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The Great Hereley Warehouse. The Hereley Brothers Commission Company have reopened their great warehouse at 428 to 448 North Halsted street, and have sent out the following circular in connection therewith:

The Masher's Mistake. An elderly lady, says the New York Journal, who keeps a fashionable up-town school and who lays no claim to good looks, tells the following as a joke on herself:

Wrongly Named. In an obituary register there are several entries which show that the unnecessary trials of some children begin almost with their lives:

Could Have Her Way. During the rehearsals of "Romeo and Juliet" at the London Lyceum, Mrs. Stirling, who is the most venerable of actresses, took occasion to remark that the nurse was not necessarily old, that she should be represented as middle-aged, etc., and she appealed to Mr. Irving. "My dear Mrs. Stirling," said the manager with delicate satire, "you may make the nurse just as youthful as you can."

SOMETHING OF A LIAR.

He Tells the Story of a Snake That Got Away With a Deer. "When I was in Arkansas in the lumber business, I used to spend a good deal of time hunting. One day I had tracked a deer to the bank of the Mississippi River and was so close on his trail that when I got near the bank I saw him jump into the water and strike out for the opposite shore. To my surprise a big snake jumped in after him and commenced a hot pursuit. The snake was not more than fifty yards behind the deer, and although the latter was swimming for life the snake slowly gained on him. The river was high and all kinds of drift were floating down—ralls, hencoops, outhouses, etc. About the middle of the stream was a good-sized patch of drift, with a two-story frame house on it. The house was empty, but the kitchen fire was not out and smoke was coming from the chimney. The deer made straight for the patch of drift, and by good luck succeeded in clambering on to it.

As soon as he got a foothold he darted inside the house, evidently thinking that a safe refuge from the snake. The snake was then not more than four or five yards from the drift and going at full speed. Reaching the floating mass he made several attempts to follow the deer, but he could not get out of the water. Try his best he could not get out on the top of the drift. Finally he seemed to change his mind and turned and swam some distance down stream and then turned with his head up stream. The deer was standing in the front door of the house and I could almost see the hair raise on his back as the snake caught his eye. The snake had opened its mouth and was apparently lying still in the stream, while the clump of drift floated toward him. As it approached him I wondered what he was going to do. I thought he would make another effort to get at the deer, but instead of that he just opened his mouth about four times as wide as it was before and before I knew what he was up to he had swallowed the whole layout—drift-wood, dwelling house, deer, and all."

After that nobody spoke for a minute or two, when the Judge ventured to remark that it must have been a very small house. "Not so very small," said the auburn-haired man, "but the breed of snakes I am speaking of have very large mouths."—Chicago Times.

Our Farms. One of the last of the bulletins of the eleventh census tells how many farms there are in the United States, and how much land, improved and unimproved, is included in these farms. There were in 1890 more than four and a half million farms in this country, against a little more than four millions in 1880. The number of farms increased more than half a million, or nearly 15 per cent, in those ten years. They include more than 600,000,000 acres, considerably more than half of which is improved.

Not only have the farms greatly increased in number and in total area in ten years, but a large proportion of them were improved in 1890 than in 1880. All this is very pleasant to see, from the point of view of the general well-being, but there is one tendency shown to a slight extent in the farm statistics which is not altogether encouraging.

The average size of the American farm in 1880 was 133 acres. The average size in 1890 was 135 acres. This is a very small difference, quite unimportant except that it shows the tendency in the size of farms to be in the wrong direction.

If many farms had not become much larger in the decade through the absorption of smaller ones, or the taking up of large domains in other ways than by the homestead and pre-emption laws, not even the small increase that is noted in the size of the average farm, small as it is, could have taken place.

Our National and State land legislation should encourage neither the formation of large landed estates nor the reduction of farms to a very small size. Either of these tendencies would constitute a public evil, but of the two, a tendency to large estates is undoubtedly the worse.—Youths' Companion.

The Masher's Mistake. An elderly lady, says the New York Journal, who keeps a fashionable up-town school and who lays no claim to good looks, tells the following as a joke on herself: "The other night I left the home of a friend half a mile above my house. It was pouring with rain. I had on a heavy mackintosh and a thick veil, but no umbrella. I started to walk home, when a swell-looking young man approached, raised his hat with a mashing smile and asked me to come under his umbrella. I took his arm with a smile and walked with him to my door. He said sweet things all the way. When I reached my door I thanked him for his sheltering escort. He suggested a little supper. I said: "Young man, who do you take me for?" at the same time raising my veil and looking at him in the full glare of the electric light. He jumped half way across the street and cried: "The devil!"

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