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A Brother's Keeper.

A WOMAN'S WORK OF LOVE AND DUTY.

"BY MARY HARTWELL CATHERWOOD. "THE LONE MAN'S CABIN," AND OTHER STORIES.

The man took several steps beside Phœbe before either of them spoke. She drew her shawl close around her and shrunk off from him, but she did not look directly at him,

atom of countenance which could be moved and distorted. Whenever he became excited in talk, this singular infirmity played faster and faster like evil lightning over his

"Well?" said Phoebe, in a high, agitated

saw me beckon to you through the window.' "You know I saw you."

"What do I want now!" mimicked the twisted mouth. "When you ain't seen me for two years. Where's Thorney!"

"He's near me, of course," replied the shaking girl. "Why can't you let us alone?"

you can't impose on me any more. And I'll defend Thorney against you." "Oh, you will!"

"You look like defending any thing!" laughed the man. "Don't do that, now. You never made any thing bellowing at

me. Didn't you know I'd drop around some Oh, yes, I knew it—you always do—there's -and no escape?" "Well, then, shut up your doleful racket.

it, as he kept pace with her. "How much money have you!" he in-

quired.
"You'll dog Thorsey and me just the same if I give it to you. I've bought you off for the last time." for the last time."
"You'll give me what money you have.
I'm clear down. If you don't I'll make a

with the path between them.
"There's a hundred other things I can do,"

don't want to own me around here." "Not a drop of my blood owns a drop of yours," burst out Phœbe. "I have lived a

er Thorney alone, too.'

but let the space widen between them, thrusting his hands into his pockets and Phospe, feeling frozen in her last mood.

burst in and claim her, notwithstanding an able-bodied man like Gurley was at hand to defend her.

ber how lately she had rocked him herself, feeling almost as safe and happy as if well

through with the world She turned and met Mr. Gurley with a

that room.

Mrs. Holmes silently thought her too

scarlet in cheeks, too sazzling in her eyesaltogether too powerful and pretty. "I was just about to trace you," said "Miss Fawcett has changed her

programme. Instead of having us later in the week she wants us this evening, and as the sittle party's so informal I hope you'll be willing to substitute my escort for the other arrangement which was made for you." ould like to go to Miss Fawcett's,'

said Phœbe, choosing for herself like a princess. She thought she heard a new step in the kitchen.

to get ready in."
"Oh, I am always ready for any thing. I might wash my hands and beg Mrs. Holmes for a bit of geranium. I have just one dress," explained Phœbe. "And that

makes it so easy to be ready." Gurley laughed out with approval, but Mrs. Holmes secretly shuddered at such

flinging of one's poverty at a man's sympa-thies. She had kindly planned decking a sash might have relieved the girl's somberness, but now she felt too outraged to add even the bit of geranium.

becomingly robed for the day of judgment." "You have said it exactly," Phoebe told him, smiling, holding her tears sternly in their cisterns. "And you haven't any idea what a feeling of companionship you can alone in the world."

"Your brother wants to see you, Miss White," said Randy, speaking at the kitchen door, a shade of patronage coloring her tone to the sister of such a brother. Phobe expanded, standing quite erect

"Oh, does he! Bring him to me then. Bring him directly in here."
Randy withdrew her one-eyed counte-

face, yet too doggedly indignant at the world in general to avoid all encounter with a goomed ready to fall spart, so slight

a hold had his garments on each other's support; and his hay-colored hair hung over a silly face which expressed nothing but an appeal to his sister. His sprawling boots were heavy with such moist earth as he had been able to collect upon them during his tramp across the Hollow; but barnyard odors rather than breath of the spring woods saturated his presence and spread sround him. The black wool hat, which had gathered dust undisturbed since Phæbe brushed it last, was worried down to his ears and propped by them; and his hands appeared well along on their journey to-ward his knees in yawning trowser pockets. Thorney's chin, evidently put on as an afterthought and scarcely belonging to his face, hung in moments of vacancy toward his breast; but just now, feeling the presence

in the struggle. Gurley thought he had never seen a more repulsive creature. But if Thorney had een a shining and firm angel, Phœbe could not have run to him with swifter change of countenance and manner. She turned him owards Gurley maternally, as both vouching for him and challenging his opponents.
"This is my brother, Mr. Gurley," she

of unexpected society, he made successive

efforts to hold it up and swallowed audit ly



said. "My good little brother, though he is older than I am and looks so tall."

this good little brother. "Shake hands, Thorney," prompted his sister, in a quick, low tone, "and say 'how do you do.'?

