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POETRY.

THE OLD GRIST MILL.

BY R. H. STODDARD.

The old grist mill stands beside the stream, With bending roof and leaning wall, So old that when the winds are wild The miller trembles lest it should fall: But moss and ivy never sere, Bedecked it o'er from year to year.

The gates are raised, the waters pour, And tread the old wheel's slippery steps, The lowest round for evermore, Methinks they have a sound of tire,

From morn till night, in autumn time, When heavy harvests load the plains, Up drives the farmer to the mill, And back anon with loaded wains; They bring a heap of golden grain, And take it home in meal again.

But peeping in the open door, You see the miller flitting round, And dusty bags along the floor; And by the shaft and down the spout The yellow meal comes pouring out.

And all day long the winnowed chaff Floats round it on the sultry breeze. Of golden-winged and belted bees Or sparks around a blacksmith's door, When billows blow and forges roar.

I love my pleasant quaint old mill! 'Tis changed since, then, but not so much As I am by decay and time; Its wrecks are mossed from year to year, But mine all dark and bare appear.

I stand by the stream of life; The mighty current sweeps along, Lifting the flood-gates of my heart It turns the magic wheel of song; And grinds the ripening harvest brought, From out the golden field of thought.

SELECT STORY.

TURNING THE TABLES.

BY CLARA AUGUSTA.

Philemon Hayes and Fanny Ray had been just three weeks married.

They sat at their breakfast in their cozy dining room one fine morning in summer, totally infatuated with each other. Never such happiness as their's before! The felicity of Adam and his lady before they made the acquaintence of the serpent, was not to be mentioned in the same breath.

They kissed each other between every cup of coffee, and made a practice of embracing at least twice--sometimes thrice-during every meal. Just now, they were speaking of disagreements. Some friends of their's had fallen out, and refused to fall in again.

'We never will disagree, will we Phil, dear?' asked Fanny. 'Disagree! will the heavens fall ?' re-

turned Phil tragically. 'I sincerely hope not. It would be de-

cidedly disagreeable-laughed Fanny; but if I thought we should ever quarrel and have hard thoughts towards each other, I should be tempted to terminate my existence !'

'My precious Fanny!' cried Phil springing up and upsetting the toast plate on the carpet, of which he was entirely oblivious in his eagerness to get his arms around Fanny—'my little, fool-ish darling! as if we should ever be so absurd! (a kiss) May I be quartered (another kiss) if ever I will speak one word that will cause a tear to fill the di-

vine eyes of my dearest (a third explo-Fanny! · 'O, how happy you make me, Phil! I shall try so hard to be the faithful, loving wife you deserve. Now finish your breakfast, deary. The toast will be growing cold. And, oh, Phil! did you notice Mrs. Smith's horrid new bonnet last night! I declare! it destroyed all my pleasure in the music! I do wish people who will wear such untasteful

delightful concerts !' 'So do I, Fanny! I noticed the ugly thing the moment we entered the hall! Blue flowers and pink ribbons, and she

bonnets would stay at home from those

dark as a Creole !' 'No, my love, the flowers were green Green and blue look so much alike by

'I know they do, but I noticed it so particularly that I could not be deceived! Blue-especially light blue-looks fearfully on a dark complexioned per-

'So it does, Phil, I quite agree with you dear. But the flowers were not blue, they were green. I saw them at Mrs. Gray's shop, before they were pur-

chased.' 'My dearest Fanny! of course you think yourself right, my love, but I have a very good eye for color, and I noticed these flowers with great attention. Blue anemones with yellow centres.'

'Green hibuscus with white centres, my dear Phil Very pretty for a light skinned woman, but horrid for a bru-'Why Fanny! how absurd! As if I

could not determine a color, when I studied it half the evening.

'But it was by gas light, my love. It would look altogether different by day-

light. It was such a pale green. 'It was such a pale blue. I remem-ber, I thought of the sky before a storm.

'Why, Fanny! how ridiculous! It was sky blue.' 'How do you contradict me, my dear Philemon. It was a very light green.'

'And I insist it was blue! 'Do you mean to tell me I lie?' 'I mean to tell you, you are mista-

Which amounts to the same thing!" You make the application, Mrs 'Mr. Philemon Hayes.'

'Fanny !' 'I say it was green, sir!' 'I say it was blue, so there!' You are a wretch, Phil! a real, mean,

heartless wretch !' and Fanny pushed back her plate angrily.

'And you are an opinionated, self-willed woman?' and Phil in his agitation upset his coffee, scalding the cat's back and himself at the same time.

The deuce!' cried he, rubbing his red fingers with his handkerchief. 'I wish I'd never seen a woman,' 'What's that, sir ?'

'Confound the women! They're a curse to this world!' 'You brute!' cried Mrs. Hayes, now thoroughly incensed--take that !' and seizing the plate of musins she took aim at Phil's head, but being a woman her aim was not so accurate as it might have been, and the plate went through the window, smashing in the new tile of Fitz James Jones, who was passing; and the muffins were scattered in wild confusion about the room.

