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Well! Farmer Smith has lost his wheat, his shed and mammoth barn; His little boy, with one small match, burnt rp the

whole concern; I'll tell you, wife, he'll feel it sore; a man on money bent Can't stand up under such & load, when not insured

a cent.

I don't know as I pity him; I call it a great sin To hoard the harvests of three years in spacious barn and bin;

I can't feel pity for a man who doubly locks his And stops his cars to all the cries that come up from the poor.

I like to see economy; I like to see men save,.
And lay up something for their kin when they are in the grave;

But you and I know very well, from what we both have seen. There is a line which, when 'tis crossed, a man gets

to be mean.

When wheat was sixteen shillings-a price that paid us well-Smith said, "I'll wait for twenty, I vow, before I'll

Then, when it reached that figure, he said to me one noon. "I guess I'll hold it longer, 'twill be five dollars BOOD,"

He held it and he ran in debt for things to wear and est; When merchants dunned him, he would say, " wait

till I sell my wheat." Soon that old tune got fiddled out and men began to sue, And he began to borrow to pay accounts long due.

When Smith goes off to buy a thing he spins around the town, And tries with all his might and main the price to

banter down; When he has anything to sell 'tis priceless in his And he must have the highest price-the lowest

when he buys. "Live and let live," are golden words; the other motto, too,

"Do unto others as you'd wish that they would do to you." If Smith had done as they command, he would not have to-day

The ashes of three harvests to load and draw away.

Wife, if you take a berry and dry it in the sun, Twill shrivel up till it takes two to make the size of one:

So many a man in grasping gain, so shrivels up his soul. That 'twill ne'er expand again while life's years o'er him roll.

God bless the farmers of our land! They are not all like him. Who walks around the smouldering pile now in the twilight dim;

Living on God's broad acres, their souls expand and

Their ears are ever open to tales of want and woe.

God bless the men, where'er they are, in country or

in town, Who do not think it's life's great work to crowd their neighbors down; This world would be better; this life would plea-

sure give, If every man who toils to live would let his brother

WHAT CONSTITUTES A FARMER. - The following what constitutes a farmer.—The ioliowing extract we clip from a very interesting address delivered by Maj. Wm. J. Sykes, in Brownsville, Tenn.:—"To be a perfect farmer a man should combine reading, observation and practice. A man may work in the fields all his life and be a poor farmer. We should gain knowledge by reading and study, and also by what we see around us, and then this knewledge should be put into practice. Our views, if they will not stand the test of actual ex-periments, are worthless. All sound theory is based upon practice, and all sensible practice is the result of well-grounded information, whether learned by our own observation or from the experience of others. That theory which will not stand the test of experience is worthless, and that practice which is not based upon sound theory is equally worth-

A FEW HINTS .- In dressing your fields, cut your coat according to your cloth; that is, don't run in debt for fertilizers; and when your sheep are fleeced don't let the wool-dealer pull the wool over your cyes as to the price. When you feel like currying favors, go into your stable and curry your horses and cattle; that will pay best. Do not do as moneybrokers do, sell your stock of hay short; it is better to have several tons left over till another season, than to be obliged to buy in the spring. The time to shear sheep is when you throw off your coat for the season. The only kind of stakes that farmers should hold is fence stakes. After raising the best crop you can, the next thing is to raise the mort. gage on your farm; when that is taken up, a farmer feels in better spirits. Spend rainy days in practicing dentistry on takes and harrows, you can do it just as well as to employ a carpenter .- Colorado

WER SEEDS, FAIL.—In the first place, however, we will examine the cause of failure. If small seeds are planted too deep, they either rot in the damp cold earth, for the want of the warmth necessary to their germination, or, after germination, perish before the roots can reach the sun and air; so that which was designed for their support and nourishment proves their grave. If the soil is a stiff clay, it is often too cold at the time the seeds are planted to effect their germination; for it must be understood that warmth and moisture are necessary to the germination of seeds. Neither of these will do alone. Seeds may be kept in a warm, dry room, in dry sand or earth, and they will not grow. They may be placed in damp earth, and kept in a low temperature, and they will most likely rot, though some seeds will remain dormant commence growth at once. Another difficulty with heavy soil is that it be becomes hard on the surface, and this prevents the vourse plants from the surface, all approved forms of policies. All made and this prevents the vourse plants from the surface, all approved forms of policies. a long time under these circumstances. But place and this prevents the young plants from "coming faiting by an equal and just application of the non-up;" or if, during showers weather, they happen to forfeiture principle not arbitrary, but prescribed get above the surface, they become locked in and by charter. Mutual Policy-holders equally interest make but little advancement unless the cultivator ed in management with Stockholders. All investis careful to keep the crust well broken; and in do-ing this the young plants are often destroyed. If stiff, the soil where the small seeds are sown should be made mellow, particularly on the surface, by the addition of sand and light, mould act seeds are sown in rough, lumpy ground, a portion will be buried under the clods, and will never grow; and many that start, not finding a fit soil for their roots, will perish. A few may escape these difficulties and flourish.—Hovey's Catalogue.

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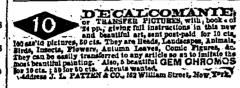
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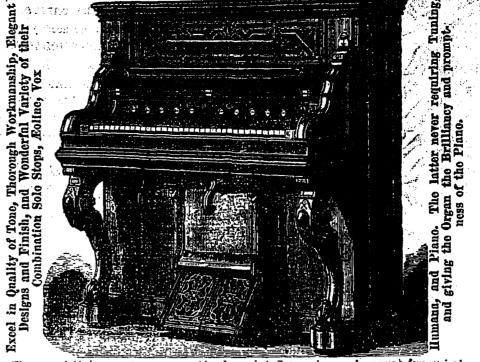
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