

Hans and Fritz.

Hans and Fritz were two Dutchers who lived side by side.

Hans purchased a horse of a neighbor one day.

Fritz kindly consented the money to lend.

The note was drawn up in their primitive way.

"You keeps dot," says Fritz, "and den you will youvome dot money."

A month had expired when Hans, as agreed, paid back the amount and from debt he was freed.

Says Fritz, "Now dot settle us." Hans replies, "Yaw."

Now who takes dot paper according to law?

"I keeps dot, nor, ain't it?" says Fritz, "den you see."

"Lalvay remember you had dot to me?" says Hans, "Dot dot settle us."

Dot I know not to do I know not to do.

How to Judge a Town.

The Jefferson City, Mo., Journal says:

About a week ago a gentleman from Tennessee, representing a capital of \$25,000,

in search of a good locality in which to engage in business, gave us a call,

and after stating his mission went, asked to look at our paper.

We handed him the Morning Journal, and to our surprise he did not stop to read our noisy local "pick-up,"

or our attractive editorial page, but turned at once to our advertising columns,

and commenced counting our advertisers and measuring their space.

"Well," said he, glancing up from the paper, "is that all—is that the business of this town?"

"Oh, no," said we, "there is the Tribune with a few advertisements that don't appear in this paper."

He then counted two additional local business advertisements in the Tribune

and again looked up with the remark: "And that's all is it? Why, you have not got near as much of a town as I imagined you had."

We then explained to him that we have a great many business men who do not advertise.

"They are no business men to hurt if they do not advertise," he said.

We could not contradict him, and were powerless to vindicate the claims of our city.

He left us, saying if he had the time he would look around, but this was no place for him.

This is only one instance, and a fact.

Around the Farm.

We know a shrewd farmer who made a fortune cultivating woods.

Wheat in Minnesota is magnificent this year. It will be the largest and finest crop ever known in that State.

One of the largest dealers in dried apples in the State of New York has shipped from Buffalo direct to Germany, during the season, nearly one hundred thousand barrels of the fruit.

Every farmer should make his farm better every year. Make more and better trees, set out more trees, ornament the house, enlarge the barn, get better stock, raise larger and fatter pigs and steers, and in this way increase in wealth, instead of buying more land.

In some pastures there will be patches and spots which from some cause the animals refuse to feed upon and the grass goes to seed and is dry.

The doing many little things in the right way saves a great deal of labor; and we have found by experience that by far the best way to dig a post hole is to make it like an inverted bowl.

Dig the hole, then set the post and hold it with one hand while you cut down the side of the hole with the spade.

There were two of them hanging over the front gate the other night.

There was standing within the yard and he on the sidewalk outside, both leaning on the top rail and apparently as happy as two pigs in a cornfield.

The old gentleman heard it, and turned back, saying, as he entered the house: "Those young people take more interest in agricultural affairs than people generally suppose."

Dr. A. Packard, Jun., secretary of the United States Entomological Commission has just returned from an extended trip through portions of Colorado, Wyoming, Northern Utah, Eastern Idaho, Central and Eastern Montana, and through Dakota.

He reports that fifty per cent of locust eggs in Colorado, about Denver and Greeley, were destroyed by parasites, according to the experience of Mr. A. H. Arnett, of Morrison, and Mr. Max Clark, of Greeley.

Though large numbers hatched out in the spring, the heavy, late rains, the extreme cold, the fall of snow for three days at the end of April, killed the young.

So that few were left, except in small areas about Greeley and Longmont.

The young died from apparently the same cause as in Kansas and Nebraska, i. e., extreme wet and cold weather.

The most convenient habit you can acquire is that of letting your habits sit.

Our Boys and Girls.

Something mysterious was going on.

That night when Tommy eluded into his crib, mamma told him that when he waked in the morning he would find something very nice on the chair beside it.

He thought it would be very hard to wait so long, but it only seemed a minute or so before he waked up and heard the robins singing with all their might out in the cherry trees.

Mamma was brushing her hair, moving about very softly, so as not to wake baby, and Tommy sat right up and looked about him, rubbing his eyes with his fist.

"Sure enough, there was something" on the chair where he had left his little dress and ruffled pants.

A new dress? No, not a dress at all, but the prettiest little suit-jacket and pants of soft gray cloth, buttoned with shining pearl buttons, and trimmed with braid.

Tommy could hardly believe his eyes, but he was on the floor in a twinkling, laughing and chuckling, and trying to put his pants right over his long nightgown.

"Just like a man," giggled Tommy, thrusting his hands into his pockets; and baby lifted her precious countenance from the pillow, and stared at him with her great blue eyes, as if she wondered who that boy was.

"She don't know me," said Tommy, in still greater delight. "She won't never have pants, will she?" he added, in a tone that was partly pique and partly triumph.

"I suppose you won't care about eating peanuts and candy any more," said Uncle Jim, as he went away.

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