## Swindling the Farmers.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 28 .-- The latest victims, is as follows: A well- ing with his cane. dressed, gentlemanly-appearing man "He's walking straight to the farmer's residence in a spanking rig, I to myself. and, hitching his team, proceeds to "And it's very high, teo; I wonthe house, and inquires if "Se-and- der if some one won't tell him, and So" (naming the owner of the place) start him in the right direction." is at home, stating, by way of introduction, that he is an agent of the years old, who was playing near the state board of agriculture, and that corner left his playmates, ran up to he is gathering up certain statistical | the old man, put his hand through information regarding the agricul- the old man's arm and said: tural interests; that this very desirable information would be published By this time there were three or four the following:

Indiana State Board of Agriculture-Statistical Department-Data for 1879. Number bushels of wheat raised. Number bushels of corn raised. Number bushels of flax raised Number bushels of oats raised. Number bushels of rye raised. With a two-inch blank space here.]

Signed) He has no trouble in getting the unsuspecting farmer to fill out this blank and sign his name where indicated. The blank space in the form is satisfactorily explained by the statement that it was intended to accommodate any other information that the farmer might be able to impart regarding his crops. The oily-tongued gentleman having accomplished the purpose of his call, bids his farmer friend good-day and takes his leave with even more pleasing and graceful dignity than that with which he had bowed him- to be happy .- Ruth Hudson. self into the recognition and good graces of his confiding victim. The pext act in this drama of real life takes place in the swindler's private to their true responsibility. We his signature to his crop yield for 1879, payable to whom and for any

board of agriculture" may desire. The first "eve-opener' the farmer local banks, that his note for ligation to which his name is signed by these sharpers, there is no doubt that there are several others of their victims in this vicinity yet to hear from. They sold Mr. Traver's note calling for \$126, and purporting to pay for a windmill, to a gentleman in Bunker Hill, Miami county this state .-- Cor. Chicago Times.

# Old Folks on the Farm

Students of social problems think they see conclusive proof that grand parents will be less plentiful half a century hence than now. The editer of the Golden Rule inclines to this view, and suggests the keeping of those we have as long as we can, and since enforced idleness is often the beginning of the end with men and women whose useful lives have been spent in activity, make lighter to the young. cares around the house so natural and easy for them that they will to special crops. never know it was planned.

Happy the man whose younger kinsmen will carry on the old farm, and let him work or not as he pleas- provement in one's business. es-giving him an easy chair by the warmest corner of the fireplace in winter, and a shady nook on the verandah wherein to nod over his administration. newspaper and play with his grandchildren in summer. Thrice happy the good farm-wife whose daughter, or daughter's daughter, reserves the best ground floor room for her, and cheese. carries on the work herself-all the while pleasing "mother" with the belief that she is still doing it as she | ings of the Grange and Club. did for half-a-hundred years. How sweet and placid the dear old face as she goes with feeble steps to kitchen and dairy "looking arter things!" She knows just how many chickens there are, and when the speckled hen ought to come off; she passes judgment on the new cow, and gives that finishing touch to the butter which won the first premium at the county fair so many years ago-before "help" was known in the farm house. She "goes to meetin" with a regularity that shames her children, and passes gently down the farther slope of the hill of life serenely happy amid accustomed scenes and familiar faces. What hampered village existence could be so good for her as that? It is poor

Common failings are the strongest lessons in mutual forbearance.

work transplanting old trees.

### A Noble Boy.

Well! I saw a boy doing someand, at the same time, one of the thing the other day that made me most ingenious and successful feel good for a week. Indeed, it schemes that has ever been devised makes my heart fill with tenderness to swindle the gullible portion of and good feeling even now as I humanity has just come to light in write about it. But let me tell you this county, this account being the what it was. As I was walking first exposition of the fraud to be along the street of a large city, I saw published. The manner of working an old man who seemed to be blind the swindle, as was related to the walking along without any one to Times correspondent by one of its lead him. He went very slow, feel-

drives up to the door-yard of a highest part of the curbstone," said

Just then, a boy about fourteen "Let me lead you across the street."

in book form, and a copy sent to the others who were watching the boy. farmers throughout the state. He He not only helped him over one then produces a printed blank, like crossing but led him over another to the lower side of the street. Then he ran back to his play. Now, this boy thought he had only done the man a kindness, while I knew that he had made three other persons feel happy and better and more careful to do a little kindness than than those about them. The three or four persons who had stopped to watch the boy turned away with a tender smile on their faces, ready to follow the example he had set them. I know that I felt more gentle and forgiving toward every one

for very many days afterward. And another one that was made happy was the boy himself. For it is impossible for us to do a kind act, or to make any one else happy. without being better or happier ourselves. To be good, and do good, is

