A Problem Solved

S OMEONE asked me the other day Mrs. J. McIntyre, Welland Co., Ont. 5 if I ever became indignant. I guess they must have been what the boys would call "jollying me,"

the boys would call "jollying me," because I get vexed pretty frequently. At the present moment I feel so dis-grantled that it wouldn't take much

boys in the family did away with any dependence on hired help, and I often think now that we didn't appreciate

our good fortune nearly as much as we should have done.

After I was married, my troubles

began as far as hired men were con-

cerned. For the first year, John hired men by the day, but this was a source

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of much worry, as oftentimes when

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A Blessing to the Farm Woman A Biessing to use Farm woman is the tenant house for the married hired man. It relieves her of much with work, and from the man's standpoint, too, being, and from the farm of W. W. Ballantyne, ef is on the farm of W. W. Ballantyne, - Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

the man was needed most, it was im-nossible to secure one. We came to possible to secure one. We came to the conclusion that the only thing to was to hire a man the year round,

One of my greatest grievances in having a hired man around, day in and day out, is that it breaks into the family life most seriously. We miss our chats around the dining table, as we used to find this a splendid time to discuss many topics of interest to the family, but which can-not be mentioned before a stranger. As a result, it is difficult to keep the conversation going, and if we are not on the alert, the hired man will do his best to monopolize the whole time in talking about something that is of interest to no one but himself

When company comes, either for tea or to spend the evenimalf of the pleasure is taken away from their visit because the hired man is right visit occause the nired man is right on the spot, and it seems impossible to throw off a certain restraint while he is around. Some people say that if you take a hired man into your home and treat him as one of the family, you will never have any difficulty in securing a good man. It has been our experience, however, that if we began treating our hired man as one of the family, they would, almost without exception, forget their place and make themselves unbearable.

I might go on enumerating my grievances ad infinitum, but I will re-strain myself, and instead, endeavor to point out the silver lining to this to point out the silver limits to this cloud. This timg next year, we hope to have come to the point where the hired man question will be less of a problem, if a problem at all. We

have decided to build a neat little cottage right on the farm, and in close proximity to our own buildings. Then we will be in a position to hire a married man, which we believe will be much more satisfactory. be much more satisfactory. In all probability such a mar will take more of an interest in his work on account of home ties, and he, as well as us, will appreciate the pleasure of having a home of his own. At least, we are expecting a decided improvement in conditions when our cutteres inclusions conditions when our cottage is ready to occupy next fall.

FARM AND DAIRY

When to Lock the Stable (Continued from last week)

smalled that it wouldn't take much is make me wash my hands of farm is on dhie me off toy hands of farm is on dhie me off toy the city, where I may as well "fees up" at once the cause of my distrubed farm out mind. It is nothing more ourse han our hired man. When I wass young girl, we never had hired men ground the place — at least, not as log as I can remember. Two sturdy was in the family did away with any WHEN anything goes wrong with When anything goes wrong the one of us we are all brothers. We have our little differences and squabble a bit now and then, but

right here in Curryville. "Now another danger has come up. The man with the tall hat has come back and is planning a railroad back back and is planning a fautoau through Curryville. From the head-quarters of the railroad the tip got out and they found about where the was planned and a company of road was planned and a company of speculators is trying to get an option on-on the Bellows Bottoms! Once they get at a option on it Curryville will have to buy the land have from them to hold out an inducement to the railroad. The name of this comthe railroad. The name or this com-pany that is trying to get the option is the Southern Development Com-pany. Their personal representative is in this hall to night," Eyes turned around to Brassy in the back part of the hall as being the only available stranger present. "He don't wear a stranger present. "He don't wear a tall hat, but he does have a long-tailed coat. Probably Doctor Fordyce has heard of the Southern Develop-ment Company." ment Company

Doctor Fordyce stopped rocking on his heels.

"I am sure I don't know what you mean

mean." "Perhaps this will refresh your memory;" holding up a telegram. "It is dated from Curryville. I will read

"'Hop picking south-east by east Tuesday or Rover dies a dead dog. —Fordyce.'"

"Sammie," asked Clem, turning to "Sammie," asked Clem, turning to the station boy, "do you remember sending this telegram?" "Yes," answered Sammie, "but it

didn't make any sense to me!"

didn't make any sense to me!" "It was not intended it should. It is in cipher and the word Tuesday means that the election will be held to-morrow. Does that bring back any-thing to you, Doctor?" the accent heavy on Doctor.

"Nothing whatever," returned Doc-tor Fordyce coldly, "Probably the tor Fordyce coldly. "Probably the same thing that made you leave town is now causing you to bring this ac-cusation." He tapped his forehead significantly.

"That has nothing to do with it," returned Clem.

"I insist that it has," declared the

other aggressively. "Maybe, maybe," said Clem sweet-ly, "it was to collect evidence against vou. Has anyone ever seen any o vour your wonderful medicine? It's true you have a medical license, but where have you practised in the last few years? You no more intended to put up a medicine factory on the Bellows Bottoms than you intended me to come back to-night." There was a come back to-night." There was a flash and a defiance about Clem that no one had ever seen before. thick the hop picking Tuesday will be a bit harder than you calculated."

'You-have no evidence at all except a telegram in cipher which has to do with ordering supplies for the fac-"Do vou usually order supplies in

cipher



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