SARGE PLUNKETT.

A Whole Week of Travel from Farm to Farm.

Atlanta Constitution.

O, give us a rest from the world's fick-

And stroll for a day o'er the farms, Where cotton is white and people de-

In a life that is free from alarms; Whore corn ears droop on stalks that

And where you may know the "man with a hoe,"

And view all the charms of his field Cotton is surely white in the field, and still a whitening, but as pretty a picture as it makes, it does not com- They had a song thenpare in its impressions of beauty to the pretty girls that one sees in trayeling along the roads of Georgia and takes a view of these girls at work picking the fleecy staple. To save our lives, me and Brown .ail to understand how any man could grow to be an old bachelor in the cotton States if they ever get a glimpse of these sweet "pickers." For an old man-

> To view these lasses, As he passes, Makes him long to tarry, And, though he's old, If truth were told I think he'd like to marry.

But fun aside, it is a most holy im pression that is made upon passers by seeing these pretty girls at work. It means that foolishness has not got a hold upon the homes they occupy; it means that there will be plenty and to spare in the way of produce for those homes, and it means that the man will be blessed who gets one of them for a wife, that they already bless a father and mother and will be a blessing to the generations of the future: God bless the sweet girls of the South who have sense enough to understand that there is no disgrace in helping in the light work of country life or in doing whatever their hands findeth to do to make the home the place of places, the mother the woman of women, the father the man of men, and dispensing such a cheer as will keep the brothers away from the towns to bless the land

with a yeomanry that once lost can never be regained. The fate of this country is in the hands of its womanhood. The girls who remain contented in home life and engage themselves in making pickles, preserving fruit, tending the chickens, milking the cows, learning to cook and keep house, to sew and quilt, and all the things of home life, will save the land if it is saved, and I know it will he. The signs are good, the pendulum is swinging back and it will crush the silly who have placed the strength of woman at other places than the home and the duties of motherhood. The pretty girls who pick cotton now, as we see them doing, give the greatest encouragement that could be given, not in the profit of their work, but in the proof that there yet remains sense, a freedom from foolishness that saps their charms-that saps the virtues which make women so dear to the hearts of men. These cotton pickers of to-day strike us as being such an earnest of good sense that we can think of them in no other light than as the future queens of the homes of the South, loved and lovable long after the silly followers of fads shall have faded in all that is charming to man, to mope through the last years of their life steeped in regrets and clouded with lovaliness. Seemed the silly lovaliness of the symptoms. If you have pains or aches in bones, joints or back, swollen glands, tainted breath, noises in the head, discharges of muccous, ulceration of the membranes, blood thin, get easily tired, a treatment with B. B. B. will, stop every symptom by making the blood pure and rich. Druggists \$1. Trial treatment free by addressing Blood think of them in no other light than with loneliness. Some of these silly fashionables will marry, as they are mainlying, but every day finds the filing of divorce proceedings and the granting of alimony and lawyers' fees has begun to strike the people as disgraceful to a profession from whence has ful to a profession from whence has macy.

sprung a judiciary that has never lost the confidence of the people, even when preachers are short and corruption rampant. In justice to a profession that so holds the confidence of the people, this alimony, together with lawyers' fees, should be curtailas dangerous and the suspicion has to say this, but the next Legislature could do nothing wiser than to make divorcement harder than it is and to offer no lawyers a temptation for bringing these suits. From my heart, I believe that the judiciary of Georgia has been the saving power through the

growing.

But there will be precious few divorcements from the class of girls and boys who work in the fields and attend to the duties of home. Awhile back it looked as if the slick-tongued hypocrites, would get in their poisonous work at every country church, but From the weight of a bountiful yield, the country people have awakened to the danger and the promise is good. During of the war our Southern girls wore dresses made entirely by their own hands, and they were just as sweet as the world has ever known.

> "I envy not the Northern girl, Her robes of beauty fair, But give to me the homespun dress That Southern women wear."

