

## HUCK

Too much moisture!

*(To the 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've been the world over. I've seen it all: mountain cactus, the century plant, Japanese Ivy. And exotic ports where bog-wort was sold on 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.

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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."

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Son, you're 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!

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