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HIGH FARMING AT ELMWOOD.

BY JACOB BIGGLE.

A Famous Document Never Before Printed.

There has come into my possession an interesting document, consisting of Articles of Agreement between George Washington, farmer, and Father of his Country, and one William Pearce, wherein the latter is engaged to superintend the farming operations of the master of "Mount Vernon and its Dependencies." It seems to me that it is appropriate that this agreement should appear in the *Farm Journal*, not simply because it is signed by our First President, but because it inculcates a wholesome lesson in this, that it shows how careful Washington was in having a complete understanding with his superintendent, even the minutest detail being put in writing, and signed by both parties to the agreement, and duly attested by a witness. At this season, when new deals are being made between farm owners and tenants and managers the country over, it seems fitting that this should be printed. I quote from the original manuscript, the document never having before been printed:

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made and entered into this twenty-third day of September in the year our Lord one thousand, seven hundred & ninety-three, by & between George Washington, President of the United States, on the one part; and William Pearce, of Kent County in the the State of Maryland, on the other part—WITNESS, that for and in consideration of the wages and allowances herein after mentioned, the said William Pearce doth promise and agee to superintend, and manage to the best of his skill and judgment, the interest of the said George Washington at Mount Vernon and its Dependencies, comprehending the several farms, Mill Fishery, Tradesmen of different kinds, Ditchers, Spinners, the person who has charge of the Jack, Stud-horse, mules, &c.; and will enter upon the duties thereof on or before the first day of January next ensuing, and remain therein until the first day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety five; during which period he will, in all things to the utmost of his abilities, discharge the trust reposed in him with diligence and integrity, following the plans that are, or shall be adopted, and such directions as he shall receive; & where these are not clear and definite, then to pursue the dictates of his own judgment in the premises; and even in cases where they may happen to be explicit, if repugnant to the ideas of the said William Pearce, the said George Washington will always & with pleasure listen to any suggested alterations which may be offered by him with a view to the advancement of the Crops, increase of the Stocks, and for the general improvement of the Estate; the great objects of the said George Washington being to crop the Land in such manner (by judicious rotations) as to keep it in an improving instead of a declining state; to make permanent meadows of wet or sunken lands capable of being reclaimed; to introduce Clover & other Grasses as far, and as fast as it can be done in tillable fields that are in condition to bear it, but avoiding at the same time too great an expense in the purchase of seed; to substitute live in place of dead fences where it is practicable; and this with as much facility as the seasons and the nature of the case will admit as the Inclosures are numerous, timber becoming scarce, & the common materials for fencing, in most instances, far to remove.—These, with regular weekly reports from each Farm & class of people—due attention to the stock of several farms—to the tools & implements of husbandry thereon, taking an exact list thereof—& making the overseers accountable, not only for their forth coming, but for the preservation of them from the weather; and in a word, to keep as regular accounts with eack Farm, & with every seperate branch of business—debiting and crediting the same with everything that goes to, or comes from them, as if they were the property of another person, thereby ascertaining the profit and loss—correcting, by a strict & close inspection into matters, the many abuses which there is too much reason to fear have crept into every branch of my business, from the little personal attention I have been able to bestow on it for many years last past;—and lastly keeping all the Overseers and subbordinate characters who are or may be placed under your management, strictly to their respective duties, will (together with clothing the people, providing for, & disposing of things belonging to the Estate on the best terms, & rendering regular accounts thereof) constitute the great out-lines of the trust which I have reposed in you.

