

HOME AND FARM.

Farmers have had so many cautions against the evils of swindling travelling agents that they ought by this time to be up to every trick. It is, however, perhaps still worth while to quote from an exchange a very simple and efficient formula of defence against the urgency of the fraudulent but persistent and insinuating drummer.

FARMERS, DON'T BE SWINDLED— Inquiry was made last year by the government and is to be continued this year into the various methods, whereby farmers are swindled from time to time by dishonest agents, and frauds in general. One of the worst forms of swindling is seen when a man is induced to sign his name to some paper thinking it to be a certificate or recommendation and it turns out to be a note of hand which he is soon called on to pay.

A philosopher might find much to occupy him in considering the love people have in being cheated—the strange pleasure men obtain in believing a lie. If the lie is repeated often enough and with brazen impudence it will lodge in the bosoms of some simple souls, and they will, notwithstanding the evidence of their eyes, accept as gold that which is only brass.

Macaulay tells a story of a Brahmin who wishing to purchase a sheep for sacrifice went out to look for a suitable victim; but three rogues so imposed upon him by representing a dog which they had for sale as a fine fat sheep, that notwithstanding the evidence of his eyes to the contrary, he was persuaded to purchase it. He offered it in sacrifice, but the gods were so angry at the unclean offering that they inflicted a painful disease on the deluded Brahmin, who all his life suffered for believing the lies told him and acting on them.

The moral of the story is that we should be on our guard against puffing, and should not accept without inquiry statements made by interested persons, however frequently they may be repeated.

The legislature cannot make laws to prevent hoodless people from parting with their money. The farmers themselves must learn to have no dealings with the plausible rascals who prowl through the country seeking to entrap the unwary.

An honest countrywoman of our acquaintance has the most effective method known to us of smiting these lawless Philistines hip and thigh. She answers calmly to all their speeches, "we don't want it." Again and again the enemy may come to the front, only to be discomfited with the answer, "we don't want it." The calm monotony of this answer soon exhausts the patience of the most persevering agent on the road. Never argue with him. And if you must quarrel with these smooth-spoken gentry, you had better do so while your money is in your own pocket and not after they have got hold of it. Of course if you don't give an order and don't sign any suspicious documents you will have no trouble with them.

OUR COSY CORNER.

All cloth costumes are profusely braided. Red cloth gowns are much worn in London.

Green in all shades is again in high favor.

Ribbon embroideries appear on some of the richest spring evening gowns.

Tulle dipped in silver or in gold is the latest fancy fabric for ball gowns.

Crape cloth, not crape, is the preferred mourning fabric of English women.

Full gathered skirts, belted waists, and surplice bodices are the features in wash goods gowns made up for summer wear.

Steel embroidery is used on fine crêpe de chine confections as well as on cloth gowns.

Quantities of bordered woollen stuffs for early spring wear flood the dry goods counters.

Yokes will again be in vogue for summer frocks of muslin, percale, wainsook, and cambric.

Perfectly plain, full, undraped skirts, gauged on to the belt or bodice, are immensely fashionable.

Royal blue and deep sky blue come among other shades of this color in fashionable fabrics and millinery.

All fashionable skirts, whether short or demi-trained, fall as flat as possible at the back, as well as in the front.

Very strong color contrasts are seen in the grounds of the borderings and the body of the now bordered wool stuffs.

Mohair thread is the real textile that forms the "ice wools" and "ostrich feather wools" of the Berlin lady knitters.

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