

# The St. Tammany Farmer.

"The Blessings of Government, Like the Dew from Heaven, Should Descend Alike Upon the Rich and the Poor."

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## ROBY-CHEEK AND CURLY-HEAD.

When I go home, this welcome woe  
Each evening when the day is done  
The patter of little feet  
Then clapping arms, and kisses sweet  
From roby-cheek and curly-head.

They come with shouts of riling;  
They're laughing so they scarce can speak  
Oh, take the roby-cheek  
And I, an easy yielding prey  
To curly-head and roby-cheek.

But curly-head will sometimes ache,  
And fill our souls with sudden dread;  
And roby-cheek, while hearts stand still  
Oh, may there come no touch of ill  
To roby-cheek and curly-head!

God bless all little cheeks of rosy  
Where'er they bloom, Thy sunlight sheds  
Bless little heads of rippling hair!  
Oh, take the roby-cheek  
Each roby-cheek and curly-head!

—Edgar W. Abbot, in Outlook.

## HICK'S PATENT COOKER.

The Pathetic Story That Induced the Rector to Buy.

"I would like to call your attention to my patient cooker," said the mild-mannered man with the soft low voice to the rector of St. Bartholomew's. "It consists, as maybe you can see—"

"But I don't desire a cooker, and would not look at one if I did," interrupted the rector of St. Bartholomew's in an irascible manner as is permitted to his cloth.

"They come in three sizes," continued the mild-mannered man with the soft low voice—"small, medium and large. They're made of tin, gunwaine block tin, not rolled tin. I have frequently been congratulated on the quality of my tin. Said Bishop Dobson to me: 'Hicks, I congratulate you on the quality of your tin.'"

"Bishop Dobson?" queried the rector of St. Bartholomew's with languid interest. "I don't remember to have seen his name in the church calendar."

"Methody," explained the mild-mannered man. "It's a Methody. Here's a certificate from my pastor saying I'm an individual of moral character and use good tin in my cookers. Here's a letter from Rev. Edward Atkins—but I don't set much store by that, being as he is a Baptist, and no judge of tin. The principle on which my cooker is based—"

"You will have to excuse me," said the rector of St. Bartholomew's, looking hazy at the heavy gold spectacles presented him by the parish on his last birthday, "but I have a sermon to write."

"Maybe your lady would like to see the cooker," said the mild-mannered man. "It's made of genuine block tin, and Bishop Dobson himself said: 'Hicks, I congratulate you on the quality of your tin.'"

"I have no wife," said the rector, with the merest suspicion of a blush.

"Then buy a cooker and get one," said the mild-mannered man, confidentially. "With Hicks' patent cooker as an argument, you will get one easy. They come in three sizes—small, medium and large. This here is the small one. Folds all up, you see, like a telescope. Maybe you wouldn't believe it, but one of them small-sized cookers saved my life once. It was in the spring of 1833, or the fall of 1832, or the winter of 1834. I don't remember which and it don't make no difference, that Rev. Dr. James Willyams, B. D., and I took passage for Africky in the brig Thomas J. Walkup, going as missionaries to some of the numerous cannibal tribes that keeps down the population, and consequently accounts for the depressed values of real estate in the Dark Continent. Rev. Dr. Willyams was to teach the savages religion, but my mission was a more important one. I was to introduce Hicks' patent cooker among 'em. You can see that even this large-sized cooker won't hold a man, to say nothing of the mejum and small ones. Now I calculated to teach the savages to use my cookers, and when they got so attached to 'em as to never eat nothing except what was cooked in a cooker—seein' that you couldn't cook a man in 'em—cannibals would naturally die out. When I broached my plan to Bishop Dobson his eyes shone and he said: 'Go, Hicks, go. Your work will supplement the work of Rev. Dr. Willyams. I heartily commend your plan, and I congratulate you on the quality of your tin.' Them was his words, and I went."

"Well, sir, the mornin' after I arrived in Africky I began to talk to the chief about my cooker, when what does he do but take me down to the leadin' grocery store of the town and show me Rev. Dr. Willyams chained up."

"Can you cook him?" asked the chief.

"No," said I, my breath all gone with surprise at the turn affairs had took.

"Well," said the old chief, "them's the kind of victuals we eat. We don't consume much in the way of breakfast foods, infants' foods and the like. If your cooker can't cook our styie of provisions we ain't got any use for it."

