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at he could to put a stop to netic expression. Then Miss

continued: an away to go on the stage, er would never forgive me, oecame famous or not, and s keeps his word. And, oh, like to see mother when I

ar to her!" mind, dearest," said Evans. to take the place of parents

and to you. And now we're a awful stage wait." t over for a final kiss, and

removed the makeup she suclso in hiding almost every her recent grief. It was a oung woman whom he finally he head of the great table. he decided, as he glanced cheerful face to another, he nounce their engagement at of the dinner, and the company ink their health, and it would ch a bad climax.

in were the plans of Manager t at naught. With the salad me an urgent' summons from office. Evans rose with muthat did not portend happily ender of the message.

e came back, however, the exon his face had undergone He was smiling in a nervous No one noticed two figures opped in the shadow of the

and gentlemen," said Evans ely. "it gives me pleasure to/ two unexpected but most well sts to this board, the father per of our leading lady, Mr. Ransom."

h cry that would have brought. to her feet could Ella Rahgiven it on the stage, and too, was in the wings with er's arms about her.

order had been restored and had progressed to the coffee, ansom rose and unflinchingly merry crew.

much at speech making, but say right now that I've made My forefathers were of old tock, and I can't get over the the stage is a bad place, but here's other business in this t's worse. Anyhow it's no a father to turn against his I've lost five good years up this ill feeling toward want to thank you for the you've treated her when she's comfort of a mother and if you're round this neighext Thanskgiving come out m nd have dinner with us. a master hand at making ress that's about all."

e laughter and handelapping lowed this speech had subnager Eyans took the floor. ords not half so eloquent as hearsed in private, but softthe happy family reunion, need his engagement to Miss While the members of the had been making some pretty lesses on the subject, they erly surprised and congratnd before Deacon Ransom ret had happened he was standthe rest drinking champagne alth of his daughter and his

to be. he great day was over and Evans had tucked the robes eacon and Mrs. Ransom for eward ride and he had taken s from Ella's happy lips, he

to himself: he stage business worked out ferent from the way I had but the climax and the re not half bad after all."

had to be heated for some d she was compelled to buy e for the purpose. Occasionats would get out and eat all rubbery in the vicinity of the the owners of the shrubbery ne around demanding damthe distressed mother from ty. Finally the goats got out ble and could not be found. doctor said the baby must services of a wet nurse. In et a satisfactory wet nurse it sary for the wet nurse to own baby to the hotel. And arse's baby, the Kansas City id, was the very worst baby lived; it cried night and day. bed all the people in the horuests demanded its banishthe Kansas City woman ottage. Then the wet nurse pid fever, and the doctor said must be found. Eight men vent out to look for the goats them, but the old nanny was the nurse brought from ty fell and broke her leg. The neluded it was time to start and was returning home t her. Louis, the baby, seemetting along all right, and as t him couldn't help thinking he grew up he wouldn't ap-I that had been done for would marry against his

ackson, whose possessions at \$30,000, is the richest Ine Klamath reservation. Ev-15 years he has sent to marto \$7,000 worth of cattle.

wishes.

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Correspondence Solicited.

If you want a good pumpkin pie the pumpkin needs to be boiled down.

A crop of corn seems to be always the best crop with which to follow a crop of flax.

The value of any sort of new bug may be determined by finding out what other sort of bug he wants for food.

short crop of apples the country over, bred cow than three scrubs at \$33 only 23,000,000 barrels against 48,000- each. It would take a little | nger to 000 barrels a year ago.

Wanted.-Some new bug to kill off to success. the box elder bug which has become an unmitigated nuisance wherever box elder trees are grown.

an immense lot of corn after all.

bugs, and he will eat one for sauce treated. while feasting on the early green peas. If you want a handsome cherry tree,

experience. When the house cat takes up the business of catching chickens, the sooner she is killed the better, for you can never break her of the habit when once

acquired. The government can far better afford the fertile arid lands than to spend pared with apple trees on the same it pulling snags out of unnavigable

streams.

California wines, like Chicago dressed beef, are winning their way in the markets of Europe, where alone it was not long since thought good wines could only be produced.

all through a country where it is entire- husking time comes? Wellia patient ly possible to raise 300 bushels of them investigator counted the barren stalks on one acre of land. There is a cog in such a field and found a per cent. loose here somewhere.

cats to catch the rats around the barns, have long believed that cor is usually and granaries they must have a daily planted too thick to obtain he best reration of raw milk. The rats and the sults and propose to carry but a caremilk make a balanced ration.

