

Among Hone's works there is this rhymed advice to the agriculturists of 1722 :

Man, to the plow ;
Wife, to the cow ;
Girl, to the sow ;
Boy, to the mow ;
And your rents will be netted ;


These lines were happily travestied in the *Times* newspaper under the title of *The Farmer's Centenary Contrasted*, 1822 — in illustration of the causes of agricultural distress :

Man, tally-ho !
Miss, piano ;
Wife, silk and satin ;
Boy, Greek and Latin ;
And you'll be *Gazetted*.

The above rhymes exhibit the two extremes between which there is a golden mean, whose realization is the true conception of a well-regulated farmer's household. We should by no means deprive the miss of her music, the wife of her nice dresses, or the boy of his classics,— but to aspire to these in ignorance and neglect of the essential every-day duties of busy prosy life, were folly indeed. Henry Coleman, one of the most distinguished of agricultural writers, after describing a farmer's daughter perfectly at home in the accomplishments of the parlor, but deplorably ignorant of the manipulations of the kitchen, and unwilling to touch broom, scrubbing-brush, or wash-board—the vulgar things!—very well observes, that Lot's wife would be of more use as a help-meet to a young farmer than such a dressed-up doll,—“ for *she* could at least *salt his bacon*.”


The best legacy parents can leave their children is the knowledge and ability to help and take care of themselves. This is far better than a large fortune. In any circumstances, they will always have a couple of excellent servants ready to do their bidding, viz. : *their own two hands*. Ignorant incapables who need to be waited on, are indeed helpless and pitiable beings, easily disheartened at the troubles and difficulties of life, while the well-taught and self-reliant rise above them, and push forward to success.—*Canada Farmer*.

CARPET SWEEPING.

AKE a common wash-tub or some vessel large enough to admit a broom freely, and put in clean cold water to the depth of a foot or more. Then take a broom (one partly worn, so as to be a little stiff, is the best), dip it in six

inches or so, and hold over the tub, or go out of doors and knock off all the drops of water. This can be done most effectually by holding it in one hand and rapping it with the other on the broom corn above where it is wet. Commence brushing lightly at first, going over with it a second time, or more, and if your carpet is very dusty, do not sweep more than a square yard or two before dipping your broom into the water again ; this will rinse off all the particles of dust adhering to the broom. Rap off the drops of water, as before, and begin again ; continue to do so till the whole is cleaned. Should the water get very dirty before completing the room, it can be changed. One who has never tried the experiment will probably be surprised at the quantity of dirt which will be washed from the broom into the water. A carpet can be cleaned more effectually in this way than it can possibly be done with a dry broom, as the particles of dust adhere to the broom instead of rising to fall back on the carpet. There is no danger of injuring even a fancy carpet, if the drops of water are thoroughly removed from the broom. Let no one try this who has not time and patience.

A DARK HOUSE.

A dark house is always an unhealthy house, always a dirty house. Want of light stops growth, and promotes scrofula, rickets, etc., among children. People lose their health in a dark house, and if they get ill they cannot get well again in it. Three out of many negligences and ignorances in managing the health of houses generally, I will here mention as specimens. First, that the female head in charge of any building does not think it necessary to visit every hole and corner of it every day. How can she expect that those under her will be more careful to maintain her house in a healthy condition than she who is in charge of it? Second, that it is not considered essential to air, to sun and clean rooms while uninhabited ; which is simply ignoring the first elementary notion of sanitary things, and laying the ground for all kinds of diseases. Third, that one window is considered enough to air a room. Don't imagine that if you who are in charge don't look to all these things yourself, those under you will be more careful than you are. It appears as if the part of the mistress was