Phil was indignant. He laid his hands on the poker. 'If I did not scorn to strike a woman,

he began. 'Oh, strike !' exclaimed Fanny, 'it will only be in peace with your other conduct. Don't let any notions of honor restrain you, because you never had

Fanny, beware ! you may try me too 'I'll go home to pa, that I will. You inhuman monster, you! screamed Fanny-I'll be divorced from you this very day. So there !' and the platter of ham

made a journey after the muffins. Just at that moment Phil's Uncle John, a shrewd old fellow, appeared on the scene. He surveyed the group with an amused twinkle of the eye. 'What's the matter Fanny?

thing gone wrong? he inquired.

'Gone wrong! Matter enough! Oh,
Uucle John, he's a wretch, and he set out to strike me with a poker.' 'And she threw the plate of muffins

and the ham at me!'
'He's a monster, Uncle John. 1'll be divorced from him this very day. He's

worse than a savuge!'
'So he is,' cried Uncle John, entering warmly into the spirit of the thing-'so he is'-stripping off his coat-'and I'll settle the matter at once. You stand back Fanny, I'll give him such a thrashing as he'll be likely to remember, striking his wife with the noker. Indeed, I'll rectify matters,' and Uncle John grasped the long-handled leather duster, flourished it threateningly around the devoted head of his nephew. 'There sir, take that ! and that ! and

that!' exclaimed he, bringing down the feathers on the shoulders of the amazed Phil: 'Fanny, my dear, I'll not leave a Fanny's round blue eves had been

growing larger and larger - and now her indignation burst. 'John Hayes!' screamed she; 'you're a heathen, and an old, meddlirg vagabond. Let Phil alone! He's my dear, dear husband, and you've no business to touch him. He's an angel! He never intendel to strike me. Be still striking him, or you'll be sorry!' and Fanny seized the broom from behind the door

and prepared to do battle. 'Stand back !' cried Uncle John, he' a monster, and deserves death. The man that would threaten to strike a wo-

man ought to be hung?
Fanny's eyes blazed—she flew at Uuele John with the spite of a tigress, and the way the trio went around the room was worth witnessing. Uncle John after Phil with the duster, and Fanny after Uncle John with the broom.

Phil made a spring for the window but there was a what not in the way, and getting his leg entangled in that, he brought the whole concern to the floorambrotypes, books, vases, rare china and a hundred cherished curiositios, all were involved in direct ruin.

Phil went down with the other things, Uncle John stumbled over him, and Fanny only saved herself by seizing the bell cord, which brought her two ser-

of course, they took Phil and Uncle John for house-breakers and if Fanny's explanation had not been enforced by sundry touches on her broomstick, the consequences might have been serious. The first moment of calm was seized

upon by the young couple to embrace 'My angel Fanny !' 'My precious Phil !' and then followed a series of explosions like the bursting of a series of beer bottles.

And Uncle John left the house during this interesting performance still firmly of the opinion that the surest way of reconciling a wife to her husband is to get a third person to help to abuse him.

INTERESTING DIALOGUE.

Smith .- Trade is very dull nowadays; I don't sell half as much as I did five years ago. Jones. -Good reason. Things are so

high, we can't afford to buy. You charge such awful prices, Smith. Smith.—Can't help it I have to pay

so much more. When I sold sugar at 10 cents a pound, I made a cent a pound and I only make a cent now on 10 cents, and this cent profit don't go so far to keep my family.

Brown .- I buy just as much as ever. I don't see as there is much change. I used to sell my 600 bushels of wheat for 75 cents a bushel, or \$450. Of this, \$250 went for family store bills, and \$200 to pay off my farm debt. Now, when I sell for \$1.50 per bushel, or \$900, it takes about \$500 for store bills, and leaves \$400 to pay off the dobt. In fact these high prices suit me. I wish McCulloch had kept out of the Treasury, for he threatens to make greenbacks par, and knock down prices.

Price.—I don't see as it makes much difference. If there is twice as much money going, and every body gets twice as much for everything he raises, and pays twice as much for everything he

buys, it all comes out square at the end, and there is this gain in the operation; those who save money, or make a profit, make double, as neighbor Brown explains about paying his firm dobt.

Butler.—That's so.

Greene. - So I think.

