

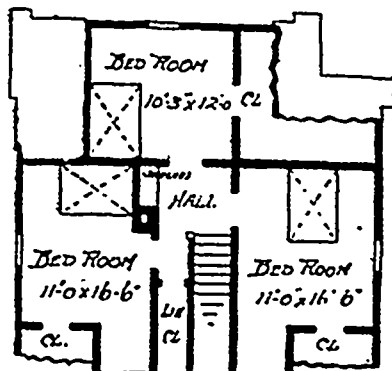
An Inexpensive Farm Cottage.

## In the Lap of Spring.

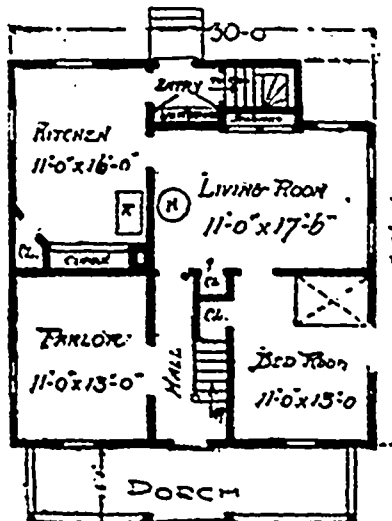
## A FARM COTTAGE.

[From Keith's Home Builder, W. J. Keith, Minneapolis, Minn.]

For a farm this cottage will be found especially convenient, as the living room is of good size and the kitchen is



convenient, affording ample accommodation in caring for the harvest hands. A wardrobe in the rear entry is necessary for the men when they come from work to hang their coats and stow away their heavy boots. There will be a small cellar reached from this entry and cupboards for the dishes and kitchen tins, and closets for clothing are amply provided. In the living or dining room is a prettily designed side-



board which adds greatly to the attractiveness of this room. Finish, hemlock or pine.

Cost, \$575 in a lumber district; add 25 per cent for localities removed from lumber markets. Width, 30 ft.; depth, 34 ft 6 in.; small cellar; light first story, 8 ft 2 in.; second story, 8 ft; lowest light second story, 8 ft.

## PREMIUM LIST PRIZES.

The cash prize contest in the annual premium list number of F & H, Oct 15, '99, proved to be a very fascinating one, and we give below the Editor's answer, and the award of prizes. No one got the same answer that the Editor did, but many of them were just as good. Some of you made the mistake of giving titles of small poems or plays that were not large enough to make a book of themselves, while others failed to get a complete list. On the whole, they were the best lists of answers ever received to a puzzle of this kind.

## THE EDITOR'S LIST.

First I will mention my favorite novelist, who is Scott. I have three of his stories; they are Waverley, Kenilworth and Ivanhoe. I also have a poem by the same author, named Marmion. Dickens is also a favorite author of mine, but Pickwick is the only copy of his works that I own. My next favorite book is Middlemarch by Eliot. I also have Remora by the same author, but I do not like the book as well as the others. I always enjoy Pendergast by Thackeray every time I read it, and I also have Catherine by the same author. Then I have Marcella by Mrs. Ward, which I also like very much. I am also very fond of Miss Wilkins's works, and I have two of these; they are Pembroke and Jerome. Next I have Alhambra by Irving, but I do not care so much for this as I do for two stories for girls by Mrs. Carey, entitled Esther and Averell. Next on the shelf is Lucile, written by Meredith. Then come three plays by Shakespeare, and I name them in the order I like them best: Macbeth, Hamlet and Othello. I also have two of Longfellow's poems; they are Hiawatha and Evangeline. Next comes my copy of Faust by Goethe, in the original German, and I have one of Mrs. Sheldon's works entitled Max. Of children's stories I have a whole shelf full, which I name in the order of their value to me. First come the works of Abbott, of which I have all of his Franconia series, 10 in number. Then come the Harper story books in 12 volumes. Next come 34 volumes of Alger's works. Then I fill out the shelf I have Polly, by Meade. I also have on the next shelf Sunset by Black, Shirley by Bronte, Armadale and Basil by Collins, and Dorothy by Woolson.

