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From the Richmond Dispatch.
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It is not wonderful, therefore, that there are now amongst very intelligent elderly gentlemen many advocates for shallow plowing, and many who say good crops of wheat cannot be grown on deeply plowed land.

We heard a very entertaining discussion not long since on this subject. One pretty successful farmer fought deep plowing with extraordinary earnestness and vim; another introduced a variation in advocating plowing in wet land!

In Virginia we do a great deal of plowing in some winters, and much has been or may have been done this fall.

Now, the land that is plowed deep will absorb more moisture than that which is plowed shallow.

Then, again, like a thin cake on a griddle, it will be heated through and baked.

Any one may readily see that besides the advantages to the growing crop upon the deep plowed land there can be no question that such tillage tends constantly to the improvement of the land itself.

It will be a great day for Virginia when deep plowing becomes the rule and the shallow the exception.

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LOVE AND LUNACY.

According to a statement in the New York World, something very like sharp practice has been practiced upon Commodore Meade, a salt of the old school, and brother of General Meade.

Commodore Meade is a veteran on the retired list, and lives, or lived, with his family in Brooklyn.

A wife, son and two daughters, "Mad" as lilies and blooming as pure roses, composed the household.

The young ladies were the greatest beauties in Brooklyn, and crowds of admirers attended their footsteps.

It is reported to have told the lady-friend who introduced the Vineland speculator to the bosom of his family, that he "thought she had a great deal of impudence in introducing the d—d speculator, and he wanted her to know that his children were never intended to be placed on exhibition for d—d Yankee wife hunters, and that before his girl was married, to the d—d speculator, he would have more need of the undertaker than a wife."

In other words, the aged veteran threatened to blow holes in the Vineland speculator. This pious yet valiant New Englander had no desire, however, to have daylight penetrate his earthly frame in that manner, and accordingly he took a hack and forthwith he lied him to the Tombs, where he made a complaint against Captain Meade, who was bound over in the sum of \$500 to keep the peace for one year.

The bail was procured at once, and here comes the mysterious part of the story. Instead of being discharged, the aged veteran, who, it seems, according to the Vineland speculator's story, had showed symptoms of aberration of mind, he was taken to another part of the Tombs, some further legal forms were made perfect, and Captain Richard W. Meade found himself whisked off to the Bloomingdale Lunatic Asylum of which institution he is now an inmate, and is likely to remain so, unless the matter is agitated.

One day, after Captain Meade's incarceration in the terrible den of lunatics, Miss Meade was joined in the bonds of wedlock to the Vineland proprietor. It was the old story of the "mince-baked meats," &c., over again.

Five weeks have now elapsed since the incarceration of the Commodore; and his friends are very uneasy lest he should become really crazy in the company he is keeping.

His case has been laid before a judge, who has turned it over to a referee—where it may linger indefinitely.—Richmond Whig

Mr. E. A. Pollard.—The New York Sun says: "For some days before the sad fate of his brother, Mr. E. A. Pollard felt depressed, uneasy and lonesome. A gloom came over his spirits which could not be accounted for nor described. It seemed like the premonitory foreboding of some unhappy occurrence. He has been heard to remark that he had a tendency towards presentiments, and years ago, when his father died, the certainty of the event was impressed upon his mind the night before."

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