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Branch meetings will be held as follows:

At Remington, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18;

Wheatfield, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13 and 14;

Parr, Saturday, Dec. 11;

Demotte, Tuesday, Dec. 7;

Fair Oaks, Tuesday, Dec. 28.

We expect all progressive farmers to attend these meetings and to bring their neighbor along, and let us compare notes, that we may practice only best methods in our work.

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A Slight Mistake.  
Vicar—I'm sorry to hear you've been so poorly. You must pray for a good heart, Thomas.

Thomas—Yaa, zur, but it's my liver not be wrong, ye know, zur—Tatier.

The Settlement.  
"Well, they are divorced."  
"Amarably, I trust?"

"Yes; he got the custody of the dogs, and she got the rubber plant."—Washington Herald.

During Her Absence.  
Lady of the House (just returned)—Poor Polly, all alone so long!

Parrot (feverishly)—Give me a stack of whites.—Detroit Tribune.

Was Put Out.



Grace—That player got angry when he hit three times at the ball and missed it.

Frank—Yes; he does seem put out.

Problem of the Problem Play.  
Jones-Brown—in his new play, Kirby has solved every problem but one.  
Jones-Smith—What is that?  
Jones-Brown—How to draw an audience—Stray Stories.

## THEIR TWO STORIES

Two old bums, Henry Neilson, retired banker, and John Speiser, eminent physician, were gossiping. So completely absorbed in their occupation were they off there in the library that even mine host appeared oblivious of the important fact that the portals of his mansion were about to be thrown open to receive the guests who had been bidden to dine at Hawthorne that evening.

"Of course you will understand it all much better when you have seen her," said Neilson. "In relating the story to you in advance I do not feel that I have betrayed her confidence, since you are so entirely out of our little world."

Here Neilson looked at his watch. "We have a little time. I must tell you the rest. The story," he said, "was written at a desk literally heaped with evidences of her hopeless penury, for the morning's mail had brought demands for immediate payment from more points than a compass could possibly indicate. Of course this environment was responsible for her very desperate thoughts, but she found herself regretting for the first time the loss of an opportunity for averting all this financial disaster, an opportunity then half a dozen years beyond recall."

He fairly shuddered at the thought. "You see, Jack, I cannot bear to think even of her miraculous escape from that temptation."

The passionate outburst of feeling found expression in her pen, and she wrote her own story—told how a man who was a great power in his community, who had position, wealth, influence and, above all, a fascination and magnetism that made him difficult to resist, had offered them all to her. He had been married many years and was about to sail for Europe with his family.

"His importunings continued up to the very night before sailing, and while his family were actually on board the steamer he was 100 miles away risking everything for one moment more with which to use his powers of eloquence to persuade her to join her fate to his. He would have cast everything he possessed to the winds, have dishonored his family, sacrificed his professional standing if Barbara had not been an impregnable rock of virtue.

"It took a few years only to exhaust

the slender resources which her father had left to his widow and daughter. Financial troubles had really caused his death. And so one day after looking at her mother's pitiful condition—ill and comfortless and harassed by the knowledge of their penniless state—she betook herself to the man who had proffered her more than the half of his kingdom.

"Alone she would never have appealed to him. For her mother's sake she had no choice.

"It will seem incredible to you. I know, that any man could resist such an appeal but most of the one whose fate had been in her hands but a few brief years before. He said in very dignified style something about his 'life work.'

"Jack, there may be demons, but I think that man's revenge fitted him for the lowest depths of hades, don't you?

"Oh, I must tell you that the story was a success at once—that is, it was accepted by the managing editor of a newspaper, ordered into print and, when measured by the yardstick in the cashier's department, duly paid for with strict regard to the quantity under consideration. That was not a great amount. But one day she was informed that a check for \$10,000 had been sent to the office of the newspaper for the writer of that story."

"Happy the man who had the privilege of sending that money to Barbara Floyd," moaned Jack Speiser.

Nelson looked up, a little startled at the interruption. "Oh, yes. I did tell you her name, did I not? Well, when she asked my advice about accepting it we decided to take it as a loan. I happened to be making a successful venture for myself at the time, and her \$10,000 was easily increased tenfold."

"Then the loan, as we called it, was returned to her benefactor."

