

FORELOCK OF TIME.

Farmer Knew Beans and Had a Gravestone Handy.

The farmer who overtook me on the way and offered me a lift in his car had a gravestone lying on the ground in the bottom, and after a little around to express my sorrow that I had invaded his family circle.

No, not that. It's for my family enough—but none of 'em needs a yet. Can't you see the reading?

And looking more closely I saw that it was "Sacred to the memory of who died on the 13th of August, 1897."

That's rather curious," I said, as I turned to the smiling and complacent farmer.

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On a comparison of the conditions with those regulating the same question in other European armies, it may be noted that in the Austro-Hungarian army the number of officers authorized to contract marriages is limited by a fixed proportion assigned to each grade, and, these being reached, all further marriages must be deferred pending the occurrence of vacancies in the marriage establishments.

A hundred parts of sharp vinegar, parts sulphuric ether, and ten parts aqua ammonia, kill microbes, do not people. Apply it to the lips with a wash-rag.—Chicago Item.

We cannot understand why so many people tell us stories about folks who care nothing whatever about.—Washington Democrat.

RUSE OF A WILY TAILOR.

How He Ascertained a Customer's Financial Condition.

A funny incident, says a Hamburg correspondent, which has just taken place in Altona, and seems destined to be passing history in after effects, judicial and social, is now attracting considerable attention in Hamburg and all over North Germany.

The advertisement provoked a large number of replies. Among others there was a young pushing merchant, Mr. H., who thought that a wealthy helpmate would prove as profitable an investment as could well be found in these hard times of 23 per cent. So he, too, answered the advertisement, in a manner at once sentimental and businesslike.

The facts he narrated were true. He really was on the point of entering into partnership with a wealthy merchant, and a few days after he had dispatched the fateful letter he went before the court in order to have the partnership registered.

He naturally asked the reason why, but for a time his curiosity was left unsatisfied. He insisted, however, so energetically and perseveringly that at last his would-be partner informed him that he knew exactly his commercial position, and, among other things, had heard of his debts, which amounted to 2,000 marks.

AN INTELLIGENT HORSE.

Played the Part of Flagman to a Large Caravan.

"On Sunday," says the Parsons (Kan.) Eclipse, "a mover in a prairie schooner passed through this city, going west. He had a small drove of mules and several horses, all loose, following the wagon, and among them was a beautiful sorrel horse, with bridle and saddle on, but no rider. People on the streets noticed that the sorrel seemed to be overseeing the herd, and would round them up occasionally. As the caravan reached Central avenue, the sorrel ran ahead and stood in the middle of the street, looking up and down, as if watching for danger. After satisfying himself that the way was clear he rounded up the herd and the caravan started again. Having reached the 'Katy' crossing, the animal again went ahead and, standing in the center of the tracks, looked intently each way. When the herd had partially crossed the track he suddenly pricked up his ears and, hurrying to the rear, he rushed the herd across on the run. A train was coming from the south and passed shortly after he had got safely over. He hurried to the next track, which branches off several rods from the main line, and seeing a train coming from the opposite direction, rounded up his herd and waited until it passed. It was a most remarkable performance, witnessed by a large number of people on the streets. The horse was evidently a high-bred animal, built like a racer, with small ears and very intelligent head. During all this time the mover did not get out of his wagon, but left the management of the whole matter to the horse."

A Prehistoric House.

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TYPEWRITER GIRL.

Taken in by a New Sort of Confidence Game.

"Have you heard about the latest swindle perpetrated on us poor, persecuted typewriter girls?" said a pretty little black-eyed woman, who presides over a public desk in the corridor of one of the large office buildings on Fourth street.

A few days ago a messenger boy from one of the regular offices came to her place of business with a large bulging envelope. "A gentleman at the Southern hotel gave me that," said he, "and he wants an answer."

The girl opened the envelope, which contained what she supposed to be a valuable manuscript of a scientific nature. "For the Scientific American," the superscription read in the corner at the top of the first page. The manuscript was accompanied by a letter addressed to the young woman, saying that the writer wanted the manuscript typewritten, and if she felt herself equal to doing the work nicely and neatly to consider herself commissioned to do it.

"But I require a deposit of five dollars to be remitted by the messenger carrying the manuscript, as evidence of good faith on your part that you will take good care of a document that is very valuable to me."

The letter was written on the stationery of the Southern hotel. With the name of the writer the girl was not familiar. As the work would amount to at least eight dollars, the girl sent the required deposit by the messenger, addressing a note to the gentleman in which she informed him that she might call for his manuscript the next day at noon.

The appointed time came, but no one who inquired for the precious manuscript. The girl waited several days without any better luck. Finally it dawned upon her that she had been swindled out of a five dollar bill. She went to the messenger office and learned that the boy who had brought the manuscript to her had been engaged by a well-dressed man at the Southern, who waited for him in the corridor and took from him the envelope with the money. The desk man had the ticket signed by the swindler, who gave his name as "John Burbank."

The alleged John Burbank, which never called for his literary work, which is worthless, being a copy of a scientific article that appeared in one of the recent magazines.

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COMPTOIR D'ÉCHANGES (CLEARING-HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Juigné cette semaine \$2,674,548 00 \$314,327 00

MARCHÉ MONÉTAIRE.

MONNAIES.

OR.

ARGENT.

MARKS.

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ACTIENS.

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MARCHÉ DE LA NILE-ORLEANS.

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