THE FARMERS ADVOCATE.

GOSSIP.

Aunt Dinah, when she put the eggs in the saucepan, invariably began singing, "Rock of Ages," and sang through two verses. "Aunt Dinah," asked the man who fells the story, "are there not three Kerses in that hymn?" "Dar is, massa, but I sings only two when I wants 'em soft, and three when I wants

One of the most popular of the colonial officers during the war followed during peace the trade which is called by the rather lugubrious term of "undertaking," A knot of British officers gathered about this individual one day, and were chatting over the immense when one of them asked the colonial officer who gained his livelihood as I have mentioned : "By the way, what profession do you follow?" Quick as a flash came the answer, "I follow the medical profession." The one man in the group who saw the joke had to store it up for future use among the comrades of the popular colonial officer.

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