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CHAPTER IX. Continued.

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ter left in the dark. And I think she

It was a week before she saw John ing boldly up the drive to call on Miss Green with a message from Tormentilla's mother.

"She won't approve of you for thing!" coming," said Tormentilla quietly. me. She regards you as an unprincipled scoundrel."

"So I am. One of the worst," he she had a temper. admitted with obvious satisfaction. "Is it a real message from mother. or are you pretending?'

"Pretending," he confessed with a smile. "Sandy, I wanted to talk over our plans. I waited an hour the day done."

"You know you oughtn't to come. He looked injured.

'You don't want my help in the Gretna Green scheme any longer, then?"

"I-we can't settle anything yet. There's nothing to say," she cried recklessly, as she looked up and met awful tragedy is." his delighted gaze. "I shall only see you once or twice before you belong to Dolly." He groaned.

"It's unspeakable, Sandy, that you tle country town-shut out of all the fun. You ought to have no end of a Girls seem to, as a rule."

"Plain!" He colored hotly. "You're not plain. You're better than pretty, and put on her glove. with your jolly brown hair, and clear eyes, and the sporting way you take

ticular, wide, infectious grin.

things."

"Don't try to pay me compliments," "You can't. I never had more than one good point. I'm a good sport. You always said I was a sport, and I've given up whining now bowled over before one knows it. experience which helped me to bear love with her husband." -what-what happened last year."

these painful memories.

"Greenie says," she remarked cheerfully, "that life isn't one throw you shall be slapped when get home. forbidden any engagement on purely of the dice for me, and she's very She has a terrible temper, you see, mercenary grounds?" wise, though it isn't exactly the way and she demands so much of him. one would expect her to put it. So His one idea is to be left alone. He tor?" he asked, with a surprised I have given up crying for the moon, only asks not to be worried. The smile. "You can't expect an adoring and I am determined to enjoy my life, parlor-maid has often heard him say parent to cast his only child to the in spite of fate."

your ludicrous qualities. I am try- excess of sympathy. ing to remember every occasion on mental about a person for long, if a good thing he was placed and easyyou persistently study the comic side going-" of his character, can you?" she asked

know I was such a spectacle for emotionless and difficult to rouse. Abraham Lincoln, is no more. It was

dismay. "Don't you see that it's all her make this remark. She often as it was the home of Samuel Arfor my good that I'm trying to be- does things on purpose to annoy him. nold. lieve that you are? But there was She has a passionate longing to make the time Ladylove threw you into the him feel something. And she is ex- about 100 years old. It was of quaint duck pend in Calder Meadow, and tremely attractive, you see, to young architectural design and was one the way you wear your straw hats on men. I should think she could be story and a "jump." The first floor one side, and the kind of ties you attractive to anybody if she liked: used to wear before Dolly took you in but she doesn't always like. And two. It was probably built by George hand, and the dreadful checks you when she does, it almost always an- Arnold, father of Samuel Arnold, Mr. used to wear, and-"

day, Sandy." His tone of reproach ous. I feel sure she would stop quite Washington, D. C. Several times he cut her like a knife. He turned satisfied if she had once made him started to raze the old building, but away, and threw back his rug, prepar- thoroughly jealous. She has been refrained on account of its supposed ing to leave her. "Dolly has been trying to make him jealous of young historical value.-Baltimore Sun. flirting all the week," he said bitter- Kenworthy, and as usual has only ly, "with a Serene Highness or some- succeeded in annoying him. He thing who came over here for the thinks it such a pity that she should Royal Christening. He's fat and trifle with the affections of any nice greasy and more unattractive than youth, but only because he doesn't you would believe possible. She like to see them blighted. Curiously line, "What is so rare as a day in can't see anything in him. I think enough, he has a much higher opinion she must be trying to make me jeal- of men than women, and he is de- house a few days later. Lowell idly ous. She's succeeded, at least, in voted even to his brother, although turned the pages of the album till making me ridiculous. It's a pity he naturally deplores his extraordin- he came to his own autograph. Beyou weren't there. You might have ary opinions." about settlements and things. Life's that that young man only went to see for fresh air and comfort. I always Audrey to her?" find comfort when I talk to you, jeers. I'll go away. It's time I went cat-and-mouse game with the youth, and in 1906 \$5879. The value of