To go more into detail would be as tedious as it is unnecessary to a person competent to the superintendence of such a concern as mine. for to tell a farmer that his fences ought to be in good order; his fields secured against trespassers of every kind; his grounds well ploughed; his crop kept clear of grass & weeds; his seeds put in good order & in due season; his grain & hay cut at a proper (sic) time, & well stacked, & the former got out of the straw as soon after harvest as circumstances will permit, & that without waste or loss of grain or straw; making butter & selling all that can be spared—as also such stock of different kinds as will, by being culled out,—render the remainder healthly & thriving; that his cattle & c. ought to be regularly penned in summer & secured from bad weather in winter and the utmost attention paid to the making of manure for the improvement of his fields at both seasons; that his work horses & oxen should be well attended to and kept into good & fit condition, thereby enabling them to perform the labour which they must undergo: to remind him of those things would, I say, be only observing what every Farmer must be thoroughly sensible his duty enjoins.—but it may not be amiss to repeat that one of the most effectual steps to accomplish all these ends, is to see that the Overseers of the Farms & the Superintendents of other business are constantly at their posts; for it may be received as a maxim that if they are away or entertaining company at home, that the concerns entrusted to them will be neglected, & certainly go wrong:—and it is not less certain that relaxation on his part will serve only to beget liberties on theirs; therefore strictness with justice is the sure means of having the business well cnnducted.

In consideration of these Services well & truly performed on the part of the said William Pearce, the said George Washington doth hereby promise to pay him the said Pearce the sum of one hundred guineas per annum, and in that proportion for a greater or lesser time actually employed in the said Washington's service; and will alllow him over and above, twelve hundred pounds of Pork; about five hundred pounds of beef, to be received at different times as it may happen to be killed for the use of the mansion House or for market, and some fresh meat from what may be occasionally killed for like purposes, together with bread sufficient for his family; he is also to be allowed the use of Three Cows for the purpose of affording milk & butter therefor, and to raise Poultry for the same, but not for sale. And If he brings Horses (not exceeding two) he is to be allowed grain & fodder or hay, for them; in which case he is not to use any horse or horses belonging to the estate. The said George Washington doth moreover agree to allow the said William Pearce the use of a negro woman to wash & cook for his family— and a boy & girl to aid & attend in the House and Garden; the first not to exceed fourteen or fifteen years of age, & the other twelve; and will put the House now occupied by Mr. Hyland Crow, with the Kitchen adjoining in decent repair and fitness for the purpose intended. And lastly, in order that the said William Pearce may have the entire controul over the Overseers of the different Farms, & others hired as overlookers of any other business, he is hereby vested with full power and authority to engage such as he may have confidence in, & discharge those who do not conduct themselves well.—

Witness our hands & seals the day & year first above written.

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SNAKES OF SARAWAK.

The Pythons Are Enormous and Feed on Pigs and Children.

In the Sarawak Gazette is an article on the snakes of that part of Borneo. Of the poisonous reptiles it says: "The cobra (Naja tripudians) is a black snake which raises its head to strike when irritated, at the same time expanding the hood at either side of the neck. It spits at intruders and hisses like a cat, whence it is known as "ular tedong puss;" in some parts, too, as "tedong mata hari." The word "tedong" in Sarawak is apparently applied to all large snakes which Malays consider to be poisonous, and, as our Malays are but ill acquainted with these animals, quite a number of large but harmless forms are designated by this term. The hamadryad (Naja bungarus) is a brown snake, considerably bigger but rarer than the cobra. It is rather shy, but when cornered, like the cobra, it raises its head and expands the hood before striking. Its food is chiefly other snakes.

"Less dangerous than these najas are the vipers, of which the most common species is the green viper, which reaches a length of two feet or more. The head is large and shaped like an ace of spades. This creature is a tree snake and very sluggish. The 'bungarus' are of several species, one, Bungarus fasciatus, of length up to four feet, being black with yellow rings. It is called the 'ular buku tebu' (sugar cane joints) by natives. There are also sea snakes of many species. The tail of a sea snake is flattened and oarlike."

Sarawak has other snakes: "Of the pythons there are two species. Python reticulatus grows to an enormous size, over twenty feet. It is very fond of pigs, but varies its diet by various animals, including even children. The oil of this snake is used by Malays as an embrocation for bruises. The other species of python, Python curtus, is interesting in that its flesh tastes like that of fowl—at least, so Dyaks say, and they are authorities on snake flesh, for they eat a number of the large snakes."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Some people are simply acting natural when they are kicking.

Do the right thing by all of your friends, and you haven't anything but the core of the apple left.

