

South Branch Farm.

The Taney had lived on South Branch farm since colony times, and no Taney had ever cheated a man of a dollar. They had no money, and they borrowed none; they never sat at any man's table, or asked a guest to theirs.

children; but to Letty she had talked of it very often, when they were alone. Letty was like herself—the others were all Taney's. She came to the door. "Do you know, Mr. Burke, if there is an old negro on the place—a gardener?"

that afternoon with his hatchet and bag of specimens, was amazed to see Letty standing on the road in eager conversation with a man, coarse, red-jawed, beery fellow, "was his angry verdict. The fellow" talked long and earnestly, then took Letty's hand and pressed it fervently. Burke turned his back on them and struck across the fields. The girl's mother should hear of this at once, he said to himself, decidedly. Then he slackened his pace. What was it to him? Why should he vex himself about this girl, or meddle in her love affairs? He went slowly back to the hills. But the blood rushed with a strange beat through his veins.

can't be bothered with the kitchen work," he burst out. "That's right," William. The truth is, you're too open-handed. You can't afford to keep a parcel of able-bodied women in idleness, if you ever mean to buy the meadow lots. "That's a fact!" The mention of the lots keyed his courage. When he came back that afternoon he found Sophy resplendent in a pink-flowered muslin, entertaining half a dozen girls in the parlor. He stopped to joke and romp with them. The next moment the door opened, and Letty stood like a ghost on the threshold. "Come to mother!" she said. "What is the matter?" "You have killed her, I think," quietly.

New York City.—Such a pretty coat as this one cannot fail to find its welcome. It is jaunty and chic yet absolutely simple, withal, and involves no difficulties in the making. It is cut with sleeves and coat portions in one, but in the latter manner, which means snug fit under the arms.

Embroidery For Lingerie. The dainty colored embroideries are being used for lingerie hats to accompany frocks in which the same embroideries appear.

Household Matters. Polish New Furniture. Always polish new furniture if you want it to look and keep really nice. The polish helps to keep smoke and grime from getting into the varnish.



Timely Fashion Hints. New York City.—Such a pretty coat as this one cannot fail to find its welcome. It is jaunty and chic yet absolutely simple, withal, and involves no difficulties in the making.



Seven Gored Skirt. The seven gored skirt is always a graceful and attractive one, and this model has the advantage of including the very latest features of the season.



for the medium size is nine and three-quarter yards twenty-four, or twenty-seven, five and one-half yards forty-four or fifty-two inches wide.