away." "Oh, don't go away!" Tormentilla

tle before you go." Although in the main things were say so. going so merrily, Tormentilla could

for Lise. And it was through gentle little Mrs. Flanelle that at last she found her opportunity. Tormentilla Tormentilla would have liked to met her one morning in the High take Miss Green into her confidence, street with her two eldest boys and but she felt somehow that it wouldn't invited them on the spot to buns and do at all. There was something about milk in the nearest confectioner's. the way Greenie had been brought up It had been a hot and dusty walk, that prevented her from seeing things and the Flanelles accepted with alacin a true light. There was a Middle rity, and as they sat there at their Victorian atmosphere about her which marble-topped table. Lise Standring smoother so. thwarted her judgment in some curi- passed the window, her head drooping a little to one side, her mouth hat and beautifully arranged veil al-

most hiding her eyes from them. "Young Mrs. Standring," Mrs. Edward again, and she met him tear- Flanelle murmured over her cup of Lise. Something to make her handays as sentiment. "Why?" Tormentilia asked frank-

"Such a hollow, empty life!

butterfly's simple pleasures."

people's," Tormentilla said quickly. "She has heaps of friends."

life."

her husband."

"Now," Tormentilla said to herself, heat. is your chance. Find out what this

of eighteen.

"You see," she said, "it was a marshould be exiled in this trumpery lit- rlage of convenience, and that is always such a mistake."

"Of course," said Tormentilla, much interested, "but she adores him. Any one can see that, and she doesn't "Plain girls?" she inquired meekattempt to hide it."

Mrs. Flanelle drew down her veil

"They were married," she said. "because his mother had once been in love with her father, and you must She grinned at him; her own par- admit that that was an insufficient reason for a life-long tie."

"They needn't have done it unless they liked, I suppose?" Mrs. Flanelle sighed.

"Money was involved," she said, "in some intricate way. I have not for good. I'm going to be a sports- a commercial mind, and I will not atman and set my teeth, and go through tempt to explain. But rather than clusion that he was to be trusted. everything. You see, one can be a face the poverty which was the only sportsman in everything else but alternative, they married. And then, one's silly feelings, and then get without a moment's warning, the blow fell. She, young, beautiful, a deep mutual attachment between There wasn't anything in my previous warm-hearted, and ignorant, fell in

"I should think that was rather a He said something which she didn't good thing, shouldn't you?" Tormen- more attentive. hear, and it occurred to her that she tilla asked thoughtfully. "Do you was hardly behaving in a considerate like your little boy to mix the cakes ment," he admitted. "Why, certainmanner to him in thus raking up on the counter when the girl isn't ly." looking, Mrs. Flanelle?"

fore him as if he had been a callous you see. How can he understand or bound to be enough for two, now, stranger. You can be too frank be worthy of the highly strung, nerv- can you?" sometimes, he admitted to himself. | ous delicate creature he has won? A "I'm doing my best," said Tormen- beautiful, tropical, wild bird in cap- tilla that this really could be called tilla cheerfully, "to look upon you tivity, I compare her to in my inmost an argument. Weak, perhaps, but in the light of a brother-in-law. I heart. A delicate, bright-hued erotic still an argument. am carefully dwelling upon your- condemned to bloom in a cabbageyour worst qualities, and especially garden." Mrs. Flanelle sighed with

which you have looked ridiculous, and tilla said wonderingly. "I don't think young man to get a situation, or to you would be surprised to know what they would be much happier if he have generously provided enough for a lot there are. It's an enormous was highly strung and nervous, too, their modest wants, himself-help, because you can't feel senti- do you? I should think it was rather