"And with that they put me in their jail, and that was the last I ever seen or heard of Rev. Dr. James Willyams, B. D. They would have let me at once, but the chief's daughter, Urogina, fell in love with me, and made 'em put off the obsequies or festivities, according as you looked at it from my standpoint or the savages'. I talked nice to Urogina, and got her to bring me my small-sized cooker, the only one the old witch doctor what kept the cookers would let her have; and with that I cooked them savages the finest kinds of victuals they ever eat, and they set me free and made me royal cook, and the chief kinder smiled indulgently at the way Urogina was makin' up to me. So you see the small-sized cooker saved my life."

"I'll buy the small size," said the rector, hastily. "I have a sermon to write."

"Now you just take my advice and get a mejum size. You can afford it. When you take that small-sized cooker round to that young lady you've after, when you ask her to marry you what'll she think? Why, she'll say to herself that in buyin' this small cooker you are layin' out not to ever have any company to meals, and if she is a girl that

## PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

—Justice Blatchford's wealth was partly inherited. His father once lost \$50,000, it is related, having set a value on containing that amount down in Fulton street, New York, to buy some peanuts and gone off forgetting it. But he was so wealthy that the loss did not hurt him much.

—Sir Leonard Tilley completed two years ago his second term as lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick and he is still serving because partisan politics there is very bitter and the government has avoided the danger of exciting the animosity of one faction by failing to select his successor.

—Mrs. Frederick Macdonald, a well-known English writer and lecturer, and Mrs. Annie Besant, who holds the title of the Reformer of London recently had a public disputation in London recently about the merits of theosophy and Buddhism. The debate resulted in a drawn battle, but was most interesting to the audience, as each disputant made an animated argument to support her thesis.

—Pere Loti, who is about to start out on a tour to Egypt and Palestine, appears to be a great favorite with some of the feminine readers of his stories. In a lecture which he lately delivered about the novelist, Mme. Theodor said that "receptions they overwhelmed him with adulation, and had he partaken of all the ices and wines they pressed on him he would have died ere this."

—It is the distinction of Rev. Mr. Hodgett, of Greenwich, Mass., that during his long pastorate of the village church there he has buried more people than the town contains. He has officiated at 624 funerals, while the entire population of Greenwich at the present time is only about 570. Mr. Hodgett is seventy-eight years old, and for half a century he has been the town's only clergyman.

—There were great rejoicings among the pupils of M. Benjamin Constant upon his election to a membership in the French academy. A reception was given him at one studio by the men there, and a triumphal arch of roses and laurels was erected by his girl pupils in his studio in the Passage de Panoramia. Besides this, the staircase to the street was lined with young girls, each of whom held aloft a long spray of flowers or a palm branch as the painter descended, forming a floral canopy over his head.

—The prince of Wales not long ago was one of a large house-party, his host being a very well-known peer. After dinner, the royal guest, the host, and the other male visitors repaired to the billiard-room. On a table at the side were two or three boxes of cigars, and the prince was helping himself to one, when an ambitious millionaire approached him, and taking from his pocket a cigar-case, held it out to the prince, saying: "I think, sir, you will find these better." "Mr. —," replied the prince, "if a man's dinner is good enough for me, his cigars are good enough for me." The millionaire was unexpectedly called away to town next morning on business.

—"I knowed you would," said the mild-mannered man with the soft, low voice. "There's something affectin' in the story of how them cookers saved my life."—Wardon Allan Curtis, in Harper's Weekly.

The King of Spiders.  
Ceylon is the home of the largest species of spider that has yet been made the subject of entomological investigation. This web-spinning monster lives in the most mountainous districts of that rugged island, and places his trap—not a gossamer mass of airy filigree—but a huge net of yellow silk, from five to ten feet in diameter, across chasms and fissures in the rocks. The supporting gags on this gigantic net, which in all cases is almost strong enough for a hammock, are from five to twenty feet in length (as conditions and circumstances may require) made of a series of twisted webs, the whole being of the diameter of a lead pencil. As might be imagined, this gigantic silken trap is set for nocturnal flies and other pteridiferous gnats, but for birds, gaudy moths and elegantly patterned butterflies, some of the latter having a spread of wing equal to that of a robin or a blue jay. Some extra fine skeletons of small birds, lizards, snakes, etc., have been found in these webs, with every vestige of flesh picked from them. The owner and maker of these queer silk traps is a spider with a body averaging four and a half inches in width and length, and with legs nine to twelve inches from body to terminal claws. Some are spotted, others red with greenish gold abdomen and legs.—St. Louis Republic.

