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Agricultural

WHAT DOES MILK COST? There is probably no farming question as to which there is so wide disagreement among farmers as there is about the cost of milk. It undoubtedly costs more in winter than it does in summer, and this was especially true under the old time system of feeding on dry hay and corn-stalks.

THE PIGMIES OF AFRICA. Herodotus records the existence of pigmies in Africa—a nation of little men who wore garments made of palm-leaves. Hundreds of years after the Father of History wrote, Stanley saw them in the gloom of a Central African forest, and held an interview with one of their princesses.

A VIOLENT PASSION. breaking his bow and arrows in his rage, he was left with a broken arm with his right hand and chuckles. A certain chief of the Monvuis was, and so contented that he had to be carried about in a litter borne by four men.

SHINS UP THE TREE. cuts off the bunches, and in payment offers one of the small packets of tobacco to the stem, by a wooden skewer. He has not stolen the bananas, he has bought them. His is "the good old rule," on which Rob Roy acted.

TALK TO YOUR HORSE. Some man unknown to the writer hereof, has given to the world a saying that sticks: "Talk to your horse, you would a lady." There is a world of common sense in it. There is more; there is good sound religion in it.

WIFEY CONSIDERATION. I've decided not to get that new dress we talked of, announced the little wife, whose husband has a big bank account and makes large deposits every week.

A HANDFUL OF EARTH. Soil is not an inert, lifeless mass of dirt, essentially unclean and unworthy of thought or attention, but is a live and complex substance in which constant change is taking place, as an

immense kitchen in which food is made and prepared for plant roots. All soils are formed from rocks by the action of freezing and thawing, rain, and water and glaciers. They are made up, chiefly of particles of rock of varying sizes.

Some Information About Their Habits and the Forest. Herodotus records the existence of pigmies in Africa—a nation of little men who wore garments made of palm-leaves.

The pigmies take up their abode near the village of a big chief, where banana plantations abound, from which they may glean when they please. They have two methods of gleanings. One is as follows:

Every farmer who has pastured clover knows that while most of the ground will be eaten down to the roots, there will be a considerable portion that has grown hard and woody, so that it has little nutritive value.

That they would take who have the power. And they should keep who can. The pigmy's appetite for bananas is such that he will eat six or at a guess, then he will be groan through-out the night, but when morning comes he is ready to repeat the meal.

Strangers passing through the bush are fair game to the pigmies, who are cunning in the art of compelling a man to make a target of himself. The pigmy fastens a cord to his foot and the other end to the bough of a tree that stretches across the forest path.

She rarely mentioned Dr. Melrose's name; but I could well understand why she was silent. So the winter passed. Two or three times the doctor came to relieve the patient, but his parents grew to welcome him as a friend, and in my heart of hearts, as a brother, for I felt sure I had guessed the secret of his love for Maude.

It is for Maude's sake he has done this thing. He loves her. He does not seem strange that she should have won the heart of a man as high in the world's favor as Ernest Melrose stood. It would not have seemed strange to me had I not known that in my eyes she might have graced any throne.

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A Happy Outcome.

Day by day I had seen the lines of care deep round my father's eyes and forehead, and watched my mother's pale and anxious gaze rest upon him.

At last Maude said it must be she who would go. She was older than I, and she thought she would be happier away working than at home sitting with folded hands.

There were gentlemen from London visiting there constantly, but their gaze did not often wander from the stylish, elegant, Miss Leonard to seek out the attractive girl.

My father grew red and pale as I perceived that she would depart quietly, and, taking my hands, said: "Come, we will have a little talk first, and then you shall take me to see your father."

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We looked to him almost as our deliverer, for father and mother were at last restored; but when he asked him for his bill, he laughingly replied: "That was a private matter with Miss Maude. She is to settle that."

The summer was rapidly approaching—the time for Maude's home-coming was at hand. With glad, happy heart I decorated our room with the roses she so loved, hung fresh muslin curtains from the windows, looped them back with sprays of white singing aloft in my joy.

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