FARM BALLADS.

And the next that I remember, it started in a joke;

But full for a week it lasted, and neither of us spoke.

And the next was when I scolded because she broke a bowl;

And she said I was mean and stingy, and hadn't any soul.

And so that bowl kept pourin' dissensions in our cup;

And so that blamed cow-creature was always a-comir' up;

And so that heaven we arg'ed no nearer to us got,

But it gave us a taste of something a thousand times as hot.

And so the thing kept workin', and all the selfsame way;

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