The new president, from his thorough | three. knowledge of the conditions of the semiarid west, may reasonably be ex- . A very sensible and economical methpected to cordially favor any move to od of fish distribution is being used by reclaim these unproductive lands by the state fish commission of lowa and a system of irrigation.

and well fatted steer of the standard issippi river form ideal spawning children of the farm family be given beef breeds and that of an equally grounds for bass, pike an croppies, lambs as pets. We think that this is well fatted scrub steer which the eaters and as the waters recede in dsummer bad advice. Children should never be of beef are willing to pay for.

any machine which man ever made. by the million. They are sen trans- other poultry, pigs and quite often to For this reason all such soils should be ported in specially constructed fish cars cats. A heifer calf may be kept as a plowed in the fall of the year, and the to any point on the lines a railway. earlier the better.

Persons who wish to stock lakes, let the cary tribe alone, for we have mer, in a general way, taken out to never heard of or known a case where these fish have been introduced that they did not end in disappointment.

In a general way we have just two tests to apply to farm lands north and grow? For the south. Will alfalfa on a farm, but he is absolu south. For the north. Will clover grow? If not, such lands would have to be offered very cheap to get us to invest in them.

Tile draining removes any excess of moisture in a wet time from the land If all the young stock was a product and conserves the moisture in the scil in a dry time. This seems like a paradoxical statement, yet it is nevertheless true, as any one may note on a field so drained.

The butchering of a pig in a Missouri community on a Sunday, because of the blundering manner in which the job was done and the great noise made by the pig. set in operation the provisions of a Sunday law and resulted in the pig killer's arrest.

In operating a stock ranch in Texas from fifteen to twenty-five acres of pasture are required for each head of stock. An acre of Wisconsin or Minnesota clover or the same amount of Iowa or Missouri blue grass will keep the same animal in better condition.

There is an authenticated record of a chestnut tree cut down in the state of Ohio in the year 1847 from which were made 11.000 fence rails, 17,000 shingles and 27 cords of wwod. There ought to be pretty good collaterals back of a story of this size, especially as it was a chestnut tree.

We never knew any craze to subside more quietly and completely than the late Belgian hare craze. The enthusiasts who put \$250 into a pedigreed rufus brown Belgian buck hare a year

for hare meat at 25 cents a po nd? demics would be largely removed.

There seems to be a chance of saving portion of the forests of California wood annually and are here ter to wood.

The weather prophets are now being heard from as to the sort c winter weather in store. Just pay tion to their predictions, for there is no one who knows anything a out the weather ten days ahead. Jus fix up everything snug and warm and get in shipshape for a hard winter; then, if we should have a mild one, there's no harm done. North of la dude 42 it is safe to expect a snug will er as a general thing.

The year 1901 shows up with a very have \$100 invested in one thoroughget started, perhaps, but win once started it would be on the ri at road

We have mentioned it byore and will do it again-if a sur certain plant it on rich ground, but if you want stand of clover or alfalfa is wanted it cherries put it on the poorest ground must be sown without a nurse crop. you have. We have found this out by If a wet nurse did for the infant intrusted to her care what the socalled nurse crop usually does for the clover crop, she would have nothing to show when fall comes but a little starved, skinny piece of humanity, which should be a nice, fat baby.

> Apple orchards in Nebrassa seeded down with alfalfa show a markable turift, vigor and productive ess comsoil and under the same le al condisame good work.

that an average of three stakes of corn Do not forget that if you want the in a hill is too many by one hird. We ful test the coming season to see two in a hill are not neares right than

> also by the United States fill commissioner in supplying the river and lakes tically inexhaustible.

