

HUCK: Too much moisture!

*(To audience.)*

There are a great many things I could tell you about myself. I was once in the Navy; that's where I learned Horticulture. Yes, I have been the world over. I've seen it all: mountain cactus, the century plant, Japanese Ivy. And exotic ports, where bog-wort was sold in the open market! I'm a man of experience and there is one thing that I've learned: Too much moisture is worse than none at all. Prune a plant. Avoid water. And go easy on manure. Moderation. That's the moral. That's my son's foot.

I offer a father's curses to the kind of education that makes our children fools. I sent this boy to school — to college. And I hope you know what that costs.

Did he learn to dig a cesspool? No. He's up there now "writing verses."

Son, you are an' ass. There you stand every day, writing verses, while who knows what our neighbor is up to on the other side of that wall. He's a villain! I'll not have it! I'll strip down those branches where an enemy could climb! I'll lime that wall with bottles! I'll jag it up with glass!