Gurley advanced his hand and greeted

Thorney shuffled forward a step and thrust his moist and dirty hand into Gurley's palm with a mumble, but without taking his eyes off the floor.

"He's so bashful," explained Phœbe, in the tone a mother uses when she says "he's cutting his teeth." And she added a swift admonition to Thorney to keep his hands out of his pockets and stand straighter. "He's worse than McArdle," inwardly re-

marked the young gentleman. "Poor little mother heu! What unnatural chicks she has to scratch for!" "And what was it, Thorney?" inquired Phoebe, "I'm going out this evening to stay until after our bed-time. You won't

mind coming to the school-house to-morrow after school, will you? We can talk it Thorney, perhaps, had his attention oc-cupied by the disposal of his hands; or he was too dull to see how she hastened to bar his telling what it was. Thrusting one fist "There's a hundred other things I can do," under his chin, to support it, and sliding added the man, grinning. "You know you the other behind him, whence it soon wandered to the familiar pocket, he complained

> "Never mind!" exclaimed Phoebe. Thorney muttered that he did care

that Thane was around ag'in

though.
"Come after school," repeated his sister. "I have very much to say to you, Thorney. And you can tell me all about it then. But go home now, won't you? And don't stop to speak anybody in the woods; don't linger around where anybody can get hold of you -waylay you."

"As if she were admonishing Red Ridinghood," thought Gurley. "What prowler would want this beautiful object?" Thorney, however, absorbed all the solicitude his sister could pour over him, and de

parted then as if his injuries were but half salved. Phoebe leaned forward in the phaeton as it turned from Holmes' gate to watch his slovenly figure plodding into the woods. "But Mr. McArdle," said Phoebe, returing to Gurley. "Her mind reverts to her other dependent

chick," thought he. "Miss Fawcett said he was to bring me nd take me back." "There's many a slip betwixt the cup and

McArdle's lip." "I don't believe you like him." she observed. "I have noticed you taking him up

"Taking him up short only! Consider how virtuous that is of me when I suffer to beat and kick him." "And he so inoffensive." laughed Phorbs.

"No," replied Gurley, "I wish he would." McArdle, in dress-cost and pumps, was the second person Phoebe greeted on entering Miss Fawcett's parlors. He stood talk ing with a young girl, one hand rosting on a chair-back, the other hanging gracefully by

his side, and self-consciousness radiating from him. No other member of the class was in evening attire. Gurley saw with satisfaction that Phoehe was instantly admired. She moved dauntlessly into this little social sea, feeling that, like an iceberg, she carried sevenfold of her bulk of cold misery below the surface. Not

for her were the timid vanity and erratic carriage of young girlhood. "How alluring your Miss White is, Cupid," said Psyche, hooking her finger on his arm in the library. "I wish I had black eyes and a racy color-that moist, peacl ike richness of the skin. They are so easily and simply dressed to. She looks as dis-

tinguished as a queen." "I accept your approval as a personal complir ent," said Gurley. "Now cast your eye on McArdle."

"Why should I cast my eye on Mr. Mc-Ardle? You know he sets my teeth on

edge." "Psyche," said Gurley, with gravity, 'hadn't I better bring our old engagement ring back to you! There are some subjects on which our harmony is utter."

"Right there our harmony would break into discords. I never felt as kindly toward you in my life as I do to-night, and it's all because the annoying engaged feeling is off. I can't see why girls take pride in such discomfort. And if an almost endurable creature like yourself hampered me, Oh, consider what it might have been with that wraith of manhood yonder as the party of the second part!"

"I shall always remember gratefully, Swansdown, that you rate me a little above McArdle. McArdle denied before the fellows to-day that he had the slightest acquaintance with this young girl—when I had seen him take money from her hand which she had earned by hard days' work. He didn't want to identify himself with her or bring her out at all; he only wanted to make use of her good-will."

"Jack, why do you set me to despising people in my own house: It is so inhospitable. I didn't pull you in here to have my temper excited, but to ask you how to break

that stiffness. Oh, do all the girls and young men in Greensburg stand up like that and freeze each other's marrow for politeness' sake when they meet at an easy social?" "I am afraid they do," responded Gurley.

