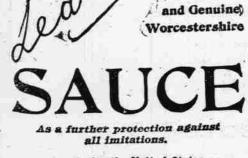




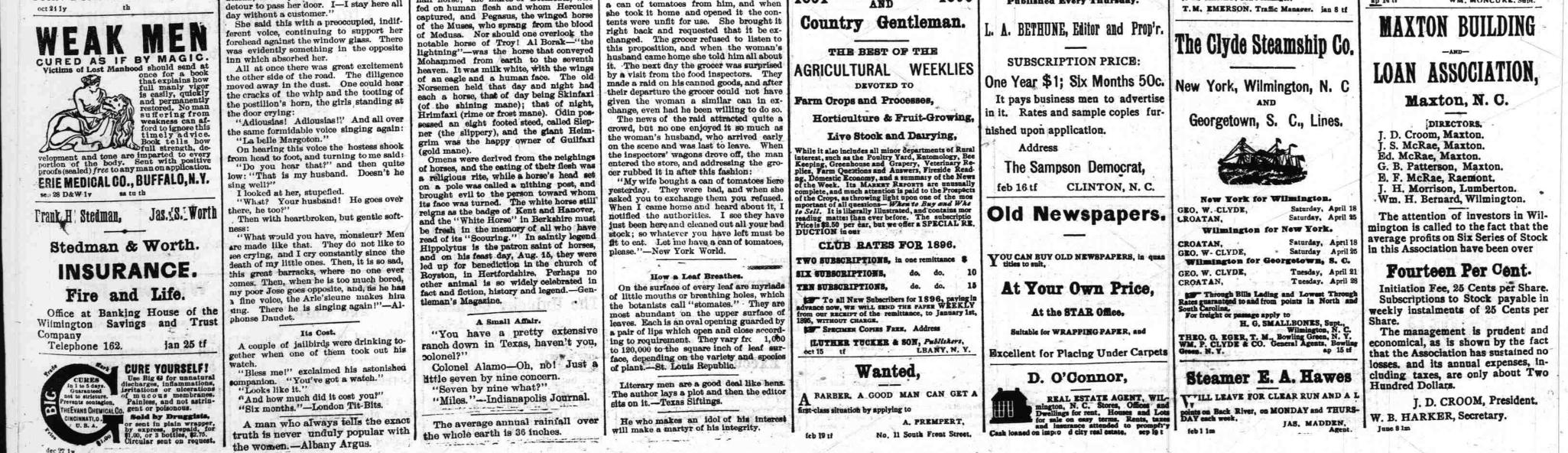
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box, gasping, dusting, washing glasses. From time to time there was a great sigh, a half choked sob.

After a quarter of an hour of house-keeping I had before me a plate of dried grapes, an old loaf of bread, hard as slate, and a bottle of wine.

"You are served," said the strange creature, and she turned quickly to take her place at the window. While drinking I tried to make her talk. "People do not come here often, do they,

my good woman?" 'Oh, no, monsieur. Never any one. When we had the only inn here, it was quite different. We had the stagecoach, game dinners in the wild duck season and eamsters all the year. But since our neighbors have come and established themselves we have lost everybody. People would rather go on the opposite side. They find it too dull here. The fact is the house

is not pleasant. I am not beautiful. I have had fevers, and my two little ones are dead. Over there, on the contrary, they laugh all the time. It is an Arle'sieure who keeps the inn, a handsome woman who wears lace and three strands of gold chain about her neck. The driver of the diligence is her lover. With that there are

several cajoling chambermaids. And then she has good, steady patronage! She has all the young people of Bezonces, of. Redessan, of Jonquieres. Teamsters make a detour to pass her door. I-I stay here all

knew her to be the possessor of a goodly soldier of the age figures, like Lincoln and batch of five-twenties, from which she de rived a handsome income by cutting off the coupons. The morning after the wedding Seth

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mented on in history and legend. He has Elvira stopped his mouth with kisses his adherents everywhere, and none has dging in between them: been more ardent in his prefse than were the ancient Persians, who looked on him as "Never mind, hubby, dear. Why, that rascally Goshawk & Guldridge ran off something sacred, led him in the van of the army, had legends of the beautiful with all of my bonds, but it doesn't worry

me a bit, now that I've got you, you creature saluting the sun and taught their know."-New York Press. to draw the bow, to speak the truth, and to ride. In Greek mythology the charlot of

A PHILOSOPHICAL HUSBAND. the sun was drawn by four white steeds Eos (eastern), Aithon (burning), Bronte How He Got Square With the Grocer Who

(thunder) and Astrape (lightning), and Sold Bad Goods, we all remember what success attended There is a grocer in the Ninth ward Phaeton's attempt to control them! whose one aim is underselling the trade, When Neptune and Minerva dispute That he does this in many instances i about the yet unnamed Athens, they agreed made plain by a comparison of his prices that whoever should produce the gift most with those of other grocers in the vicinity. useful to man should be counted victor in His stock is not nice to look at, and much the strife. He struck the ground, and the of it appears to be shopworn. It is said first horse appeared; she caused an olive tree to grow, which, being considered the that he buys up job lots from fire sales, goods damaged in transit and consign most useful article, won her cause for her. Greek, too, were the centaurs, half man, half horse; the mares of Diomedes, who ments that fail to come up to expectations However that may be, a woman bought a can of tomatoes from him, and when

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