Moore.—So do l.
Baker.—There is a little drawback. keep the accounts of widow Roberts, who has the mortgage on Brown's farm. and the \$400 he pays, don't go only half so far in supporting her, and educating her children. Travis, (the school teacher) Yes it

teaching Robert's and others' children, and I used to get \$25, with wheat at 75 Rev. Corey.—And I only get \$600 a year, while I always had \$500 with wheat at 75 cents and sugar at 10 cents

does, for I only get \$30 a month for

Several Voices .- That aint quite square.
Knox (editor.)—And you only pay me \$2.50 a year for my newspaper, which you thought cheap at \$2, five years ago, though I have now to pay three times as much for everything I

use in making a newspaper. Greenc.-Why den't you raise your

prices, too? Knox --People won't stand it. I must keep along with no profit, or even at a loss, hoping for better times, or else lose my subscribers, and let the paper go down. Why, when I raised the price from \$2 to \$2,50 a year, a good many stopped the paper, among them Brown himself, though I paid him double for his wheat.

Brown .- I didn't stop it so much for the price; I went in for paying for my

farm by extra economy.

Knox — Yes, he followed my advice for people 'to economize and pay their debts now.' But let us see if Brown began at the right place. On one Saturday I published in my paper that wheat had advanced 15 cents a bushel. On Monday Brown went to market with his wheat, and sold 60 bushels at one cent advance over the old price, and thought he did well. He came bome boasting about it, until he met neighbor Johnson, who got the 15 cents advance, because he read my paper, and was wide awake. Brown's loss on 60 bushels would pay

four years' subscription. Brown .- Don't say anything more

subscriber for life. Knex. I have heard of several other such losses by those who stopped my paper. Not to be too personal, as some of them are here, I will call them A, B, C, etc. A paid 4 per cent more fees on \$71 taxes, because he did not see the collector's notice in my paper, and thus lost \$2.84, to save \$2.50, B. paid \$3 the same way. C. failed to bring in his claim against an estate, because he did not see in my paper the legal notice limiting the time, That cost him \$44, to save \$2.50 subscription. D. sold 200 pounds of wool at 62 cents, because he did not see an advertisement of Smith, right here at home, offering 70 cents. That cost him \$16, to save \$2.50. F.'s boys went down to the village every night or two, to get the news and local gossip, because they had no paper at home, and one of them fell into bad company, and is ruined. I know 20 cases where people lost money for not learning what is going on. I gather up all that is going on in business and society, and condense it into my columns. It is important for every man to know all about nome matters, and I doubt if there is a man in this whole town who would not, in the course of a year, get some information, that would pay him back more than \$2.50 a year. And then think of a household sitting down together 365 days in a year, and having nothing to talk about, except their own affairs, and a few

items of gossip, gathered up by occa-sional contact with other people.

Taylor.—Let me help Editor Knox's argument. Wife read to me an item he published about a humbug, which he copied from one of his exchange newspapers from abroad. Next day one of the humbugs came round with his article, and was so plausible that he almost persuaded her into paying him \$3, for his swindling recipe; but the editor's caution kept her back.

Knox. -Yes, and do you know that the fellow sold more than fifty of the humbug recipes hereabout, at \$3 a piece? but not to any of my subscribers. Potts .- Put me down as a subscriber,

Knox, here is your two dollars and a Shaw .-- And me too. Knox .- Thank you gentlemen. I'll try to make a better paper than ever. Every dollar helps; a new subscriber only adds to my expense the cost of paper. If everybody took the paper, and thus dividing the cost of getting news,

setting type, office rent, etc., I could

double the value of the paper to each

Please talk the matter over with other

neighbors and see if it cannot be done. Several Voices .- We will. The velvet moss grows on sterile rocks-the mistletee flourishes on the naked branches-the ivy clings to the neighboring ruins—the pine remains fresh and fadeless amid the mutations of the passing year; and Heaven be praised, something green something beautiful to see, and grateful to the soil, will, in the darkest hour of fate, still twine its tendrils around the desolate temples of the human heart.

Grandma. 'Well, Charley, and what have you been learning to-day?" Charley. 'Pneumatics, gra'ma; I can tell you such a dodge! If I was to place you under a glass receiver, and exhaust the air, all your wrinkles would come out as smooth as gran'pa's head!

An Irish painter declares that among

Death as large as life polenstys 1107

Mr. Farnsworth's Tubs.

I remember one evening last summer, just after I came home from—not the war exactly but a two year's cruise in the Pacific as surgeon of the U. S. Steamer Wateree that all of us bachelors were enjoying the cool of the evening and the fragrance of our pipes on the flat roof of the ell attached to the old boarding-house.
Lying about in various attitudes, one and

mother had told stories, made remarks, and Lewis raised himself on his elbow, knocked the ashes from his pipe, and asked if I had ever heard of old Burbank of Virginia.