People with real troubles do not care as much for sympathy as they do to have their trials as inconspicuous as possible.

When a man says that he has not a friend in the town where he lives you can depend on it that the town is not to blame.

Don't forget that your actions are measured as critically all through life as is the borrowed butter you return to a neighbor.

With all due consideration for the sober second thought, we notice that the longer we aim the more liable we are to miss the mark.—Atchison Globe.

Froude's Youthful Terrors.

Of the youthful hardships endured by James Anthony Froude a biographer says: "Conceiving that the child wanted spirit, Hurrell, his elder brother, once took him up by the heels and stirred with his head the mud at the bottom of a stream. Another time he threw him into deep water out of a boat to make him manly. But he was not satisfied by inspiring physical terror. Invoking the aid of the preternatural, he taught his brother that the hollow behind the house was haunted by a monstrous and malevolent phantom, to which in the plenitude of his imagination he gave the name of Peningre. Gradually the child discovered that Peningre was an illusion and began to suspect that other ideas of Hurrell's might be illusions too."

The Flying Lizard of Java.

The curious little animals known as flying lizards (Draco volans) are only found in Java, and their strange appearance is supposed to have been the origin of the dragon of the mediaeval eastern imagination. The reptile is like an ordinary lizard, but is provided with folds of extensible skin which are spread out by the long ribs and enable the animal to glide through the air from tree to tree in pursuit of the insects on which it preys. When lying prone on the mottled surface of a bough, it is an excellent example of "protective resemblance," as it is most difficult to be seen unless it moves.

He Made Sure.

A story is told of the Sudan railway which shows patient literalness. To an official there came the telegram from an outlying station: "Station master has died. Shall I bury him?" The reply was sent: "Yes; bury station master, but please make sure he is really dead before you do so." In due time back came the message: "Have buried station master. Made sure he was dead by hitting him twice on the head with a fish plate." There was perfect assurance that there had been no premature burial.

A Man of Nerve.

He—I called to see you last evening. She—Yes? He—Yes, the servant told me you were not in. She—Yes, I was so sorry to have missed you. He—I thought you must be. I heard you laughing upstairs in such grief stricken tones that I almost wept myself out of sympathy.

The Reason.

Teacher—You've been a very good boy for the last day or two, Bobbie. I haven't seen you fighting with the other boys or romping in the schoolroom. Bobbie—Yes'm. I got a stiff neck.—Cleveland Leader.

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Paris Restaurants.

A Chicago man just returned from a ramble in Europe declares that in Paris the traps for unwary travelers are innumerable as the sands of the seashore. One of the most familiar is the restaurant where the bill of fare is without prices, the check being made out according to what the customer seems able to pay. "I was bitten once or twice in this way," says the traveler, "but then I refused to order unless the menu mentioned the cost. Sometimes the proprietor protested feebly, but I told him that he didn't buy his victuals without knowing the price, and I should follow his example."

To Save One's Bacon.

"To save one's bacon"—that is, to make a narrow escape—is supposed to refer to the Dunmow flitch. For many centuries it was the custom at Dunmow, in England, to present a flitch of bacon to a married couple of twenty years' standing who would make oath on the Scriptures that they had never had a quarrel. To come close to a quarrel without an actual rupture was, in the popular dialect, "to save one's bacon."

A Natural Conclusion.

A little New York girl, whose brief experience of life was confined to existence in an apartment house, was visiting in Philadelphia not long ago. One afternoon, to amuse the child, her cousin showed her a number of photographs and views, meanwhile explaining and answering questions concerning them. One of them was a picture of Windsor castle, which, she was told, was the residence of the late Queen Victoria. After looking at it a moment she innocently inquired, "What floor did she live on?"—Lippincott's.

Laid His Fortune at Her Feet.

"He done tol' me," said Miss Daphne Dalrymple, "dat if I would marry him he'd lay his fortune at my feet."

"An' did he do it?" asked Miss Miami Brown.

"Yas, he sho' did. It took his las' cent to pay fo' fourteen yahds of ingrain cyarpet."—Washington Star.

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