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A SUBURBAN EPISODE.

For ten years Hugh Markleham had been a wanderer upon the face of the earth. Financially speaking he had been successful, but for all that period of time he had been literally homeless. Now he was proceeding to a home of his own.

"The first road to the left beyond the bridge," mused Mr. Markleham to himself, "and the first house. The directions are plain enough, I am sure."

And he repeated his memorandum book, wherein Moses Gibbs, the house agent, had jotted down sundry items regarding his new purchase.

He paused half hesitatingly in front of a low wicket gate, marking by one hinge, from which a shrub-grown path wound up through untrampled woods to a one-story dwelling.

"Nonsense!" he muttered to himself; "it can't be that shabby a place. A desirable cottage" was what Gibbs said, situated in the midst of a charming grounds. And, by Jupiter, this is the very spot.

He swung open the gilded iron gate of a wicket little inclosure, where the gravelled paths alone were visible. He stepped across the path, and the gravelled paths alone were visible.

"Yes, yes," he murmured to himself, as he strode up the path, "I shall be as comfortable as possible here. But what is this? A fire burning as I live! Well, this is thoughtful of Gibbs."

His countenance expanded into broad smiles as he pushed open the door and entered a pretty room on the left of the main entrance hall, carpeted in Brunel, and curtained to correspond, with a glowing fire of coal cast ruddy reflections through the whole room, and cushioned armchair stood close to the velvet rug.

qualitance, even after this unusual fashion. "I beg your pardon, Miss Wynman, but our hero is turning scarlet. I don't see how I came to make such a ridiculous mistake? What an egregious donkey you must have taken me for!"

And a cold perspiration broke out round the roots of his hair, as he recalled the off-hand manner in which he had addressed his supposed domestic.

"You will do no such thing, Mr. Markleham," she said, "my brother will be here presently, and you shall stay and spend the evening with us, and learn to laugh at your own mistake."

So Mr. Markleham stayed until Tom Wynman came home from the city in the evening train; and as he afterwards said, "he never spent a pleasanter evening in his life."

BLOW-GUN AND JAGUARS. So many treasures valuable to the naturalist in tropical countries are scattered to the four winds by the first breeze that blows from the sea, that it is not only possible to find a gun, but a jaguar, in a most uncomforable groove.

It was not the danger of sleeping too soon but of sleeping too long that troubled me. It must have been well on towards morning when I was awakened by the sound of a gun.

With this gun, firmly wrapped with pla-fiber thread and more or less decorated, in the artistic taste of its maker, the hunter of small menagerie animals will find the care of a right-foot blow-gun, easily broken or twisted out of true, and the waiting for rapidly-fading "monks" are added thereto.

Twice during the day I had suddenly found myself close upon a large snake and while in each case, the crawling thing was a squeezer and not a biter, the sensation was an unpleasant one, for either of them was well able to give a man his final hug. For awhile each time I was rather more cautious as to my path, but as the day began to grow old and the monkeys became rather less wary I lost all thought of caution; especially as this time the case after I detected signs that they were looking for a lodging-place for the night.

Three or four times I was on the eve of changing a shot at one of the less timorous ones, and each time I saw a chance to better my position and get a clearer aim. There was one old fellow, whom I especially desired to bring to earth, knowing that if I succeeded more than one of his wives and perhaps some of the youngsters of the flock would come into reach of my blow-gun. It felt like a great relief to me; in fact, he had not once looked towards me so far as I could observe. But he had, nevertheless, a most aggravating way of always being back of a limb or a trunk of a tree whenever I got him within range. At last, however, he grew as careless and, sitting far out, on a limb nearly directly over me, began reaching for a bunch of some sort of large edible nut near him.

if it grow dark before I disengage any signs of my way. I did not mind camping out alone if I could find a dry, clear space in the moisture-soaked forest, for I had some scraps of dried monkey meat and some boiled tortilla eggs left over from my lunch, and in my excitement I always had some cocones leaved to chew in case exhausted nature demanded a dose of that most powerful invigorator. I did not like the idea of throwing myself down in a sort of marsh, probably dank with the worst form of malarial fever, after dark.

It soon became apparent, however, that the sooner I started to make camp the better it would be for me, for the last I put the last touches to a very rough couch of boughs and giant sweet fern.

In ordinary circumstances such a bed would have been far from satisfactory, but the fire of half-dry wood that succeeded in being so hard to get, and the scanty supper was finished, and the effects of the loss of blood manifesting themselves in a most uncomforable groove.

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PROGRESS ON THE FARM

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS IN MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS.

Value and Use of Wood Ashes—Droptail and Rainfall—The Cucumber Creeper—Scotch Staff for Squash Bugs—Sopasudo for Celery—Cotton Cloves.

Potash is an essential substance in the soil, and enters into the composition of all plants. Its place cannot be filled by soda, for though potash and soda are somewhat similar in many respects, yet they differ widely so far as their uses as plant food have been considered and demonstrated. Though not found so abundant in the leguminous plants, such as clover, peas, etc., yet it seems to promote the growth of such crops and enables them to serve as "nitrogen gatherers," thereby increasing the supply of nitrogen in the soil when the crops are ploughed under.

Every farmer knows the uses of wood ashes, and their benefit to crops cannot be denied. The value of wood ashes, however, depends upon the amount of actual potash contained. Analyses have shown that in addition that two samples of wood ashes are alike in composition, and it is difficult to arrive at an average. The moisture varies from 15 to 25 per cent, the potash from 4 to 7 per cent, and the lime from 30 to 40 per cent. About 6 per cent of actual potash may be taken as a liberal estimate, which gives 120 pounds in a ton of 2,000 pounds, the market value being valued at about \$3.40.

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ROUND ABOUT THE FARM.

Uses of Skim Milk—Irrigation by Windmills—The Skim Milk from one cow is estimated to be worth \$20 a year.

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More than an acre can be raised for the silo. It is to increase the fertility of the farm by the increase in the amount of stock kept. It educates the dairyman himself in the value of food and the worth of feed and in the study of ways to make the most of it.

Droughts have prevailed both this year and last. Up to the period of the excessive rains of last May the rainfall during the winter, which is usually the most abundant in this section, was not up to the average. Since the over-crop of rain the season has been very dry, and the beginning of August is about the time for breaking the drought which sometimes extends through a July and the worst of feed and in the study of ways to make the most of it.

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