

POETRY.

HOW HAYSEED BOUGHT A WATCH.

When Farmer Hayseed struck the oil He sold his farm, and with his soil Still clinging to his gaiters brown, He joyfully took a trip to town.

SELECT STORY.

THE PIONEERS.

By J. Finimore Cooper. AUTHOR OF "THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS," "THE PATHFINDER," "HOMEWARD BOUND," ETC.

complice throughout. A complaint has been made to your father, and he has granted a search. "I know it all," interrupted Elizabeth. "I know it all. The forms of the law must be complied with, however; the search must be made, the deer found, and the penalty paid. But I must retort your own question. Have you lived so long in our family not to know us? Look at me, Oliver Edwards. Do I appear like one who would permit the man that has just saved her life to linger in a jail for so small a sum as this fine? No, no, sir; my father is a judge, but he is a man and a Christian. It is all understood, and no harm shall follow."

There is something in this affair that I do not comprehend; but tell the Judge Stocking he has friends as well as judges in us. Do not let the old man experience unnecessary nervousness at this rupture. It is impossible that you could increase his claims here; neither shall they be diminished by anything you have said. Mr. Edwards, I wish you happiness, and warmer friends.

THE PEOPLE OF MALTA. The population of Malta is almost exclusively Roman Catholic, and the difficulties about Maltese marriages now under discussion arise from the fact that canon law is recognized as the civil law of Malta. The population is increasing at a rapid rate, early marriages being encouraged by the Church, which provides each young man with a small dowry. There is a large emigration of the surplus population to the Northern Shores of Africa, where the Maltese language is an advantage in trading with the Arabs, and where there is a demand for labor. Many of the large and beautiful churches met with throughout the islands have been built by voluntary labor, and nearly all the amusements and pastimes of the people are associated with Church festivals.

WHOLE WHEAT. To prove that white flour does not meet the requirements of the body, Magendie fed it wholly to a number of dogs, and at the end of 40 days they died. Others to which he gave the wheatmeal, at the end of this time were in first-class condition. More than half the children under twelve years of age have decayed teeth, owing to the insufficient supply of the required mineral ingredients, and this deficiency is caused as a rule by eating white bread. Dyspepsia, constipation, loss of nerve power and many other diseases are produced by improper feeding. Sulphur is required for growth of the hair, yet white flour does not contain a trace; the phosphates are also notably lacking, and these substances are absolutely necessary in animal economy. When flour is made of the whole grain of wheat we have an article of food which contains all the elements the body requires for support; and this flour should be universally used, in spite of the false aesthetic taste that demands "white loaf."

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