

THE CORN HARVEST.

NO MORE THE ROMANCE OF THE RUBY EAR, NO MORE THE HUSKING BEE.

Since the advent of the Organ Farmers' Girls Work Not Outdoors-Cutting Corn a Trying Task Is-Husking Makes the Fingers Sore.

The romance of the red ear is gone. The husking bee, actively participated in by the young folks of the neighborhood, is a thing of the past.



THE RED EAR.

His or her share of labor toward a big evening's work. The finding of a red ear was only an incident.

Such husking bees as are held these later years are merely social substitutes for the most part. Farmers' wives and daughters do not often help in the men's work nowadays.

It was not at all common for the women and girls to help at the bees that I remember, though they sometimes joined their fathers and brothers for half an hour or so.

The corn harvest is managed quite differently in the east and the west. In the west the ears are generally picked from the stalks while the latter are still standing in the field.

"It is not fun to cut corn," said a farmer friend the other day. "The first day or two in the cornfield strains every muscle in your body."



UNDER THE INDIAN SUMMER SKY.

ger, and they bleed too. To add to my misery, when I cut corn, which I haven't for several years till this fall, when I could not get help enough to suit me.

The tying of the knob in the stall band that binds the shocks together is what 'does up' your hands most, and splits your nails, and turns them back on your finger.

ing of corn, and I'm afraid they never will.

The strain on the hands in husking corn is greater than in cutting it, and when I was a boy and had to join my grandfather's hired man in the work we used husking pegs to part the husks at the point of the ear.

Each husker of the old days used to like to make his own peg, and there were many animated discussions among them as to the proper form to give it.

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SHELLING WITH A CASEKNIFE.

he passed his whole life, working first on this farm and then on that, of being the "biggest liar between the hills."

"But," Deacon Allen used to observe philosophically when discussing Joe Miller's tales, "his lies don't count, I guess, for they don't do nobody no harm, and they sometimes chirp a feller up wonderful-wonderful."

There was no stain on Joe Miller's reputation, save these jokes and stories, and they were never low or vulgar, but he used to be held up by Deacon Jephson as one who at the end of life would have many an "idle word" to answer for.

Joe couldn't tell as good stories when the husking was done in the barn as when in the open air. He missed the sunshine, and the azure sky, and the breezes.

A good deal of ingenuity has been expended in attempts to devise effective corn husking machines, but none of them has been eminently successful.

Later some genius discovered that the work could be accomplished with greater rapidity and ease by driving a "case-knife" into the end of a board and rasping the kernels off against the knife.

The Courageous Pfeacher.

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COULDN'T FOOL THE ROOSTER.

The Farmer Tried to Stop His Crowing, but It Did Not Work.

When Charlie Trifles went out into the country for his walk, he put up at Farmer Ellery's place...

He also broke up Charlie Trifles' slumbers, and he was unable to woe them back by cigarettes or philosophy.

There is one simple device by which a rooster can be reduced to complete and acceptable silence.

Here was the solution, and Uncle Ellery arranged laths above all the perches.

But the rooster was not to be fooled. Recognizing his dilemma, he dropped off the perch to the floor, got a good grip on an adjacent crack in the boards...

An Escape in the Sky.

Once in awhile a meteor plunging into the atmosphere of the earth is neither consumed by the heat developed through friction nor precipitated upon the surface of the globe...

Its brief career within human ken may be compared to that of a comet traveling in a parabolic orbit, which, as if yielding to a headlong curiosity, almost plunges into the sun and then hastens away again, never to return.

In July, 1892, one of these escaping meteors was seen in Austria and Italy. Careful computations based upon the observations which were made in various places have shown that it was visible along a track in the upper air about 680 miles in length.

From this point it receded from the earth, its elevation when last seen being no less than 98 miles.

Although the resistance of the atmosphere was not sufficient to destroy the motion of this strange visitor, which contented itself with so brief a glimpse of our globe, yet it carried the effects of that resistance out into space with it and can never shake them off.

No matter what its previous course may have been, the retardation that it suffered during its passage through the air sufficed to turn it into a different direction and to send it along another path than that which it had been following.

Instantaneous Photography.

A recent improvement in photography enables the artist to overcome to a considerable extent the difficulty of preserving the natural expression of the sitter during the necessary period of exposure.

Herr Haag of Stuttgart claims to meet and overcome the trouble in question by means of a change in the management of the magnesium light, making for this purpose what are called lightning cartridges, which cause a tremendous development of luminosity and are set alight in one-tenth of a second by means of electricity.

The Vanity of Sparrows.

A correspondent informs the London Spectator that his daughter writes to him from Bangalore that she is "obliged to cover up her looking glass with a towel for the sparrows come in, sit on the frame and tap at themselves, making on both glass and dressing table a horrid mess."

Men in Petticoats.

It will probably be a matter of surprise to the general reader to learn that the petticoat was first worn exclusively by men. In the reign of King Henry VII the dress of the English was so fantastic and absurd that it was difficult to distinguish one sex from the other.

AN UNANSWERED QUESTION.

Why Do Cats' Eyes Shine in the Dark While Men's Eyes Do Not?

Why do cats' eyes shine in the dark while men's eyes do not? The author of "Idle Days in Patagonia" raises this question without answering it.

I found my victim stung to fury by his wounds and ready for the last supreme effort. Even in repose he is a big eagle-like bird; now in the uncertain light he looked gigantic in size.

Each particular feather stood on end, the tawny barred tail spread out like a fan, the immense tiger colored wings wide open and rigid, so that as the bird, that had clutched the grass with his great feathered claws, swayed slowly from side to side.

The black horns stood erect, while in the center of the wheel shaped head the beak snapped incessantly, producing a sound like the clicking of a sewing machine.

The irides were of a bright orange color, but every time I attempted to approach the bird they kindled into great globes of quivering yellow flame, the black pupils being surrounded by a scintillating crimson light which threw out minute yellow sparks into the air.

The question as to the cause of this fiery appearance is one hard to answer. We know that the source of the luminosity in owls' and cats' eyes is the light reflecting membrane between the retina and the sclerotic coat of the eyeball, but the mystery remains.

I have lived a great deal among semi-savage men. I have often seen them frenzied with excitement, their faces white as ashes, their hair erect and their eyes dropping great tears of rage.

How Sugar Melts.

If we drop a lump of sugar into a cup of tea, we find it takes a considerable time to melt if allowed to remain at the bottom of the vessel, but if we hold it up in the spoon near the surface of the liquid it dissolves much more speedily.

When the sugar is placed or permitted to lie at the bottom of the cup, it dissolves until the layer of fluid next it is thoroughly sweetened or saturated, when it practically ceases to dissolve any further.

Hence the reason also why stirring, in breaking up the saturated layer and allowing access to the unsweetened portion, is so effectual in bringing about the uniform sweetening of tea.

Duration of Noah's Flood.

In Gould's "Notes and Queries," volume 6, page 284, the following questions are asked: "Are the floods known as Noah's, Deucalion's and the Atlantean deluges considered to be one and the same?"

Saddle on the Wrong Horse.

An emaciated dude applied to a Harlem livery stable and wanted to hire a horse, but a deposit was demanded.

Partly New.

Visitor—That painting is by an old master, I see. Mrs. McWhorter (apologetically)—Yes, but the frame is new.—New York Weekly.

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