## THE FARM.

#### Wire Fences-

A great deal of dissatisfaction seems to be felt towards barbed wire fences. When it first made its appearance, it was thought by many to be just the thing, considering its cheapness, ease of building, and its aprarent durability. But after watching it from the first, I conclude that it is very unsatisfactory; and I have concluded that unless some other device is got out, I shall still build fences of pine stumps, and hemlock boards and chestnut posts. I know of no animal that should be fenced in with barbed wire fence. Horses and cattle get injured and killed by it quite often, and it pulls the wool from sheep, and in my opinion, it is a barbarous kind ot fence that should by all means be abandoned. Pine stumps do not make the most ornamental fence there is, by any means, but it is durable, and will stop any kind of stock. Boards and chestnut posts also, make a good and durable fence, and it occupies but little space, looks well, and as yet, I know of nothing more satisfactory when the material can be obtained at a fair price. No barbed wire for me.

### Is Hay Cheap Food?

Most dairymen suppose, says the National Live-Stock Journal, that hay is the cheapest food for their cows, and think it a misfortune to be short of hay-which is, in a sense, true, for every one should try to produce all the hay required for his stock-but it is seldom true that the market price of grain is higher than hay. If we consider the relative nutrutive value of hay and grain, or product of grain, we find that good meadow hay or clover is no cheaper at \$13 to \$14 per ton than good wheat bran or middlings at \$20 or \$21 per ton, or commeal at \$22 or \$23 per ton, or linseed cake or meal at \$32 to \$38 per ton. This does not mean that cornmeal, middlings, or oilmeal would be just as appropriate for the complete food of a cow as hay. We know that such concentrated food would be quite dangerous to feed a cow without some coarse fodder, but it means that the untriment in these foods will be as cheap to make up any deficieny in the ration at those prices as hay at the price mentioned. Therefore, when hav is dear in the dairy districts, instead of buying hay the dairyman should buy grain in some form to help him out. The grain will be cheapest, and his cows come through in much better condition for the milking season than if they had all the good hay they could eat. All a cow requires over twelve or fifteen pounds of hay should be made up in grain food. Twelve pounds of hay and eight pounds of middlings per day will winter a 1,000 pound cow much better than thirty pounds of hay per day. But the ground feed should be m xed with cut hay, moistened, so the ground feed will adhere to it, and must be eaten with the hay and raised and remasticated. Fine feed, fed alone, is not raised and remasticated, but goes on to the fourth stemach without further mastication.

## Why Some Farmers Fail.

They will not make compost. They breed to and from scrubs. They do not curry their horses. They have no shelter for stock. They put off greasing the wagon. They are wedded to old methods. They give no attention to details. They have no method or system. They see no good in a new thing. They let their fowls roost in trees. They weigh and measure stingily. They leave their plows in the field, They hang their harness in the dust, They take no pleasure in their work. They never use paint on the farm. They prop the barn door with a rail. They milk the cows late in the day. They starve the calf and milk the cow. They think small things not important. They let their gates sag and fall down. They do not keep up with imprevements They don't know the best is the cheapost. They do not read the best books and newspapers.

They think the buyer of a successful neighbor's stock at good prices is a fool, and the seller very " lucky." They sell hay, grain and straw off the

farm instead of turning them into meat, cheese and butter, and increasing their supply of manure. To which solid truths we beg to add :-

They don't conduct their farm on business principles. They think that pinching and scrimping

is economy. They don't know that a cheap implement

is usually a very dear one. They make their homes so cheerless and unattractive that no one about it can work with vim or energy.

And lastly they do not take their local

# The British in Egypt.

One sign of the permanency of the British occupation of Egypt is, that classes for the study of the Arabic language by non-commissioned officers and privates have been opened in Alexandria and Cairo, under the authority of the British War Office and at the expense of the British Military Department in Egypt. This is as it should be, for petty officers and men must often suffer much inconvenience when their duty brings them incentact with the natives, who are ignorant of anytongue but their own. British soldiers are not famous for picking up languages and this free instruction in the Egyptian vernacular will be of great benefit to them. Perhaps if a few lessons in French were added it would be a great gain to the foreign soldiers, for this is the language of the European portion of the inhabitants, and without at least colloquial knowledge of it the resident feels himself completely at sea. English is being more spoken than it used to be, and is gaining ground every day, but it will never supplant French as the language of society, diplomacy and the law courts. American Paper.