## THE PRIZE WINNERS.

\$10 gold piece to G. C. Dawitt, N. Y.  
\$5 gold piece to Naomi C. Woolton, Neb.  
\$2.50 gold piece to C. S. Dearborne, Cal.  
Watch to J. G. Hornet, Pa.  
Prizes worth \$1 to Nancy F. Wilson, N. H.; Sarah E. Newton, Mass.; Mrs. Mary Buntin, N. H.; Lizzie W. Buntin, N. H.; J. H. Healey, Ont.; Mary E. Howe, Neb.; Mrs. Sarah Gilles, Minn.; Daniel W. Bill, N. H.; Garvin Davidson, Ore.; James R. Beede, N. H.  
Prizes worth 50 cents to L. C. Burris, Fla.; Volney P. Johnson, Mass.; D. G. Chesley, N. H.; Gertrude Marks, O.; C. Spicer, Ia.; Mary E. Carroll, Cal.; Daniel W. Bill, N. H.; Lizzie M. Bowles, N. H.; W. H. Overacker, Fla.; Mrs. Abbie E. Baker, Me.; Roscoe Young, Mo.; Miss E. F. Rick, Necker, D. C.; Russell C. Field, Cal.; Mrs. D. R. Varney, N. Y.; Geneva S. Ballard, Mass.; Mrs. J. L. Dildine, N. Y.; Albert Pennell, Me.; Mrs. T. N. McClelland, Ky.; Miss Emma E. Fridson, Tenn.; Alexander Heath, Ont.

## OLD AGE.

Whether one hide in some secluded nook—  
Whether at Liverpool or Sandy Hook—  
'Tis one. Old age will search him out  
—and he—  
He—he—when ready will know where  
to look. [Mark Twain.]

## "WHEN IT RAINS PORRIDGE."

[From Page 143.]

Elsie, "but I shall not get the chance again." But she did. The cook at the school did not return, good help in that line was not easy to procure, and by the time a competent person in other lines was secured, Elsie was firmly established in her position as cake-baker. And, like the mending, the business grew. It was a relief to many a housewife with coming guests to have the cake baking off her mind and hands. Elsie made nothing in advance, though she was urged to do so, and even to open "ice cream parlors." She preferred to combine herself entirely to order work and take only what she was sure of accomplishing. She did not grow rich, and she worked hard, but she was always sure of a certain amount of ready money earned in her own home. Uncle James's wife sniffed disapproval of earning money in such odd ways, "doing things no one else in town did." But as Mollie sentimentally remarked, "Uncle James's wife never did approve, so it did not greatly matter. Does it sound hopelessly prosaic and

commonplace? Selling what flowers could be raised in the old-fashioned garden, cake making in a hot kitchen, darning socks and setting patches; not very inspiring or artistic; just "the ceaseless round of daily toil." But it was the work which lay ready to her hand, the work which she could do well and take pride in doing, as much as if she had painted a picture or written a poem. "Yes," said the minister one afternoon when he was making a pastoral call on the Gates family, "I believe there are opportunities for everyone close at hand. If one can only see at the right moment that the opportunity is there." "That is just what I tell the children," said granny. "When it rains porridge, hold up your dish." The real thing is to know when the sky looks like porridge."

"It seems to me," remarked the prospective tenant, as he noted four inches of water in the basement, "that this cellar leaks."

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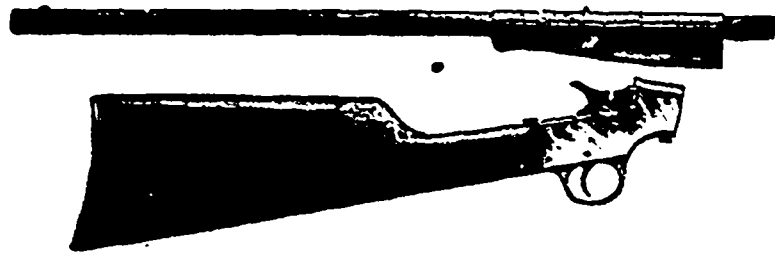
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