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TRUTH, LIKE A TORCH, THE MORE IT'S SHOOK IT SHINES.

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### THE FARMER'S WIFE.

Your literary tribunal may not award the prize to the following poem, but the author claims for it that it is true to Nature and as good as Tennyson's *Raymond*. Do you care for the punctuation, for if you omit the comma in the first line of verse 2 you will make my heroine "milk her cow from the topmost bough." So, now, here we go. B.

I.

Oh! the farmer's wife has a toilsome life.

She rises with the sun,  
And works with a will, nor stops she until

Her daily labor's done.  
But, tho' toil she may, for the live-long day,

Her heart is light and gay;  
For th' farmer, her pride, whatever betide

Is true to her as day.

II.

As she milks her cow, from a topmost bough

A blackbird greets her ears,  
While the lambkin's bleat, so plaintive and sweet,

Cheats time of many tears.  
In the air aloft, melodious and soft,

The lark's pure strain is sung;  
Tho' it charms her soul, more dear the whole

Is th' truthful farmer's tongue.

III.

And well we do know, wherever they go,

Their hearts from guile are free;  
And if toil they must for their daily crust,

They'll work mutually.  
He will plough the soil, she will bake and boil—

The farmer and his wife,  
He will reap and mow, she will spin and sew;

Thus journey they through life

### Etiquette for Men.

Don't wear clothes that attract attention, either from their being too much out of fashion or too much in it. Notice the prevailing style of hats, clothes and shoes and see that yours accord with it. A gentleman is well dressed when there is nothing noticeable about his attire.

Don't wear business clothes to an afternoon reception or a dinner in the evening. Always put on a black coat for afternoon and wear a dress suit for dinner and at evening.

Don't wear a white tie with anything but a dress suit, and don't wear at any time a gaudy cravat. One of dark or low-toned colors is generally preferable. Rich white Lord Stanley cravats can be worn with a dark Prince Albert or cut away coat in spring or summer.

Don't wear a large, single diamond in your shirt front at any time, or diamond studs in any way noticeable for size. Small cat's-eye studs are sometimes worn with a dress suit, but small plain gold ones are preferred.

Don't wear much jewelry at any time.

Don't smoke in the presence of ladies.

Always remove your cigars when bowing to a lady, and it is even more polite to throw it away when so doing. It is even questionable taste for a gentleman to smoke in the streets at any time.

Don't bow to a lady until she has bowed to you.

This rule of course, admits of modification in certain cases of relationship or acquaintance when the lady evidently does not, from some cause, recognize the gentleman.

Don't shake hands with a lady on your first introduction to her, nor afterwards, unless she first evinces a desire to do so.

Don't call on a lady unless you have obtained permission to do so.

Don't make your calls or visits too long. Madam Recamier once said that "one hour was all she granted to the agreeable of men, and that she could stand nobody longer than that."

Don't fail to send in your card

on your first call, and in fact it is better to do so always to avoid mistakes, etc.

Don't forget to always raise your hat when you bow to a lady or an elderly gentleman.

Don't fail to answer notes, invitations, etc., promptly and don't ever arrive late for a dinner party, and if anything would prevent your attendance at a dinner at which you have promised to be present, notify your host or hostess at the first possible moment.

Don't drink too much wine, either at a dinner, evening party or a ball. This rule applies at anytime, but especially in society. It is a good plan either for a gentleman to abstain entirely when in society, or to limit himself to a certain small and harmless amount.

Don't express yourself ungrammatically and don't indulge in slang. Watch yourself most closely in these two particulars. Nothing condemns a gentleman so quickly.

Don't introduce your business affairs into private conversation. "Talking shop" is always objectionable.

Don't talk about your grievances. Remember that the world cares little for you and less for your troubles, and above all don't discuss your personal likes and dislikes.

Don't adopt affections of speech or manner. Especially don't ape the dress, customs, ideas and speech of a foreign country when they are opposed to or different from those of your own.

Don't boast about yourself or your accomplishments if you have any.

Don't swear or use strong terms of expression.

Don't talk about your wealth or poverty, and don't appear extravagant or miserly.

Don't make your devotion to any young lady too apparent unless you really have serious intentions.

Don't fail to be always polite, and especially so to your elders.

Don't neglect your duty as a gentleman to be always just and courteous and kind.

Don't fail, lastly, to observe the feelings and rights of others, which more than all else marks the true gentleman.—N. Y. World.

### Law Relating to Drainage in Certain Counties.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, that:

All land owners, and all persons having lands leased for a term of one or more years, of the Counties of Anderson, Beaufort, Chester, Greenville, Oconee, Union, Fairfield, Laurens, Pickens, Newberry, (except Broad, Enoree, Tyger, Saluda and Little Rivers in said Counties,) and Abbeville (except Hard Labor and Wilson's Creeks in said County) shall remove from the running streams of water upon their lands or the lands in their possession all trash, trees, rafts and timber during the months of March and September in each year.

Any person convicted of violating the foregoing Section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or be imprisoned not less than ten nor more than thirty days, in the discretion of the Court before which the case may be tried.

It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of the Counties herein named to see the provisions of the above Sections complied with; and in case of neglect or refusal on the part of any landowner or persons having land leased for a term of one or more years to comply with its requirements, the said County Commissioners shall, upon complaint being made to them by any landowner or renter interested in the enforcement of the provision of said Section, notify such landowner or lessee to proceed within fifteen days to comply therewith, and upon failure to do so the said County Commissioners shall indict, or cause the said landowner or lessee so neglecting or refusing to be indicted, under the provisions of said Sections.

In the Senate House, the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord 1883.

J. C. SHEPPARD.

President of the Senate.

JAMES SIMONS,

Speaker House of Representatives.

Approved Dec. 22d, A. D. 1883.

HUGH S. THOMPSON,

Governor.