# For the Babies

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#### HOLIDAY FUN.

Presents of mind-Christmas books A cold Christmas makes a plump plumber. Many a round bill is squared about Caristmas time.

Never look a X mas gift in the mouth un less it is a pitcher of beer. The only Christmas present we expect to

get is in the future tense. Christmas teaches the newly-married man

how many new relatives he has. Your presence at home on Christmas Day is preferable to no presents at all.

You cannot find a boy who has not " told dad what he wanted for Christmas." No, my dear children; you do not always find stockings on the limbs of Christmas

Fashion note: This is the season of the year when every one is looking for some-

thing new in stockings. One of the chief uses of the Christmas card is to take the place of something which

would cost a good deal more. A boy who "could not speak a word" was considered a family treasure until it was discovered that he could whistle.

Christmas poets have an easy time of it. Joys, toys, holly, jelly, chimes, times, merry, berry-the rhymes flow like wine from There is not so much difference between

them after all. A green Christmas makes a fat churchyard, and a white Christmas causes a good deal of sleighing. It looks well to trim the house with hol

ly on Christmas, but when a husband has both heels through his stockings his thoughts persist in calling up darning-needles. The tariff question is a hard one to solve

yet it sinks into the most insignificant in signficance when placed alongside the ques tion, can the small boy get too much water melon? The small boy is censured for frightening

horses into costly and sometimes fatal runaways. But it should be remembered that while he is scaring horses he is not working his gum shooter. A pair of Christmas slippers should never

be scorned. If they are too small they will come in for ear muffs and if too large may be sent to the girls' orphan home in Mon-A little boy, when told by his father that

a certain deceased plumber had gone to Heaven, said he knew why, and when ask ed, replied : "'Cause there ain't no waterpipes to freeze in the other place."

A small boy who read that "Bunsler is the best fly-chatcher in the country, and commands a big salary," immedately went into a training for a similar position, he caught 200 flies in half an hour, and then came to grief by his mother grabbing him by the ear for mashing the insects on the window pane.

#### Practical.

Most people who have ever sketched natural objects have also met with pitying remonstrance from the severely practical, because they chose to represent the picturesque rather than the symmetrical. "What makes you draw a pictur' o' that tumbledown old shed ?" says the farmer. "Come an' draw my new two story house an' welcome !" In regard to Shakespeare's house at Stratford-en-Avon, an amusing story is told which illustrates the same standard of judgment.

An enthusiastic and erudite party of visitors had invaded a local public house, in search of "material for reverence." To them was pointed out the oldest inhabitant, as "the man what knews more about Shakespeare's house than any soul in Stratford." Interrogated and duly propitiated, the venerable sage thus gave utterance,-

"Think I do know more about that house than any o' you writing gents! Why, sir, it was me was the man the committee pitched on to repair it, years ago; an' you should ha' seen what a toombled-dune old barn it was afore I tooched it !"

The erudite ones made a rapid exit.

# Why She Pointed.

A school-teacher from "out West" tells the following laughable little incident: "On Christmas Day I was invited to dinner at the home of a farmer in the neighborhood. He had a large family of children, and I was not the only guest, several families in the

neighborhood having been invited. "Just before we went out to dinner, a ten-year old daughter of the family, a favorite pupil of mine, came into the room, and began silently counting the guests, pointing her finger at each person as she counted.

