

SPILLED DOWN.

An Ode for the Time.

By ROSE TERRY COOK.

Oh! Mary, go and bring the speller here, And bring the speller here, And bring the speller here, And bring the speller here.

Who's sick? "Who's the first?" "No foolin', young man," was the gruff reply.

"Well, you're hungrier than I ever was, although I've often been in need of square meals."

"But I had finished my audience was half way down stairs, a rose and lemons tucked under my arm."

"I thought this a strange way of going to the barn, but I was not thoroughly awake, and we were thus marching along, I fell into a sort of a doze, and dreamed I was on a railroad train and the men before were my brakemen."

"All aboard!" I shouted, swinging my lantern above my head. I suddenly became aware of my mistake.

"What's up?" I said. "Are we off the track?" He made some remark about uncoupling the engine, but I was not to be deterred.

"How I BECAME A FARMER." One fine summer afternoon I determined to become a farmer. Don't for goodness sake think that I was going to buy a farm, for such were not my intentions.

"Look out for the rain!" The next thing I knew I was flying through the air, and I landed on the ground, face downward, of course.

"A COMICAL NEWSPAPER HOAX." The following is taken from "Grant's History of the Newspaper Press."

"The Baptism of the Bulls." The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The opening of a bridge at Arles has been the occasion of an extraordinary popular religious festival."

"To Prevent Cruelty to Animals." Eight hours should be a day's work on a dog-churn, the dog to be allowed only one hour of rest.

"How much will you pay a month for a good shearer?" I ventured, determined not to air my ignorance.

"How much a month," said he, with unmistakable astonishment. "Why, man, I won't have shearing enough to last a week."

"Oh, yes," I replied, "shearing on a small scale, I understand."

"Oh, that's all right," I replied, coolly. "Of course you will not want so many sheep in the spring as in the fall."

"Young man," said my companion savagely, "did you ever hear of shearing sheep in the fall?"

"I didn't exactly understand him, but said 'yes' at once."

"We arrived at the farm a little after dark, and as ten o'clock I got into bed between two burly farm hands, and soon dropped to sleep."

"Well, I'll give you about eight dollars a month, and feed."

"I gave a prolonged whistle, wondering what I would have to feed, but not daring to ask."

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"Did the mirror say so?" interrupted Morgan, exclaiming, "evidence associating the world with the growth of potatoes in his own 'blessed country.'"

"Faith, and he did say so," observed the other, who then resumed: "Had it been my lot to be born and reared in Ireland where my food would have principally consisted of the potato?"

"But that most nutritious and salubrious root—instead of being the poor, inferior, shriveled, stunted creature you, sir, and the honorable gentlemen now beak me, I would have been a tall, stout, athletic man, and able to carry an enormous weight."

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THE PRESERVATION OF GAME.

The early settlers of the middle Western States found their beautiful valleys and prairies abundantly stocked with native game. And more than that, associating the world with the growth of potatoes in his own 'blessed country.'"

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

Weekly Review of the Chicago Market.

The condition of the market was without notable change. The demand for favors was only light and rates were easy at 80 to 100 on time, freely 60 for call loans.

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