AN AUTOMATIC URCHIN-CHASTIZER.

With Base-Burner, Breech-Loading and Stern-Wheel Movements.

Geo. W. Peck, in Milwaukee Sun.

This is an age of invention, and there is no knowing what a day may bring forth. Pominent educators have for years racked their brains and consumed midnight oil to devise some method whereby the youthful student, the urchin with thick, solid pantaloons, could be chastised as the gravity of his offense might demand, without inflicting a more severe punishment upon the lady teacher's hand than upon the child. Previous to the invention of the machine, principals of schools have wept to see their assistants go round with their arms in a sling from the effects of punishing scholars. In many instances excellent teachers, who love their calling, have been compelled to resign their positions, and get married, because they had too much on their hands.—The matter has been discussed at the various institutes, and it has been almost decided to adopt capital punishment, instead of the time honored taking across the knee, when the inventor of this machine stepped in, and, by the simple device above illustrated, has saved the lives of many valuable young ones. The heart of the inventor was touched at seeing a frail schoolma'am, with her right hand swelled up to the size of a canvass ham, from agitating a boy who had wickedly placed a piece of clapboard inside of his trowserloons, when he knew that the teacher was on the war path after him. He was a bad boy, and will probably fetch up in Congress. The teacher was weeping, and saying she would be sick if she didn't run that boy through a threshing *machine* before she got through with him. The idea at once struck the inventor that a *machine* could be constructed that would tan the jacket, as it were, of the young Modock and you see the result of careful thought and study in the machine before you.

What a change. Instead of dreading the task of punishing scholars, and shivering at the prospect of blistered hands, the teacher can enjoy the performance, and look forward to the hour for doing up the day's spanking with a feeling of pleasure and gladness, and the frown formerly stereotyped on the face of the average schoolma'am gives place to an angelic smile. She seats herself at the instrument, with a dime novel in her hand, after placing the condemed urchins in a row within reach of the hoisting apparatus, or tongs, she smiles, touches the snatch-brake with her foot, and the doomed urchin is launched into—if not eternity, he will think so before that hand lets up on him. With a smile playing over her features she works her tiny hoof and the avenging hand descends, and the boy says his "now I lay me," and the old machine works as though endowed with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. (Care should be taken not to work the machine too rapidly at first, as it may make it hot—for the boy. Or it might telescope his *spinal meningitis*, with fatal results. Any teacher can work it all right after perchance killing a few scholars of the cheaper kind.) It will only take a moment of treading to make an ordinary boy sorry he enlisted, when he can be dropped and the next can be snatched. A whole school can be spanked in ten minutes if the teacher is anything of a treader. We make different sized machines, suitable for the primary department, the intermediate, the High School, the Normal School and the State University.

The ease with which this machine can be changed from one thing to another will convince the reader that it is almost human. It will remind one of a politician every time it it changes. To change it from a spanking machine to a self-raker, all you have to do is to unscrew the "hand," remove it, and screw on a fine comb, change ends with the boy, and proceed to search for things that live, and move, and have a being, and bite boys' heads. This will tend to relieve mothers of much searching investigation, as the school teacher can, by simply using her foot, keep the heads of all the children free from the festive bug, that at times makes life a burden.

Every editor in the land will thank us, on his bended knees, for this invention, as it solves a problem that has disturbed the minds of the knights of the scissors for many generations, viz: How to exterminate the exchange fiend, the man who steals exchanges when you are busy writing. The editor can have a machine sitting in his office. In place of the hand of Providence, we screw on a cast iron fist, weighing 700 pounds. If you desire to simply maim the fiend for life, you work the treadle mildly, and merely mash his eye out, and italicize his nose and break his jaw bone. But if he is an old offender, and you want to make an example of him; you keep treading, and the pile driver will come down on him like a President on a Postmaster, and break every bone in his body, and flatten him as thin as one of Colfax's vindications.

There is no end to the different uses to which the machine can be put. But it as an urchin chastizer that its principal merit lies, and in which its owner expects to amass a fortune. It is not only in the school-rooms that the machine can be utilized, but in the family. Any family that has thirty-five or forty children can make a machine pay for itself in a year, and the work can be done more satisfactorily. Where families are smaller, several can club together and own one in partnership, and some one can be appointed to chastise a whole neighborhood. The invention of this machine opens a field for the unemployed by which they can make a good living. Those female book agents can buy a machine and mount it on a wheelbarrow, and go about from house to house, doing jobs that any mother would be glad to pay a quarter to get off their hands.

THE FARMER'S STRATEGY.

