

Albert went there was no



and tried to it was plugg-

of the key- of the officer.

en he took out just the blade and peeped in.

in there. Mr. see a man's ng out of that e you. We'd

and he, too. Frye's office ight," he said. is something to the officer. officer of the charge of this sion to open of public safe-

the officer threw or, and it gav* escaped him. s chair, with ng at the cell- and eyes wide ng with gas, a window. In two stopcocks ned them off. e hall. When he in again all officer laid his

hope on Frye's rry. He quiet- and joined with the room. of suicide," ob- locked, key- window shut open; safe und here's a till

in the name of door and noti- e Terry and he drew the n Frye's desk led it to Uncle d to you," he est to bring it

ened it he ex- "ernal jumpin' the hull o' the an' a letter to you read it, wussen crow

Stockholm; and efficient to the estate in the person of a with one sidas on Southport he Terry Terry. he was saved Terry and by up. A report ng of one life the time by this he in Wash- way on a long er over to you and subscribe

OLAS FRYE. and reading the Uncle Terry's ke those valu- leave me the to the rest?" my guest as Boston.

Uncle Terry ert handed him ng a silk dress a wooden one e artist's these things," rris for those e them are the ches I made at I want you at for me."

er package she herself, one with her face the other sitting boat with a

XXII. h Frank wrote after his re- he said: "My in fact, all my much more of out fitting my- Father says he me, and that for he is and best friend. Of rld of Blanch, I am the best Little do any of you for whom I s with the hope e worthy of the es I recall every ert hour on the

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Attention was recently called to the fact that out of some 100 to 200 samples of water from farm wells analysed annually by Prof. Shutt, Chemist of the Dominion Experimental Farms, not one-fifth are found safe and wholesome. By far the greater number have to be utterly condemned, and it seems very evident that a great improvement in our water supplies is necessary. This dangerous condition of many farm wells is undoubtedly due to pollution by unsanitary closets. There is no reason why we should have our farm-houses to-day in the semi-barbaric condition in which so many of them are, with their closets and privies a menace to public health. We may talk about bacteriology, sanitation, and so on, but all that and a great deal more is included in what we understand by "cleanliness." The lack of cleanliness is primarily a matter of ignorance, and secondarily a matter of laziness.

An Ontario editor, who is a member of the board of health in his town and familiar with sanitary conditions in his section, says in effect:—Perhaps the farmers of this district are worse than elsewhere, but of all the farms I have visited the past few years, I have yet to learn of one closet kept with a regard to common decency not to speak of hygienic laws. This state of affairs is utterly inexcusable. In the towns the closets are inspected by order of the boards of health, and the people are gradually being persuaded to adopt the dry earth system. Very few pits are left and no new ones are being dug. Inspection by county and township boards of health may be impracticable but the self respect of farmers and their families ought to mean something in this respect, if regard for health means nothing.

Ordinary shallow wells in the vicinity of the old-fashioned privy pits are almost certain to become contaminated by seepage. The soil is an excellent filtering and cleansing agent, oxidizing organic matter rapidly, and tending to check the development of many of the common putrefactive bacteria. But the soil is only able to dispose a certain amount of contaminating material, and such disposal takes time, so that by heavy rains the contaminating matter may be carried far into the earth below the true purifying layer, and thus soak unchanged into the wells. An old pit which has been closed and covered with earth is almost equally dangerous, as the decomposition of the large mass of excreta contained therein is a matter of years, unless hastened by the proximity of trees whose roots reach the pit. The contents should be removed and spread upon a field, and the pit left open long enough to permit the decomposition of any organic matter remaining.

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