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When I Go Home.

It's several years since I was there, but now I have a mind To leave the noisy city and its heat and dust behind, And go back to the hilly farm, where peace with quiet dwells; And that I'll get a welcome something inside me tells.

My heart? Perhaps! My head? Don't know! But maybe you can guess When I tell you what I think upon with lingering tenderness; It's not the flowering orchard, nor the parlor cool and neat; It's the kitchen and what Mother's going to make for me to eat.

I've sent the word home that I'll come. She'll have it by to-day; And just as plain as if I heard, I know that she will say:

"I must do up some of those red plums; John likes that kind so well. Don't open that last jar of jam; I've often heard Jack tell

"That ros'b'e'y jam was what he liked, spread thick on homemade bread, And the maple syrup—I must see that Johnnie is well fed. I hope the garden pumpkin will be ripe enough for pie; And I must make a fruit cake at least two stories high.

"With beans and peas and cauliflower, asparagus and such, With cream and chicken and smoked ham, he won't want oysters much; And with tarts and buns and pancakes, I guess there'll be enough To take the taste out of his mouth of all that city stuff."

And so I'm going home at last—I think of it all day; And in the night I dream of it, and dreams like that are gay. It isn't just the things to eat, though they'll be good to see, But I'll eat them in the kitchen while Mother smiles at me.

When It All Started.

When Adam met Eve he was bashful and shy, And he stammered and blushed every time she came nigh, Till at last he grew bold and began to pay court (You may put all your trust in this faithful report), And he murmured to her on an evening serene: "You're the prettiest girl that I ever have seen"— And that's how that started.

When Eve, with a beautiful blush on her face, Yielded shyly and sweetly to Adam's embrace, And put up her red lips for the true lover's pact (You may set all this down as an absolute fact), She enquired, while he breathed the fond names on his list: "Have you said that to all the girls you have kissed?" And that's how that started.

When Adam asked Eve if she would be his bride, She looked up and looked down, and she sighed and she sighed, And she let him take hold of her lily-white hand (This is history now, as you must understand), Then she said, in a voice that was dulcetly low: "I must take time to think. 'Tis so sudden, you know." And that's how that started.

When they had been married a few years or so, Then Adam told Eve: "We're invited to go To a dinner and dance with some friends down in Nod." (This is truly authentic, although it sounds odd.) Eve replied with a sad and sorrowful air: "I can't go. Don't you see I have nothing to wear?" And that's how that started.

—Wilbur D. Nesbit, in Life.

GOSSIP.

THE ROYAL SHOW OF 1911.

The twenty-second annual show of the Royal Agricultural Society was held at Norwich, England, June 26th to 30th. His Majesty the King is president this year, and visited the show, while some animals from the Royal farms, as usual, competed and won prizes. A striking feature of this, the greatest livestock and agricultural show in the Empire, is that it is compressed into four days, while the leading show of the same kind in Canada requires exhibitors to have their animals on the fair grounds twice as long. The entries of live stock at the show were less numerous than usual, but the quality and character of the animals was well up to the usual standard.

Shire Horses.

The display of Shire horses is reported as the best ever seen in a Royal show-yard, the classes being strong in numbers and merit. In the classes for stallions foaled in 1908, the Duke of Devonshire's Warton Draughtsman, a massive three-year-old, by Tatton Friar, was first; Lord Rothschild's Blaisdon Jupiter, second; and the Duke of Westminster's Eaton Nonsuch, third. In two-year-old stallions, Jas. Forshaw & Sons' Leonarda was first; Lord Middleton's Birdsall Forest King, second, and A. H. Clark's Moulton Victor King, third. In the yearling-colt class, Lord Rothschild's Champion Challenger, by Childwick Champion, was first and reserve champion, the champion being the first-prize three-year-old, the Duke of Devonshire's Warton Draughtsman, by Tatton Friar. The championship for the best mare or filly went to W. & H. Whitely's first-prize two-year-old filly, Lorna Doone, by Childwick Champion.

Clydesdales do not usually make a strong showing numerically at the Royal, but there were fifty-four entries on this occasion. The male championship went to A. & W. Montgomery's big bay three-year-old, Royal Warden, a son of Everlasting, dam by Prince Thomas. The champion female was J. Ernest Kerr's first-prize brood mare, Peggy Pride, and the reserve was W. Dunlop's Dunure Myrene, first in the two-year-old class. In the two-year-old stallion section, A. & W. Montgomery had the first and second winners in Premier Baron, by Baron's Pride, and Royal Purple, by Everlasting. Geo. Watson was third, with the Sir Hugo colt, General Miller. Purdie Somerville's great yearling colt, Scotland's Favorite, bred by J. Ernest Kerr, and sired by Royal Favorite, was a clear winner in the yearling class, and was also reserve champion.

The Hackney breed was well represented, the classes being full of specimens replete with rarest quality. Stallions foaled in 1908 were nine in number, led by Sprightly Danegelt, bred by Sir Walter Gilbey, and shown by the executors of the late B. Lucas. He was also male champion, the reserve being W. W. Rycroft's Woodhatch Viceroy, the first-prize two-year-old, sired by Hopwood Viceroy. The gold medal for the best female, went to Mr. Rycroft's first-prize three-year-old filly, Buckingham Czarina.

Cattle.

Shorthorns, with an entry of 276, made a good showing. Bulls calved in 1906, 1907, or 1908, were a splendid class of fourteen in number. Village Diamond (100981), the handsome roan, whose portrait appears in this issue, born January, 1907, bred by W. T. Garne & Sons, shown by the Duke of Portland, and sired by the celebrated Village Beau, was placed first in his class, and later was declared male champion of the breed, the reserve for this honor being C. E. Gunther's first-prize roan, senior two-year-old, Tongwood Banton, winner of first in his class of twenty-five entries. Yearling bulls were divided into two classes, senior and junior. In the older section there were twenty-seven entries, and in the younger forty-two. First prize in the older section went to D. McLennan, for the dark roan, Beaufort Landmarker, bred by Lord Lovat, and bought at the Birmingham sale last spring for 1,050 guineas. In the junior class, Lord Middleton's dark roan, Birdsall Conqueror, was the winner.

Cows in milk were an interesting class, and F. Miller's noted white cow, Daisy's Queen, was placed first. Senior two-year-

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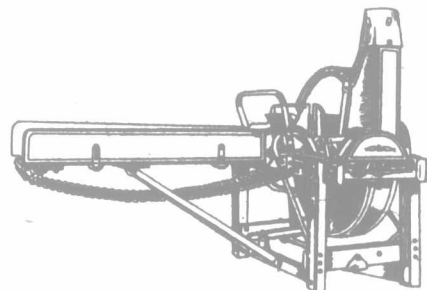
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