"They never used to do it," mourned Psyche "We're trying to be polished," said Gur-

"And when we don't dance we pose and drop an occasional word to each "Dance! If they only would. But you told me half the men are divinity students

and not dancing men at all." "Besides." added Gurley, "we are in some awe of our present hostess. We believe she comes straight from courts, and occupies herself comparing us common

clods to duchesses and counts and so on."
"What shall I do? I would actually get upon a table and cut a caper if that would make them comfortable." "Try it." "Is this the way you help me!" exclaimed

Psyche, flashing her rings as if through

them she discharged her surplus electricity

"I would just love to bite you like I used to when we first fought each other." "Yes, I carry the engraving of your lovely fingernail under my right ear yet," observed Gurley, with enjoyment. "But I was going to say that when we Greensburgers want to relax and limber ourselves thoroughly we take to charades and tableaux." "Oh, how easy," said Psyche. "Why

didn't you say so before?" " And then we end with college songs and

go home blessing our entertainer." The company was accordingly soon divided in twain, one section chatting expectantly on rows of chairs, the other wrangling and eager in a green-room to which the house wardrobes were made tributary. Psyche's aunt, a quiet lady who scarcely impressed one's memory, was made manager of stage properties.

Miss Fawcett and Phœbe, who were to appear as the captive Queen of Scots and one of her Marys, remained together, while the rest of their company went forth to open the act.

When they had completed their own fanastic adornment they set down to wait, and Psyche smiled at Phoebe.

These piles of old clothes look like the wreck of generations. And that's what they are. There's even my uncle's dressing-gown-the one I told you about, who ran way. See," said Psyche, spreading out the palm pattern, "he burnt these holes with some chemical stuff; they tell that he was wonderful at chemistry. Of course it was all before my time, and it doesn't seem as if I ever had such an uncle. But there's his picture hanging over your head."

alls and showed the profile of a young man



PHEBE STOOD UP TO LOOK AT IT.

with clustering hair and a resolute cast of eatures which yet expressed melancholy. "He was painted that way on account of is mouth," explained Psycl ?. "There was omething dreadful the matter with it." "I have seen him," said Phoebe, with lowly-worded conviction.

Miss Fawcett gazed at her. "Do you know that I have always lived in ear of that man's coming back? Not on ccount of the money, but because I should e scared to death by such a horrid, queer, reepy relation! If he ever does come hall hale on a closet shelf in my room and eep my hands tight over my eyes."

She clasped her hands over her eyes, and

hoebe laughed aloud, but suddenly changed xpression. The curtains of a window be-

hind Psyche were so arranged that they left a triangle of glass in which the light did not fall. Through this she saw Painter stooping forward to look into the room. The shaggy beard reached his eyes. He moved his eyes from the portrait to look at Phœbe. "Sometimes I dream about him," continued Miss Fawcett, "coming back of nights to stare in at the windows. He'd be just the man to ghost around and make one's bair rise."

"Look there!" whispered Phœbe, stretching out her hand. "But he's gone."

Psyche dropped her hands and flew with faint scream to hold around her guest.

"Oh, what did you see!-one right behind my back!" "Don't mind," said Phœbe, forming her

lips to laugh. "That's only the second vision we seen through a window this evening.' "But what was it?" Miss Fawcett palpi "Just Painter: the man who lives alone up the hills."

"Oh! I've heard of him. He is harmless, isn't he? Was he looking in?" "Yes. And how sorrowful his eyes

"I should love to have him made sorrowful," said Miss Fawcett, relaxing her breath, "for prowling around here and terrifving us. Now I shan't sleep for a week. "It might be I imagined it," said Phœbe. "This is an unlucky night for me to look out of a window."

"We are both perfectly silly," pronounced Miss Fawcett, "shut away here by our-selves. I am afraid of the dark and of spooks; and so are you if you would unbend your martial bearing and own it."

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Making Impro.ements Rev. W. R. Atkinson is busily engaged making additions to the many comforts of the buildings of the Institute. No man of less ingenuity could see how anything could be added to the comforts of the building. But he is as successful in hunting up ways to increase comfort as he is in teaching and in so saying we feel we could pay him no higher compliment. The city has cause to be proud of this institution. Its large patronage from so many States and its bright prospects for large patronage than ever attest in al way its excellencies as a school for the education of girls. We know no better school.—Charlott Daily Cronicle.