"As she stood near me, I thought to give her a little lesson in etiquette, and whisper-

" Don't point, Milly ; it is not polite.' "To my amusement and the chagrin of her mother, she instantly replied,-" Well, I guess ma told me, 'cause she's afraid there ain't mince pie enough to go

# Afraid of Woman.

pieces.' "

round, and she hopes nobody won't take two

A new word, coined by Oliver Wendell Holmes, has made its appearance, and though it is not pretty to look at, it suggests pleasing possibilities. "Gynephobia" is the word, and it means a constitutional horror of woman. At first sight this might appear to apply only to such inveterate old bachelors as Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Hill, but this horror of the sex is apparently confined to such females as are suspected of having matrimonial designs upon themselves. If there are, as Dr. Holmes declares, men who suffer torture in the mere presence of woman, why would it not be well to use them for the purpose of inoculating those of our young men who develop too great a fondness for the fair sex? As for their elders, it would be a luxury for them to be thrown into this horror, and then to have it gradually overcome by the blandishments of the beautiful. The inoculation idea is a fruitful one. - American Paper.

King Thebaw, of Burmah, is 26 years old. His chin is rather heavy and sensual looking, but otherwise he is a rather goodlooking man His complexion is fair, his forehead good, his mouth is firm and his eyes are clear and steady. He is tall and fairly well built.

# A BEW YEAR'S SURPRISE.

BY ANNIE L. JACK.

Christmas in Canada! It is a holy day, celebrated in many a church by early prayers and sincere dovotions, and in many a home by making it the children's day. And happy is that family where it is not all an enjoy ment of selfishness, where the children are taught that "the poor you have always with you," and whose thoughts turn to the relief of those whose circumstances are worse than their own. In the city, Christmas eve is a mixture of pain and pleasure to all but the sheltered little ones, who have no brighter past to look back upon. Smiling mammas remember their own lost youth, and the fathers are recalled from business to the fact that they are growing old. "Why, really, Christmas has come round again. they try on the new slippers the hands of love have been secretly working, and pay all the bills without a murmur. Then, if the snow falls thick and white on Christmas eve. and the morning finds all unsightly objects covered from sight, tin roofs glittering in the sunlight, and very brightly painted objects standing out in bold relief, it is a consumation that has been wished for, and the boy who has a pair of new snow-shoes is eager for a tramp, and the girl whose Santa Claus has given her skates must away to the rink-"For we must have an appetite for dinner," they say as a parting shot, as if that ever could fail in healthy youth on Christmas day, and the careless salute of "Merry Christmas" that falls so easily from our lips is given to every passer-by with whom the youthful athletes have the slightest acquaintance. "Merry Christmas!" We say it heartily in the morning among the dear ones we love, and echo it in the evening to any chance friend or neighbor. It is often careless, even insincere, yet we should miss it if the custom were suddenly dropped from our lives, for I doubt not it carries balm to many a weary heart. But if Christmas has it charms with what mingled sensations do we welcome the New Year, and how many and varied are the thoughts that fill our hearts? "A Happy New Year!" Rich and poor, young and old, deem that hearty wish a right to give to their fellow men and women, and as the years go by we feel that

"We all are changed-God judges for us best; God help us do our duty, and not shrink,

And trust in Heaven humbly for the rest.

worked with easel and brush. da of ours, and when the sunset sparkled on and I wondered at Hannah's extravagance; the bay, with a radiance no electric light but then it was New Year's night and she can imitate, it was a miracle of the New Year. | wished to make my home-coming cheerful, | dent. These four Hollanders, on the Happy little boys and girls coasted past qui- no doubt. Captain Swayne followed me to of April, 1688, signed and publisheds etly, their tuques of blue and red nodding | the threshold, but I would not ask him in. | test against slavery, which they found like flags of many colors, and here and there "Miss Lacy-Mary," he said, "you must isting in Eastern Pennsylvania, wherein a bright colored blanket costume enlivening | hear me to-night. You know I love you and | declared : "Ye Quakers do here hands

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ponder it in my heart, till that heart ceases Then the trustees had something to say about my faithfulness, and I thought how often I had been discontented, and had comforted myself thinking it would not be for long that I should spend my life teaching and guiding dull heads through practise. Had I been faithful in small things? I sat and listened, and made many New year's promises, while naught , curly-headed Dick Dancy came and sat beside me and put his mischievous hand in mine, and kept it quite still for two seconds, and then my favorite scholar, Rachel Avery, sang my favor-

I am sure you know all I could say. I shall

"Say, is thy lamp burning, my brother? I pray thee look quickly and see, For if it were burning, then surely Some beams would fall bright upon me."