The sentiment is growing in the country around us that dress nor 'fashion' is not the whole thing that we were about to get in the habit of admitting it to be. Of course our boys and girls want to dress well and look sweet, and they do, but the strength of self-dependence has got a held that it never had before, and those children who have escaped the craze of going to town seem willing to exert themselves on sensible and economical lines, recognizing that there must be work in whatever sphere we happen, and that work in the fields and at the country homes is just as easy and honorable as any other work. if not ahead, and so we proclaim the land in a good condition to what it might have been, with the pendulum swinging back to old times and oldtime ways.

In a week's travel there two things spoken of so often that it impressed us. One of these things was the death of our president-of course. everyone regrets that. The other thing most mentioned was the trial of Schley. When the guns lumbered at Santiago we thought that it meant the bealing of all wounds between sections, and it did, but here comes this Schley trial that impresses that the very men who stood by the guns are trying to devour each other. There is no use in remarking about the trouble among our heroes. We all know how abuse has been going on. When the people in the peaceful country homes read about these things it puts them to studying. At last, on the farm is the sweet life of all, and every day that comes people are more and more convinced.

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Curing Hams.

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has been the saving power through the past thirty years, and its purity is first in importance after the purity of woman. If divorcement must grow as the consequence of the silly departures for the Lord', sake let us keep our judiciary what it is and the one thing that we could feel so proud of, and remove all the chances for a suspicion to arise sgainst a profession which in nature must supply this judiciary, by being very careful in the encouragement of 'fees' in connection with alimony. A danger is here, and lawyers cannot afford to see it Stricken With Paralysis.

and lawyers cannot afford to see it - He who borrows money of his neighbors never hears the last of it.

Tricks that are Vain.

"I am glad to say that it does not ed or plated bale of cotton."

ago by a well-known cotton buyer who sought to be reclaimed. Its useful- profitably pushed by irrigation even had just received from a mill to which ness is applicable wherever the condihe had sold a lot of cotton, a letter tions suit and it is a subject upon ple, and in this respect irrigation claiming that a certain bale indicated which our South Carolina farmers by marks, was plated; and that it was should be as well posted as those of tivation as a factor in intensive culnot worth as much as had been paid desert States. In the introduction for it by something like \$2.00.

"Yes," the buyer went on, "it does whole record. I bought bale No. from Mr. - He is a pretty thought that he, would be guilty of I will be more careful."

"Do they ever put rocks or anything of that kind in cotton?" the reporter asked.

"Yes, that occurs occasionally. I here known it to occur on this market but it is always caught up with. I could tell you of neveral instances that have come under my observation here during the last few years; but perhaps it is just as well not to mention names. Did you ever hear of that case down at Camden? It is funny. Some years ago a cotton buyer received a notice from Liverpool to the effect that a 75 pound grindstone had been found in a certain bale of cotton that had been bought from him. The buyer, who also ran a large supply concern, looked on his books and found that he had bought the cotton from a certain large and well-todo farmer, who lived in the vicinity of Wateree. He had to make good the Liverpool claim, of course; and after studying over the situation, he ordered the return of the grindstone to Camden. In due time it arrived. the cotton buyer all the while carefully keeping his own counsel. Before a great while the farmer who had sold the bale of cotton came to Camlater. The cotton buyer took the head out of the sugar barrel, removed 75 pounds of sugar, put the grindstone in place of it and headed up the barrel again, turning it over to the farmer as if it had never been opened."

"That was pretty good. What did the fellow say when he found it out?" "He has never said a word to this

day, and had the merchant been able to keep such a good story it would never have been known. But it is true, every word of it, and I can give you not only the name of the cotton buyer and the supply concern, but the farmer, who sold and bought the grindstone as well."

"I would not have you think," continued the buyer, "that these things occur frequently in this market; but there is no use in trying to conceal the fact that they do occur occasionally. I have known of more than one man who has been caught up with and who was glad to settle by paying actual expenses, while protesting his innocenco, sto."- Yorkville Enquirer.

- An ear will be handed down, so to speak, from father to son or generation after generation with comparatively little modification. Some authorities on criminology assert that oriminals are very apt to possess a peculiar kind of ear, which is recognizable by an expert in such matters.

