

TO THE FROST.

Air-cleansing spirit, pure and white,
Fresh from the womb of Arctic light,
Upon thy sparkling pinions borne,
Wends round the globe to realms forlorn,
Twined round the hills, thy diamond
Wreath, has been to us a boon.
Death's sword is frozen to its sheath,
And life is ours, though winter's breath.

Like that bright dew which each cheer'd
Or beamed with smiles, thy power is true,
To land the ever-plangent bath strewn
With corpses black as grass new mown.
Thou com'st, a web of seraph's thread
Betwixt the living and the dead.

Thy crystals deck yon glittering field,
Like last night's snow, thy gleams are cold;
And while thy jewels nip the flowers,
And wilt the green leaf in an hour,
They stifle foul infections breath—
At once the gems of life and death.

SORGHUM

Up and down the corn-field
Lies the scattered cany scraps,
Spilled from emptying the bags,
Emptying thro' the corn-field gaps
Sorghum treasures rich and rare,
Down each "raperator's" jaw,
And a sweet scent fills the air,
Mingled pumpkin and papaw.

Shade of sugar, where do you
This lean, thin and molly school?
Two-horse, four-horse, short and tall,
Heny ox and long-eared mule,
Straining 'neath the high green piles
That encumber trebling wheels,
Come from 'O'er what weary miles,
Man's "sweet tooth" its strength reveals.

THE TAX ON TOBACCO.

The Hon. Milton Saylor, in a speech made at Cincinnati, truthfully said regarding the unjust tax on tobacco:

"Our tobacco men have been clamoring for relief because the enormous burden of taxation imposed upon this article is really destroying the industry, and thousands of acres that have heretofore been cultivated in this way are no longer so cultivated, because the burdens and restrictions imposed are such that the real value of the article when produced is not equal to the cost of the capital and labor necessary for the production; and when the owner of the broad acres ceases to produce, of course he ceases to employ labor; and when he ceases to employ labor, of course there is an addition to the enforced idleness of the country. But not only so: There is a corresponding depression in the business of manufacturing this article, and the great tobacco establishments of our city have been finding it necessary under these burdens to constantly diminish the amount of their business, and have been, from time to time, lessening the number of their employes, thus again adding to the number of idle men who stand about our streets, and who are idle, not from choice, but from necessity. I have the statements, I believe, of all those engaged in this business in the city of Cincinnati, and it is their unanimous opinion that this interest cannot endure this enormous burden, and that unless some relief comes to them their business will be destroyed or most seriously affected."

A TEXAS ROMANCE.

A beautiful girl has been discovered in Waco, Texas, dressed in male attire. After her arrest she confessed to her sex and told a strange history. According to her story, she is a girl 16 years of age, belonging to a wealthy and prominent family in the State of Missouri, but whose name she would not reveal. A young man courted her, but her brother-in-law objected to the marriage and even threatened her life if she married her lover.

She came to Texas one year ago and in March last married the object of her affections. Some weeks ago, hearing that her relatives were on her track, she was obliged to admit this disguise to escape danger from them and save herself and her husband from their wrath, knowing that no man has ever yet been punished for killing a woman in Texas. The fair girl has the bashfulness of girlhood, but seems perfectly at home in breeches. It is believed that there is more of romance and mystery about the case than the girl has yet been able to reveal.—Buffalo Courier.

THE HONG KONG DAILY PRESS

The Hong Kong Daily Press is wondering over the "new departure" from the customs of the country taken by his Excellency, the Chinese Minister, at his recent entertainment in London, in allowing his wife to be present, and to do honors as mistress. What will be said in China, where women are considered of little moment socially and where they are kept strictly secluded from public inspection?

Revenue Officers Acquitted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 13.—The suits brought by the State of North Carolina against Revenue Agent Wagner and several other Federal Revenue officers, on charges of excess of authority in making arrests of illicit distillers and others, were tried yesterday at Greensboro, and resulted in the acquittal of the entire party with one exception.

A STORY OF THE OLDEN TIMES.

In a neighboring county, not many miles distant from this place, there lived in the 1830s an honest and sincere old Dutchman, whom we will call Jacob Schneider, Jacob was a member of a good Christian church, which was wost, in those days, to conduct its services generally in the German language. Jacob himself was not much advanced in Murray, and spoke the language with a heavy accent, and, in fact, read the Gospels as printed by the German publishers. The Sacred Book was called in that language—at least Jacob so denominated it—a "schrif." The honest Teuton had heard the Gospels expounded for many years, and had frequently wept under the stern admonitions of the successors of the Apostles. The yoke seemed to him a little galling. It must be noted, however, that though not much advanced in the schools of literature, his mind, by force of circumstances, being about the time of the Texas revolution, had expanded beyond that of most men's in that neighborhood. He had reflected much on sacred subjects, and the adaptability of the Scriptures to the wants and conditions of men. He had arrived, by dint of hard thought, to conclusions which he desired to announce on the first fitting occasion. Therefore, on one day, when a congregation had assembled for divine worship, Jacob addressed them in the following terse and earnest manner:

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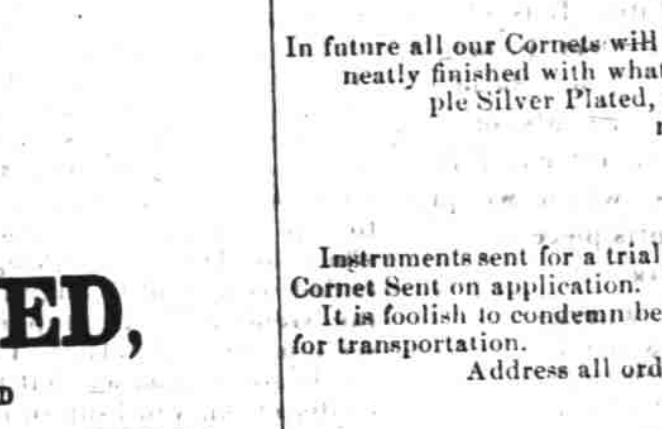
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GOING WEST.		
STATIONS.	ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
Salisbury	7:22 A. M.	6:30 A. M.
Third Creek	7:22 A. M.	
Statesville	8:15 "	
Catawba	9:15 "	
Newton	10:11 "	
Cherokee	11:00 "	
Hickory	11:48 "	
Morganton	12:33 "	
Bridgewater	1:21 P. M.	
Marion	2:09 "	
Old Fort	3:03 "	
Henry	3:16 "	

GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
Henry	7:09 A. M.	7:00 A. M.
Old Fort	8:00 "	
Marion	8:52 "	
Bridgewater	9:38 "	
Morganton	10:26 "	
Cherokee	11:07 "	
Hickory	11:55 "	
Catawba	12:52 P. M.	
Statesville	1:48 "	
Third Creek	2:43 "	
Salisbury	3:40 "	