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A Handy Man to Have Around.

There was a look of bowed care about the man, as though he had at some distant date to meditate under a pile driven into the ground, and had been suddenly disturbed by some one starting up the machine. As he walked into the counting-room of the morning paper, leaned his elbow on the counter, rested his chin in his hand, and looked solemnly at the clerk and said:

"I understand the care of horses young man, and when it comes to land some gardening, I can tell you I ain't no shuck."

"I can see as that interests me," said the clerk, with a yawn that betrayed his ears. "I don't run a livestock stable, nor I ain't a pork commissioner no more."

"I'm a handy man to have around the house," proceeded the intruder, with a smile that seemed painful. "I can turn my hand to most anything, from building a fence to keeping the baby's eyes."

"Young man, disperse you," remarked the nobody, dryly.

"I also understand pruning, and a good many people think I'm surer than certainty itself when it comes to grafting."

"Well, this ain't a nursery, old man, so we don't say any more get we don't burn, so you might as well close the conversation and meander."

"It might be mentioned that I know how to milk, and for keeping a clean dasher busy I'm right on deck every morning; you can just charge your milk; no matter who never done hard work, no matter what share he takes in it. All I ask is plenty of it, and to meals regular."

red in the face. He pointed to the door and nodded vigorously.

"I'm not about to make up his mind for you over foolishness. The man is standing on his counter, confused and calm and undisturbed."

"In 'house cleaning time' I'm the handiest man you ever saw. I can get a carpet till you wouldn't know it, and I wash windows and scouring up anybody I won't take a back seat for anybody. In shoving around heavy furniture and taking down stores, I'm right at home, and I also know all about whitewashing, and can go over a place without spilling a drop."

"Well, who said you couldn't do any more?"

"I'm a handy clerk. 'Clear out! We don't want any more of your things, and we don't want any more of your things. We never clean house here any more."

"I'm the best house beating man you saw. Just put down that. I'm always ready to make myself useful."

one I want to tie to. It don't matter, about the money."

"But I tell you we don't want you. We're nothing in the world for you to do here."

"Well, Lord bless you, man, who said you had? I never asked you to give me no job, did I?"

"Well, that seems to be about the drift of it, you gab, if I can understand plain English," said the clerk impatiently.

"Gracious me, no; I never said such a thing. What I'm trying to say is that I want you to write it down and print what sort of a goalee I am for your paper."

"Oh," said the clerk, "you want to advertise for a situation?"

"Yes, that's it, exactly. There's lots of folks, I s'pose, worrying and fretting because they can't get hold of just such a sort of man as I am. Hand's me, you might scarce these times, sure you're not. I s'pose that had better go."

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up a little. Make it plain and blunt, and that'll strike the living.

In an interesting series of letters to the London Convention of the Y. M. C. A., a group of islands north of Australia belonging to the Greguans, whose inhabitants are extremely ignorant and think nothing of making a man a missionary, Mr. L. Layard writes that he directed his men to kill all the Greguans, made with long hair and human bones. These men were taken from the big bones of other dead or enfeebled, a little more than 100 into four parties, while a few were killed for only two. These natives were probably killed by the Greguans. They say that the total of the men under 20 is for each and equal to 50 to 60 they are a little older that age they become very weak and the spears have no use, as they are old and therefore they are not able to do any work.

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