### Teachers and Task - masters. The public have not held teachers

room at the hotel in this city, where send a young lad or a young girl to he quietly proceeds to fill out the school, and find that, while we are mysterious blank space spoken of paying out a great deal of money above, which, when completed and for them, they are gaining nothing. neatly severed with scissors from We complain, and are informed that the statistical portion of the blank, our children are not industrious, is a bank note, signed by the patri- that they do not seem interested in otic farmer, who thought to do the their studies, that they are absorbed state some service by certifying over in play, etc., etc. In ninety-nine cases in a hundred, our disappointment is entirely the fault of the amount the sleek "agent of the state teacher. Hear she is simply incompetent for the duty they have undertaken. A first-class teacher who has been thus swindled out of always has good pupils. Lack of his hard, honest earnings has of the interest in study is always the result fact is the astounding information, of poor teaching. We send a boy which he receives by mail in a few to college and find that he regards days thereafter, from one of the his studies as a grind-that he is only interested in getting good payable to - is, or soon will be, marks, and that he is getting no due, and requesting him to call at scholarly tastes, and winning no the bank at once and attend to the scholarly delights. We inquire, and A. matter. Of course the note is valid find him in the hands of a young in the hands of an innocent purchas- tutor, without experience, who er, and the victim of the robbing really pretends to be more than a scheme is compelled to meet the ob- task-master, and who knows nothg, and seems to care nothing about by his own hand. Although Mr. A. the office of teaching. The placing J. Trayer, of this county, is the only of large masses of young men in the person the Times correspondent has hands of inexperienced persons, who heard of who has thus been swindled | do not pretend to do more than to set tasks and record the manner in which they are performed, without guidance or assistance, is a gross imposition of the college upon a trusting public, and it is high time that an outery so determined and

### Subjects for Dicussion Among Agriculturists.

for December.

persistent is raised against it that it

shall procure a reform.-Scribner

Experiences of the past season whatever line of farming is selected. New methods in butter-making. Adaptation of crops to particular New varieties of potatoes and their How to make farm life attractive

> Best methods of applying manure Planting and care of ornamental

and shade trees. Reading in reference to an

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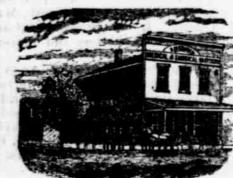
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Getting Murried Under Diffi-

Mr. C. Ipsen, Mr. Goodman's manager here, left for Chevenne las evening, accompanied by Mr. J. O. West, where Mr. Ipsen will this afternoon be married to Miss Anna Plunkett. There is much romance connected with this event, and it is but another demonstration of the proverb that "the course of true love never runs smooth." This tried and true couple have been engaged for some time, and were to have been united in February next. Miss Plunkett is a daughter of Plunkett, the theatrical manager, and is a leading member of the combination. Plunkett disapproved the match, because it would deprive him of his daughter's talent. The company has been playing in the moun- Third tain towns of Colorado, and are to Fourth be in Cheyenne to-day, and go First calf's calf's calf will have 2 thence. Miss Plunkett fears it is the purpose of her father to carry her to the Pacific coast, and thereby break off the match. To defeat this scheme, she wrote her betrothed of her fears and asked him to meet her in Chevenne to-day and have the ceremony performed, they to come back to Grand Island on the first

Mr. Ipsen immediately on receipt of her letter yesterday, telegraphed to Cheyenne to the proper authorities for a license, etc., and last evening, after impatiently awaiting the arrival of the express from the east, took his departure, accompanied by Mr. West, who goes to see that "they got there."

This is another illustration of the trials incident to such an occasion. Mr. Ipsen and his bride will beat the stern parent and return to Grand Island, where they will receive the congratulations of friends and wellwishers whose other name is legion. They will each be a splendid Christmas present for each other, and the Times feels so good about it that it could get up and whoop and "holler."-Grand Island Independent.

## The Hottest Spot on Earth.

One of the hotest regions on earth s along the Persian Gulf, where little or no rain falls. At Bahrin the arid shore has no fresh water, yet a comparatively numerous population contrive to live there, thanks to the copious spring which breaks forth from the bottom of the sea. The fresh water is got by diving. The diver, sitting in his boat, winds a a great goatskin bag around his left arm, the hand grasping its mouth, then takes in his right hand a heavy stone, to which is attached a strong line, and thus eqipped he plunges in and quickly reaches the bottom. Instantly opening the bag over the strong jet of fresh water, he springs up the ascending current, at the same time closing the bag, and is helped aboard. The stone is then hauled up, and the diver, after taking breath, plunges again. The course of the copious submarine springs is thought to be in the green hills of Osman, some 500 or 600 miles distant.

