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"The employer is like the lady whose husband said:

"'Learn to cook, darling, and I'll give you a surprise.'

"'I took a six months' cooking course and learned to make the best of pies possible. She could now cook like an angel.

"'Bring on my surprise,' she said.

"'This is it,' said her husband, smiling, and he rang for the cook and discharged her then and there."

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But he was undismayed. With much agility he climbed a lamp post and surveyed the scene. A minute later he felt a tap at his ankle, and looking down, met the fierce glare of a special constable.

"Now, then, down you come, young man."

"Oh, that's all right! I'm a reporter and I've got to do a description of the fire."

"Someone—indeed! Down you come! You can read all about the fire in the papers tomorrow!"

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"Possibly so," answered the cynic young woman. "Some of those foreign noblemen have an astonishing capacity for wine."

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Many interesting mines have been abandoned for nearly a century are now being worked with profit and industry. That of the Cornwallis smelter, where they are treating the ashes of foreign navigations, and that of the Beaudrieux smelter, are among these. The mining industry in the colony of Cornwallis has been limited to an extent never before known, and many of the mines of the immediate vicinity have received and again placed under operation, with the most satisfactory results.

Business at Matrimony.

"Much too much incentive nowadays I will not consent to answer your proposal of matrimony!"

"Why so, dear?"

"It gives me time to plan fair weather castles in the air, and I cannot return when he leave your office. I'll take none."

"Under the circumstances, I shall have to withdraw my offer."

"Then don't you under the circumstances I shall have to withdraw my offer?"

"Natural Suggestion.

"Do you think," asked the prospective father, "that I ought to be present at the birth of my child?"

"Certainly," replied the physician. "I don't see how you could be absent at the birth."

"Then I think I'll send proxies in my wife."

CHARACTERISTICS AND HABITS OF ALFALFA

RUSSIAN KNAPWEED MIXED WITH ALFALFA.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

It is desirable that farmers know the characteristics and habits of the most fairly distinctive commercial strains of alfalfa, according to Farmers' Bulletin 752 of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in order that adaptation of the strains to climatic conditions can be determined to best advantage.

"Common alfalfa," says the bulletin "is the term that is used to designate all of the alfalfas that are not clearly of Turkestan origin or that do not have distinct and uniform varietal characteristics, such as the nonvariegated and Arabian varieties. Numerous strains are coming to be recognized in the "common" group. They are often designated by the name of the locality of the locality where grown, as Kansas-grown alfalfa, Montana-grown alfalfa, and many others, or by some term descriptive of the conditions under which the crop has developed, such as dry-land alfalfa, or by some term of supposed origin, as Peruvian alfalfa.

"Strains developed in the South usually produce heavier yields than those developed in the northern states, but are less hardy in the north. The dry-land alfalfa seed offered on the market has usually been of a strain intermediate in hardiness in ability to resist drought and that was grown with an abundance of moisture.

"The commercial Turkestan alfalfa has been tested quite thoroughly in all parts of the country, and in nearly every case has proved inferior to American-grown strains.

"The leading commercial strains of variegated alfalfa are the Grimm, the Baltic, the Canadian variegated, and the Canadian, and the Kansas variegated. With the exception of

OUTLINE MAP OF UNITED STATES, SHOWING VARIETIES OR STRAINS OF ALFALFA RECOMMENDED FOR VARIOUS SECTIONS, BASED UPON CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

the Grimm, which is grown to a limited extent in Minnesota, and the Baltic, which is grown in the northern part of North Dakota, these strains are not adapted to the conditions of the northern states, but have been developed in the northern states, but have been developed in the northern states, but have been developed in