"No. He exasperates her to the point of madness. She says she "I suppose not," he replied short- would rather live with a turnip in a home of Samuel Arnold, the friend of ly. He was not pleased. "I didn't hay-field, than with a creature so Wilkes Booth, the assassinator of The parlor-maid, who is my Janet's the popular belief that the Lincoln "Oh, but you aren't!" she cried in dearest friend, has frequently heard conspiracy was formed in this house, noys her husband-yet, somehow, not Trainor bought it about twenty years "You aren't very kind to me to- enough. She can't make him jeal- ago from Mrs. Orlan Jackson, of

increased your collection of amusing "I see," said Tormentilla slowly; scrawn: "A Chinaman with whismemories. I've been bothered no end "Mr. Standring doesn't know, then, a perfect desert, and I came over here Lise because she let him rave about

I have it on excellent authority." cried. "There's heaps more to set- lor-maid's unsupported testimony \$20,000. could be classified thus, but she didn't

not be quite satisfied with her suc- facts," she said slowly. "I always lines of the one existing in this councess until she had done something prefer to be sure of my facts. You try, has failed,

think, then, that Mr. Standring is annoyed with Lise because young Kennoyed young Kennoyed with Lise because young Kennoyed young Kennoyed young Kennoyed young kennoyed young kennoyed young kennoyed worthy is so often calling at their house and having long talks with You think he doesn't believe that young Kenworthy goes to talk about Audrey, and his own miserable, blighted state of mind?"

"Oh, no! He jeers at it. Leslie, my own, when did you fall into that dust? It has been a most delightful rest. Such a thoughtful act, and we must go home with the mail cart laden-quite laden with parcels. Roy will have to walk, and that means carrying him, though how one can manage both!"

"Do you think, then, that Mrs. Standring looks so unhappy because her husband disapproves of this?"

"Ah, you see, she only lives for his approval. And yet she tries to annoy him-to make him feel. But he never will. I wish some friend would advise her to give up trying to make him. Really, I think things might be

"It does look like it," said the girl slowly. She did her errands in the tantly to admit that Greenie was bet- sulky and bored, her little tip-tilted town, plunged deep in thought; and before she had finished them she had come to a firm resolution. Here was a way for her to do something for tea. Tea at every possible moment pier, and even perhaps in the end to was as necessary to her life in those further the great scheme. She would "Poor young go and see Mr. Jack Standring in his office at the works, and carefully and diplomatically carry out the new idea. "You'd better not say you've seen ly. Every one was vaguely pitying The works, a great square of red Lise in those days, yet no one ever brick buildings built round a quadgave any definite reason except that rangle, lay a mile out of the town, and he was sure to be in at this hour of the morning. But when she heard mere butterfly existence, without the that he was disengaged, that he would see her, she felt very nervous; uncer-"It isn't any emptier than most tain of the order of her campaign; and almost wished she hadn't come. He looked very large and smiling and "Friends!" Mrs. Flanelle shook self-possessed as she found herself glimpse of you. Something had to be her head. "Friends don't fill one's in the round-backed, wooden chair opposite him, and the air of sur-"I suppose you mean that she'd be prised expectancy with which he happier if she had children. She has awaited her business made her plunge into the subject at once. He had Mrs. Flanelle sighed and took an considerately opened the conversation at once with a polite remark on the

> "I've come to ask your advice," said she hastily. This was the diplo-Mrs. Flanelle was kind, if she matic opening she had arranged bewasn't very wise. It did not occur forehand, but she could not keep up to her that she was talking to a girl the deceit, and rushed on with the truth.

"At least, it isn't exactly that, and we didn't mean to tell you till all was over, but as things turn out, you certainly ought to know at once, and that's why I've come."

He looked a little bewildered.

