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He Was Up Early.
Not all visitors to the country are as ignorant of the farmer's surroundings as the farmers sometimes suppose. Browning's Magazine gives this instance:
"Wal," said Farmer Wilkins to his city boarder, who was up early and looking round, "ben out to hear the haycock crow, I s'pose?" and he winked at his hired man.
"No," replied the city boarder, "I've been out tying a knot in a cord of wood."
Farmer Wilkins scowled at the hired man, and wanted to know why he was not getting to work at milking those cows.

Wool and Woolens.
During the last six months, or thereabouts, remarkable change has taken place in the situation and outlook for Canadian wool. Before then trade was in a state of almost absolute stagnation. Stock had accumulated, and what little wool was sold changed hands at no profit. Not only in Canada but all over the world similar conditions prevailed. In England prices of wool continually declined, with the result that the manufacturers there could afford to dump their surplus goods into this country to the hurt of our own mills. In the United States, too, there was a plethora of cheap wool, coming not only from its own farmers, but from Australia, South America, and indeed from every wool-producing country on the globe. There was no outlet for Canadian wool in that quarter, therefore it could not be shipped to pay expenses.

At the present day things are different. Prices, it is true, have not returned to their normal basis, but the prospects are much brighter than they have been during the past year. In part this is a consequence of the terrible misfortune which has happened to Australia, where the drouth, which is only now being broken, has killed off the sheep by millions, to such an extent, indeed, that it will require probably years before their numbers will be equal to those of a year or two ago. It is estimated that the total stocks of wool on hand there today are 47,000 bales, compared with 192,000 bales this time last year. In addition to this, the clip of South America last season was short likewise. Naturally, prices at recent London wool sales advanced rapidly, and the increase was immediately followed in the United States, where the prevailing prices now admit of the importation of common Canadian fleeces, to net a fair profit to the shipper. Another result of the enhanced value of wool in the world's markets was to render it impossible for the British textile manufacturers to lay down their goods in this country at such a low price as was the case previously, which in turn gave the Canadian mills better opportunity to make such goods as tweeds, home-spuns, etc., at a good profit. How long the present improved condition of things will last, so far as it affects the Canadian sheep-

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breeder, and whether it will grow, it is, of course impossible to say. It must be remembered, for one thing, that the production of wool has a different status in the world's market, compared with what was the case years ago. Then, it was the chief desideratum; now, mutton has taken its place, and wool become, so to speak, a by-product of the sheep.—Monetary Times.

TWO FAMOUS SONGS.
That Have Thrilled the Hearts of Many People.

There is some doubt as to who wrote the original lines of "Annie Laurie." One authority has it that William Douglas of Finland-Scotland, wrote them in honor of his sweetheart, Annie, the beauty among four daughters of Sir Robert Laurie, the first baronet of Maxwell. The church register gives Annie's birthday as Dec. 16, 1682. Douglas was killed in war, and Annie married Alexander Ferguson, the hero of Burns' song, "The Whistle." The present air of "Annie Laurie" was composed by Lady John Scott (Alicia Anne Spotteswood), authoress of both words and music of many songs. In the original there were only two verses, and written, according to Lady Scott, by Allan Cunningham. Lady Scott added the third verse and materially changed the others. As sung today it is as follows:

Maxwellton braes are bonnie,
When early fa's the dew,
And it's there that Annie Laurie
Gied me her promise true,
Gied me her promise true,
Which ne'er forgot shall be,
And for bonnie Annie Laurie
I'd lay me down and dee.

Her brow is like the snaw-drift,
Her neck is like the swan,
Her face it is the fairest
That e'er the sun shone on—
That e'er the sun shone on,
And dark-blue is her e'e,
And for bonnie Annie Laurie
I'd lay me down and dee.

Like dew on the gowan lying
Is the fa' o' her fairy feet;
And like winds in summer sighing,
Her voice is low and sweet—
Her voice is low and sweet,
And she's at the war' to me,
And for bonnie Annie Laurie
I'd lay me down and dee.

Annie Laurie has come to mean the universal soldier's sweetheart. It was sung by British soldiers in wars on every continent. Words and music combine to make it popular. In the Crimean war the night before the British troops stormed the Redan, at Sebastopol, a corporal of the Second Battalion Rifle Brigade commenced to sing "Annie Laurie." He had a good tenor voice, and sang with expression, but the boys took up the song in a much lower key and hundreds of voices sang together.

"And for bonnie Annie Laurie
I'd lay me down and dee."

The effect was magical and extraordinary; the camp was forgotten, as the melody swept on and subsided in the midst of the Russian cannon, the heart of each singer was evidently far away over the sea, for on the eve of a great battle a soldier thinks only of his love and his God. The song was scarcely finished when the bugle sounded to quarters, and the brigade dispersed—never to meet again. Ere the next sunset the singer of the song and hundreds of those who had joined in the chorus were lying dead in the ditch of the Redan, having "lain down and died at the command of a sterner mistress than any of womankind."

Immortality was conferred on the memory of this incident when it inspired Bayard Taylor to write the beautiful poem here subjoined:

The Song of the Camp.
"Give us a song!" the soldiers cried,
The outer trenches guarding,
When the heated guns of the camps allied
Grew weary of bombarding.
The dark Redan, in silent scoff,
Lay grim and threatening under;
And the tawny mound of Malakoff
No longer belched its thunder.
There was a pause. A guardsman said
"We storm the fort-to-morrow;
Sing while we may, another day
Will bring enough of sorrow."

They lay along the battery's side,
Below the smoking cannon;
Brave hearts from Severn and from Clyde,
And from the banks of Shannon.

They sang of love and not of fame;
Forgot was Britain's glory;
Each heart recalled a different name,
But all sang "Annie Laurie."

Voice after voice caught up the song,
Until its tender passion
Rose like an anthem, rich and strong—
Their battle e'e confession.

Dear girl, her name he dared not speak,
But as the song grew louder,
Something upon the soldier's cheek
Washed off the stains of powder.

Beyond the darkening ocean burned
The bloody sunset's embers,
While the Crimean valleys learned
How English love remembers.

And once again a fire of hell
Rained on the Russian's quarters,
And scream of shot and burst of shell
And howling of mortars!

And Irish Nora's eyes are dim
For a singer dumb and gory,
And English Mary mourns for him
Who sang of "Annie Laurie."

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Cup cake—Take two coffee cups and a tea cup. Dresden china is best, but cauldron or other English ware will do. Break the cups into small bits, after which pound them into powder. Sift this carefully into a bowl and add six eggs, also broken. Bake in a quick oven and when done sift a powdered sugar bowl over them. Little cup cakes are especially nice for afternoon teas.
Waffles—Take a large piece of sole leather, cut it into oblong shapes and mark it off into small squares. Fry in any old grease and serve with hot sirup. These are just too waffle for anything.
Ribbon cake—Take four yards, or say four yards and a half, of narrow blue ribbon and a yard of light pink ribbon. Place these in a chopping bowl and mince into fine shreds. Add a spool of sewing silk and a paper of needles. Mix thoroughly and spread between layers of well-pounded cake.
Bath buns—In a good-sized bathtub set several bath sponges to rise over night. In the morning remove the sponges, squeeze well, and add two ounces of powdered soap and an ounce of orris root. Make up into small buns, place carefully in a sponge basket and fry in boiling lard: When done, sprinkle thickly with powdered sugar and serve with a whisk broom.—Puck.

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