If I had, I had forgotten it.
Burbank, said Lewis, was one of those old fellows that you find in every country village, whose sole busines in life consists in looking after other people's affairs, and who seemed blessed with any amount of time to

'Burbank buttoned-holed me one day in Washington street while I was waiting for a stage. How he ever got this far from home I don't know, but there he was in his 'Sunday-go-to-meeting' suit, and insisted on telling me all about his row with Mr. Farns-

'I started out the other morning,' he said, 'an' when I got outside the house I see it was goin' to be a pleasant day, an' I thought I'd walk down to Parmelee's, shop an' see if them tuls o' Mr. Farnsworth s was done. I hadn't got nothin' to do, and I kinder thought Mr. Farnsworth might like to know if them tubs o'his'n was done. So I started an' got down to Parmelce's, an' I see the door was locked. So I went roun behind the shop, an looked in the back winder, an there I see them tubs o' Mr. Farnsworth's, an' I see that they were done. Then I looked in again, an' saw that the shop was afire, so I thought I d walk down to Mr. Farnsworth's house an' tell him that they was done, an' the shop was afire.

'By this time,' said Lewis, 'my stage had constructed the shop was afire.'

gone by, and I found I was in for the whole story of Burbank's troubles. I told him to go on, inwardly wishing him and Mr. Farnsworth at the devil, and thinking of my chances of reaching home before dinner grew

'Well,' said Burbank, 'I'd walked along piece, an' I see Mr. Deming a coming down street. 'Good mornin', Mr. Deming,' says I 'Pleasant day.' 'Yes,' says he, 'good growin' weather. What's the news?' 'Wall,' says I, 'I started out arter break fast this mornin an' I see it was agoin' to be a pleasant day, an' I kinder thought I'd go down to Parme-lee's an' see if them tubs o' Mr. Farnsworth's was done, so I started down street, an' when got to Parmelee's I see the door was locked. So I thought I'd go roun' the shop an' take a look in at the back winders, an' when I looked in I see them tubs o' Mr. Farnsworth's An' then I looked in agin, ap' I see the shor was afire. Wall, I thought Mr. Farnsworth might kinder like to know that the tubs was done an' the shop was afire, so I started to him that them tubs o' his'n was done an' the shop was afire. 'Good moroin' Mr. Dem-ing, says I, 'I guess I'll walk right along afire, an' tell Mr. Farnsworth about it.'

'Wall, I'd gone a little further, an' I see Sam Pulsifier leanin' over his picket fence, in front o' his house. 'Good mornin'. Mr. Bur-bank.' says he, 'what's your hurry?' 'Wall nothin', says I, only when I got out o' the house arter breakfast, I see it was a pleasant day, an' as I hadn't nothin' in particular or my hands, I kinder thought I'd walk down to Parmelee's shop an' see if them tubs o' Mr. Farnsworth's was done. Wall, when I So I thought I'd go roun' an' look in the back winders. So I went roun' an' when I looked in I see them tubs o' Mr. Farnsworth's a standin' there, an' I see that they was done. An' then I looked a little further, an' I see that the shop was afire. Wall, it struck me Mr. Farnsworth might like to know that they was done an' the shop was afire, so I though I'd go down to his house an' tell him that them tubs was done, and the shop was afire. An' I kinder guess I'll go right a long Sam,

says I. 'so's to tell Mr. Farnsworth.' 'Wall, jest afore I got to Mr. Farnsworth's house, who should I meet but Maria Jane Peters, she that was a Williams. 'Good mornin', Miss Peters,' says I, how do you do 'Good mornin', Mr. Burbank,' says she, 'Why, what a stranger you be! Wherea-bouts you goin' this mornin', 'Wal,' says I, when I started out this mornia', I see it was a goin' to be a pleasant day, an' I sorter thought I'd travel down to Parmelee's and see if them tubs o' Mr. Farnsworth's was done. Wall, when I got down there I see that the door was locked. So I thought I'd go roun' the shop an' look in the back winder, and there I see them tubs o' Mr. Farnsworth's a standin there, and I see they was lone. An' then I looked in agin, an' I see the tubs was afire. Here Miss Peters gave a scream, an' savs she, 'Why Ebenezer Samuel Burbank, how you talk !' 'Yes savs I. 'an' I kinder thought Mr. Farnsworth might like to know that them tubs o' his'n was done an' the shop was afire, so I'd go right down to his house an, tell him that they was done an' the shop was afire. 'Wall,' says she, I would if I was you.' 'Wall,' says I, 'I guess I'll go right along now an' tell him the tubs is done and the shop is afire. Good mornin', Mis Peters.' 'Good mornin', Mr.