"You understand, of course," said "that I am sneaking in the she. strictest confidence.' Jack laughed.

"You mustn't swear me to secrecy till I see where I am," said he pleas-"It isn't fair. You may be an antly. agent of the Camorra, or the Mafia, or something equally exciting and impossible to a well brought up English citizen. What is it that I am never to reveal?"

Tormentilla, studying his pleasant face and kindly eyes, came to the con-

"You know, I suppose," said she, plunging into the matter, "that for a long time there has been a deep-Audrey Cogwheel and young Mr. Ken-

Jack looked surprised and grew "I have heard of such an attach

"You heard that Dr. Cogwheel, "Leslie, darling, if you don't stop, rolling in riches though he is, has

"Aren't you rather hard on the doche would give anything for a quiet wolves in that way. You can't found He looked hurt. Indeed, she had life. Men are so selfish. He is so a happy marriage on the assumption expressed her resolve as frankly be- placed and plegmatic and-dormant, that what's not enough for one is

For the first time it struck Tormen-

"That isn't the way to look at it!" she cried quickly. "When his daughter's whole life's happiness was at "I don't quite see why," Tormen- stake, he ought to have helped the

Jack shook his head. To be Continued.

One Story and a Jump.

The old house which was once the

The house was supposed to be contained six rooms and the "jump"

Answering It.

A Boston woman once asked Lowell to write in her autograph album, and the poet, complying, wrote the June?" Calling at this woman's neath it was written in a childish kers."-Washington Star.

Rose leaves are imported free of duty when brought in in a crude "He thinks that that is only a state, the value of the imports of Sandy. And now you meet me with blind. He thinks she is playing a 1908 being only \$105, in 1907 \$2137 rose leaves imported in the decade Tormentilla wondered if the par- ending with 1908 amounted to over

> An effort made in Russia to form "I should like to be sure of my a gigantic steel corporation, on the

BAD EFFECT OF ROOSEVELT'S WESTERN SPEECHES.

Fact That the President Seems Satisfied to Regard Himself as a Proxy Has Disturbed Credit and Confidence.

Mr. Roosevelt apparently wants another panic; but does Mr. Taft want one? This is a question that the president will soon have to answer.

Mr. Roosevelt's western speeches have been more dangerous to credit and confidence than to the constitution. Even his attacks upon the Supreme court cannot weaken the legal powers of that great tribunal.

But credit and confidence have al ready begun to suffer. The Roosevelt speeches have sent a shiver of apprehension through the world of commerce and industry, not merely because the former president is preaching Socialism, Populism and demagogy, but because of the general opinion that he is again a candidate for president and that Mr. Taft is contented with the role of proxy.

If Mr. Taft had made it plain that he regarded himself as president of the United States in his own right, that he was no mere stopgap for anybody, there would be little cause for anxiety, no matter what Mr. Roosevelt might say or do. But Mr. Taft has encouraged the belief that he looked upon himself as a proxy and that he considered Mr. Roosevelt his political

The meekness and humility that the president has shown since the Rough Rider's return have deepened this impression. The fear that he has displayed of wounding the the Roosevelt vanity or of crossing the Roosevelt will is properly construed as evidence HOW "PROTECTED" MEN LIVE of abdication. Nowhere is there a strong popular belief that the president would fight to save his prestige cr that he would resent any political insult that Mr. Roosevelt might offer to him. Indeed, the common opinion is that if Mr. Roosevelt decides to take the Republican national convention away from Mr. Taft in 1912 the president either will not resist or that he will wait until the battle is lost.

In consequence, all these wild populistic and socialistic schemes and policies that Mr. Roosevelt has presented on his western tour are regarded as probable issues in the next presidential campaign. Commerce and industry are confronting another reign of terror such as brought on the panic of 1907, which threw 2,000,000 men out of work and cost the country hundreds of millions of dollars. They believe themselves threatened with another period of government by demagogy and denunciation, all because Mr. Taft has been a proxy.