Oh, New Year resolves, traced upon the fair pages of life's book, often in tears, and blotted out again too often in sin or careless forgetfulness. I thought of all I might have done, as that rich contralto voice thrilled through my very soul, and made resolve that I would make amends for my listless don as Turkish Ambassader, is a Gai apathy. Only one thing disturbed my peace | Christian. He became famous as the Green of mind. Captain Swayne was there watch- nor of the Lebanon for a number of man ing my every movement and his glances keeping the peace till displaced by a limit I wondered how long I had been sitting | made me shudder. For he had brought me | intrigue. in a a deep study this New Year's afternoon | news of Philip's marriage, when the dreadwhen all was quiet in my little home, and | ful silence came between us, and my lover I had too much time to think over the did not return from his trip across the sea, changes that had come into my life. One And when the good-nights were said, I beg- he looks every inch the artist, and possesses that had come into my life. One year ago I was Philip Nelson's promised ged of those who had invited me there, to wife, and there was father and brother Alf return with me, but they were over-awed pictures, to make life bright and happy for me-now | by his imperious manner, and left me to my father was gone. Alf had lately joined the fate, and he walked beside me, though there North-West expedition and left me alone were others near me. On the bay we hear on the little farm with only the old serving merry skaters, full of fun and merriment. man and his daughter Hannah, grim of vis. The moonlight shone out clear, and all age but soft of heart, to me, her old master's around the water edge were twinkling lamps only daughter. Friends I had few-but whose light, half hid, half revealed the hapthen I had my paint and brush, and had I py courles that moved about in gay winter not told Philip many times that I loved costume. There were sleighs, too, here and "art" best, and now I was to make this my there, with jingling bells that seemed to mistress through life, for I could never care | keep time to the hearts of the happy occufor any one else new that Philip was gone | pants. I had scarcely answered any of his So all the spare time from my teaching I pleasant remarks, till we reached the gate when, almost abruptly, I wished him good-How beautiful is the winter in this Cana night. There was an extra lamp burning,

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Hannah came in to make up the fire. "You not," I answered, decisively a

was "golden." CHATEAUGUAY BASIN, QUE,

PEOPLE.

John Guraey, Mayor-elect of North England, is blind, Edwin Booth has never seen any on the Hamlet since, as a mere boy, he was

Emperor William will celebrate the ty-fifty anniversary of his elevation is a russian throne on the 3d of January,

The semi-centennial of Queen Victoria accession to the throne will occur Juni 1887, and it is understood to be the Quant pleasure that the event shall be colors by a general jubilee throughout her don

Reuben R. Thrall, of Rutland Ve probably the oldest practicing lawyer is world. He recently celebrated his birthday, and has several cases now a s docket. Mr. Thrall is old enough to be

Rustein Pasha, who is assigned to la

James H. Beard, the artist and human is a large gentleman, well-proportioned iron-gray curls which fall to his should a fund of humor which shows itself and

Dio Lewis says that wearing large the neavy boots and blue hand-knit stoliwill improve a woman's complexion. It can be no doubt that they would ken a sun from her face ; but, gracious! hor a would look !

Miss Cordelia S. Waterman, who did Bridgeport, a few days since, was worth. 000,000 in her own right, and control property to the value of \$5,000,000, m chiefly in California. She left no des heirs and the property goes to a some more of nephews and nieces.

Gerrit Hendricks, a Datch Mennik who came here with three others is like was a direct ancestor of the late Vie he the scene. Then the twilight deepened, and have wanted you to be my wife." "I can- like they handle ye cattle."