The modern church does not fulfill the unctions of the ancient ark. In the days of Nogh a rain-storm was the excuse for getting into the ark; in these days, especially if the storm come on Sunday, it is an exof milk. A cow should be dealt with

FARMS AND FARMERS.

THE PLOW.

Many Questions About the Farm, Auswerred by Dr. W. L. Jones, Formerly of the Southern Cultivator.

It is none too early to plan and begin just before they are to be started, becondition to take the plow. Land

apt to get very hard and dry; the subsoil after even copious rains remaining uhfit to receive the plow. Much of the water which falls upon its hard surface runs off instead of being absorbed, and this contributes to its dryness. Break, therefore, what you can after each rain. That which is broken will absorb the rainfall better than the unbroken; the deeper sed bed. One of the great troubles in starting fall crops is that even after quite a good rain it is the rurface soil only of unbroken land that is wet, rise up and take its place, and the young they fell. If, therefore, one wishes to be sure of starting a crop of clover or the 20th of August to the middle of September 1988.

moisture that the above method of proimportant to provide a good supply of soil by plow and rain-water. To render

nor too loose. If too compact the roots do very well on it, and so do cows and cannot permeate through it; if too loose hogs. If set up under shelter they cannot establish close connection it will remain green a long time. We remainder, 22 counties, report it lower. with the soil, an essential condition to should be glad to hear from others on the absorption of moisture. We have this point. good illustration of this in turfy soils.

It is urged upon all farmers who have patch of lucerne. It will not cost much had been poured on them. What can I to do this, and then you can judge for do to prevent it? yourself whether it will pay or not. Take all proper precautions and do it right, so that if failure results it will not lay at your door. You might try it on light and on heavy soils, and see which succeeds best. Such experiments cost little, but are very hopeful. W. L. J.

J. N. B., Fort Mill, York county, S. C.: I have a most excellent cow of the ordinary scrub stock, from which I get, on an average, four gallons of milk and one pound and a half of butter per day. She has formed the habit of "holding The Constitution as follows: one ounce up" part of her milk for her calf. 1 have tried often to get all the milk without letting the calf to her, but have never succeeded. If I wean the calf, will I ever succeed in getting all the all and one cannot tell that there is anymilk, and will it not cause her to go dry sooner?

partly of emotion and partly of the dition and eats heartily, but she will eat handling of the teat. When a cow has been separated from her calf, and the bling in stomach. I have written thus latter comes in sight and cries for its that you might know the condition of mother, the secretion of milk is excited the mule. Please give me a remedy for and a tendency to flow from the bag shoulder, also for that rumbling in developed. A woman will relate a similar experience, when, after being separated from her infant for awhile, she When the calf is killed, or permanently taken from the cow, some milkmen have a stuffed and mounted calf to place before the cow when being milked, to excite her maternal instincts and promote the flow of milk. In the second place, the manipulation of the test has a marked effect on the flow of milk. The ducts or tubes through which the milk passes out of the tests are surrounded by a circular muscle, which is ordinarily contracted enough to prevent the escape of milk. But when the maternal emotions towards the calf are aroused, these muscles relax and the milk is easily drawn. The presence of the calf and its manipulation of the test develop these emotions Similar manipulation with the hand has similar, but not altogeth r as as much effect. The more perfectly the manipulation by the milker approaches that of the calf, the more freely the milk will flow. It is this manipulation which constitutes the difference between a good and a poor milker. A poor milker seems to irritate the circular muscle of the teat and makes it contract. One who milks with a "stripping" movement

gentle manipulation of her teats, she South Carolina 86, Georgia 90, Florida should be milked very rapidly. Now 90, Alabama 92, Mississippi 92, Louisito apply these considerations to your ana 91, Texas 76, Arkansas 90, Tennesinquiry: It is probable that your cow see 90.

