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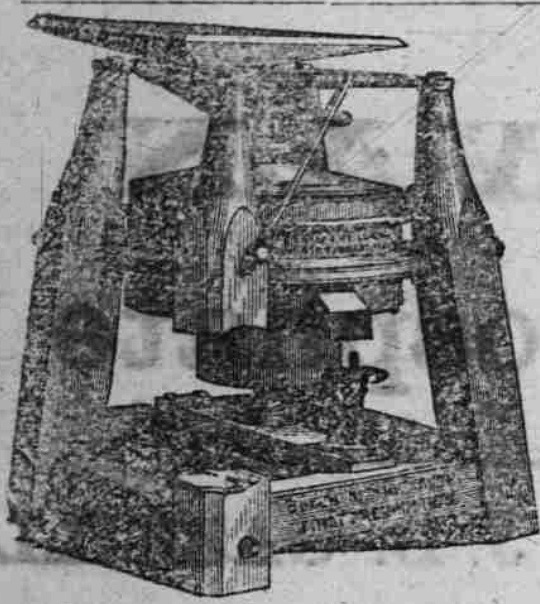
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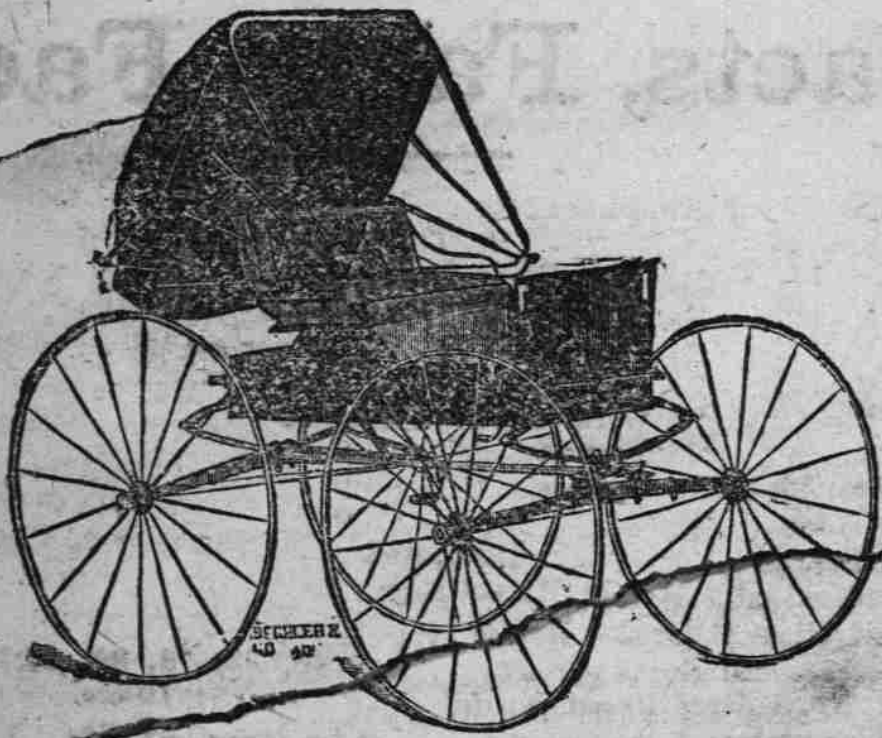
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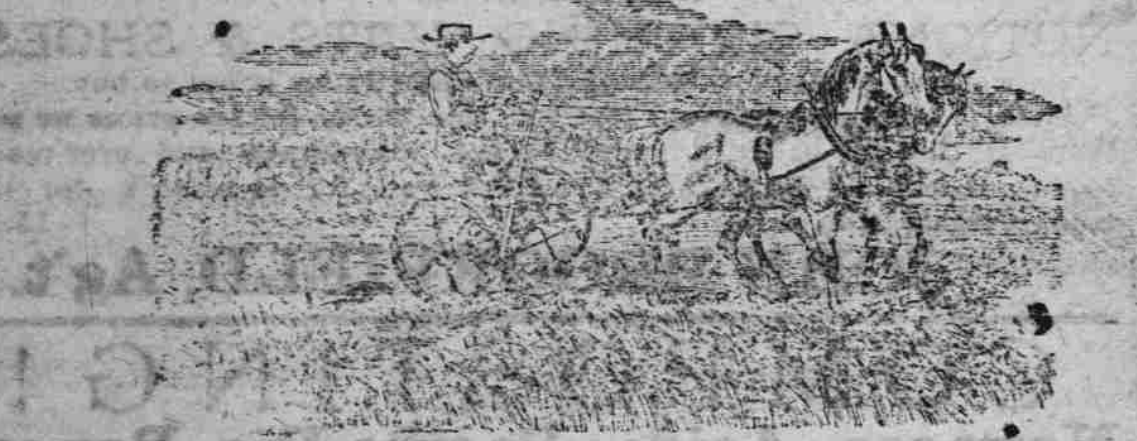
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We invite all to call and see our stock through and see how ready we always are to give you low prices.

