

and the hog cholera will rage for the next fourteen months.

If you first see the new moon in January over the left shoulder it indicates that your year's subscription to GRIP has expired, and the peach crop will be a failure as usual.

If you accidentally spill a spoonful of salt the hens will surely go on a strike and Bridget with the baby will tumble down the cellar stairs.

If the old brahma hen on the 1st of April crows on your back doorstep the Dominion Government will effect a reciprocity treaty with the United States, and the Behring Sea difficulty will result in diplomatic complications.

If you commence house cleaning on Friday it's a sure sign that the Ministry of the Dominion Government will be harassed before the year is out.

If on Washington's birthday, February 22nd, a black two headed calf should be born of a speckled Jersey heifer something unexpected will certainly occur.

BILLY COMET.

IN THE ORCHARD.

SLYLY kissed her cherry lips
As she was standing there
Beneath the pear tree, and I said
"We'd make a pretty pair."
"Some one may find us out," she said.
"Restrain your ardent speech."
"Our secret's safe," I said, "these trees
Were never known to peach."



RATHER HIGH HANDED.

(Vide Dr. Sangster's letters in Daily Mail.)

MEDICAL COUNCIL OF ONTARIO (stopping respectable physician—Dr. Sangster possibly—on his way to make a professional call)—
"Halt! I demand your annual fee of \$2 or you don't go another step!"

DIDN'T KNOW WHEN TO STOP.

SILAX—"Bandersnatch talks at railroad speed when he gets fairly started."

BORAX—"Yes—very like a railroad, except that he seems to lack terminal facilities."



"PRAY DON'T MISREPRESENT, SIR OLIVER; ACCEPT OUR KINDEST CONGRATULATIONS!"