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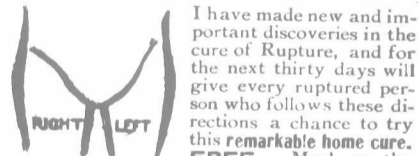


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My Neighbor.

My neighbor was a widder, an' she had a rundown farm
An' her cows an' pigs an' chickens done a mighty lot o' harm
To my fields adjoinin', an' I stood it quite awhile,
Till I wouldn't be imposed on in no such kind of style.

So I looked my very maddest as I walked up to her door,
Till she looked up at me smilin' while a-washin' up the floor,
An' her cheeks was red as roses an' her hair es black es night;
I forgot to scold an' sass her, for she seemed so sweet an' bright.

But my hand was to the plow now, an' it wouldn't never do
To forgit them deprecations jes' by lookin' in' at her shoe.
So I gathered up my anger an' I said, "Now, Mrs. Brown,"
An' my tones put out her eyes' light an' the lashes they fell down.

But I ain't no man for foolin', and I went right on to say
How her pigs et all my melons an' her cows et tons of hay;
How her chickens scratched my corn out, an' I wouldn't hev it so,
Gittin' harder all the time, like a mad man will, you know.

Then the widder she looked up, with a teardrop on her cheek,
An' a somethin' in her throat that wouldn't let her speak
But she sobbed an' cried out in a kind o' teary tone,
That she had no one to help her, an' was poor an' all alone.

An' my hand was off the plow then an' a-reachin' out fer hern,
I had learnt a sudden lesson that I never thought I'd learn.
Well, my scoldin' was a failure, seein' what I thought to do,
For her pigs an' cows are all here, an' the widder's with 'em, too.

—Will F. McSparran, in New York Farmer.

HORSE REFLECTIONS.

I'm only a horse, at a heavy old dray,
But I ponder and think, while I'm tugging away;
As I hear, ev'ry day, of man's latest invention,
I wonder we horses don't get more attention.

We slip and we fall on the wet, snowy street,
While a driver shouts, "Why don't you stand on your feet?"
And many a horse that is heavily loaded,
Though doing his best is upbraided and goaded;

For often a brute, without conscience or heart,
Drives a hungry, long-suffering horse to a cart,
And I think, as I look at this scum of the nation,
"So you are what man call 'A lord of creation.'"

I hope there's a fortune that someone will get
For a non-slipping horseshoe, for streets that are wet;
'Twould be an invention much more to my notion
Than one you can talk with to men on the ocean.

But while we are waiting, if some kindly hand
Would spread, here and there, a few shovels of sand
Where horses are slipping and trembling and quaking
'Twould save many limbs from so needlessly breaking.

—I. F. Layton, in Rider and Driver.

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