

One is apt to think that the draughtsmen of the comic papers must draw largely upon their imagination in making up sketches of rural life, but here were two as perfect specimens of the "poor white" as any of them ever drew.

Two gentlemen were discussing the convenience of the Illinois Central Railway to business men. "Why," remarked one of them, "I'd rather get aboard the train and come down to New Orleans to do business than I would drive outside of Chicago ten miles to see a customer."

Another told me he spent two months every winter in Los Angeles, where he held lots near Westlake Park. This shows over what an extent of territory in the States speculators and financiers carry on their operations. The great railway systems make it possible.

A couple of farmers were discussing electrical interurban trains. One of them made the usual remark about the needless expense, and the wisdom of a man's using his own team when he wanted to drive into town.

"Yes," replied the other, "that's all right p'raps for you or me, but when our children want to drive into town to their church or the theatre, on gettin' out of the wagon their clothes is all mussed up, and anybody can tell they came in from the country some'ers. But when they go by the interurban they get out of the car and walk into the church or the theatre lookin' as smart as