being accustomed to have her calf suck, would miss it if kept from her and be workied about it, and the flow of milk in the South and yielded below expectabe lessened. You might halter calf and tion in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alaplace it within reach of head of cow so bama. It has improved slightly in she could caress it. Also give her dur-ing the latter half of the milking some nois. A marked improvement is noted food she is particularly fond of, and in Michigan. Reports from the Pacific have her milked by a very rapid, good coast are also more favorable. The you might possibly get all her milk and 73.3 to 75.6. The average of the prin-prevent decrease in yield. With a first-cipal States: New York 80, Pennsylvania

keep cow from going dry. F. W. S., Plains, Ga.: Would like to have some information regarding forage plants. 1. When should turnips be portion of the breadth seeded, and who was invited to attend the secret planted, and and what value for winter promises a large yield, minus possible feed? 2. Have a piece of Golden Dent future drawbacks. The general average corn on fair average land that will be has advanced from 92.8 to 95.9. The gathered about the 15th of July. What State averages are: Wisconsin 91, Minwould you advise as a forage crop to plant after it? Will it be too late for kota 98. amber cane or Kaffir coru? 3. Have some amber cane that will be fit to cut moisture will penetrate deeper, giving a in a few weeks. How shall I save it, and creased over four per cent., making the does it does it make a good mule feed? breadth nearly 76,000,000 acres. There

ber or October, let him begin to break dutch. The richer the soil the later dutch. The richer the soil the later dutch. The richer the soil the later dutch. his land at once, and continue to break, may sowings be made. In our experi- area of manufacturing leaf tobacco roll and harrow till seeding time. All ence, it is better to have the land very makes an increase of 18 per cent. over experienced farmers know that this is experienced farmers know that this is the plan to get a stand and raise a crop of turnips. It is equally applicable to success with grass and other crops success with grass and other crops cool. For variety's sake, and for supply-It is not alone for the sake of securing ing succulent food in winter, when stock the wheat crop late and unpromising tion," &c. are kept so much on dry food, turnips throughout Europe, Russia excepted. cedure is recommended. It is equally have some value—not very great, how- The rye crop will be short in central ever. Ensiage will accomplish both the Europe. available plant food in the soil, in order purposes mentioned and much more available plant rood in the soil, in order that the young plants may make good growth and become firmly established before cold weather. Frequent stirring of the soil promotes disintegration, decomposition, nitrification, and all the composition, nitrification, and all the composition, nitrification, and all the composition in the state Crops.

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Turnips require very rish soil and one control of the state Crops. processes that generate plant food. It is Turnips require very rich soil and one well, also, to incorporate with the soil in advance of seeding any manure to be given the crop. There is little danger peas are not so particular. 2. The midgiven the crop. There is little danger of the crop during the last two weeks was to "whip out this gam in June were favorable for cotton, and brought into the finest tilth. Corn and given the crop. There is little danger of the crop during that time resulted, the Agricultural College was a second of the crop during that time resulted, the Agricultural College was a second of the crop during the last two weeks was to "whip out this gam in June were favorable for cotton, and the present State officers.

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Before one question had the crop during the last two weeks was to "whip out this gam in June were favorable for cotton, and the present State officers. of loss from leaching at this season of dle of July will not be too late to plant but it has not recovered from the injuthe year, and manures act better after amber cane; can not speak so positively rious effect of the unfavorable seasons through if the weather is not too dry. crop is "spotted." In some sections it is Peas would have ample time to make in fine condition and all the rain needed After the land is brought into fine bushel of peas and a peck of amber cane ally, it is two weeks latter than usual, tilth it should be somewhat compacted, either by rain or by roller. Small seeds either to feed sorghum before it is either by rain or by roller. Small seeds of the committee that a fight be committee that a fight be committee that a fight be committee.

G. W. S., Vine Hill, Ala.: Please tell not already done so, to experiment in a me what is the matter with my tomatoes. small way with these fall crops. Espe- They grow up and begin to fruit; then cially would we urge the planting of a they begin to wilt, just as if hot water

> Cannot tell without personal examina tion. It may be due to some insect attacking the stem underground, or it may be due to the manure used. It is not usual for tomatoes to fail thus.

