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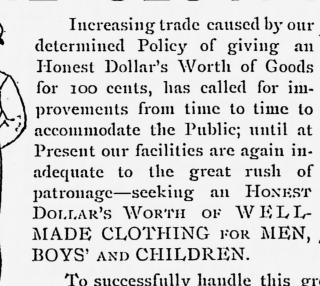
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escaped, the spider repairs the damage. Some spiders do not have webs. The wolf spiders does not. This is a large black spider that goes prowling about over the ground seeking something to devour. One day, in my walk, I met one of these spiders in the path, a large, hairy, black fellow, that had an ugly look. I stooped down and touched him with my pencil, when he sat up on his hind legs, opening his jaws and was ready to fight. I touched him again, when he seized the pencil with his fangs, and left two minute drops of poison where they touched it. His bite would no doubt have been a very painful one. This spider springs upon its prey like a wolf, dragsit to some cover, and devours it. I have seen one kill and drag away a very small toad. I think i is the wolf spider that digs a hole or gallery in the ground, eight or ten inches deep from which it sallies forth in quest of victims. The top of this hole is lined with silk to keep the soil from caving in. One day, while walking through a field, I chanced to see one of these holes in the ground. I looked into it, and saw two bright, gleaming points in the darkness at the bottom. They were the eyes of the spiders. A few days later I walked that way again. I stopped and looked in the hole, but saw no gleaming eyes. Looking closely on the ground about the entrance, I

saw fragments of the dismembered body of the spider. Some enemy, some fiercer wolf, had caught the spider at his door, or had dragged him forth from his cave, and devoured him by his own doorstep. The most pleasing spider to contemplate is the little spider that rides upon the wind, the flying spider. It mounts some post or other object, shoots out a filament from its body, which floats out upon the air till presently floats out upon the air, till presently it is buoyant enough to lift the little spinner and bear her away. Away she goes over fields, across valleys, wherever the breeze drifts her. It is the

only creature I know of that makes its own wings as the occasion requires. Put Off at the Right Place. He may have been a hayseed. H looked it; but way down deep in his eyes the second time you looked you seemed to notice a suspicion of real "slickness" that escaped you at first.

He held a ticket to Tecumseh, says the Topeka State Journal, when he got on the train at Topeka, and he gave it up promptly to the conductor on demand. When the conductor came through the train after it had left Tecumseh, he was surprised to see the same man sitting complacently in the same seat.

"Ticket," and the conductor. "Haven't got any," said the man. "Then you'll have to pay," said the onductor. "Can't do it," said the man. "Then I'll have to put you off," said

"What, right out here in the country," asked the man. "Right out here in the country," re plied the conductor. A good many of the other passenger were interested at once, and the argu ment continued. The conductor notice -he said afterward-that the man kept looking out of the window as he talked and did not seem to be in a hurry. O

course, the train was running all the The farmer finally went down into his pocket and got out his purse. He was not in a hurry about it, and after he had opened it, seemed lost in thought. "Come," said the conductor, "I can' fool with you all day.'

"Must pay or get off, eh?" asked the "I said that," replied the man with the punch. There was another moment's silence. The farmer took another look out of the window. "I guess you can put me off," he said. The train was stopped and the conluctor went to the rear platform to see that he got off and stayed off. "See that white house over there?"

asked the son of toil. The conductor could see it easily. "That's where I work," said the farmer. "This is the nearest the railroad comes to it. I am much obliged to you for letting me off here. I was afraid I wouldn't be able to keep you interested till we got here. Have cigar?" and the granger jumped lightly to the ground and was gone. The train was two minutes behind time before the conductor recovered his

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