We noted a pretty level les ed farhis farm to place at the read of his herd of brood sows a little eighty pound boar pig, when noth no is more certain about the probable of hog cholera than this thing from immature parents. The med boar is not a pleasant animal to indisv pigs are expected. The Poland of hog of the standard type of the con should under no circumstances be emitted to reproduce its kind util ther that sire and dam, are at least one for lear old.

or so ago are keeping very quie. By of parents three years old and over, the way, was there ever any emand the provoking cause of hog cholera epi-

There is a territory embraced in the central parts of the states of Kansas be supplied with fuel oil in ace of and Nebraska as large in area as one good state for which alfalfa is to become the modern redeemer, converting lands of uncertain productiveness into the garden spot of the continent. For that region and for the people who live there, are but one text and one sermon which needs preaching, and that is that alfalfa-the one plant which defies the drought and hot winds-does its own irrigating by making every root a subterranean pump, which always gives to the soil more than it takes. We do not often feel like advising as to locat ra and land investments, but will say that if we were in search of a location today we would look up these If we were a young man just starting semiarid cheap lands in the states menin the stock business, either gairying tioned, where alfal'a will grow, for the or beef production, we would rather cheapest milk, beef and pork in America can be there produced.

Eighty Acres Make \$800.

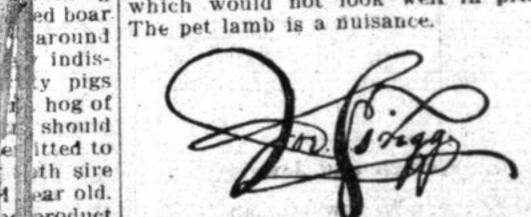
The average gross return from an eighty acre farm in the central west will not vary very far from \$10 per the editor; wishing to draw a few ideas A recent invention which mi kes pos- acre, take one year with another, outsible the utilization of the st aw pro- side of what may be consumed in the duced on the treeless plain of the living of the family of the farm pro-The corn crop of the state of Iowa northwest as a fuel for domestic use ducts. Of course there should be a hear the big base drum a poundin' uv "If Id a thought that, I might uv foots up, according to the crop report- is attracting some attention. The pro- much greater return than this; but, him inter the earth, 'cause he'll be a passed a few 'cuffs' round among 'em, ing officials, about 225,570,000 bushels— cess involves the boiling and macera- as a matter of fact, there is not. Now it dead one fer sure. Why, even the If there's eny one thing that would tion of the straw and the press ng of the is entirely possible to make this \$800 harness makers have got bits made fer make the corners uv my mouth drop product into suitable shape for use, off forty acres instead of eighty, and horses, what'll make 'em turn up the it would be ter see sum durn galoots a The grosbeak is the only bird which this straw fuel having, it is claimed, as farm land creeps up toward a value corners uv their mouths, an' when they laughing at my misfortune. The grospeak is the only bird which are equal value with wood when so of \$100 per acre, the how to do this do that they fergit ter balk, or kick. And he went down the street with a In a general way we may say that a ter be purty durn grumpy myself ontil the 'corners' turned up. radical change in existing methods will I read in the papers 'bout what an inbe involved-better cultivation of crops, fluence the corners uv a feller's mouth better seed, better grades of all farm have on him an' so I got ter tryin' uv stock, intelligent rotation of crops, more | it, an' I want ter tell yer, we've got a clover, more poultry and better care for purty happy farm home out at our it, while the silo will have a place, place 'cause we've all got the fad out and fertilizers will be used instead of there, even the horses, cows, chickens, being wasted, as is now so often done. an' the dog, he's bin a tryin uv it, an' The bane of agriculture all through the it's a spilin' him 'cause sense he's bin west is that a man rates his success as a farmer more by the number of acres which he can skin over rather than by the quality of crops which he can produce from an acre of land.

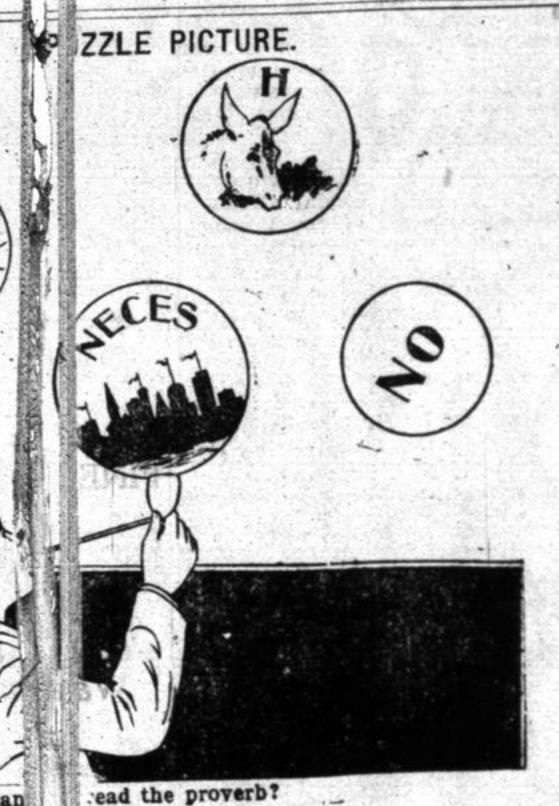
What Two Plug Hired Men Did.