J. W. M., Arcadia, Ala.: I have a mule six years old. This spring she became a little lame in the shoulder. I rubbed it with limiment and the lameness went away, but the shoulder began to shrink and then I began to doctor for sweeny. I tried every remedy I could hear of, among them one from you in camphor, three ounces alcohol, and three ounces spirits turpentine, and all to no effect. The shoulder is completely shrunker away, but she does not limp at thing the matter from her movements: and now the other shoulder is beginning to shrink, but she does not limp at all in 'holds up" her milk by a distinct act of that. She has ploughed forty acres of The flow of milk is the result land this year and is in very good conall the dry dung in the lot and has rum-

bowels. If there is no lameness, and the animal is capable of doing full work, we should let her alone. These shrinkages of the shoulder are obscure things. When there is lameness from any cause, whether in foot, knee joint, or elsewhere, so the animal does not use freely the muscles of the shoulder, the latter will get smaller from not being used, and this brings about the appearance of shrinkage. Shrinkage sometimes results from inflammation of the tissues of the shoulder. We cannot say what is the cause of the trouble in your mule. The unnatural appetite comes from some disorder of the stomach or bowels. Open the latter by occasional half pint doses of linseed oil with a teaspoonful of turpentine mixed with each dose. After a week of this treatment give daily a drachm each of copperas, gentian and ginger.

Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture make the July general averages of the condition of the crops as follows: Cotton 86.7, winter wheat 75.6, spring wheat 95.9, corn 93, oats 95.2, barley 91, winter rye 85.1, spring rye 96.3, tobacco, manufacturing leaf, 89.

State. There is a generally medium Cultivation has been somewhat retarded by local rains, and part of the

kindly and gently, some choice food generally in vigorous condition and given to keep in a good humor, and as growing rapidly. The State averages soon as the flow of milk begins under are: Virginia 81, North Carolina 85,

WINTER WHEAT.

Winter wheat has been been harvested rate milker you could wean calf and 93, Ohio 60, Michigan 75, Indiana 62, house, J. W. Beasley. Several persons, keep cow from going dry.

Illinois 68, Missouri 72, Kansas 93, not members of the committee, but in California 83.

SPRING WHEAT.

CORN.

The area of corn, as reported, has in- of aggressive campaign. 1. From the middle of July to the has been much replanting in wet dismiddle of September. The rutabaga, tricts, from non-germination and from the field, who would attend all the Conwhich is the best for stock feed, should destruction by cut-worms. The land is gressional district meetings and make and when this dries off, as it will do and when the specific and w middle of August. In our hot, uncertain cipal State is: Ohio 96, Indiana 95, Illi- man did not advocate this. He said that plants frequently perish from lack of water. Not so with land that has been sive sowings: if one fails another may 39, Nebraska 91, Virginia 91, North their side, they had good sound men on the sowings: if one fails another may 39, Nebraska 91, Virginia 91, North their side, they had not the "gift of the broken some time in advance, which has been catching and holding the rains as August sow Aberdeen, yellow globe and 94, Alabama 96, Mississippi 98, Louisi- away with them." Mr. Tillman further

Condition of the State Crops.

The seasons during the last two weeks was to "whip out this gang," alluding to The condition on July 1st is: In upper Nominating Convention. Carolina, 81; middle Carolina, 82; lower

localities it has suffered for lack of rain. tige of the thing. With these exceptions, the reports show that the prospects for an average into action and fighting the battle solely crop are good. The condition in upper on a political ground, and he thought it Carolina is reported at 85, middle Caro- unwise to have candidates openly in the lins 82, and lower Carolins 85; average field. After the impression was made for the State 84, against 97 at the same and their delegates elected, then they time last year and 86 on the first of could decide upon a candidate.

June. In portions of the lower counties continued freshets damaged rice that had tics, they had better bundle up and go been planted and prevented proper pre- home. paration ol land for late planting. There is some complaint of poor stands, but the crop has steadily improved during look better if he was not a candidate. the month. In the ten lower counties, Mr. Tiliman then branched off up where 95 per cent. of the crop is pro-

the upper counties at 92. being estimated at twenty per cent. would never get it. The yield is estimated at six bushels, or about two-thirds of an average yield. seven per cent of the product of 1887. year by eighty-four correspondents and were kept there to work. infer or by 104. The yield of oats is estimated at fifteen

bushels per acre. Fall sown yielded would be careful in his public utterance. eighteen and spring sown twelve bushels per acre. The total production is estimated at six per cent, greater than last spoke without striking to the records, year's crop, while the quality of the and it was a bad rule that did not work grain is better.