The Other Dear Charmers.  
"It is really a great pity," said Esmeralda Cervantes, the harpist, who is on terms of intimate friendship with the different members of the Spanish royal family, "that Princess Isabella, Esabella's older sister, did not come to America instead of Esabella. She is one of the most admirable and accomplished women I ever knew. Here is indeed a noble character. She is a widow and devotes herself to good works and the arts. She is a thorough musician and is the author of some very fine musical compositions. It would really be difficult to fancy two people more totally unlike than are these two royal sisters. Neither do they look alike, as you can see by their photographs," and Mlle. Cervantes produced two inscribed pictures, one a very good likeness of Infanta Esabella and the other representing a sweet, dignified, refined woman, somewhat older but much handsomer. "Princess Isabella is greatly beloved in Madrid," continued Mlle. Cervantes. "Had she come here she would have won golden opinions for herself and the Spanish people. Unlike Esabella she is of equable temper and is always to be relied upon. I am very fond of her and consider it not only an honor but a privilege to be numbered among her friends."—Chicago Post.

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—What have you really learned in college, Harry, that is useful to you?" "I learned that I don't know how to play poker."—Brooklyn Life.

—"Don't you think it wrong for people to marry their intellectual inferiors?" She—"Yes, always wrong, and in some cases quite impossible."—Roseleaf.

—When the water we drink and growl and when the ice on the sidewalk goes gutter; but in summer we just get it put there; and save it for falls."—Buffalo Courier.

—"What made Jags leave the lawn party just after the fireworks began?" "Well, you see, the fiery serpents that were sent up looked so natural they started him to hiccupping."—Inter-Ocean.

—Belle—"I was supremely happy the day I was sixteen." Blanche—"No doubt. I've always insisted that the last generation enjoyed themselves much more than the present."—N. Y. Herald.

—Mr. Union Club—"I never get religious except at twilight, when I have time to sit before the fire and smoke." Mrs. Union Club—"I suppose the fire and smoke make you dwell upon your future, dear."—Club.

—Still in Doubt.—First Little Girl—"Has your sister begun takin' music lessons yet?" Second Little Girl—"She's takin' somfin' on th' piano; but I can't tell yet whether its music or type-writin'."—Daily Traveller.

—Junior Partner—"While I was talking down that buyer's order this mornin', I told him one of your funny stories." Senior Partner—"Ha, ha! Did he laugh?" Junior Partner—"No. He countermanded the order."—Clother and Farnisher.

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## SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—Rev. G. C. Tenny has been sent out from Michigan as an Adventist missionary to India.

—Rev. Dr. W. Pope Yeaman, of Columbia, Mo., has accepted the presidency of Grand River Baptist college at Galatin, Mo.

—In Pennsylvania, women belonging to the Protestant Episcopal church not only vote for vestrymen, but are elected to that office.

—The Lord's Day union has been organized in India. It was suggested by our Rev. F. W. Warner, of Calcutta, and is designed to agitate in favor of Sunday observance.

—Rev. Henry A. Adams, formerly rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Buffalo, and later of the Church of the Redeemer of New York, has joined the Roman Catholic church.

—Mrs. George William Curtis has established a free scholarship fund in memory of her husband in the Staten Island academy. It is the proceeds of the edition of "Prue and I," published last Christmas.

—A bill providing for freedom of public worship has been introduced in the Hungarian parliament. It concedes the right of everyone to choose the form of religion each may prefer. Its practice, within the requirements of public order and morality, is guaranteed.

—In one hundred and seventy years after the death of Christ the whole Bible had been translated into Latin by some unknown author into what is now known as the old Italian version. By the year 300 it was extant in Greek, Syriac and Latin, and by the ninth century in thirteen languages.

—A conference has been suggested of Congregationalists, Christians or Disciples, and Free Baptists, to propose a basis for a practical alliance between the three denominations, the proposed basis to be submitted to the representative bodies of each denomination for discussion and possible ratification.

—Rev. Dr. E. E. Knowles, of Worcester, Mass., has declined a request to take charge of the Gallean church in Paris, from which Pere Hyacinthe has retired. As the church is now in the jurisdiction of the archbishop of Utrecht Father Hyacinthe cannot longer act as rector, because he married after his ordination to the priesthood.

