

### Almost a Success.

THE FARMER, THE FARMER'S BOY, AND THE SCHEME TO DIG POTATOES.

"It was a grand idea," said Farmer Coratossel, "and it came mighty near workin', too. Jest a little bit of keerness sp'iled the hull thing."

"Did Josiar help you dig the potatoes?" inquired his wife.

"No, but he purty near did. I thought we'd make it interestin' fur the boy and git a good deal of sport out of it. I went to some expense, too, havin' a lot of hoes cut different shapes and sizes, so's he could work in a variety of strokes and not tire the same muscles too much. You know how he's always been talkin' golf ever sense he's been home. Well, I supposed I had discovered a scheme by which I could show him a good time and likewise get him to help out on the farm. 'Siar,' says I, 'things is kind of dull fur you around here, and I've been trying to think up some diversion fur you. Of course the main thing about golf is the exercise, ain't it?' 'Of course it is,' said he; 'Well,' said I, 'here's all that lot of different styles of hoe. There is long handles and short handles, and wide blades and narrer ones. I've modeled them after your golf clubs as near as I could. This here's a putter, and here's a clerk and a washie and a niblick, and so on. We'll go over in the side lot, and when either of us comes to a potato hill we'll go at it like it was a tee and give it a biff that'll do our systems good.'"

"How was you to keep score?" inquired Mrs. Coratossel.

"That's what he wanted to know, and I was tickled most to death to see him so interested. I explained to him that one potato would count one point, and whenever you got more than ten out of a hill that counted 50 points, and the first man who got 1,000 points won the game, only he was in politeness bound to turn in and give the other feller his revenge. I wanted to make it seem sociable and reg'lar like."

"Did he take kindly to it?"

"He did at first, but the arrangement fell through like so many other dreams that I have fondly cherished. He went so far as to get his suit on so's to play. But we had to give it up. Help is so scarce around here just now that we couldn't hire any of the neighbor boys to go along and be his caddie."

—Washington Star.

### It Puzzled Her.

"Eleazar," she said, as she hung her sun-bonnet on a nail and began peeling potatoes, "there's a heap of strange things in this world."

"So I've heard."

"And husbands ain't the least strangest among 'em."

He looked up suspiciously.

"Anything particular in that remark?" he inquired.

"I didn't mean any harm by it. Of course you can't help formin' your ideas of things in general by the cases you happen to know about by experience. Of course when I say husbands is strange I ain't assumin' any responsibilities outside of my own fam'ly."

She let the potato fall into a pan of water with a splash, and started to work on another without stopping to observe his dubious expression of countenance.

"I can't help thinkin' over what you was sayin' to Ike Gavvins last night," she went on.

"'Bout the United States?"

"Yes. You and him said you was goin' to cut your way through every obstacle."

"Of course I didn't mean we was goin' in on our own account. I meant me and him and the rest of the population."

"Maybe, but you was assumin' the responsibility. You said you was goin' to plow your way through the isthmus of Panama and wade through prejudices and barbarism and attain a height of civilization such as has never before approached. You was goin' to clean tyranny off the face of the earth."

"Oh, thoughts like them ain't anything out of the common with me," he remarked complacently.

"I know it. I wouldn't like to have you think I was harborin' old grudges. The warm, mild spring is here, and I s'pose by-gones ought to be by-gones. But for the life of me I can't see why anybody with such a power of cuttin' and plowin' and wadin' and cleanin' in him could have helt back so last winter when it come to makin' a little path through the snow down to the front gate!"—Detroit Free Press.

### No Jealousy.

Fuddy—Between you and me I believe my wife thinks more of the butcher than she does of me.

Duddy—You don't mean it!

Fuddy—I do. But I am not jealous.

Duddy—Not jealous?

Fuddy—You wouldn't be surprised if you knew what kind of thoughts she thinks of him.—Boston Transcript.

### Tree of Tibet.

FABULOUS PRICES PAID FOR THE LEAVES OF THE SACRED GROWTH.

Few persons probably have heard of the marvellous tree of Tibet. Nevertheless for a long time it has enjoyed a great reputation in the east. It is a sacred tree, and fabulous prices were paid for a few of its leaves. In his "Souvenirs de Voyage au Tibet" Pere Huc speaks of this wonderful tree. It is essentially of a literary and artistic turn of mind, and has the strange habit of producing images and hieroglyphics upon its leaves. Sometimes religious figures take the place of the letters. Pere Huc calls the mysterious thing "the tree of a thousand images." These images are found on the leaves, on the stems and on the trunk. Near the temple of Buddha, in the village of Liouasar, Tibet, this great tree has stood for years, the plague and the puzzle of all the botanists who have ever received the gift of faith. A great antiquity was given to the tree; indeed it was claimed that it had existed from time immemorial. But an investigation not many years ago proved the images on the tree to be fakes. The trick was simple enough, like every other trick, when it is found out. In the spring and in the summer on dark nights a lama, endowed with acrobatic power, with his pockets full of hand stamps, climbed all through the tree and stamped the leaves with all sorts of holy images and characters, the most numerous being the following formula: "Om mane padome om" (Glory to Buddha in the lotus). This is also stamped upon the bark, and the leaves and portions of the bark are sold to visitors.

### Curious Facts About the Toad.

The toad lives ten to forty years, does not begin to produce young until the fourth year, but then lays over 1,000 eggs a year. It has lived two years without food, but cannot live long under water. It never takes dead or motionless food. It takes its food by means of its tongue alone, and it operates this so rapidly that the eye cannot follow its motions. It captures and devours bees, wasps, yellowjackets, ants, beetles, worms, spiders, snails, bugs, grasshoppers, crickets, weevils, caterpillars, moths etc. The stomach that doesn't flinch at yellowjackets, wasps, blister beetles and click beetles or pinch bugs would seem to be prepared for anything in the insect line, and it doubtless is. In 24 hours the toad consumes enough food to fill its stomach four times. A single toad will in three months devour over 10,000 insects. If every ten of these would have done one cent damage, the toad has saved \$10. Evidently the toad is a valuable friend to the farmer, gardener and fruit grower, and can be made especially useful in the greenhouse, garden and berry patch.

### Dancing Birds.

One of the many strange sights on the plains of southern Africa is a party of waltzing ostriches. Their queer antics have been described thus:

"When there are a number of them, they will start off in the morning, and, after running a few hundred yards, will stop and, with raised wings, will whirl rapidly round until they are stupefied or perhaps break a leg. The males pose also before fighting and to make their court. They kneel on their ankles, opening their wings and balancing themselves alternately forward and backward or to one side or the other, while the neck is stretched on a level with the back and the head strikes the sides, now on the right, now on the left, while the feathers are bristling. The bird appears at this time to be so absorbed in his occupation as to forget all that is going on around him and can be approached and caught. The male alone utters a cry, which sounds much like an effort to speak with the mouth shut tight."

### The Heart's Life Work.

The human heart is so quickly responsive to every touch of feeling in the mind that the people of ancient times thought that it was the abiding place of the soul, and all literature, both ancient and modern, contains many poetic references to this interesting fact. The amount of work performed during the lifetime of a person living to the limit of human life prescribed by King David—threescore and ten years—by this small but powerful engine is almost incredible. It is six inches in length and four in diameter and beats on the average 70 times a minute, 4,200 times an hour, 100,800 times a day and 36,792,000 in the course of a year, so that the heart of a man 70 years old has beaten over 2,500,000,000 times.

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