Burbank, says she.
'Wall, then I went right over to Mr. Farnsworth, Miss Fansworth she comes to the door. Why, says she, 'Mr. Burbank how do you do?—Come right in and set down. 'Wall,' says Miss Farnsworth, 'hows Miss Burback and the children?' 'Middlin,' says I, 'middlin,' Miss Farnsworth,' says I; 'you see when I started out this mornin' I see it was a pleasant day, an' I thought I'd go down to Parmelee's, as I hadn't got nothin' to do, and an advantage of the same and and see about them tubs o' your'n. 'Wall, when I get down to Parmelee's I see that the door was locked, 'Wall, I thought I'd go roun' behind the shop and look inter the back winders, and when I got roun' and looked in, I see them tubs o' your'n standin' there, and I see that they was done. By the way Miss Farnsworth, says I, 'where's Mr. Farnsworth?' Just then the door opened icadin' inter the bedroom, and Mr. Farnsworth he comes out. 'Good mornin', Mr. you tellin' Miss Farnsworth that them tubs o' ourn were done.' 'Well, says Mr. Farns-worth, I guess I'll put Billy inter the wagon and go up and get them.' 'Well, says I. when I looked inter the back winder agin I see the shop was afire. I hadn't more'n got the words out of my mouth afare Mr. Farns-' worth, he jumped for the door, and he says, says he, 'damnation why didn't you say so Wall, says I, 'I was comin' to it.' time Mr. Farnsworth was runnin' down the street powerful. I sot there talking with Miss Farnsworth. Bimeby Mr. Farnsworth, an inveterate toper, on being asked by a joc-come back Wall, says I, 'did you get them ular friend what he did for a living, replied, tubs o' your'n?' He begun to swear, and says he, 'when I got to Parmelee's the hull thing was burnt, tubs and all.' And now, Mr. Lewis, said Burbank, 'Mr. Farnsworth other portraits, he has a representation of

Written for the Commonwealth.] Housekeeping.

Have you ever attempted to keep house for yourself? I did-and "thereby hangs a tale." She who has been my companion and housekeeper for near forty years-who, when I brought her home, wore the blush of youth. but now, alas, bears the wrinkles of timeshe who has cooked my dinners, darned my clothes, lectured me, and slapped the babies for forty years or more, took a notion that she must leave home to visit her friends --She proposed-I was astonished. I could not conceive how such a thing was possible could not comprehend it, and finally begged her to mention it to me at least three times a day until I got used to the idea. At last I concluded that I had seen how she kept house long enough for me to know how to take care of myself for a month. We talked over the matter for two months, and then she went. I was alone. Ah, sir, you don't know what that word means. I whistled, I sung, I chewed tobacco, I smoked tobacco. but every time I looked across the hearth, and seen an empty chair, I felt that I was alone. I went to the lyceum, but the gay and pleasant company there could not drive the feeling away; there was no one waiting for me at home, and I felt alone. I am getting too sentimental for an old man. But still it was too evident that I was alone, and

my own housekeeper. When I rose in the morning, I remembered that the first thing to be done was to make up the bed. I stripped it of its clothing and commenced beating the bed, as I had seen my better half do, but beating did no good. The more I beat the worse it got, until I had all the filling gathere I in the middle, looming up like a mountain before me, and the bed-cord peeping out at each end. I commenced on it again, and soon everything was at the other end. I muttered over some pious-soundng words and went at it again, this time getting everything on one side. Concluded to let it alone and see if it would'nt settle down itself, and commenced getting break-

Here I felt that I was at home. I knew that I could cook. I had seen breakfast served up often. Remembering that the first thing was to put the coffee on to boil, I put a handful of coffee in the boiler, and went out to cut meat to fry. On my return, my nose the fire and picked up the boiler. The bcttom remained on the fire, and the spout fell on the hearth. Just then the idea struck me that coffee would not boil unless water was poured over it. I was almost in despair, but thought I would have better luck with the steak. Put it in the trying-pan and conclu led to read the last paper while it was frying. In a minute or two, I smelled burnt beef; looked in the frying pan and found my steak cooked enough to grind in a coffee-mill It had positively refused to fry without grease. Your knowledge of me will satisfy you that the whole book of Job would not have been sufficient to quiet my nerves; and here let me remark that when the old boy was trying Job, he forgot to put him to housekeeping by himself. My hope of a breakfast was suddenly cut short; so, swallowing a piece of cold pork and a glass of water, I

left the house to take care of itself. But the climax of my cooking was yet to come and the next day it did come. If there is one thing that I love above another that thing is baked beans, and I concluded to have a change from cold pork and water to baked beans. Thought I would cook enough to last me several days. And I did. Put the dinner pot over the fire, half filled it with water, and filled up with beans. Set it 'o boiling and went out to have a talk with a n i ;hbor while the beans were cooking. Was gone (w) h u s. I had beans. Beans in the pot-beans outside the pot-beaus in the fire-beans on the hearth-beans not quite warmed through-and beans burned clear through-beans everywhere. I let them alone and jumped into bell-covered my face up, but still I could see and smell the beans-I dreamed of beans-dreamed that I had been converted into a bean vine, and was hanging

full of beans, When morning came, I telegraphed to Betsy to come home, that I was dying dead of-beans on the brain. We have had beans plenty ever since, and if you and your family, and your friends and their families are fond of beans, come and stay a month with us.