The curtain was pushed aside, and a vision appeared there which might have turned many heads besides the very level one that had been placed on Henry Neilson's stalwart shoulders. It was much too dark in the room for Barbara, coming as she did out of the stronger light, to distinguish the features of either of the men, so she merely said in her own sweet way that she was intruding with a message from Mrs. Neilson, who begged Mr. Neilson to join them immediately in the drawing room.

The vision, or something unaccountable, evidently had turned the head of the celebrated Dr. Speiser.

Nelson had not dreamed that he would be like a death's head at their feast. "Such a joyous occasion, too," he mused. "The announcement of the betrothal of our beloved Barbara to the man of her choice, that lucky Lewis, who, of course, is worthy of her if any man could be."

But Barbara was radiant. The spectral figure had not affected her high spirits, except possibly to increase them.

"I shall be leaving so early in the morning that I will not see you again. Neilson," said Speiser as they were parting for the night. "I want to inflict a word about myself," he said, "to add my confidence to Barbara Floyd's. You will agree with me, I think, that after witnessing her happiness tonight there is no further need of hedges to exalt my cruelty to her. You could not, of course, know that you were telling my story too."

## BY THE LITTLE TOTS.

Bright Bits of Humor From the Mouths of Babes.

"TOMMY," said the minister to a naughty urchin, "you should be good, like my boy."

"Huh!" rejoined Tommy. "You get so many slippers given to you he's afraid to be bad."

One evening Fred, aged four, saw a shooting star for the first time. Running into the house, he exclaimed: "Oh, mamma! I'll bet there's going to be trouble in heaven tonight. Somebody let one of the stars fall!"

"Oh, dear," said the tired mother, "I wish I were a little girl again, like you!"

"Well," rejoined five-year-old Bessie, "let's play you are my little girl; then you act naughty and I'll spank you and send you to bed without your supper."

"How is your mother this morning, Edward?" asked a neighbor of a five-year-old hopeful.

"She's better, thank you," replied the little fellow, "but the doctor says she isn't quite so better as she was."—Chicago News.

#### Those Foolish Questions.

Mother—You were a long time in the conservatory with Mr. Willing last night, my child. What was going on?

Daughter—Did you ever sit in the conservatory with papa before you married him?

Mother—I suppose I did.

Daughter—Well, mamma, it's the same old world.—Boston Transcript.

#### Pleasing to George.

"George," whispered the gushing young bride, "when I send you that box of cigars by mail and put twenty stars for kisses on a slip of paper what kind of mail will it be?"

"I don't know what Uncle Sam will call it," laughed George as he packed his suit case, "but I'll call it first class."—Detroit Free Press.

#### Its Origin.

"Well, Uncle Joe, did you see where a brave explorer has discovered the north pole at last?"

"Tessir, and I dunno why folks is makin' sech a fuss about discoverin' the north pole. Some man must hav planted it fust, mustn't he?"—Baltimore American.

#### A Tragic Episode.

"Why is Ethelinda crying so bitterly?" asked the fond mother.

"It's my mistake, as usual," answered the penitent father. "I went and ate up the things she made at cooking school instead of saving them to show to visitors."—Washington Star.

#### Spoils of Victory.

Madge—You must have had a lovely

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time last summer. Did you bring home any souvenirs?

Marjorie (pointing with pride)—Five engagement rings, two broken down hammocks and a stack of candy boxes.—Puck.

#### His Experience.

Singleton—Don't you think it is easier to coax a woman than it is to drive her?

Wedder—Can't say, but I know it's a great deal safer.—Boston Traveler.

#### Saved.

Tall One—I noticed there was a rent in your trousers this morning

Short One—Thank heaven! Give it to the landlord when he comes.—Ally Sloper's Half Holiday.

#### Poisoned Sweets.

It may be sweet  
Just after dark  
Upon a seat  
Out in the park  
To sit and spoon.

'Tis joy no doubt  
To bill and coo  
When lights are out,  
As lovers do,  
Beneath the moon.

But when a kiss  
He gently takes  
And in his bliss  
Your headgear shakes  
It's tough on hats.

When on his breast  
In loving trust  
Your head you rest  
And get it mussed  
It's rough on "rats."  
—Robert Hilmar in Puck.

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