once.

"To-day I am well and am gaining weight and strength all the time. I've gained 10 lbs. in the last five weeks and do not suffer any more from indigestion and the rheumatism is all gone.

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## OLD CAPT. CACK'S QUESTION.

Somewhat Pointed, But It Denoted Quick Intelligence.

Pierce Jay, the commissioner of banks of Massachusetts, at the American Bankers' association's convention in St. Louis, advocated a better accounting system.

"But above all," said Mr. Jay, in a discussion of his idea, "we want intelligence, if embezzlement is to be thoroughly put down. Systems are good, but intelligence is better, and in cashiers and tellers and bookkeepers and note clerks we want the same keen, quick intelligence that characterized old Capt. Hiram Cack, of Gloucester.

"Cack lay very ill. One day he got down-hearted, feeling that his case was hopeless.

"I fear, doctor," he said, "there isn't much hope for me."

"Oh, yes, there is," the doctor answered. "Three years ago I was in your condition precisely, and look at me now."

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## Knows Whom He Can Trust.

Police Commissioner Bingham has learned one important fact that will be of aid to him in his official career. When he desires to get the exact facts about some large question that is to the front in New York city he calls in the newspaper reporters located at police headquarters and has a heart-to-heart talk. As one of them says: "He gets it straight, and so straight that not all the men of the force can fool him on that one point."

## ALMOST A SOLID SORE.

Skin Disease from Birth—Fortune Spent on Her Without Benefit—Cured Her with Cuticura.

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No sooner does the average man discover that he has made a mistake than he gets busy and manufactures an explanation.

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