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A few minutes later, therefore, A what was let out through the little, whed, oddly painted door that was asoned all over with texts from the oran, and having handsomely remune the buffon, he lost no time in haste rough the orange grove and rejoi "You have been long gone. May at time have been worth the outlay." Such was Toulba's greeting and Ar The time has been well spent, for w

r I do I shall do under the canction therity of His Majesty, the Sultan, preme ruler of Islam.

WHICH THE HELL BROTH BEGINS TO AND LIFT THE CAULDRON LID.

readily believe it. did believe it, however, for he l

ob blow and its consequent writhe a seemed to add to her fury indeed, a the lovely Circassian endeavored to use her hands as a shield, two Tur

in the Career

eirs sprang forward and seizing her white twisted them behind her ba held them there so that she was pow to protect herself in any way. of until the lovely sufferer's shrieks so loud that there was danger of the ding beyond the confines of the hard the Valide Khanoum desist. hen she laughed and drew her slipp her foot again, with the remark : That will teach thee not to play tric thy lord and master's chief wife and t

d of the harem, my white swan of a And beware how thou provokest in for though a Valide Khanoum may i a slave with anything that is i ad and flat and thin, so that the man entirely fade out within a few hou the most she can have her well ni ded to death, which, of the two punints, is far worse than that which th

Circacsian made no reply, for sobbing at the sight of her violat liness, and, indeed, it was enough angels weep. But the other gin of whom were almost as beautiful walk laughed instead as Zobeide walk with downcast face in their midst, I yellow hair now almost shrouding

nother minute and the again noisy a ghing procession passed away from vi ough the opposite door, and the ro once more clear for the disguised pash ne might feel inclined to blame him

having interposed in the Circass l's behalf, but how would he have do without the danger of betraying his se ich if discovered would by Mohammed have made him subject to the penal death, and Elmar, the buffoon as de and conductor likewise, indeed in bability an entire batch of the love rem slaves would have been sent to ha or in the galleys on the mere suspici t his surreptitious visit had been to o he other of them, for a good excuse eding a harem and so making room h favorites is often eagerly seized up Eastern potentates, who now do to make use of the famous old fashi method of the sack and the bowstring. He had therefore bitten his lips and d nails into the palms of his hands er to restrain himself, and during ole while of the lovely Circassia nishment the thought had been upperm nis mind that as the Valide Khaueum Khedive's harem was persecuting t or girl, so would the Princess Zeenah e to persecute and torture Nellie Trez

ter his slave. True, the soul of a harem lady's slip not more than the sixteenth part of h in thickness, and though a blow the will sting and burn like fire for a onds, it can make no mark even on bet delicate akin that will last for an ho two ; but the mere shame and indign such a punishment would be felt, and alm re to kill a highly educated and sensit propean girl; and then there were of rem punishments, he had been to hich left no mark whatever on their s, such as being held under water in the until almost suffocated, or tick the Valide Khanoum had just hinted til brought to almost the verge of ins indeed, he had heard of unfortun rls being tickled to death by rivals v ere jealous of their superior favor w eir common lord and master, such a m

en he had accomplished his terrible v

made the former his head wife and

ll of feathers or the pressing of a cush His mind, occupied with such pair oughts and fearful anticipations as th followed Elmar the buffon in sile der the great cloth of gold curtain, ch side of which a gigantic eunuch st guard, naked scimetar in hand, and them on this occasion asked the je ho he companion was.

sometimes taking hours in the per

tion, and the victing cries being mut

not entirely still Ly stuffing her mo

But Elmar was quite ready with a re She is a medicine woman and a sor "said she, in an awed kind of whis she suffered the war minster to pass d these imposters being a common cla stants to harems, the eunuch merely eved that she had almost the walk and leoked another way, for he ard that medicine women and sorcers possessed the evil eye, and he ha tic should fall upon him.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Fer a minute or more after Arabi oken the two pashas continued to recharge in silence.
The news was almost too good for To

" Bis well," said Toulba, "and it m