

A STROKE OF GENIUS.

It Elicited the Unbounded Admiration of the Farmer.

Only a few summers ago, among the many others that visited the wild region adorned by one of Michigan's inland lakes, was an artist. He had a wealth of scenery from which to select, and chose a picturesque view with a hill of rocks and jack-pines as a background. The owner of the property transferred to canvas did not think much of the enterprise or of the man who would dawdle away his time in such an undertaking, but the artist paid the summer rates without a murmur and never entered any complaints against the accommodations. The next season the painter was again among the guests.

"How did that there picture of yours come out, anyway?" asked the curious landlord.

"Oh, fairly well. You know that I have my name to make yet. I sold it for \$1,000."

"No," exclaimed the farmer excitedly, "not \$1,000. You're chaffin' me."

"Not a bit of it," laughed the artist. "I got \$1,000 for that little view before there was a frame on it."

"Shake, stranger. I allus thought I was purty slick on a dicker, but I'll be doggone if you don't take the prize. You skinned that feller slick and clean."

"How so?" indignantly, for his pride was touched.

"Oh, don't play innercent with me. It won't go no further. But you done him brown. A thousand fur that spot where you couldn't raise a bean to the acre! If the critter that bought that picter had seen me, I'd sold him the hull farm for \$275."

We are just in receipt of a very interesting letter from P.S.C. Bro. Colgrove, of Hastings, Mich., speaking in glowing terms of this Domain and the Brother Knights. In the next issue we will give the contents in full.

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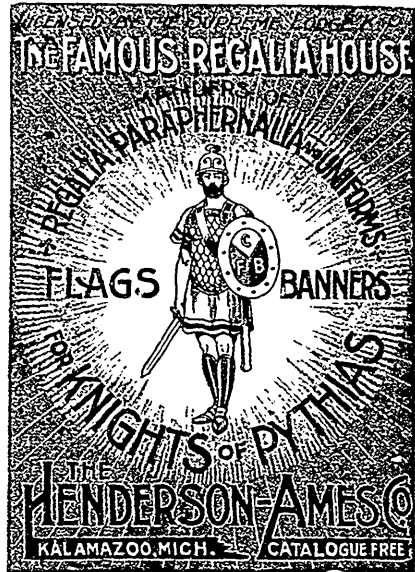
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