—The Massachusetts Home Mission society last year received \$132,565. Of this amount \$54,830 came from the Sweet fund, and \$77,735 from all other funds. There were sent to the American Home Mission society in New York \$178,490; \$78,089 of this through the Massachusetts society, and \$90,401 direct. There was spent in home mission in Massachusetts \$65,543.—Christian Work.

—Application has been made to the World's Gospel union for an evangelist under the following conditions: A small country church in Illinois has begun to plan for special revival work the coming fall. They are now praying earnestly that God may send them a chosen worker as an evangelist at that time, and one of the workers has given the members of the Ladies' Missionary society a pig each. These women are to take in washing, sweep the school-houses, etc., to get corn to fatten the pigs, and in the fall the pigs will be sold and the money used to pay the evangelist.

HE WAS WELL FIXED.  
A Candidate for Honors Among the Wall Street Magnates.

Before me on a western road sat two admirable specimens of the genus "haysed." They were garrulous old chaps and talked and chewed tobacco as school girl chews gum.

"I reckon well lose Ben Gross afore long," said one, branching off on a fresh topic.

"Eh?"

"Yas—'t won't 'prise me a bit of Ben goes to New York an' speckleates."

"No, you don't say Ben's a gittin' a 'wall' that?"

"Well, I guess he's 'bout the best fixed man in our place now, since W. F. Simpkins died."

"Ye don't say! How much d'ye s'pose Ben's worth now, biled down?"

"Well, ye kain't jest tell. I know o' my own sartin knowledge he has over forty-five dollars in the bank an' his crop o' taters ain't dug yet. They'll bring him in right smart o' cash."

"Ye what?"

"Yas—'n John Summers owns him three dollars and seventy-five cents on that old game o' poker yet. He's slow, but he's good for it, I guess."

The other was silent for some time, evidently ruminating upon such vast wealth. Then he suddenly inquired: "What's he goin' to monkey with in New York?"

"I duano. Wall street, like as not."—N. Y. Herald.

## A GOOD RING OR NONE.

There is a ring on my finger  
Which I've noticed if you can see  
It is a beautiful ring, a young lady exclaimed, admiringly, to her brother the other day. "You might let me wear it! I don't see what you are carrying it for. You never put it on."

"Well," the young man replied, "you see I'm thinking of putting it on some day, but I've noticed if you can see an exquisite ring on a girl's hand you can usually get the girl. There's a personality about a ring somewhat that does not cling to any other article of jewelry, and it has quite a mysterious power over the one that wears it."

The sister laughed maliciously. "I think you will find there are several things about a ring, apart from the personality of its owner, that may influence the wearer," she said. "For instance, for instance."

"You do not understand at all," he explained. "Suppose, for instance, I offer a diamond ring to a young lady. I have gone into a jewelry store and bought the biggest diamond I could find, and then want to give it to a young woman who knows as clearly the difference between a yellow diamond and a sapphire white one as you can see get a Worth dress and one made in a shop shop. It may not have shown so plainly at night when she slipped it on, and it looked big and bright, and she did not care to examine it very closely; but wait until daylight. Then, as she turns it around on her slender finger, she sees its yellow color, its old-fashioned setting and the bubbles in it. She'll be all these things set her thinking. That old setting stardier her. She can't help wondering how long ago George bought the ring, and if some other maid has worn it before it came to her. Then it's size! Every one will notice it, and of course every one must see it is not a perfect stone. There is that ugly flaw peering away down in its heart. George bought his ring with an ambition, but his love, she knew he meant unending and precious, but now she wonders if there is a flaw, too, in his love—if time will prove him as daylight has the ring, not half so precious as he first seemed. In the end it is a very disconcerted and worried girl the ring's owner has to face when he calls that night, and he has only himself to thank if he gets the ring back entirely. It's my own opinion," the youth concluded emphatically, "that many an engagement is broken because of so small a thing as the engagement ring."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

THE DAUGHTER OF WEALTH.  
She Has a Power that is Peculiarly Her Own.

How delightful it must be to be the only daughter of rich and doing parents. They tell me, but they speak in the airy intricacies of the modern dandy with the springy lightness of a molecule of atmospheric ether. We consider ourselves quite witty in the presence of modest little Fanny, who has but two new dresses a year, and to whom a walk in the park with us is real ecstasy, but in the presence of the rich man's daughter we are humility itself.