90, sweet potatoes 94 and Irish potatoes

Judge Wheele of the United States Circuit Court vesterday rendered a decision by which the city will save nearly \$10. 000,000. It was in the suit of Christopher C. Campbell against the city to recover payment for the use of a relief valve used on fire engines to prevent the bursting of hose and the loss of water. This valve was invented by James Knibbs. The defense of the city was that the valve had been in use before it was patented, and that should attend all the regular meetings in the patent was invalid.

rectly opposite to Judge Wheeler's opinion. The Judge then retried the case and decided that the patent was invalid. Corporation Counsel Beekman yesterday. in speaking of the large amount of money saved by this decision, said that the valve had been in use on all the steam engines during the past seventeen years. Messrs

THE FARMERS' COMMITTEE.

MEETING IN COLUMBIA TO PRE-PARE FOR THE STATE CANVASS.

Captain Tillman Appointed to Attend the Different Meetings-Other Matters Con-

COLUMBIA, July 10 .- This evening was the occasion of the meeting of the executive committe of the State Farmers Association. There were twelve or fifteen prominent members present. Among them were Capt. Tillman, H. B. Thomas, D. K. Norris, E. T. Stacknot members of the committee, but in sympathy with them, were present. One

The committee met at 9.15 in the Grand Central Hotel. President Norris occupied the chair. It was understood early in the evening that the object of this meeting was to formulate some plan

their strength and stand or fall to-

President Norris called upon a number of those present to make reports upon the following questions:

your county? "Do you think that you can control the delegates to the State Conven-

about half a dozen of those present. Mr. Tillman reported Edgefield as uncertain, but he though that he could

Before one question had been settled have been distributed through the about Kaffir corn, but think it would get in May and the early part of June. The soul with them and who would pull the when rainfall is scanty, application of manure should be made a month or two might sow a been excessive, and in other localities annex had grown and taken root, and

do not germinate well and young plants do not grow thriftily on very loose soil. Cured, cutting up and feeding stalks, look and seeds altogether. It is rather up to an average. Nine of the counties, Lieutenant Governor. It was unani-The soil should be neither too compact too laxative for most horses, but mules producing 14 per cent. of the crop, remously adopted. All local farmers' club port the condition higher than on June will be requested to elect delegates to

> choice. The Legislature could carry on In some sections corn on bottoms has their work, while the only advantages in been destroyed by floods, and in other electing a Governor would be the pres-President Norris was opposed to going

> > Mr. Tillman said that if they were going to talk about not going into poli-

> > Mr. Norris thought that if Mr. Tillman was going to canvass the State, it would Mr. Tiliman then branched off upon

the Legislature. The farmers must supduced, the condition is reported at 89; in port no candidate for the Legislature unless he be in favor of giving the Agricul-The small grain crop was harvested in fine condition. Wheat was badly in- and phosphate tax. He thought in time jured by rust, some of the correspond- that this college would absorb the agrients reporting that the loss on the crop cultural department. If the people were from this cause was greater than has not shown that they could get the farbeen known for many years, the damage mers' college without additional tax they

The total product is reported at seventy- heard that negro lunatics sent to the Asylum were worked like slaves and were The quality is reported better than last never turned out when they got well but One of the committeemen protested

against this, and hoped Mr. Tillman Mr. Tillman replied that he had not been caught in a lie yet, that Mr. Haskell both ways. If he canvassed the State he The smaller crops are reported in good | would confine himself to the increase in condition—sorghum at 90, sugar cane expenses of \$240,000 since '79 and to the Farmers' College, and he was not afraid to meet any man in the United States on these subjects. He did not propose to give any of the reasons for this additionexpense, but would leave the burden of proof to the other side. He was confident of being able to carry several

of salaries. Mr. Tillman was exhorted to stick to the facts and not make statements he

could not prove. It was resolved that Capt. Tillman the State canvass and other outside meetings he might desire.

man to help him. He did not like to encounter the silver-tongued orator single-handed. It was decided that he could draw upon the counties in which the meetings were held for assistance. Mr. Tillman said that he is afraid that if he goes to Charleston he will be cruci-

fied. There was an element in the committee which was plainly opposed to Capt, Tillman's style of operations. They were much more conservative, and did not like so much blood and thunder.

There is a scarcity of young men at some of the summer resorts, and the girls are suffering from "poor male facilities."

