VINDICATED.

Napoleon said that providence was on the side of the strongest battalions, while Jefferson contended that one person in the right constitutes a majority. Some people, and pretty good folks too, contend that we have told incredible yarns about a Green Mountain state down east. This matter so preyed on the susceptible mind of W. H. Dow, the door, sash and lumber man of Waukegan, that he took his grip and went down there to see for himself, and sample their maple sugar, mince pies, doughnuts and "biled" cider apple sauce, as well. Here is what he writes back to the Waukegan Gazette-Register.

"There is in the town of Bolton, Vt., a farmer who has a large dairy. Among his cows was one that yielded up to the dairymaid's gentle pressure a large measure of milk every night, but in the morning she was so dry that a blind kitten couldn't have made a meal from what milk she gave.

"The farmer at last decided that some thief was milking the cow, and accordingly lay in wait with a shotgun, but to no purpose. At last one morning, after a light snow, the farmer bethought himself of the idea of tracking the thief, and accordingly he was up betimes. But as he reached the paddock where the cows were kept over night, he made a discovery that rendered any thief chase unnecessary, for there stood the old cow, contentedly chewing her cud, while a wise pig, which knew a good thing when it saw one, was busily helping himself to her milk supply.

"Without disturbing the combination, the farmer called his son, who, with his kodak, took the picture that can be seen in Ingalls' show window."

Mr. Dow adds in a postscript to his letter that "Judge Hibbard is right about that being a great country, where strange things sometimes happen."

Lots of people have seen the wonderful picture in Ingalls' window and are greatly amused thereat.

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