This relation was spread about the town and the story of the plowman was repeated with various embellishments by the neighboring farmers. It was said that a gentleman had told the man that he could plow a certain field for a certain price, but the gentleman did not know whether he could plow it or not. The plowman accepted the job and began to plow, but he soon found that the field was too big and he could not plow it in the time that was allowed. He returned the plow and the gentleman paid him for his trouble. The story was told as an illustration of the folly of engaging in work that one cannot do.

THE BOTTLE CONJURER.

The Duke of Montrose was in company with his lady and their servants in the carriage. The Duke was riding in the front seat, and his lady was sitting in the rear. Suddenly, the Duke exclaimed, "Look, there is a bottle floating on the water." His lady turned around and looked at the water, but saw nothing. The Duke then lifted the bottle from the water and examined it. It was a small, dark bottle, with a stopper in the top. The Duke handed the bottle to his lady and said, "You see, I told you there was a bottle floating on the water." His lady examined the bottle and said, "I can't see anything in it." The Duke then said, "I knew there was a bottle there, but I didn't know what was inside." The Duke then told his lady about the conjurer who had performed this trick. The Duke then said, "I don't understand how he did it, but it was very clever." His lady then said, "I don't understand how he did it either." The Duke then said, "I don't understand how he did it."
Earthquake—At Mount Pisgah, Westmoreland county, Virginia, at 9 o'clock last night, a violent earthquake was experienced by a large number of persons living in the vicinity. The shock was so sudden and intense as to cause much alarm and consternation. The ground, which is extremely firm and dry, was upheaved and subsided several times in quick succession, and was accompanied by a loud rumbling noise. The walls of houses and other buildings were thrown down, and the windows and doors shattered. The damage done by the earthquake is said to be great, and many lives may have been lost. The machinery of the telegraph and some of the electric lights were also destroyed. The country is now in a state of consternation and the people are living in fear of another shock.

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THE ACADEMY—The annual meeting of the academy was held last week, and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. A. B. Johnson; Secretary, Mr. J. P. Brown; Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Davis.

STEAM SCOURING & TAILORING—J. T. THOMPSON & CO. (Incorporated) have completed their new factory and are now ready to receive orders for the manufacture of all kinds of steam scouring and tailoring machinery. Their address is 321 Main Street, New York.

HEAR CUTTING & SEWING—T. P. S. BUTLER, 206 Broadway, specializes in the cutting and sewing of all kinds of clothing for men and boys. He has a large stock of goods, and his work is done in a neat andatisfactory manner. His address is 206 Broadway, New York.

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