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THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

A Brooklyn public-school teacher says that she once required a pupil to com-pose a sentence with the word "dogma" as the subject. The pupil, a lad of ten, after some deliberation, submitted his effort. It read as follows : " The dogma has five pups."

Joseph Jefferson, the actor, once told this story to a friend :

" I was coming down in the elevator of the Stock Exchange building, and at one of the intermediate floors a man, whose face I knew as well as I know yours, got in. He greeted me very warmly at once, said it was a number of years since we had met, and was very gracious and friendly. But I couldn't place him for the life of me. I asked him as a sort of a feeler how he happened to be in New York, and he answered, with a touch of surprise, that he had lived there for several years. Finally I told him, in an apologetic way, that I couldn't recall his name. He looked at me for a moment, and then he said, very quietly, that his name was U. S. Grant." "What did you do, Joe?" his friend

asked.

" Do ? " he replied, with a characteristic smile. "Why, I got out at the next floor, for fear I'd ask him if he had ever been in the war ! "

H. A. Fuller, toastmaster at the annual banquet of the Pennsylvania bankers' convention in Wilkesbarre last month, introduced with this story the banker, who responded to the toast, " Our Depositors.

"A depositor in a neighboring trust company is an eccentric farmer of middle age. This farmer, though he is wealthy, overdrew his account one day to the tune of \$500.

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"He replied :

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Professor Blackie used to form a very picturesque feature in the Edinburgh streets. He was a cheery old patriarch, with handsome features and hair falling in ringlets about his shoulders. No one who had seen him could possibly forget

One day he was accosted by a very dirty little bootblack, with his "Shine your boots, sir ? '

Blackie was impressed with the filthiness of the boy's face.

"I don't want a shine, my lad," said ne. "But if you go and wash your face



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'A' richt, sir,'' was the lad's reply he went over to a neighboring fountain and made his ablutions. Returning, he held out his hand for the

'Well, my lad,'' said the professor. you have earned your sixpence. Here it is."

"I dinna want it, auld chap," returned the boy, with a lordly air. "Ye can keep it and get your hair cut."

HOW TO SPOIL A CHILD.

An indulgent mother was travelling one day with her three-year-old son, his nurse and a copy of a magazine which absorbed the mother's attention. The son with his nurse occupied the seat behind her. The nurse attempted once in a while to curl the boy's restless and rebellious spirit by a gentle denial of his latest whim. Each ime the mother noticing only that some argument was in progress, and not looking up from her book, said, " Let him have it."

The nurse yielded, of course, to author ity, and let the child do as he would Finally a strong and busy-looking wasp flew against the window pane. The youth ful lunter reached out to grasp it and wailed dejectedly when he was restrained by the witchful nurse. Again the foud

" Do let him have it ! "

The howl which followed almost drowned the nurse's quiet reply " He's got it.'



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