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Ham, the Georgia "small rooster," is at his old tricks. He walked to the Atlanta Journal the other day and got off the following:

"These Populists make me tired. They remind me of a steer that got out in the country was driving a cow and a calf down the road. It was one of these here little hard nubby looking calves. The little fellow drove the cow and calf without any trouble until he met a big old steer on the road. The three passed the one of the day and then when the little fellow tried to drive the cow on the steer drove too. He tried to run the steer back and finally got him away from the cow but the calf followed him. Then he tried to head the calf off but the old steer struck into a trot and the calf with tail in the air lit out after him in a dead lope. The boy was unable to catch him and as he fired a parting rock at him, he yelled out, 'go it you durn little fool. I guess you'll learn some sense when milking time comes.'

"When I see some of these fellows running around the state, after the Populist steer, leaving the Democratic cow, I feel like saying, 'Go it, durn you, I reckon you'll learn some sense when milking time comes.'

Sowing Fall Oats.

To urge the sowing of fall oats will perhaps be considered trite and thread bare, but it is less risky, and a farmer can better afford to sow now or a little later than to depend on the spring sowing, which is also liable to injury from cold, and besides is often seriously cut off from drought. Another disadvantage in the spring sowing is that if the crop is damaged it is too late to re-seed the land or to plant corn or cotton, whereas, if the fall crop is killed, there is a second chance for an oats crop in the spring; and, if this is not desired, the preparation and manuring of the land has put it in fine condition for corn or cotton or other crops. It is well to select the best land for this fall crop, and manure highly. If the land is rough, turn with a two horse plow, then harrow in the oats and fertilizer. A good plan to secure an even distribution of the seed is to mix a portion of the fertilizer with the seed and sow together. To do this, wet the seed thoroughly, then drain, and to each bushel of oats mix in, say 100 pounds of fertilizer. To aid in an even distribution of seed, it is well to divide the amount intended for each acre in two parts, and sow twice, in opposite directions. A uniform stand is very important. As to manure, nothing is better than top manure, but the supply of that is short, and we must substitute the commercial goods, of which there is nothing better than cotton seed meal and acid phosphate, adding potash in some form and in greater proportions on those lands where the oats are disposed to fall down, as potash stiffens the straw. In both preparation and manure, remember that a poor, half starved plant has not the same power of resistance against cold as one of healthy, vigorous growth, and remember, too, that oats require a large quantity of nitrogen. Another important point is the selection of seed. Those from fall grown seed are known to stand a better chance against cold than those from spring grown seed. Of varieties, the Apple, thoroughly tested at the Experiment Station, is, perhaps, best; it is hardy, heavy and early. Land from which a crop of peas has been cut in is a fine condition for oats, but if this is not available, I have seen fine crops raised by sowing in the cotton fields just after the pickers have gone along taking out all the open cotton. Sow the seed and fertilizer, covering with sweep, harrow or cultivator; the cotton is not injured, and a stand is usually secured before the cotton is again ready to be picked. Try also the winter grazing variety.

WHEAT.

It is yet too early to sow wheat, but, as advised last month, not too early to prepare for it. It is the experience of old wheat growers that the earlier the land is turned after the middle of the year, the better the crop. There is much diversity of opinion as to the advisability of sowing this crop. It is known to be expensive, but to maintain the equilibrium of the farm to work on the principle that a farmer should raise everything for home consumption, it is well to plant enough for the immediate family wants, even though the apparent cost is greater than the market quotations. In estimating the cost, we are apt to

No Success Without "Push."

Success is a big word, and one that may be variously defined. It means one thing to one man and another to another. In one walk of life its interpretation is entirely different from that in some other, and that is success from one point of view is almost failure from another. But there is this in common to all kinds of success, it comes as the result of effort. Whatever falls at one's feet, whatever is received by inheritance, whatever is natural endowment, or comes by request is not success, however much of good there may be about it. Success is that which is striven for—that which comes as a victory to the warrior, or that which is as a laurel on the poet's brow.

To achieve success, therefore, effort must be put forth. Very generally it must be persistent, aggressive, persevering effort, that kind of effort that is so happily summed up in the little word "push." To be a prosperous merchant or manufacturer requires "push." To be an acceptable clerk or book keeper requires "push," and to be really useful in any walk of life, from the most exalted to the most commonplace, requires "push." "Push" is a word also with as many different shades of meaning as there are persons to whom it may be applied. It is wonderfully classic, but in all its definitions there is this idea about it: To drive forward. Strength and energy of whatever kind the individual may possess are to be used as he is able to use them as circumstances permit to drive something forward. Very generally this something is the work of duty in hand, or the business venture on which he has in view.

To be unsuccessful in this world—for failure may come, however hard we may strive—commands pity, but to be without "push" is to be contemptible. When we want to say something extremely severe about a young man; when we want to condemn him unconditionally; when we want to convey the idea that he will never achieve success or be of any particular usefulness in the world anywhere, we say, "He has no 'push' about him." Without "push" one floats with the tide, driven hither and thither by the wind and currents.

He Answered the Description.