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Rich, Rare and Racy.

Washington Gazette.
The following letter to a New York firm explains itself:
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1, 1887.
Messrs. John Smith & Co.,
GENTS:—Replying to yours of the 18th inst., that for the prospect of having claims placed in my hands to collect, in this vicinity, and nothing more I do not feel willing to report the "standing" of the party mentioned, or of any one else. I do not wish to be misunderstood as saying that I do not want paying business, but I do know that a lawyer would starve as quick on commissions and fees on collections as he would on coonoc soup in January.

I have had some experience in collecting since the war or rather in trying to collect. I have offered to comp. claims by taking old clothes, frozen cabbage, circus tickets, patent medicine, whet stones, powder horns, old flour barrels, gourds, coon skins, jay birds, owls, or almost anything, and yet I have a number of those old claims on hand unsettled. If I were to depend on collecting my claims for my living, my bean broth would get so thin that it would rattle in me like pot liquor in a poor dog.

I don't like to shoot at long tar, but if you are inclined to pay anything certain for the desired reports, I'm your man; say \$10 cash, then I'm in, or if money is scarce, I would take shoe, large Nos., say 10, 11s and 12s, to the amount of \$10, at wholesale prices.

It is hard times here—the niggers and the Democrats have pulled and worried each other till this country smells like cheese. How in the world would you collect money out of a people who plow little speckled bulls on hill sides? If you were to see a nigger plow in his garden with a sow, you would not wonder why I don't want to collect claims in this vicinity.

Your sincere friend,
EXPERIENCE COLLECTOR.

He Pleads Guilty.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 3.—To the surprise of all Dr. T. J. Ford, when brought before the criminal court yesterday for the murder of J. C. Kirkpatrick, November 2nd, last, pleaded guilty of manslaughter. Dr. Ford was the leading physician of Shreveport, and much respected. His young wife who was partially insane from the opium habit, was induced to clove with Kirkpatrick, a young drug clerk. They came to New Orleans where Dr. Ford followed them and shot Kirkpatrick dead. There was a great deal of sympathy expressed for Ford. His friends crowded to his assistance and the press unanimously justified the killing, hence the surprise at his plea of guilty. It is said that he entered this plea in order to avoid a trial, and that a pardon for him will be insisted on.

An Instrument of Death.

[New York Star.]
A Leipzig inventor has devised an extremely dramatic mode of execution for criminals, which possesses the additional advantage of being painless. The machinery consists of a platform, nine meters square, approached by five steps. In the center of the platform is a chair for the condemned man. Behind it stands a figure of Justice, holding a pair of scales in her left hand, the scales being movable. Under the platform is placed an electric battery, from which wires pass through the legs of the chair into the seat and back, terminating in platinum plates. If the patient objects to, seating himself in the chair, he is simply tied in. After the sentence has been read, the executioner takes the stick, breaks it and places the pieces in one of the justice's scales. This descends, puts a battery in motion and—finis! Death is instantaneous and painless. The machine was tried on animals in the presence of a large company of invited guests and pronounced a success.

Best Not to Tell.

"Ab," said the superintendent, "and here is Tommy Goodboy's missionary offering, \$27.50. That will make some little heathen hearts glad. Now tell us how you got this money, Tommy." "Yes, sir," said Tommy, speaking up loudly and distinctly, like the good boy that he was; "part of it I won on a 'Change, some of it I won on a crazy quilt raffle, some of it, sister Laura won at progressive euchre, \$2 brother Bill won on the horse race, and the rest I won on a grabbag and a prize cake at the church fair." After a brief consultation the brethren decided that they would send the money on to the heathen, but wouldn't tell them how it was raked in. There are some things it isn't best even for a heathen to know.—[Brooklyn Eagle.]

A New Fuel.

In Iowa a man has discovered a new fuel. He grinds into a pulp prairie grass and corn stalks and presses this pulp into blocks, which it is claimed will burn longer and give more heat than soft coal. The cost of manufacture is but \$2 per ton, and the philanthropic inventor proposes to drive the extortionate coal dealer out of business.

How to Tell the Age of any Person.