Mr. Taft is doing nothing to quiet the alarm. Does he want a panic? Is that another of My Policies to which his administration is pledged?

Point Not to Be Forgotten.

In the mighty uprising of the people against the oppressions and iniquities of the Payne-Aldrich tariff the question of reducing the wasteful expenditures of successive Republican congresses and administrations is almost forgotten. During the seven years of Roosevelt's administration, when expenditures were annually piled up to exorbitant heights, the very word "economy" was taboo both in the White House and in the halls of congress. Yet how important is an issue which the Republican campaign textbook almost ignores is indicated by the public declaration of Senator Aldrich that by the application of good business methods the expenditures of national administration could be reduced by the enormous sum of \$300,-000,000 a year, or more than the total net ordinary cost of government but three decades ago. But in the disposition of the public mind to dispose of one issue at a time, and this the relief from intolerable tariff burdens. the necessity of retrenchment in government expenditures is almost lost from view .- Philadelphia Record.

Too Much Ghost Dance.

Roosevelt's tour was largely a series of Apache dances and songs of defiance against the bosses of the Republican party in New York. His speeches have been more like ululations than rational discourses. "I am for honest politics. I am for clean politics. I am for straight politics," he shouts. "I will crush mobs. I will crush corrupt corporations," he adds. "If they

wish a fight I'll give it to them." What means all this? Why should this little man be so hot? Is Vice-President Sherman unclean? Is Chairman Woodruff dishonest? Is Mr. Barnes crooked? What corporation is he going to crush? Where is the mob? Who's hunting a fight?

Time was when the angry man was a close associate of the accused trio and shared the spoils of politics with them. There is no call to do a ghost dance now .- St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Is It Worth While?

For seven years the man of words held the presidency. The things that he now promises he then failed in. To excuse himself or to delude others, he now holds that if he can have scores of new laws, if he can command the courts, if he can reconstruct society. industry and government, he may be able in another seven or eight years to accomplish something.

Is it worth while? In particular, is it worth while when we have before our eyes in New York and in Ohio men who have achieved notable reforms while other men have talked?

Rocsevelt's Words and Deeds. While I will do my best to get hold of the thief of the opposite party, I will try, if possible, a little harder to get hold of the thief of my own party.

- Theodore Roosevelt. An excellent sentiment! Has Mr. Roosevelt always acted on it? How about the sugar thieves? At any rate, it is a sentiment that should not be clusive with Mr. Roosevelt, and we know that in this generation it is a him.

Incident Shows How the Policy Frequently Is Carried to Idiotic Extremes.

The general principle of protection is beautiful, but it is the practical outworking of it that commands an admiration too great for adequate expression. As for example:

A St. Louis man desired to obtain a little West Indian chocolate for household use. He wrote to a friend in the Island of Trinidad, who sent him four pounds by mail, on which he paid duty at the port of St. Louis.

The chocolate is worth in Trinidad from 15 to 18 cents a pound. The tariff tax is 50 per cent. ad valorem. This should have made the chocolate cost, at the most, 27 cents a pound in St. Louis, exclusive of postage.

But the appraisers valued the chocolate at 50 cents a pound. This made the duty 25 cents. A 50 per cent. duty was by this rational and beautiful process made to amount to more than the value of the article. The cost of the chocolate to the consumer, to be precise, was 38 per cent. more than twice its purchase price in Trinidad, after it had paid 50 per cent. duty-a la mode.

This method is worth dwelling on. How was the price of 50 cents per pound determined? Well, 18 cents original price, plus nine cents duty, plus eight cents postage makes 35 cents. Then there is the profit of the retailer, had there been a retailer. True, there wasn't in this case, but why should the government suffer because of an omission like that?

The aim of a high tariff should not be wholly forgotten in this connection. It is to protect American industries. And the American chocolate industry is of equal importance with the Greenland banana trade.

