

A SUMMER IDYL.

"Oh, let me leave the city's heat, Its fetters and formalities, And place once more my tired feet On nature's actualities; I'll turn from fashion's mimic train, Its aping arts, its high disdain, And bathe my tired head and brain In primitive realities."

THE STORY OF A HAM.

This story was told by a grocer twenty years ago. It is perfectly true, as I believe, and I give it as nearly in his words as I can remember them. I was told when half of the inhabitants of our quiet suburban street was out upon their doorsteps, watching a policeman chase a thief—a miserable, ragged young fellow—who turned and dodged and doubled with such an expression of despair on his face that, though he had picked a pocket, no emotional young person present could help feeling sorry for him. However, it was, I confess, a little surprising to hear the words: "Well, I suppose it is wrong, but somehow I sort of wish he would get away this time," proceeded from the lips of our grocer, who had followed the crowd from his corner to the spot before the house.

"I couldn't reach it," said she. "No, I saw him. There! Don't give me away. He'd kill me if he knew it was me as told. I saw him. The star on his coat shone in the lamp light as he got it down. (They wore stars then, the police did.) He hid it yonder somewhere. When he changes with the other man he'll get it. Then you can catch him at it. Mark ye well, it's just there under the church steps, I'm thinking. Now pay me for my information."

His face. He had barely escaped with his life, but he gave me the smile of an angel. "God bless you!" said he. "Don't thank me. I've only paid a debt." "That's why I always want a green hand to have a chance," said our grocer, turning away and walking toward his shop.—New York Ledger.

horses get used to the false tails just as a man becomes accustomed to wearing a wig. The false tails are fastened to the horse's own tail so nicely that you can't detect the deception. The tails don't have to be removed at night when the horse is put in his stall. The combed tails can be washed and brushed and combed on the horse just as well as off of him.

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Sitting Down on Him. "I don't altogether like this young man Milliken, who comes to see you so often. I hear he is nothing but a poor clerk," is what the head of the family said to his daughter at the dinner table. "He is a very nice young gentleman," replied the daughter. "Besides, he is something more than a poor clerk. He gets a large salary and is manager of one of the departments, and expects some day to have an interest in the business."

When Wife's A-Gon' Away. Somehow yarns around the grocer's Ain't so funny as before, An' I'm all the time forgettin' This or that ere little chore; When I get out in the kitchen, Want to hang around an' stay; Guess I'm foolish, can't I see this er'nin', Why—my wife's a-gon' away.

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