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RUSE OF A CHINAMAN.

Clever Way He Got Around the Law and Gained His Case.

A cemetery is the one sacred spot in China. To desecrate such a place is the worst of crimes. Some years since there lived in a village on the plain of the Yellow river a man called Tu. His little farm furnished him with a comfortable living, but nothing more. Like all farms in that part of China, there was no fence to separate his fields from those of his neighbors. One of these neighbors was a rascal, who, knowing Mr. Tu to be of mild disposition, resolved to impose upon him by plowing a few furrows of Mr. Tu's land and thus incorporating it with his own. This act did not pass unobserved, but Mr. Tu was cautious as well as mild. He knew that litigation came high and was uncertain. "Better," he said to himself, "to endure the wrong than to suffer loss of both land and money."

The next year the neighbor repeated the experiment and plowed up a few more furrows. Again Mr. Tu consulted with himself and determined, as previously, that law was too expensive a luxury for him.

The neighbor, encouraged by this complaisance, continued to add to his own acres at the other's expense. At length he became so bold as to incorporate in this way the family cemetery, where were buried Mr. Tu's ancestors.

Then Mr. Tu saw the chance for which he had been waiting. By plowing up this cemetery the neighbor had committed sacrilege. The only difficulty was that the punishment was so severe that it might not be possible, unless he was careful, to get his neighbor punished at all. For the law was that if the magistrate should take notice of the suit he would have to send up a report to his superiors at the capital of the province and request that proper punishment be inflicted upon himself, seeing that so heinous a crime had been committed in the district for which he was responsible.

Accordingly Mr. Tu brought the matter before the magistrate in a way that did not involve that official. He brought accusation against his father, who was dead, for having moved his grave off his son's land to that of the encroaching neighbor instead of abiding in the cemetery where he properly belonged!

The Chinese love humor and greatly admire shrewdness. When, therefore, the magistrate read this amazing document he smiled with genuine appreciation of Mr. Tu's cleverness, called up the offending neighbor, made him restore all the land he had appropriated and punished him with due severity for his robbery.—Youth's Companion.

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WAR SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

SAVE, Because---

The country looks for personal sacrifice rather than personal indulgence.

ONTARIO FARMERS

Existing war conditions demand that you give the question of Seed special attention this year. Seed of desirable varieties and high germination power will be factors influencing yields.

If you have not Secured your Seed let the Ontario Department of Agriculture help you.

Farmers having seed grain or potatoes for sale may forward samples to this office stating varieties, price and QUANTITY.

Farmers wishing to purchase seed are also invited to communicate with this office stating variety and quantity, and an effort will be made to put them in touch with farmers having seed for sale.

W. H. HEARST,
Minister of Agriculture.Write to W. P. MACDONALD, B.S.A.,
District Representative, Petrolia, Ont.

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for her Armies in the Field—for her Workers in the Factory—in the Munition plant—in the Shipyard—in the Mine.

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DO YOU KNOW—

that the rapidly rising price of food stuffs means that the World's reserve supply is getting small?

DO YOU KNOW—

that a world-wide famine can only be averted by increasing this supply?

DO YOU KNOW—

that a "food famine" would be a worse disaster to the Empire and her Allies than reverses in the Field?

YOU CAN—

help thwart Germany's desperate submarine thrust on the high seas.

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do this by helping to make every bit of land in Canada produce—the very last pound of food stuffs of which it is capable.

AND REMEMBER—

that no man can say that he has fully done his part—who having land—be it garden patch, or farm, or ranch—fails to make it produce food to its utmost capacity.

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OTTAWA

"No matter what difficulties may face us, the supreme duty of every man on the land is to use every thought and every energy in the direction of producing more—and still more."

Martin Burrell—Minister of Agriculture.

The Department invites every one desiring information on any subject relative to Farm and Garden, to write—

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DRIED VEGETABLES



ON HER TOILET TABLE.

In a rich green field, however rested. The design has both beauty and usefulness.

Snowdrop Cake.

Beat three eggs, using lightest colored yolks; add a little cream or milk and flavoring. Rub four ounces of butter into half a pound of flour, stir in four ounces of sugar, mix by adding eggs and milk and stirring thoroughly but lightly; then scatter in a teaspoonful of baking powder. Turn the mixture into a greased cake tin, put in a hot oven, reduce the heat after a while and let the cake bake gradually. When cold coat with icing, inserting a few snowdrops intervals just before serving.

Baked Potatoes au Gratin.

Bake large potatoes until well done, cut lengthwise, scoop out, mash well, add butter, a little milk or cream, salt and pepper and whip until fluffy; fill and sprinkle with grated cheese. Put back in the oven for the cheese to melt and brown slightly. These potatoes served with a roast of veal are a real addition to the meal.

Word From Br'er Williams.

When I can't git turkey I thanks God fer ham, an' when I can't git ham I thanks God fer 'possum. Dar's a time somethin' ter be thankful fer, you got de will ter go after it.—Atlanta Constitution.

Advantage of Dignity.

"What are we going to do abt Elggins? He won't pay his club dues." "Make him a member of the board of governors. Then maybe he'll be ashamed to see himself posted."

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