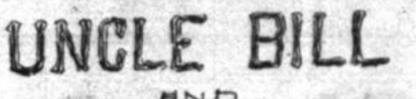
Here is the record made by two tions simply cultivated and sept clean. brothers-hired men and foreigners-The alfafa fertilizers, subbils and during the past six years: They dropshades and cools the earth sound the ped down in America ignorant of the trees. Where alfalfa will hot grow English language and without money, clover comes the nearest to loing the They were healthy, husky and industrious and at once found places as hired men on western farms. They worked When an average of this kernels three years and saved every cent of of corn is dropped in each hill, how their wages possible. And at the end Onions are selling at 50 cents a peck many barren stalks will the be when of three years they had a cash capital between them of \$1,000. They then went up into central and western Minnesota and bought 320 acres of land sterile, which would seem indicate on easy terms and at a low price compared with its value today. They have been favored with good health and good crops and today are well fixed, discounting the future payments due on their drawin' up the corners uv his mouth land and with a well improved farm it has made him so durn good natured if and a lot of valuable stock as visible that he can't growl, even at a tramp," assets. These men were not highly ed- said Uncle Bill. ucated-just common plug hands at "Do you really think that by curling found in almost any western commun- asked the editor.

Pets for Children.

the quality of the meat of a well bred young fish. The bayous of the Miss- al paper advises that all the younger up an' couldn't even growl. Wall, uv A writer for a prominent agriculturthese young fish are left effrely pro- given as pets any animal which in the tected from their natural elemies, the natural course of things must sooner or Frost as a pulverizer of tough and re- larger fish. In the fall the bayous later he taken away, sold and killed. fractory soils can do better work than are seined an dthe young fin secured This applies to sheep, to chickens and Then, if the pet sheep is of the male sex, it will inside of six months develop into the biggest nuisance about the farm, for all the boys and every hired man will put in their spare time teaching it how to bunt, and some fine morning in early winter the godly head of the house will have the underpinning knocked out from under him as he goes to the barn, and there are things said which would not look well in print.









CCORDIN' ter what has bin goin' the rounds in the papers, all a feller has ter do ter keep away the blues an' be good natured all the time, is ter draw the corners uv his mouth up so fashioned," said Uncle Bill as he puckered up his mouth as though an eyelet hole had been cut in each corner and a string run up over each ear.

"What has curling up the corners of one's mouth got to do about it," asked

from him.

"Why, when a new fad starts a feller. has ter git in line, or else expect ter your misfortune," ventured the editor,



"We've All Got It."

the start. This is not an exceptional up the corners of one's mouth will case at all. Its counterpart may be keep one from having the blues," again

"Uv course it does," replied Uncle Bill." Jest ter show you, the other day a tramp cum inter our yard an' the dog had the corners uv his mouth turned corners uv his mouth, an' when he asked Helen fer a bite ter eat with a smile on his face, she couldn't refuse him 'cause she had the corner uv her mouth up too, an' when he cum down an' tackled me, I give him a quarter. Now, yer kin see if the dog had bin cross, in all probability we all uv us would uv bin, but as it was, we was all uv us

"Yes," suggested the editor. "But it cost you a quarter besides what your

wife fed the tramp."

"Wall, what if it did cost a leetle money, that's what the people uv this world is lookin' after, is happiness, an' all it cost was a quarter an' sum scraps uv sumthin' ter eat; now if the dog hadn't uv had the corners uv his mouth turned up, that 'ere tramp' might uv asked fer pie, but as it was he was satisfied, an' so was every one else. Oh, the argument is all in favor uv turnin' up the corners uv yer mouth. Now, there's Helen, it's a doin' her a power uv good. Why, when I wanted sumthin' done, she would most always oppose me in it an' sort uv argufy with me, but since she's got fer drawin' up the corners uv. her mouth, it's different; if I want a button or patch sewed on, she sever opposes me; she jest lets me keep on wantin'. I'm remarked Uncle Bill.

manity, said the editor, who was be- thing unless he sees it and knows it to coming half convinced that the scheme be true,"

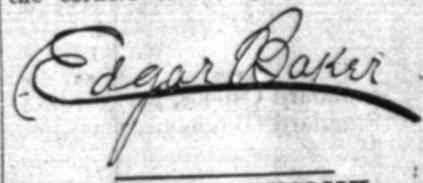
"But I near lost faith in it last week Ellerbrook of No. 320 East Eightywhen I was in the city."

