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GOSSIP.

A New Yorker, who is accustomed each year to pass a few weeks with a farmer in Dutchess County, says that once, in notifying the latter of his intention to make the usual visit, he wrote as follows:

"There are several little matters that I should like to see changed if my family and I decide to spend our vacation at your house. We don't like the girl Martha. And in the second place, we do not think that it is sanitary to have a pig-sty so near the house."

In reply, the farmer said: "Martha went last week. We ain't had no hogs since you were here last September."

Before a great fire of logs in Helicon Hall, the seat of his Utopian colony, Upton Sinclair one snowy night talked of the injustice of the private ownership of land:

"A tramp was one day strolling through a wood that belonged to the Duke of Norfolk. The Duke happened to meet him, and said:

"Do you know you're walking on my land?"

"Your land?" said the tramp. "Well, I've got no land of my own, so I'm obliged to walk on somebody's. Where, though, did you get this land?"

"I got it from my ancestors," said the duke.

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PERILOUS INDORSEMENT.

My savings, aside from real-estate holdings, were invested in a bunch of cattle ready for the market. I owned a small farm, well improved and unencumbered by mortgage. I enjoyed a reputation for thrift and honesty.

I valued my cattle at one thousand dollars.

One day Martin G—— came to see the cattle. Mart dealt a little in live stock as well as many other kinds of property.

"I have a few notes here," said he, "that I got in trade. They are from fifty dollars to one hundred and fifty dollars apiece. They will aggregate, figuring in the accrued interest, a few dollars more than a thousand, but, as I'm going to move away soon and don't want to bother collecting them, I'll just give you the bunch for the cattle."

Upon examining his stock-in-trade, I replied that I was not informed as to the financial standing of the men whose signatures appeared thereon.

Mart seemed to hit a plan. "I'll tell you what I'll do," said he. "I'll sign the notes over to you and we'll call it a trade, provided you find the paper good. You just keep the cattle in your possession until day after to-morrow. That will give you time to-morrow to drive to town and see your banker about the notes."

Next day, as my banker carefully examined the notes, he occasionally shook his head. He considered a few of them doubtful, and the remainder worthless. "And," he added, "I don't know as Mart's indorsement helps them very much."

The morning following, Mart was on hand bright and early. Of course, I assured him at once that I could not trade.

"All right," he replied, "the stuff's off; you keep the cattle, and I'll take back the notes. But say," he added; "let's see. Oh, yes; I signed the notes over to you, so to keep the thing straight, it will be necessary for you to sign them over to me."

Some affairs outdoors were demanding my immediate attention, and, not stopping to think of the consequences, I hurriedly scrawled my signature beneath that of the trader.

Mart drove to town, cashed the notes at a bank, and departed, for aught I know, to a far country beyond Jordan. My indorsement had made the paper negotiable.

I have not quite finished paying off those notes yet.—T. C. M., in Saturday Evening Post.

THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

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Sir George Reid, R. S. A., is going to paint the portrait of Mr. Wm. Duthie, Collynie, the noted Shorthorn breeder, to be presented to him by his friends, the breeders of Great Britain and other countries.

The good old gentleman was engaged in the, to him, always pleasant duty of bringing the light of rational enjoyment into the dark lives of the poor, and as he went through the ranks of the working girls he was entertaining this Yuletide his kindly smile shone on all sides. His tactful remarks were not for the few and favored, they were for all. His wish was that every guest should be at her ease, and he attained his end. This was made plain in a somewhat embarrassing manner, for presently a shrill voice was heard above the conversation:

"My word," said the girl the voice belonged to, "ain't the bishop a shocking flirt!"

William Waldie, Stratford, Ont., writes:

"I have recently sold the following Shorthorns: To Chas. Fryfogal, North Easthope, one bull; to Jacob Neeb, Brocksden, a bull; to Fred McIntosh & Jas. McGregor, St. Mary's, a bull; to Patrick Kelly, Fairview, a bull. These, I think, are about as good a lot as is generally found in one man's barn. To Adam Smith, St. Mary's, a three-year-old cow and her bull calf, an extra nice pair for a man to start off with. And last, but not least, the stock bull, Star Prince, to John Gibson, Denfield. This is the kind of bull that generally does a man some good, he being a very low, thick bull, carrying a wonderful amount of natural flesh, also being an extra well-bred bull, his dam, Imp. Sunny Princess, a Bruce Mayflower, being almost a full sister to Prince Sunbeam (imp.), a Toronto champion, his sire, Lavender Star, a pure Cruickshank Lavender, being used for some time in the Bruce herd before being imported to Canada, then doing good service in the Cargill herd. Mr. Gibson started out to buy one of the best bulls he could find, and it is needless to say he travelled a good many miles, and after he bought him, he said, 'Well, I have bought one of the best bulls I have seen, any way.' And Mr. Gibson generally knows a good thing when he sees it. I think by the way his calves are coming along he has made no mistake. I still have a number of nice heifers for sale, which will be priced right to immediate purchasers. As I am now out of a stock bull, I would be pleased to hear from anyone having an imported bull to sell."

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