ists in the Baldwin bar-room, the by the first .-- Butler Co. Press. other evening. "I was the first white American who ever set foot supper, and slept with the sand for a Scott coal is retailing at \$7,50 a ton. blanket right where this hotel now At those figures the farmers in the stands. I owned the entire country southwest part of the county feel clear down to San Jose, and I traded | they can afford to sell corn and buy the whole business one day for ten | coal .- Butler Co. Press. pounds of tobacco." "Five pounds!" put in the barkeeper, sternly. "I guess I know how many pounds," said the oldest inhabitant, somewhat abashed, "You said five pounds TTENDS TO ALL BUSINESS per- last night," retorted the barkeeper; "and I've told you more'n fifty times that if you intend to work the racket in this here bar, you must stick to Joe Barker work the house instead; you hear me?" And the relic of the good old Argonautic days drifted off to the lunch counter.

A Little Advice.

I want to give you three or four

rules: One is, always look at the person you speak to. When you are addressed, look straight at the person who speaks to you. Do not forget

Another is, do not say disagrecabte things. If you have nothing pleasant to say, keep silent.

A forth is- and oh! children, re-

member it all your lives-think three times before you speak once! to do? Then listen. Do the hard rebound back to thee .- Quarles. thing first, and get it over with. If you have done wrong, go and coufess it! If your lesson is tough, master it. If the garden is to be weeded, weed it first and play afterward. Do the thing you don't like to do first, and then with a clear conscience do the rest .- Church Un-

An old Scotch lady, who had no relish for modern church music was, expressing her dislike for the singing of an anthem in her own church the money making ever offered before, one day, when a neighbor said, "Why, Business pleasant and strictly honora- that is a very old anthem. David about the best paying business before sang that anthem to Saul." To this the public, send us your address and we the old lady replied, "Weel, weel, I vate terms free; samples worth \$5 also noo for the first time understan' why free; you can then make up your mind for yourself. Address GEORGE STIN-COLUMBUS, NEB. | SON & CO., Perland, Maine. 481-y. | when the lad sang for him."

## The Stock Problem.

MONROE, Dec. 22, 1879. EDITOR JOURNAL: Enclosed please find he answer to the problem you had in your paper last week pertaining to how much stock can be raised from one cow in ten years, supposing that the progeny begin to bear at three years of age and that all steer calves are exchanged for heifers before that age.

Yours respectfully, JAS W. ZEIGLER. ANSWER: The cow will have .... First calf's calf will have

This is a true story. Down in the southerstern part of the State, where Nebraska almost sticks into Missouri, a man kept a store. One day he died of paralysis, and fell behind the counter. He was not missed for a couple of days, and might have been there yet but for the fact that a stranger happened in and found him. The moral is plain : If the deceased had advertised extensively, his store would have been full of customers, and they would have relieved him when he fell. But as he didn't advertise at all, he died unknown to any one.

The Omaha Herald seem to be facetious over the fact that "Jim Blaine is in a rage." Solomon says that "a wise man perceives the lighted bombshell and turns aside, while the fool blunders on and gets his head blown off," or words to that effect. The Herald is invited to contemplate the fact that when Jim Blaine gets mad some Democrat complains shortly after of a broken head .-- Lincoln Journal.

An Englishman, "who had seen better days," was riding in a coach to Leadville, the new mining town in Colorado. "Will you please," said the Englishman, "open that window : I want to see the mountain scenery." An Irishman, who was snoozing in the corner, looked up on hearing the remark, and observed, "Bedad, you'll see plenty of it a month from now, when you're coming back on fut."

An old darkey, who peddles clams about Newark, was heard to remark last week that a horse for which he had paid seventy-five cents had dropped dead in the shafts on the day after the purchase, and he wound up by saying: "I'se done now, and buys no more cheap hosses. I'se gwine to have a good hoss next time, if I have to pay \$4 for him.

The L. & N. W. has reached the

new station in Union precinct. It has lingered so long on the way that the interest in its coming entirely "Yes, gentlemen," said a seedy subsided until the coal famine set looking customer with a long beard, in. Owing to the extreme cold who had run in on a party of tour- weather we hardly expect it here Ulysses is booming at a gay rate on the site of San Francisco. Many's since regular trains got to running. the night I've roasted bear-steak for Business of all kinds is lively. Fort

> "I'd stay an old maid till I got black in the face, before I'd marry a man who chews tobacco!" And she took a wad of gum out of her mouth and stuck it on the under side of the seat of her chair for safe keep-

Mamma to Isabel (four years of age) who is rather unmercifully teasing the kitten-"Isabel, my love, you must not do so. I don't like to see it." Isabel: "Well, don't look, mamma."

ing while she was eating her dinner

A member of Congress chided his daughter because she permitted her lover to stay after 10 o'clock. "La, pa," she said "we were only holding a little extra session."

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