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## The Farmer and a Bull

With a quaint and bucolic gesture Irving Batcheller (author of "Dri and I") and other well-known sketches of country life in America, told a story at the last dinner of the Dartmouth Club, which was the masterpiece of the evening for brevity.

An old farmer was hunting with Batcheller. He was taciturn and monosyllabic. Batcheller tried in a hundred ways to make him say more than ten words in a stretch. This is what happened at the final attempt:

"Did you ever have any experience with an angry bull, Mr. Smith?" Silence for a minute.

"No." Five minutes' silence, succeeded by: "Did once. The bull ran."

Batcheller remained silent, but looked a question for details. Another long silence.

"So did I. Had the bull's tail."

In the silence that followed the two men saw and shot a brace of birds. Batcheller's bird had no sooner fallen to the ground than the farmer said:

"Bull ran side of a tree."

"So? What happened?"

After ten minutes:

"I ran 'tother side. Had his tail."

"Well, what then?"

There was a full half hour's pause and the two men were in sight of home when the agriculturist said, with an effort:

"Had more of the tail than the darned bull had."—New York News.

## A Deferred Restitution.

A pig belonging to a widow named Murphy mysteriously vanished one night, and Pat Hennessy, a ne'er-do-well, was suspected of having had something to do with its disappearance. He denied all knowledge of the pig, however, and as there was no evidence against him he was allowed to go free; but at Mrs. Murphy's instigation, the priest went to see him.

"Pat," said the priest, "if you've no fear of the law in this world, at least give a thought to the hereafter. When you're before the Judgment Seat, what are you going to say about that pig?"

"Shure, I dunno," replied Pat. "Will they be after askin' about th' pig in Purgatory, yer Riverence?"

"They will," said the priest.

"Will Mrs. Murphy be there, yer Riverence?"

"Yes, Pat."

"An' th' pig?"

"Yes, Pat."

"Shure, I'll wait an'—ive it to her thin, yer Riverence."—Woman's Home Companion.

The Travelling Dairy in Cape Breton Writing to THE FARMING WORLD from Middle River, Cape Breton, Miss Laura Rose, who is in charge of the Nova Scotia traveling dairy, says:

"Our work is meeting with its usual success. I had Mr. Gilbert, of the Poultry Department, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, with me for a couple of meetings. He is a great talker and I was glad to see him. Yesterday we had a little flurry of snow."

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