

**Decided Not to Sell.**

A Jasper County, Mo., farmer paid a high tribute to the literary talents of a Carthage real estate agent the other day. He decided to sell his place, and got a real estate agent to write the notice. When the agent read the notice to him he said: "Read that again." After the second reading he said: "I believe I'll not sell. I've been looking for a place like that kind all my life and didn't know I had it until you described it to me."

**Hardly a Success.**

The story is told of a Scotch preacher who gave his people long, strong sermons, and delivered them in a remarkably deliberate manner. One Sunday he asked a friend who was visiting him to occupy his pulpit in the morning. "An' were you satisfied wi' my preaching?" asked his friend, as they walked home from the kirk. "Weel," said his host, slowly. "It was a fair discourse, Will'm, a fair discourse; but it pained me at the last to see the folk looking sae fresh and wide awake. I mistrust 'twasna sae long nor sae sound as it should have been."

**A Boy's Essay on Breath.**

"Breath is made of air. We breathe always with our lungs, and sometimes with our livers, except at night, when our breath keeps life going through our noses while we are asleep. If it wasn't for our breath we should die whenever we slept. Boys that stay in a room all day should not breathe; they should wait till they get outdoors. For a lot of boys staying in a room make carbonic acid; and carbonic acid is more poisonous than mad dogs, though not just the same way. It does not bite; but that's no matter as long as it kills you."

**Couldn't Break the Set.**

A Philadelphia mother recently went calling, accompanied by her five-year-old boy. Being a pretty child of the Fautleroy type, more than one of the women she visited said complimentary things concerning him, all of which he took with due modesty. Before the afternoon ended, however, he revealed his ideas of maternal pride. One of the women said, jokingly, but with a serious face: "My little man, I think I'll just keep you here with me. I have no little boy of my own. Do you think your mother will send you to me?" "No ma'am," he replied promptly. "You don't?" she asked in affected surprise. "Why, don't you think I have money enough to buy you?" "It isn't that," he answered politely, "but there are five of us, you see, and she would not care to break the set."

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