Its Beneficiaries Surely Have Reason to Rejoice That They Exist in Its Shadow.

Two-thirds of the steelworkers receive a wage not greater than \$12 a week; only one-fifth receive more than \$15. Let us see what a wage of \$12 will do in Pittsburg. Fortunately we are able to draw upon Miss Byington's careful study of the budgets of 90 Homestead families. Thirty-two of these had less than \$12 a week. Their average weekly expenditures were \$9.18—or at the rate of \$477.36 a year.

How do the families fare who spend

from \$12 to \$15 a week? Miss Byington gives us the items for 16 families in this wage group, with an average total expenditure of \$13.32, or a scant \$700 a year. These families pay about \$10 a month rent, but ten of them live with more than two persons to a room and only five have city water in the house. They pay on the average 24 cents per man per day for food, but four of the sixteen spend less than 22 cents. Clothing they buy at the rate of \$81.64 a year. Fifty cents a week for insurance provides only for burial, should death occur. The only item that looks hopeful is the margin of \$2.83 for all other expenditures. But the families in this group were not self-indulgent; 20 cents paid the weekly bill for liquor and tobacco, 47 cents went for medical service, 42 cents for furnishings and minor household expenses, leaving only \$1.23 for car fare, papers, recreation, education and miscellaneous expenditures.

It is no wonder that some of these 16 families reported but three cents a week for recreation.—Survey.

Republican Party False to Duty. And this is the consummation after years of patient and submissive endurance. The American people were promised relief from the extortions and exactions of monopoly. The party that had promised relief was the party that imposed the burden. It contracted to take off the galling yoke. Its candidate for president confirmed and ratified, repeated and reiterated the promise. It was reverberated from every Republican platform. It was heralded and proclaimed through every revolting Republican state of the Mississippi valley and elsewhere. The people credulously confided in the promises and gave the Republican party another lease of power. The Republican party has proved recreant to its trust and false to its. duty.

Some Explanation Needed.

There has been a great change in the attitude of many of the Republican leaders toward the tariff. We hear little, to take one instance, from Senator Lodge about the beauties of the ldrich-Payne masterpiece. Yet he Iped make it and, after it was de, he pronounced it good. When the cople began to show their teeth Lodge declared that the ultimate consumer was "a myth." But now Republicans of all complexions are talking about a commission which shall patch up a tariff only a little over a year old, which was supposed to be

The Man Behind the Grin.

the sum of all human wisdom. Even

those who praise it admit that it will

not do as it is.

As he read the reports of Colonel Roosevelt's triumphal tour through the west several vivid truths must have been impressed upon the fat intellect of William Howard Taft.

The first one, no doubt, was that the west has not been deceived by the Aldrich-Taft tariff law. The west knows that law is all for trusts and nothing for the people. The second great truth that is now

clear to Mr. Taft is that the country

at large has not been won by his corpulent grin. The famous Taft smile has lost its power to charm.

The man behind the grin has been found to be an Aldrich in disguise.

But Aldrich Is Brazen.

By raising the rubber tariff-indeed, by not removing or greatly reducing it, as his party in effect had promised-Aldrich poured millions into the coffers of the sole customer of his own raw rubber company. A sensitive man, caught robbing the people long way from being exclusive with so wantonly, would resign .- World's Work

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

A pessimist is one who, of two evils, chooses them both. Sometimes a half-pint of happiness will make a peck of trouble.

The peculiarity of a crank is that he always thinks it's his turn. Gossips have automobiles beaten block when it comes to running people

By the time you have acquired wisdom everybody looks upon you as an old fool.

An optimist is one who would rather believe that everything is all right than know the truth. There are few things in life so com-

fortable as old friends and old shoes. Do not be in haste to discard either. The man who allows things to go at loose ends is pretty certain ultimately to find his affairs sadly raveled.