In conclusion, let me advise you, that whatever you think or do, never admit tle thought into your brain that you can keep house; and if your better-half ever speaks of leaving home, make up your mind at once to say no, or pack up and go along with her. ZEN. How to DESTROY BRIERS .- W. C. Pink-

ham, in the Country Gentleman, gives the following as his plan for eradicating briers, bushes, &c.: 'Any time in August or Sep tember, (pay no attention to the moon,) cut them as near the ground as practicable, then plow the ground thoroughly, or if not plow-ed, pasture it in the spring and summer; sheep are best. If any are left, cut again as above. Do not attempt it in the spring .-The best way to increase and multiply them is to plow them in the spring and let them alone, or sow to oats. By this means you will improve their growth immensely.

Firstly—neither are good for much till they arrive at maturity. Secondly—both are bred in the house, also the flower in the family.— Thirdly-both have to be cradled. Fourth -ly-both are generally well thrashed before A certain attache of the Treasury Depart-

Babies resemble wheat in many respects-

I sucked a bottle part of the time, and the United States Treasury the rest. Blessed is the bald-headed man, for his wife

cannot pull his hair.

ment in Washington, who is well-known as

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THE FARMER'S WIFE.

Dr. Hall says, 'What adds to the better ppearance of the person elevates; what adds the better appearance of a farm increases to the better appearance of a farm increases its value and the respectability of its occupant; so that it is always a good investment, morally and pecuniarily, for a farmer to supply his wife generously and cheerfully, according to his ability, with the means of making her family and home neat, tasteful and tidy. A bunch of flewers or a shilling ribbon tidy. A bunch of flowers or a shilling ribbon for a dress, or a few pennies' worth of lime or a dollar's worth of paint for the house, may be so used as to give an impression of life, of cheerfulness, and of thrift about the home altogether beyond the value of the means employed for the purpose.

It is perhaps safe to say, that on three farms out of four the wife works harder, endures more than any other on the place, mark

dures more than any other on the place; more than the husband, more than the farm hand, mere than the hired help of the kitchen.— Many a farmer speaks to his wife habitually in terms more imperious, impatient and petu-lant than he would use to the scullion of the kitchen or to his hired man. Many a farmer's wife is literally worked to

death in an inadvertant manner from want of reflection or consideration on the part of her husband. None can understand better than he, in plowing, or sowing, or harvest time, that if a horse gets sick, or runs away, or is stolen, another must be procured that very day, or the work will inevitably go behind-hand. He does not carry the same practical sense into the kitchen when the hired help leaves without worning or becomes disabled, although he knows as well as any man can know that the hands will expect their meals with the same regularity, with the same promptness, and with the same proper mode of preparation; but, instead of precuring other help on the instant, he allows himself to be persuaded, if the help is sick, she will get well in a day or so, or a week at farthest, and it is hardly worth while to get another for so short a time. If the help has taken for so short a time. If the help has taken French leave, his mind fixes on the fact that it is a very busy time, and neither he nor a single hand can be spared, that, in the course f a week, some one will have to go to town for some other purpose, and both of these matters can be attended to at the same time. Meanwhile the wife is expected not only to attend to her ordinary duties as usual, but somehow or other to spare the washer-wo-man was accustomed to, that is, to do the full work of two persons, each one of whom had already quite as much labor to perform as she could possibly attend to. The wife attempts it. By herculean efforts all goes on well. The farmer perceives no jar, no hitch in the working of the machinery, and because no complaint is uttered, thinks that everything is going on without an effort. Mean while time passes, and (infinite shame on some of them.) they begin to calculate wigin, and how much less food has been eaten, and because still no complaint has been made, the resolution quietly forms in the mind to do nothing until she does complain; but before that takes place, she falls vi.tim to her over-exertions, in having laid the foundation for weeks and months of il'ness, if not of a premature decline and death

THE VALUE OF TURF .- Very tow farmers are aware of the quantity of actual decom-posable vegetable matter contained in a square yard of "turf" taken from the surface of wellset sward land. Accurate experiments have shown that net less than thity tons exist in an acre, most of which are roots and fibres. a small portion only of the mass being above the surface. It will hence be seen that by inverting the sward of uplands and meadows and allowing the sward to decompose undisturbed, a most important humas of the soit will be secured, and at a very small expense. This, even were no other dressing used, would of itself be an inva' a le acquisi n to the fertility of any soil, and as it is replete with juices and other principles that not only favor, but insure a sneedy decomposition, the advantages resulting to the farmer from frequently inverting his sward landswherever circumstances require it—are far greater than we should be induced to supose. Many are inclined to the opinion that when lands in grass are broken up-unless they have been depastured-the mere addition to the vegetable matter-roots, grass, &c., contained in its or little or no importance; but allowing the quantity of organic matter to be be only fifteen tons to the acre one-half the quantity contained in an acre of good sward land—it will be seen at once that a very great benefit would be derived from its presence and action, both of the soil and crops. Where vegetable matter decomposes in the soil, or benea heits surface, and is sorrounded by those circumstances which conduce most directly to facilitate the operation, a most salutary acti in takes place, irdependently of the action of the humus which it supplies. The character of the carthy or inorganic particles is in some measure changed and rendered more favorable to the sup-port and sustenance of plants; many of the salts, the carbonates and phosphates of lime, for instance, as well as everal other essential constituents, are favorably acted on an ren-dered more efficient in the perfection of the great work for which they are designed.