Wall, yer see I lost my wallet an' I hear with a stone. She admitted that couldn't quite git the corners uv my she hadn't seen the boy throw the stone. mouth up right, on account uv it, so I but was so sure he had done so that went up ter a policeman an' said, 'Mr. she was ready to swear to it, "because Officer, I've lost sumthin', an' he look people had told her." ed at me fer a minit an' then spit "But you'didn't see it," exclaimed Mr. through his teeth an' said, 'Ah gwan, Mott, "You don't know that this boy what-cher givin' us? Yer on de wrong did it." car, pull de hell an' let yerself off, see. "Oh, but I'm sure of it." she said. Wall, gee whizz, what do yer think uv | Then he gave his opinion concerning that? I went out ter the middle uv the woman's alacrity to swear, and advised street ter look fer my wallet, when a the school teacher to bring her papil trolley car cum along an' give me a to court and have him swear out the boost up in the world, an' when I cum warrant. Miss Ellerbrook left the court down I landed hard enough ter make room with a look on her face that said me 'polergise ter myself fer bein' so plainly that she didn't agree with Mr. gosh durn careless. My mouth got sort Mott as to woman's credibility.

uv squee gee'd then tryin' ter git the corners up, but finally when I did, everybody on the street was good natured, 'cause they had the corners uv their

mouths turned up too." "They were probably laughing at





TALKERS OF ENGLISH.

Irishmen Speak It Better Than the English Themselves.

London Academy: It is no new suggestion that Irishmen talk better English than the English. Dean Swift wrote to Pope expressing his regret at some slighting remark of the latter's concerning the Irish: "The English colonies, who are three parts in four, are much more civilized than many counties in England, and speak better English, and are much better bred." It will. be remembered that the Dean was an Englishman, and would thank everyone to remember it. It is possible here to give only a few illustrations of the survival of old words and prounciations in Ireland. The many-headed multitude who are "agin the goverment" use the old proposition which they learned before it was modernized into "against." The word survives, of course, in many rural districts of England where there is little reading of books. Ireland keeps to the old fashions because the peasants are illiterate beyond English comprehension. The peculiarity of pronunciation which most strikes the tourist is the broad sound given to such words as "please, sea, beast, complete." Waller, Dryden, and Pope habitually pronounced them as "plaze' say, baste, complate," as all students of 17th and 18th contury poetry have noticed. Dryden, for example, "Neptune, yet doubtful whom he

should obey. Held to them both the trident of the

Pope pronounced "tea" in the same manner as a Tipperary peasant does. One example, referring to "great Anna," is well known; here is another: "Soft yielding minds to water glide

And sip with nymphs, the elemental

So in Munster the country folk talk

of the "lay," meaning "lea"-that pretty word which Englishmen have abangoned to the poers. It was the influence of French that made our ancestors pronounce "complate" and "thame," and the influence still holds good over here. Listen to Pope again: "Here swells the shelf with Olgilby the

There, stamped with arms, Newcastle

shines complete. English with characteristic inconstancy has kept the broad sound in

LEGAL OATHS BY WOMEN.

A Magistrate's Opinion as to What They Are Ready to Swear to.

New York Press: "There's this difclothespins an' ten-penny nails, but I ference between a woman and a man: feel all right bout it as long as I keep When a woman thinks or believes a the corners uv my mouth curled up," thing to be so she is ready to swear to "It certainly must be a boon to hu- it, while a man doesn't swear to a

for driving away the blues was worth Thus did Magistrate Mott draw the dividing line of the sexes in the West "Course 't is," replied Uncle Bill, Side court yesterday, Miss Marie Seventh street; a school teacher, had "How was that?" inquired the edi- asked him for a warrant for a bad boy who had struck one of her pupils on the