Co-operative action is by voluntary association. Trusts, broadly speaking, are the results of both forms of ac-

Many have enjoyed the benefits derived from the work of the Farmers' Union without knowing from whence they came.

word of the century. The past history of the race is largely a history of individuals. It sometimes seems easier to strike than to lift up; but give us the man

who always lends a helping hand, no

Organization has become the watch-

matter what it costs. Take your chances with the man who is good to horses, cows and other farm creatures. He will not fail you when the pinch comes.

Where the greater part of the corn crop goes to market by way of the hog pen, a substantial increase in the bank account is pretty sure to fol-

Now for a breathing spell. The harvest season was long, the weather capricious and the work strenuous. Take a day off, and do nothing but just rest and putter. Give the human machine a chance to cool its bear-

START OF FREIGHT EXPENSE

Cost of Hauling Ton of Farm Products to Market Over Country Roads Averages 25 Cents.

The United States department of agriculture stands ready to prove that the farmer is heavily handicapped by the two million miles of public roads of this country, of which only seven per cent. is improved. It stands ready to show that the cost of hauling a . ton of farm products to market over country roads is upon the average 25 cents, says Birmingham Age-Herald. On modern improved roads the cost is but eight cents. On "dirt" roads it is 39 cents, and on sandy roads it varies from 33 to 64 cents. These figures are demonstrable, and no farmer will dispute them, for they know full well what the cost for poor roads is to them. Were the cost of the haul to the

railroad reduced to 12 cents a ton, as it readily could be by improving the public roads, the saving to the farmers of the country would be just about \$250,000,000. "It seems easy," says the Washington Herald, "to write the figures \$1,000,000 a day; that is the amount of loss, or rather that is the loss of gain the farmer would get if he had good roads. He would get \$1,000,000 a day more for his products than he does now. His bad roads imply a loss of about three dollars a year for every man, woman and child in the United States. If we can add that \$250,000,000 to the purchasing power of the farmer, it is not likely that we should hear so much about hard times; there would be bound to be a proportional increase in prosperity and our agricultural assets would

be very largely increased." This estimate does not include the increased value that would accrue from good roads to farm lands. It takes account simply of the freight expense which necessarily begins at the farm. The cost of the haul to the railroad is regulated by the condition of the public road, and the time is fast coming when the farmer will demand that he shall be considered when money is being poured out like water for railroads, waterways and the like.

To Introduce Bokhara Sheep.

The department of agriculture is seriously considering the introduction into this country of Bokhara sheep, from which comes the fur called "Persian lamb." All Astrakan fur is now raised on territory tributary to the Caspian sea. The best fur is taken from the lamb when it is only four or five days old. The Bokhara sheer also make good mutton.

To Kill Bull Thistles.

Bull thistles, common in pastures, cannot always be killed by mowing. Cutting tends to prevent maturity of seed. Cutting off the thistles just below the surface of the ground two or three times a year will effectually eradicate them. Working the ground in rotation of grass, grain and corn is a very sure way of eradicating the feed should be dry. weeds.

Early Cut Alfalfa.

Alfalfa cut early produces twice as late-cut. We believe that similar reaccurate data to back up this opinion. agriculture colleges.

LETTER ON COTTON BAGGING

Now that the season for ginning is

coming, it is time for all parties who

are interested in baling cottons to

Mississippi Man Makes Interesting Argument in Favor of Agreement for Benefit of Farmers.

come to a perfect understanding about cotton bagging for the coming searon. have had a good many years' experience, but always at the mercy of the jute bagging manufacturers, as well as the mercantile companies, who were the distributers for the jute factories, and I can truthfully say that when there was a big crop to gin the jute bagging always went up as high as 11 and 121/2 cents, writes D. R. Hearn of Madison, Miss., in Union Advocate. We had to pay their price even when the ginning competition was so sharp that the price of jute took all the profit, and with this condition of things existing, it looks to me as if every ginner would be anzious to unite on cotton bagging. whether they are friendly to the union or not.