Farmer Evans walked round his wood-pile and surveyed its diminished proportions with a considerable lowering of his shaggy eyebrows. 'Somebody's helping themselves,' he thought; 'I must set my wits to work to discover the offender.' He sat down on a log, rested his elbows on his knees, and after scratching his head awhile, by way of brightening his ideas, he settled his temples in the palm of his hands and meditated. The result of his cogitations must have been satisfactory, for he rose by and by with a queer smile overspreading his weather-beaten face, and walked in the house, chuckling, 'I'll do it; that'l let the cat out of the bag!'

He found Harry Bailey, a young, likely-looking farmer, in the kitchen with his daughter.

'That young fellow is courting Jennie, sure enough!' thought the old gentleman, as he discreetly passed into the sitting room.—'Well, he's as likely to make her a good husband as any one. If she likes him, I shan't object.'

And he fell into a fit of musing over the memory of the gentle wife who had been lying under the flowers since Jennie's birth.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen Jennie was tripping about, engaged in some household work, and Harry was watching her with love-lit eyes, and could not make up his mind to tell her he loved her.

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The Rev. Mr. Walker, of the Orthrodox Church in Belton, had prepared a discourse for his sinful congregation, upon the subject of endless punishment. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus was his basis, and he hurled the anathemas of wrath at the black sheep of his flock as though he were an avenging angel, and many members of his congregation felt guilty terrors. Tim Bates shivered in his shoes, and thought of the pile he had taken the night before and told his mother a lie, and debated whether he should confess, or run the risk of the punishment fulminated by the parson. But he did not settle the matter that time, for the minister was suddenly brought to a full stop in the midst of his discourse, and the congregation electrified, by a tremendous crash and report in their midst, as if heaven and earth had come together.

Farmer Evans rose to his feet simultaneously with his frightened daughter and the rest of the congregation, and poor little Tim was not sure for the moment that his future had not begun. The cause of the noise was found to be an explosion of the stove, through the infernal agency known as gunpowder. How it came there was a mystery to all except Farmer Evans. Harry Bailey who made the fires and found the wood for a stated sum, came forward with a white face and explained that the thing was unknown to him. The farmer walked homeward thinking, 'Bad, bad! I'm very sorry that he's that sort; I never suspected him of all others; and Jennie likes him.'

The farmer's first impulse was to nip in the bud the acquaintance between Jennie and young Bailey; but his natural kindly feeling ultimately prevailed over his anger, and on next meeting with the delinquent he abruptly addressed him.

'You are courting my daughter?'

Harry Bailey admitted the fact bashfully,

'And you make the fires for the Orthrodox Church?' continued the old man.

Harry assented.

'And furnish the wood?'

'Yes,' said the young man, growing red and white by turns.

'Perhaps you would like to have the mysterious explosion in church last Sunday explained? I knew my woodpile was going somewhere, and put a small charge of powder in one of the sticks. I need not say that I was surprised to find you were the thief, and you dared to come courting my daughter?'

Harry quailed before the stern, clear glance of the old man.

'I know I'm too mean to live, much less to love her,' he broke out. 'I don't expect you to overlook it. I—I had a hard year on the farm; you know what losses I met. I meant to pay it back again, but I don't expect you to believe me. One thing I beg—don't tell her anything about it; I couldn't bear to have her think so badly of me.'

The old man regarded the shamed, repentant face with pity.

'Look here, Harry,' he said; 'I'll forgive you and will not mention it to a soul if you'll look me in the face and promise solemnly to be strictly honest from this time forth.'

Bailey caught his hand gratefully, and he felt his reward begin as he saw the shadow of a new hope dawning on the troubled face. 'I solemnly promise,' he said, 'never again to touch a penny's worth that is not lawfully my own.'

'At the end of the year you can have Jennie if you want her, and we'll unite the farms.'

With an overflowing heart Harry stammered his thanks, and the farmer never regretted that he had given him a chance to redeem his self-respect.

CHURCH OF THE STRANGERS.

The many friends of Dr. Deems will read with interest the progress his Church has made, which we clip from the *Christian Advocate*.

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What maintains one vice would bring up two children.

He that goes borrowing, returns sorrowing.

Rather go to bed supperless than rise in debt.

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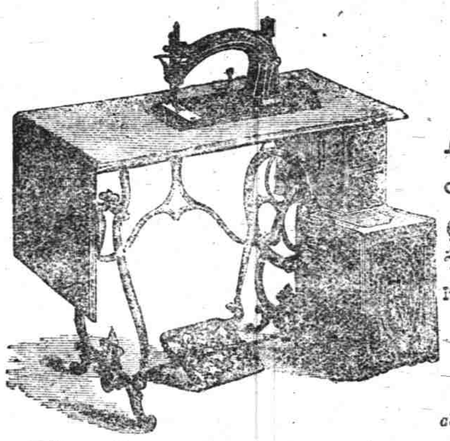

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