

THE GENTLE CRAFTER

BY O. HENRY.

Modern Rural Sports.

Jeff Peters must be reminded. Whenever he is called upon pointedly for a story he will maintain that his life has been as devoid of incidents as the longest of Trollope's novels. But, lured, he will divulge. Therefore I cast many flies upon the current of his thoughts before I feel a nibble.

"I seem to perceive," says I, "a kind of hiatus in the agrarian traditions in which heretofore I have reposed confidence."

FORMED HER OWN ORCHESTRA

MRS. J. CLINCH SMITH DECIDED TO HIRE ONLY WOMEN.

American Started Paris by Her Project, but Went Ahead With It to Success—Primary Purpose Was to Find an Organization to Play Her Compositions.



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LETUCE TRIPS TO EUROPE

A SOUTHERN YOUNG WOMAN'S WAY OF MAKING MONEY.

She Discovered the Method of Raising Bleached Lettuce and It Has Since Paid All Her Expenses—Winter Hotels a Great Boon to Women in the South.

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Mlle. Gratz, the Violinist.



Mlle. Tomar, Clarinetist.

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wind choirs women players may accomplish results pleasing enough to compensate for the lack of vigor and force that men impart to their playing.

As it was, the task of finding players was not easy. Violinists and cellists could be found on all sides.

It has repeatedly been announced in the foreign newspapers that Mrs. Smith was to carry her orchestra through the European cities, but no such idea has ever entered her head.

for her own amusement, and she maintains the orchestra, says Prince Batsch and other rich men of the past did.

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HARD PATH OF THE CLIMBER

ONE ROAD TO SOCIAL EMINENCE FLOWER STREWN.

Presents as a Means of Breaking Into Society—Mistakes of the Climbers—An Invitation That Didn't Invite—The Unknown Hostess—Paris and Newport.

The steamer had reached her pier only a short time before and the distinguished passenger had just arrived at his home.

She was in the drawing room talking with some of her intimate friends when the servant brought in a large box of flowers.

"Who in the world can that be?" she asked, knitting her brows.

"Oh, that's the little man I met just before the steamer landed. But what beautiful flowers!"

"I don't at all—well I don't know," said the recipient of the American Beauties.

"Of course they are nice, but he must be a horrid little person."

"But he's not a person at all," she said, "he's a flower."

"That's the way those people always get the better of you. Not to acknowledge their presents is a greater rudeness on your part."

"He was following the way of getting into the set he aspired to, which had meant to him a first class position."

"The number of hunters that were presented that winter was fairly certain to get a horse before she came home."

"Do you mean to say?" he asked me, "that she's no relation to the Gramercy-Squares?"

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they never saw much else of New York. They were a little nervous when the steamer came to her house and go down to the reception.

"There's going to be a garden party next week. I'll see to it that you go."

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NEW YORK GETS THE MISFITS.

From All Over the Country Tailors Send Their Misfits Here.

For a time a sublimated old clo' man used to have everything his own way in the misfit line. He was far down town and kept in addition to his stock of cheap ready made clothes misfit garments made by other tailors.

He began business by dealing only in the garments sent here by London tailors and sold by their customers because they could not be made to fit.

As there is a limit to London misfits and those created on Fifth avenue and the demand for clothes of this kind has continued large other fields had to be explored for the supply.

The history of these garments before they reach New York is simple. It is old clo' business, now a thoroughly organized that buyers are in every large city. The best market for these misfit suits is here.

Man who deal in second hand clothes in other cities know that the New York dealers want all the misfit garments they can buy, and promptly send on to them any other clothes that they are able to get hold of.