Every farmer, whether union or nonunion, should demand that all bagging should be made of cotton. That would consume eight million pounds of cotton for a twelve million bale crop, and there are six or seven factories that have promised to add nine pounds to the weight of every bale of cotton that we sell them with cotton bagging on it. That would compensate for the difference in weight, and if all or nearly all cotton was wrapped in cotton, the 30-pounds tare would be Away back in the Alliance times the

jute bagging went so high it was almost prohibited and thousands of bales were wrapped in old gunny sacks, oat sacks and osenburg, and it was at this time that Odenheimer came to the farmer's rescue and made a good cotton bagging which run the price of jute bagging as low as four and five cents. Just think of the farmers having to wrap four-cent cotton in fourteen-cent bagging. Now, Mr. Odenheimer is offering to furnish cotton bagging again, and I for one believe that cotton should be used for cotton as well as for corn and oat sacks, By doing this we would only be making use of our bad cotton. If we do anything to increase the price of cotton and cotton goods, the cotton growers are the ones who are benefited. The wage earner is benefited, and that has a price lifting effect; in other words, increases the capacity to consume as we increase prices. To get back to the subject of cotton

bagging, I hope that the farmers ginners, in fact, everyone who really wants to do something to better the condition of cotton prices, and the country generally, will take up this bagging question and decide it, and stand by the decision we make though the heavens fall. I had a perfect understanding last year and got the bagging for my own customers and arranged with Mr. Peet of Jackson to supply those of my community that ginned their cotton at Madison station. I do not think there was more than six or seven bales wrapped with cotton in this vicinity. There should be an arrangement made that would be binding legally, that carries or fixes a penalty so that everyone who signs it would have to stand to the rack, fodder. I see that some say that the cotton bagging will not hold. Neither will jute bagging, the way cotton is handled. As an evidence, just go to the compress where cotton is handled and see the condition of bales wrapped in jute bagging and you will be convinced.

Hitching Horses.

A horse should always be tied to hitching post with a strong strap or rope which there is no possibility of breaking. If a horse once breaks loose he is apt to acquire the bad habit of breaking at every opportunity. A neck strap of rope which passes around the neck through the ring in the bit is better than the ordinary strap fastened in the ring, such as usually comes with bridles. If a horse has acquired the habit of breaking loose, try this plan and fool him when he tries it again. A horse should always be tied so that he cannot get his head to the ground. He will stand more quietly if compelled to keep his head up.

Eradicate Bull Thisfie.

Bull thistles, common in pastures. cannot always be killed by mowing. Mowing tends to prevent maturity of seed. Cutting off the thistles just below the surface of the ground, two or three times a year, will effectually eradicate them. Working the ground in rotation of grass, grain and corn is a very sure way of eradicating weeds.

Garden in Orchard.

Garden crops may be grown success. fully between the rows of all kinds of young fruit trees. Peas and beans are particularly desirable for this purpose because, being legumes, they enrich the soil and actually aid in the growth of the trees. By a cropping system of this kind the expense of the orchard may be easily paid until the trees come into full bearing.

Feeding Chickens.

Noontime is the best time to feed chickens raw vegetables such as cabbages, beets and turnips.

Grain should not be fed oftener than twice a day. Thousands of hens are killed every

year by feeding too much wet foods and mashes. The greater portion of

Good Farming in Jersey.

So thoroughly has the gospel of good farming been spread throughout New much beef as late-cut alfalfa. In an Jersey that the farm products of that experiment at the Utah station, it was state were \$52,000,000, as compared shown that one ton of early-cut alfalfa to the \$26,000,000 eight years ago. The produced as much beef as two tons of secretary of the state board of agriculture declares that this increase is sults would follow from feeding early due largely to scientific farming as vs. late-cut clover, though we have no taught by the state institutes at the