Heat and the diminution of the gaseous products of the vegeta de structure. Which is the result of speedy decomposition, has always an immediate and powerful effect upon the life of vegetables .- Germantown Telegranh.

APPLE CHAMPAGNE.-The following simple and cheap process of making a fair imi-itation of champagne wine directly from apples, will doubtless be read with inte est by farmers and others who may nave the ne-

cessary material in abundance: The juice is pressed directly from sound apples without previously grinding because the bruising of the fruit, in a short time discolors the juice and produces such other chemical change, by exposure to the atmos-pher, as to prevent the working of the pro-cess, while the juice pressed from the sound lo pies is hearly as limpid as water. The juice runs directly from the press into a filter consisting of a suitable box about a foot desp by six inches square, filled with a mixture of pulverized charcoal and clean sand and fine gravel, about half and half. A thin layer of straw is put into the box before it is filled with the filtering material and the bottom of the box is perforated with fine

The juice is passe I through this filter into bottles, which should be immediately corked to exclude the atmosphere, which gives it the appearance of real champagne; and our informant who has used the process, assures us that the wine, after remaining in the cellar a while, presents the action and flavor of the mported article, with the advantage of being much more healthy beverage, while its costs does not exceed two cents a quart bottle, where apples are plenty. Imported champagne of the commonest quality can not be bought in this market for less than two or three dollars a bottle, while its genuiner and purity are very questionable to say the

HARRISONBURG, VA.

Wednesday Morning, - - Feb. 7, 1866 JOHN C. WOODSON, Editor.

A CASH BUSINESS.

The necessities of the times require that we should do a cash business. The publieation of a newspaper now costs more than double what it did previous to the war. We agree to furnish you a newspaper at the same rates you paid before the war, but in order to meet the current expenses of its publication. It is necessary that we should promptly receive the pay for our work. Our expenses are all eash. We are obliged to pay cash for all we get, and in order to pay cash, we must get cash. Although the sums are inconsiderable to you, they are of much importance to us. Long credits ruin any business, and none quicker than the newspaper business. With hundreds of small accounts upon their books, publishers are necessarily compelled to borrow money to keep the machine running. This kind of business must altimately prove ruinous. If our friends will pay the small amounts of their subscriptions in advance, it will avoid such necessity and prove advantageous to both publisher and patron. We will spare no pains to make our paper an interesting and useful journal and in order to do so, it is absolutely necessary that we adopt the cash sustem, and erictly enforce it.

Editorial Correspondence.

House of Delegates, RICHMOND, Va., February 3, 1866.

Since my last, the General Assembly has elected a Superintendent of the Penitentiary, and a General Agent for the same justitution, James F. Pendleton was elected Superintendent and J. B. Early, of Hampton, was clected General Agent. The election passed off quietly, and I have no doubt that both gentlemen will make faithful and efficient offi ers.

We have hed a warm battle over the propsition to authorize the Manassas Gap Rulread Company to make a connecting link between Strasburg and Winchester. The bill was fought with great desperation by the Alexandria and Richmond Delegates, who opposed it chiefly on the ground that it would take the trade of the Valley to Baltimore and take it away from Richmond and for it, to 21 against it, and I think we may now safely anticipate the passage of the Valley Railroad Bill from Harrisonburg to Salem by a similar vote. While I sustained the bill with my best ability, while I very much preferred giving a charter, at once, to the Bultimore and Ohio Railroad Company, or some other company to construct the road through from Winchester to Salem, I apprenot make the road, and that its little remaining assets were being consumed in the salaries of officers who were, in truth, doing nothing but deluding the people with the idea that they were in fact re-constructing the road but receiving from Mr. Marshall, the President of the road, the most earnest assurance that with the aid of the bill passed

The House of Delegates has passed the bill for the assessment of taxes, and a most iniquitous bill I think it is. The taxes are assessed upon lands at their assessed value before the war, and no deduction from that valuation is to be made except where the buildings have been destroyed. I endeavored to add an amendment authorizing the commissioners to deduct from the assessed value of the land, the loss of fences, timber &c., but to no purpose. The bill passed, but not with my vote. The bill fixing the amount of taxation upon the different sabfects of taxation has not been reported to the House; the disposition is to make the taxes as low as possible and that will be high enough.

on Friday, he will be able to complete the

road to Harrisonburg, by the 1st of August.

I was willing to support it.

