

## Tim of Clovervale

Wants to Remodel Society.

The roads have bin so bad I aint bin able to rite nothin for bout a month. Fact I did rite but the matter got stale afor I cood get it in to the office. "Ab" said he had to carry the mail on horse back and cood not be loaded down with manuscript. It near broke my heart for I thot I'd made a hit. My subject was the "Stat of Main" and other yankee wor ships and I ended up with "Say, Uncle Sam, you'd better get some un to run em for you till you learn how," but them divers had got to work afore I could get my article on the market and explained how the explosion was in the magazin, or the engine boiler what run the dynimo, exploded, or somebody dropped a clock bomb into her, or some Spainard exploded a torpedo under her, or she was struck with a thunder bolt, or something like that, was the matter and they dont seem just sure what. I think the some thing blew her up what run the other two ships aground—that is foolin with things they don't know much bout.

Me and ma has been wantin to get in to some of the union meetins ever since they begun but as ma don't snow shoe much late years we had to wait till the roads got broke out. We came in early Sunday mornin and tended all the services. Ma "likes to get her soul fed up on fresh celestial fare" as Carleton puts it. Pa's not so anxious to get to these gatherins as he is to have ma go. I think he knows she is the one that is hardest to keep converted and revivals always make ma humbler, meeker and more agreeable for several weeks. The services was good and the preachin fine. Ma and me went up to see the F. C. B. immerse two girls in the river after morning service. Ma thinks this is not quite the thing to do, she ses they wood keep until warm weather if the necessary change had been wrought. Of course she has the probashun ideas. Ma came from the evening Baptist service morn disgusted. She and me got good seats near the door, bout half way back and afore the the minister got preachin I had a hole near looked through me by females who knew there was to be a baptism and wood not sit down further back where there was empty seats until they tried to look some man out of countenance who had a seat. They usually found some fellow who would internally curse their forwardness and give up his seat. I held mine until one old woman who paraded up the ile across the front of the house and down our ile to where I sat. I was angry then to think I had not given it to te maiden who tried to draw my attention but who I pretended not to see but then the wimin there take such politenesses as a matter of course and only sometime smile, or say 'chanks.' I like Moody and Sankey's way. They said a man had as good a right to a seat as a woman and the ushers would not allow a man to give up his seat. But say, that want wot made Ma so mad. It was after the preacher had said, "Now, brothers and sisters and christian friends kindly remain seated while we observe the ordnance

of baptism" for the congregation eng masse to jump up on their feet and rush forward. I guess most of em never saw a font in a church afore. It was a disgustin sight to see men and wimin old and young hoppin over pew back like school children. If it had been a dime shop or a theater or a horse race they would not dare act so disorderly. I tho' first maybe ma war cross cause she couldn't climb over the seats and see the seremony herself but I knew I was rong for when I ris to git a place among the rabble she sez, sez she, "dont disgrace yourself and your ma, we will show them we know samthin if we be from Clovervale. Now, Tiser, if after the next baptism you find that this article has any influence on the highly civilized citizens of that thrivin, boomin village of Hartland let me no and I'll undertake to rei. o'el society agin.

TIM.

### Dust Baths for Fowls.

All animals have a natural tendency to cleanliness. The hog, the common type of filth, is not by any means as dirty as we would suppose if given an opportunity to be clesn, and in this he needs only as much assistance from man as a horse demands: the result will prove his natural tendency to cleanliness. The hen has an aversion to bathing in water. Her substitute is the dust bath which answers the same purpose for cleansing her feathers. A dust bath is very essential to the health of all fowls. In winter when the outside ground is frozen hard a substitute should be provided in the shape of a box filled with dry sand mixed with coal ashes or road dust.

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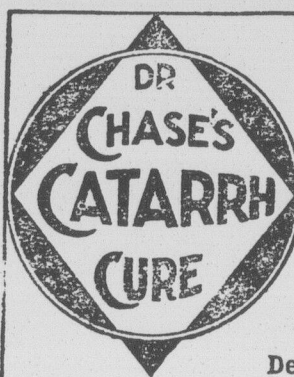
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