The old gentleman, in his heart, did not object to the young man as a son-in-law, but he was one of that kind of old gentlemen who liked to raise objections first and then reach an agreement, as though he was conferring a favor, and when the young man called on the important mission, he was ready for him.

"So," he interrupted fiercely before the youth had said two words, "you want me to let you marry my daughter, do you?"

The young man got his second wind on the first jump. "I didn't say so, did I?" he asked coolly.

The old gentleman gasped. "But you were going to say so," he insisted.

"Who told you I was?" inquired the applicant, seeing his advantage.

"But you want me to let you marry her, don't you?" asked the old gentleman softening.

"No."

"No!" and the old gentleman almost fell off his chair.

"That's what I said."

The old gentleman thought he had made a mistake.

"Then, what in the thunder do you want you to give your consent," replied the youth pleasantly; "I'm going to marry her any how, but we thought that your consent wouldn't be a bad thing to have as a starter."

It took the old gentleman a minute to recover his equilibrium. When he did he put out his hand.

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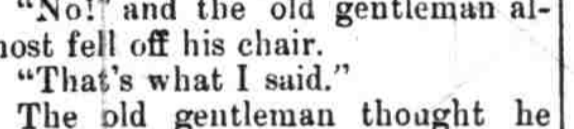
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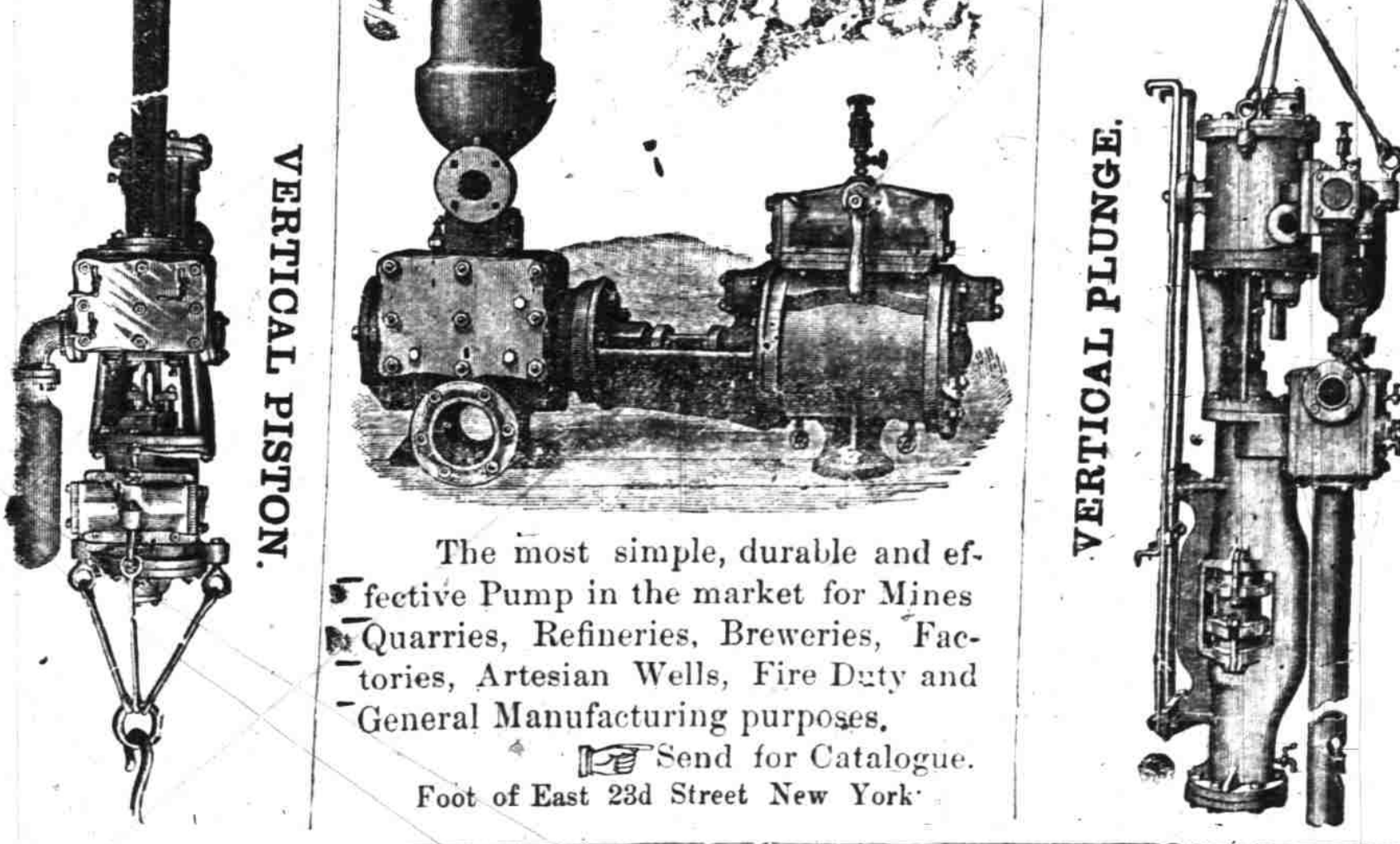
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