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The Boy From School

A boy, coming home from a boardingschool to his parents, who lived in a village, was anxious to show off his learning. Sitting down to the dinner-table, on which lay two roasted pigeons, he said that he could prove in a moment that

there were three pigeons on the dish.
"Dear me!" exclaimed his father.

"However can you do that?"

"Well," said the boy, taking one pigeon, "this is one, and this," taking the other, "is two, and one and two make three, so that, you see, clearly there are three pigeons on the table."

"Why, so there are!" said his father. "I will give this one to your mother, and this one I will take for myself, and you can have the third." And, suiting the action to the word, he placed the two pigeons before his wife and himself and left his clever son with nothing at all.

An Education From a Nickel

A young girl who lived in Mississippi asked her brother to give her the money to go to college. He told her he could not afford it, and tossing her a nickel, added, "Unless you can go on that."

The plucky girl took the five-cent piece and bought some calico, from which she made a bonnet that she sold for twenty-five cents. With this money she bought more calico, and made more bonnets. After she had made several dollars in this way, she determined to raise potatoes. She did all the work in the field except the plowing. The venture was a success, and she had enough money to start at school. She did not stop work, however, and it is not surprising that a girl of such determination was able to borrow enough money to supplement what she made.

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Small Fruits and Large

Time was when there were large fruits and small fruits; when apples and melons and plums and strawberries knew their places and kept them. But that is so no longer.

No one is surprised nowadays to meet a strawberry which must be taken in two or three bites; apples which are as much larger than the fruit of the old farm as those were larger than crab-apples are no longer unusual. But the tale of wonders daily mounts. The extraordinary size of the vegetable creations which grow on irrigated land, bathed in ceaseless sunshine, and augmented by all the skill of the scientific horticulturist, is a constant marvel.

Those who can still remember the modest field strawberry, as tiny as it was delicious, will rub their eyes when they see the latest Western triumph, which runs seven to the quart. A new cherry too, has come out of the Columbia Valley. It is four inches round the middle, and bears the pleasant and pyrotechnic name of the "Bing" cherry. A dozen of these fellows will make a fair pie.

Such monsters are interesting as proof of what man can do to improve upon nature when he sets his mind to it, but the only people who are better off because of them are the growers. They have less work to pick a quart or a bushel than they used to have, and the new fruit is so beautiful to look at that the ultimate consumer parts willingly with the increased price which is demanded.

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