Her wit is the rarest we have ever heard. Her beauty is the finest we have ever seen. We confess to her our follies, as dictated by the hope that she may first pity, then embrace. We hardly care to think of her as nesting in our arms. We glance timidly at her feet, which are much smaller than Fanny's, although she wears a larger shoe. Her cool-skin looks broad and open in the lobby of the theater we thrill with delight.

We are sure we could make her happy for life, if she would only marry us. But, hang it—she won't.—Brooklyn Life.

There is a vast difference between a house and a home. The house is but the building and the furniture—the outward shelter and the gathering place of the household. The home includes the kindly family affection, the thoughtful care and ready sympathy and mutual confidence and trust of the members. A true home breathes the atmosphere of love. A child should be made to feel that his home is indeed a home—the happiest place in the world to him—not merely an outward shelter and resting place, but a center of enjoyment, sanctified and purified by love, the thought and remembrance of which shall be the safeguard of his life as he goes forth to the world, giving strength and elevation to his character, and turning his thought to all that may prepare for the heavenly home when the scenes of earth shall have passed away.—Detroit Free Press.

Withering Irony.  
A young woman of this city whose quick wit is responsible for the loss of a number of friends has just seen another retire from the list.

"Self-study is a bad thing." "It shouldn't be surprised," she responded flippantly.

"Now, I am sure that if I were to devote time to thinking about myself I should become very narrow-minded." "Oh, yes, you'd probably have to be in order to grasp the subject."

And for the time he really felt as he had pictured him.—Washington Star.

A Trade Secret.  
Kovner—Did Tappan marry that rich widow to whom he pretended to be an English lord?

Sayles—No; he gave himself dead away. One afternoon when she wished him to call her little daughter, what did the blessed fool do but begin to bawl out: "Cash! Cash!—Push."

At the Seaside.  
Mr. Shabby Gentle—I desire to put up at this hotel.

Clerk—Have you any luggage?

Mr. Shabby Gentle—No, sir.

Clerk—In that case the first thing you will put up will be ten dollars in advance.—Texas Sittings.

Why He Did So.  
"Why did you tell Wearstone that you didn't have time enough to listen to his fish story?"

"I thought I had just as much right to tell him as he had."—Brooklyn Life.

## WORDS OF WISDOM.

Dangers of Schemes, Secret Filtrations and Indiscriminate Introductions.

Well qualified by years of intelligent observation of a wide scope, enhanced by special opportunities for seeing, a very estimable woman—liberal-minded, at least—of this city, gave utterance to the following:

"For the month now at hand the chief amusement, not to say occupation, of the young people at the summer resorts will be flirting. Dancing and driving, bathing and boating; croquet and bowling, and cards—all these will have their devotees and receive due attention, but the business of the season to which all these other occupations shall be subservient, is the old-fashioned game of playing at love, forever so pleasing and amusing. Now and then, perhaps, there will be a touch of the real article—a genuine heart, warm and living, among the faithful hearts of ice, which may find its like, or shaw the ice, or perhaps, be itself frozen—who knows? Few men care to marry the summer resort girl, or the girl they meet at the average summer resort. They see so much froth that it makes them disbelieve in the wine. So much deception causes doubt everywhere.

"On the other hand, men know to what extent maneuvering mammae lead their daughters, season after season, to the sacrifice. Matches made at watering places are seldom safe, and guardians and parents will be wise to keep a watchful eye on their charge, and to inquire into the character and antecedents of the nice young men, whom ward or daughter scrapes acquaintance with to the surf. The conventional code which provides that such acquaintances are only for the season allows much latitude, and often, very often, covers doubtful personages with married women, or with single ones, wise in the ways of the world. Gamblers and fortune-hunters, 'birds of a feather' which cannot be hidden by the conventional patent-leather boot.

"Because a man waltzes or waltzes well, shall he, without other passport, dance or swim with any daughter, any woman? Shall Mr. Smith's introduction suffice for Mr. Jones, when all known of Mr. Smith is that he wears a good coat, boards at a good hotel, and drives a pretty team. It might be considered if the custom common among some German peasants were introduced with us, the custom of indicating the dowry of each maiden by the stripes on her bodice. But possibly that is too much to ask of congress in a land where heiresses are in the minority. So the desiring young man who wishes to endow a fortune with his heart and hand must take his chances; and when the custom among some German peasants were introduced with us, the custom of indicating the dowry of each maiden by the stripes on her bodice. But possibly that is too much to ask of congress in a land where heiresses are in the minority. 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