

## ONE-ARMED MAN'S ACHIEVEMENT.

At Ashby-de-la-Zouch recently, in the series of agricultural competitions promoted by the Leicestershire Agricultural Society and the Leicestershire County Council, a remarkable feat was performed by a one-armed man named William Hancocks, senr., of Appleby Magna, who won the first prize for cutting and laying a hedge ten yards long as a bullock fence within four and a half hours. There were eleven other competitors, but the winner although handicapped by the loss of his right arm, performed the task as quickly as any. The award of the judges gave great satisfaction. An old Appleby Grammar school boy, the Rev. J. Stratton, of Wokingham, Berks., and formerly of Clifton Campville, wrote a letter of congratulation to the prize winner, and enclosed the following lines:

Two handed men may sometimes fail,  
Where men with only one prevail:  
What is the reason? here it lies—  
The latter make good use of eyes,  
And into work put power of will,  
And do the task with all their skill,  
Men long for corporeal might,  
But give me mind where stiff's the fight.

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