A Typical South African Store. A Typical South African Store.

O. R. Larson, of Bay Villa, Sundays River, Cape Colony, conducts a store typical of South Africa, at which can be purchased anything from the proverbial "needle to an anchor." This store is situated in a valley nine miles from the nearest railway station and about twenty-five miles from the nearest town. Mr. Larson says: "I am favored with the custom of farmers within a radius of thirty miles, to many of whom I have supplied Chamberlain's remedies. All testify to their value in a household where a doctor's advice is almost out of the question. Within one mile of my store the population is perhaps sixty. store the population is perhaps sixty.

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Irrigation in Field and Garden.

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Irrigation should be recognized as not occur often, and it seems to me an agricultural art of very wide applithat if the cotton seller who is dis- pability and value. Its association honest enough to resort to such tricks with the idea of desert - reclamation was only a little shrewder, he would has blinded the public mind to its nover attempt such a thing. Now, value for regions where the need of for instance, take this case. I have reclamation does not exist. Irriga- cessary to success; but as a matter of only to refer to my book here to see tion is a means of soil improvement where it came from. Here is the to be employed, like other means of improvement, when the soil needs Water is the most imgood man. You would not have portant food of plants, no alone because it enters in such volume into such a thing, would you? Well, may- their tissues, but because without it ordinarily is either wasted or is a posibe it was a mistake, and I will say in adequate amount the plant can not tive detriment when not turned to nothing to him about it; but next time | use other foods in sufficient quantity. | profitable service. It is the purpose No one questions the wisdom of the of this bulletin to present suggestions saving and storing of manures, nor for irrigation of this kind. the wisdom of generous outlay for commercial fertilizers . when required. The same is true of soil improvement gation .. .

made of no avail, and actual loss is siderable expense as a protection against fite in barns and has remained unused while some valuable crop was cases is to make a careful study of the burning up in the garden. Such whole situation, the location of the losses are largely due to two things: water supply, the lay of the laud, and its requirements of water, etc.

The article is fully in the laud, and its requirements of water, etc.

and availability of water for irrigation should be recognized and a supply provided on each farm.

Irrigation, moreover, is not merely recourse to insure the safety of a crop. It has been demonstrated beyoud questica both by practical experience and by systematic experiment that growth and production can be when the natural moisture seems amaligns itself with fertilization and cul-

Another error grows out of the large scale upon which irrigation is generally known to be carried on, involving canals and ditches too expensive for individual undertaking. The impression is made that considerable capital and engineering skill are nefact profitable irrigation is easily attainable by small effort. It lends itself readily to small individual or cooperative undertaking, developing water whose presence may be almost unsuspected, or utilizing water which

Small irrigation works usually re-

quire neither greater skill, labor, nor outlay than other farm improvements by means of drainage. There should which are readily undertaken. They be a similar feeling in regard to irri- do not require as exact engineering as underdrainage by tiling, and the whole The most diligent culture and the system, both for development and most generous fertilization are often storage of water, often costs much less per acre of the area irrigated than sometimes incurred because the farm- does tiling. The work is more readily er has not prepared himself to supply, comparable to the construction of open water when needed. The water, which drains coupled in cases some with reserhe could often provide for a mere frac- voir building, which is no more difficult tion of his expenditure for fertilizers, than cellar excavation and is accomoften for less annual cost than the in- plished with a similar outfit of teams, terest on his investment in under- plows and scrapers. The man of ordrainage, he has neglected to have dinary skill in handling these tools. ready for use, and he sees the hope of who can turn a straight furrow, or return for his year's labor and expen- build a straight piece of fence, and diture fade away during a few weeks can do these things well needs only a of drought. There have been cases suggestion of the feasibility of securwhere water has been stored at con- | ing a home water supply for irrigation, providing his conditions are

The first thing to be done in all

The article is fully illustrated and importance only in arid regions; and, has explicit directions for making on second, ignorance of the case and the farm all the tools and appliances den for supplies and among other things he bought a barrel of sugar, and went out to return for the goods

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