

THE FARMERSVILLE REPORTER.

A Foolish Maiden.

A foolish little maiden bought a foolish little bonnet,
With a ribbon and a feather and a bit of lace upon it;
And that the other maidens of this little town might know it,
She thought she'd go to meeting the next Sunday just to show it.

But though the little bonnet was scarce larger than a dime,
The getting of it settled proved to be a work of time;
So when 'twas fairly tied, and all the bells had stopped their ringing,
And when she came to meeting, sure enough, the folks were singing.

So this foolish little maiden stood and waited at the door;
And she shook her ruffles out behind and smoothed them down before.
"Hallelujah, hallelujah!" sang the choir above her head.
"Hardly knew you! hardly knew you!" were the words she thought they said.

This made the little maiden feel so very, very cross,
That she gave her little mouth a twist, her little head a toss;
For she thought the very hymn they sang was all about her bonnet,
With the ribbon and the feather and the bit of lace upon it.

And she would not wait to listen to the sermon or the prayer,
But pattered down the silent street and hurried up the stair,
Till she reached her little bureau, and in a bandbox on it
Had hidden, safe from critic's eye, her foolish little bonnet.

Which proves, my little maidens, that each of you will find,
In every Sabbath service but an echo of your mind;
And the silly little head that's filled with silly little airs,
Will never get a blessing from a sermon or from prayers.

Sheep Shearing.

From the News.]

Do you remember how the first settlers used to shear sheep? A great many of the pioneers were old country folk and didn't know a thing about sheep or how to shear them. The great trouble about these chumps was that they wouldn't learn for fear some of the Canucks would think they didn't know it all in the old country. Geriminy, how they used to torture those sheep! They'd build a sort of platform or table, and tie the sheep's legs and lay him down and commence to claw the wool off with the sheep shears, and about every second snip they'd take out a chunk of sheepskin and a bite of mutton. The poor sheep would kick and blat and protest, but they only made it worse, and when the shearing was over it would take the president of an agricultural society to tell whether it was a sheep or a hunk of sausage with its overcoat off. Shearing sheep in that style was slow work, and it used to take all day to manage two or three of them, and hard work at that, with lots of perspiration and cuss words, and sore fingers where the shears took our a chunk of old country jacks instead of mutton. And the fleece! It was a sight to see. You could hardly tell whether to send it to the carding mill or to the tannery, so even was the mixture of wool and sheepskin.

The summer has come. Do not keep little children penned up in doors, fearing fresh air will give them colds, or the sunshine spoil their complexions. Turn the rascals out for ventilation.



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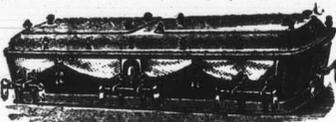
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Thos Vanarnum.

Farmersville, Feb. 16th, 1885.

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