AUTHOR OF "CRAQUE O' DOOM," "STEPHEN

but glanced sidewise, puckering her face in He was a grotesque creature, with the various pieces of his clothing shabby and unmatched; but the most skillful of tailors could scarcely have molded him in garments suitable to his face. It was emaciated and withered, though neither by disease nor age. One corner of his mouth twisted downward as if in a continued jeer, and nervous spasms came and went over every

"All right," said her companion. "You

"You were a long time getting out. If you hadn't come pretty soon I'd bolted in and asked for you." "I knew you would. What do you want

"What should I want to let you alone for. Ain't I got my rights?"
"Your rights," said Phœbe, fiercely. "O, you wicked millstone; you want to drag us under forever. You know when I was sorry for you and tried to help you. But

Phobe began to sob aloud, swallowing piteously, and using her hands against her throat to press back the explosive

I sin't going to hurt you."
"No; Pm past being struck with your fist now-but never past being robbed and The man broke off a bit of bark and chewed

stake the way you despise, and I'll take Thorney."
Phosbe faced about, and they stood still,

plameless life. You do your worst. I won't give you my earnings, and you will leave my She walked rapidly ahead into the dusky woods. He was at no pains to overtake her

breathing a crook-mouthed whistle on his and carrying her defiant head erect, en-tered the familiar sitting-room where Mrs. Holmes was rocking the baby to sleep. She entered as one who heard the cry of wolves behind her, and knew the wolves might yet

"Mr. Gurley has called to see you," said Mrs. Holmes.

Phoebe had stopped at the sight of Todales going to sleep. It hurt her to remem-

dignity he could not add to her sincere and credulous image, and while she spoke she wondered how soon her pursuer would enter

"My horse and phaeton are ready," said Gurley. "I came early to make up for the lack of notice by giving you plenty of time

She had kindly planned decking Phosbe for this party in some of her own finery, and felt indignant at being robbed of such feminine pleasure and the self-approval which would have been consequent on it. At the very least her lace bertha or

"You are, in fact, an Ascensionist," com-mented Gurley, "and go about all the time have towards a gown that is like yourself

and high.

nance, and Mrs. Holmes carried Toddles into his nursery.

Instead of the figure which the girl had braced herself to meet, however, Thorney White came in, sniffling and downcast, too timid to lift his eyes as high as a stranger's

SHORT TALKS WITH MEN WHO GUIDE

preparation for fall crops. It will not do to defer breaking land for them till canse rain is too uncertain. Only at intervals, and for very short periods of milker. By persevering in this course general condition has advanced from time at this season of the year, is land

.ying uncultivated through the summer is

this distribution probable, at a time

Farm Question Box.

It is hardly probable that a cow suddenly hears it crying.

seems to do this very quickly, and then the cow, as it is said, "holds up" her milk. A slow milker does the same COTTON. thing by the prolonged manipulation. Therefore, a cow should be milked very rapidly and not with a stripping motion. stand. Excitement, worry, anger, all militate against the development of the emotions which relax the muscle and promote flow

CONDITION OF THE CROPS. The Monthly Report of the United States

Cotton is later than usual in every

The European report for July makes

86 on the first of last month.

Ten Millions Saved to New York City.

After a long trial, Judge Wheeler de-cided in fayor of the plaintiff, and referred the case to Commissioner Duell to deter mine the amount due Campbell. The lat ter presented a claim for \$2,500,000, and proved it. In the spring of 1886 the Supreme Court of the United States rendered a decision in a similar case which was di-

Lockwood & Post appeared for the plainarea is in grass—notably in the district tiff and the Corporation Counsel for the West of the Mississippi. The plant is

Spring wheat has improved in a large of these was Capt. Sligh, of Newberry, meeting and took advantage of the invitation.

> The first question taken up was whether the Association should make an aggressive fight and put canvassers in believed that a "combine existed between all the present officers to pool

"How is the farmers' movement in

These questions were answered by

the Agricultural College was introduced. Mr. Tillman wanted men sent to the next Legislature who were heart and annex to pieces. If such men were not there, the consideration of the Clemson mixture of peas and amber cane-a the crop has needed rain badly. Gener- then the farmers would be given a high

> Mr. Tillman considered it more impor-Carolina, 89; average for the States, 84; tant to elect legislators in sympathy with against 101 at the same date in 1887 and them than to elect a Governor of their

In speaking of the present system of government Mr. Tillman said that he had

counties on the question of the reduction

Mr. Tillman wished to have another