Hartford Daily Times.
There is a great deal of amusement in the following magical table of figures. It will enable you to tell how old the young ladies are. Just hand this table to a young lady and request her to tell you in which column or columns her age is contained, and add together the figures at the top of the columns in which her age is found, and you have the wonderful secret. Thus, suppose her age to be 17, you will find that number in the first and fifth columns; add the first figures of these two columns:

Here is the magic table:

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Girls, Read This.

Be sensible, young ladies. Do not be ashamed to learn how to work. Play the piano, make flowers, jabber French, batter brass and paint china, if you want to, but learn, too, how to make bread that won't sink a ship; try your hands on the keys of the washboard; study how to heel and sole a pair of pants, and to restore harmony to a sock divided against itself. You may not need these and a few other accomplishments of the same nature, but then again you may, and at any rate the knowledge will not weigh you down to an early grave.

Why Bustles are Worn.

For the benefit of the entire masculine sex who have puzzled over the problem of the bustle and wondered why women will wear the thing, ever since bustles were first thought of, I want to say right here that the philosophy of the bustle, the reason that women will stick to that lump with more loyalty than they show their country, their church or their lovers is that it makes their waists look smaller. The bigger and more sudden the swell, the smaller the waist will look, and that's the whole business.—[Clara Belle.]

Natural Gas Near Bridgeport.

The Indianapolis Journal says: Several capitalists of this city have had their attention called to evidence that natural gas can be found at Bridgeport, eight miles west of this city. Ten years ago a farmer named E. Mills, while digging a well on his farm, struck a vein of gas at a depth of forty-feet below the surface. The article was found in such volume that the well had to be abandoned. The workmen at first did not know what they had discovered, and the peculiar scent led them to believe that the well contained what they called "damps." They lighted a candle and lowered it in the well. The gas was ignited and blazed out of the top of the well, and in order to save the house, which was near by, the hole was immediately filled up.

STATE ITEMS.

J. B. Powell has started a cigar factory at Mount Airy, and employs five hands.
A. W. Wilson & Bro., whose furniture factory was burned lately at Merganton, will erect a factory for sash, door and blinds.
"Old man Dixon," a respected colored man of Charlotte, met a horrible death at the Air Line depot by being run over by an engine.
Mr. W. D. Sprague, proprietor of the Round Knob Hotel, was married in Newbern on Thursday last to Miss Gertrude Carraway, of that city.
Raleigh Chronicle: The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of Peace Institute was held in the building Monday night, and an election of officers was held which resulted in the election of W. S. Primrose, of Raleigh, president; George Allen, of New Bern, vice-president; W. C. Stronach, secretary and treasurer. Judge W. N. H. Smith, Judge Geo. Howard, of Tarboro; Maj. R. S. Tucker, Prof. A. Bauman, Drs. E. Barke Haywood and D. E. Everitt, Messrs. R. S. Pallen, Julius Lewis and Alfred Williams were elected directors.

Why He Failed to Come on Time.

Detroit Free Press.
The occupant of an office on the fourth floor of the Campan Block cried "Come in!" yesterday to the door open and an ancient African enter and remark: "I've a leetle behin' han', Sah, but I've heah all de same." "Who are you?" "Dey calls me Uncle Isaacs, Sah. I aster sweep out your room, you member?" "Oh, yes. And what do you want now?" "Christmas present, Sah. It's a leetle late, but I've heah." "H'm. You should have come around before!" "Couldn't do it, Sah. De man wouldn't hear to it." "What man?" "De gem 'lan who bossed de work house, Sah. He jes' hurried me loose dis noon, an' I hurried right up." "Well, here's 15 cents." "Thanks, Sah. If I doan't come aroun' next 'yar at de proper time doan' you worry 'bout me. You'll know I've up dar agin, an' dat de gem 'lan absconds to my delib'rating' myself out till de sentence has dispired.

SUPERIOR COURTS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT—JUDGE GILMER.
Cabarrus—January 31, one week; May 2, one week.
Iredell—February 7, two weeks; May 23, two weeks.
Rowan—February 21, two weeks; May 9, two weeks.
Davidson—March 7, two weeks; June 6, one week.
Randolph—March 21; two weeks.
Montgomery—April 4, one week.
Stanly—April 11, one week.

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A Perfect Cure,
and I have not been troubled since.—T. W. Boddy, River St., Lowell, Mass.
I was troubled with Boils, and my health was much impaired. I began using Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and in due time the eruptions all disappeared, and my health was completely restored.—John L. Elkins, Editor Stanley Observer, Albemarle, N. C.

I was troubled for a long time, with a humor which appeared on my face in ugly Pimples and Blisters. Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured me. I consider it the best blood purifier in the world.—Charles H. Smith, North Craftsbury, Vt.

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