We had up, on yesterday, the bill require ing the Banks to go into liquidation, it provides for the disposal of the assetts of the Banks and the distribution of the proceeds among their creditors, requires a conveyance or assignment of their effe to trustees, and prohibits any creditor from acquiring a priority over others by means of a judgment or otherwise. There was a proposition to release the Stockholders of Independent Banks from their individual liability, (if any exists.) which was, I think, very properly defeated. The clief objection I have to the bill, is a provision contained in it giving the banks three years to wind up their affairs. The bill passed to its en grossment, and I suppose will pass in its present form.

The next question, in order was the Stay Law. This bill stays the co. lection of all debts contracted prior to the second day of last April, until the 1st day of J. Duary, 1868, (two years.) requiring the payme. it in each succeeding year, a sum equal to the interest for one year on the principal. The law does not apply to any debt contracted since the 2d of April, 1865, or to taxes, alimony, dower, &c., and it contains a proviston by which the circuit is authorized to require the payment to miners, females and insane persons, if so much of any debt or money due them, as is necessary for their support. They are the leading features of the man. The bill speak; for itself. The patrons bill, and I think it will pass on Monday,

pretty much in that form. I suppose you have noticed in Congress of the bill conferring the right to vote upon negroes in the District of Columbia, and the passage by the House of Reprentatives, on the 31st of January, of the Constitutional amendment, to the effect, that unless negroes are permitted to vote, they shall not be esti- resenting Rockingnam and for his own fumatel in the basis of representation. Of ture. There is one gallant Gentleman concourse, this amendment will pass the Senate nected with Col. Gray's family who would also, and as a Constitutional amendment is not subject to the Presidential veto, the only way the chivalrous, high toned and true hearted to defeat it, will be by the refusal of the States | Capt. Foxhall A. Dangerfield.

to ratify it. You will also see that the U. S. Senate has and last on a level with the bill introduct g me to Mexico,

The Old Commonwealth, ed into the Senate of Virginia, which authorizes white women to swear their bastard children to negro men, and negro women to swear their's to Virginia gentlemen. This bill was adopted, and I am sorry to say, that your Senator, (Col. Gray,) was one of its sup-

The Radicals in the North are daily be coming more intolerant, and seeking out new means of torture for their Southern brethren, and it is impossible to tell to what low depths they will degrade us. We may be reduced to a territorial condition, and finally sold into slavery to the freedmen.

A CARD. Circumstances in no way affecting person al or political relations existing between myself and the Editor of the Commonwealth, renders it proper that the temporary position I have filled at his solicitation, as his representative, should be discontinued. With this impression of the paper, editorial contributions from my pen conclude.

It would be superfluous to indicate my connection in this regard at all, but from the fact of its existence being partially and not generally known by the public. Sentiments advocated by myself might, if the truth were not published, and objectionable to some, be attributed to the talented gentleman whose name appears at the mast of the editorial columns, and to his detriment, and opinions hereafter advocated, might, also, be imputed to me, which I would not be prepared to en-

This statement will relieve Mr. Woodson of the responsibility for principles maintained by me during his absence in discharge of his onerous public duties, and myself from the necessity which might possibly exist, of correcting misapprehensions growing out of measures advocated hereafter.

I cheerfully assume all the responsibility attaching to my productions contained in the "Old Commonwealth," and if I am singular in the ideas which I have endeavored to disseminate, I have the satisfaction of feeling that they have conflicted with no law of my conscience, nor been shaped and moulded by the hand and pattern of that thrift which follows fawning, or that self interest which results from the sacrifice et any public right

or neglect of any social duty.

For the young gentlemen—the proprietors of the "Old Commonwealth," I bespeak from my personal friends and the intelligent publie, their most liberal patronage. If energy, industry and morality constitute the elements of success in men, then their prosperity and Alexandria. The bill passed by a vote of 61 fortune in the future should be without a J. N. LIGGETT. contingency.

Positions assumed by the "Common-wealth" on the most important sub-jec's before the public within the last two months

Advocacy of the Grant of a Charter by the Va. Legislature to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, authorizing the construc-

The enactment of a statutory provision for the education and relief of the indigent orphans of deceased and maimed Confederate

The release of Hon. Jefferson Davis as prisoner of State.

A faithful performance of the duties devolving upon Southern citizens, as American ci izens under the oaths of amnesty and allegiance contracted with the United States gov-

An honest belief in the right of a State to secelle under certain circumstances, and in the expediency of exercising that right at the date of Virginias, secession, enlisted all the sympathies of our nature in behalf of the Confederate cause. The South in the wager of battle was overcome, secession for a State can now only assume, at the mest, the character of an imperfect right, incapable of being excreised successfully. We acknowledge the situation, and with the event of the war, regarded veto powers on the part of the States, as stricken down forever, and the Supreme Court of the United States, the future arbiter of doubtful constitutional questions. We were true to the Confederacy whilst it had an existence, we are now true to the Government whose laws we have swern to uphold-under

the Federal Constitution. Advocacy of a just and constitutional law, which is not ex post facto in its nature, and not violative of the obligation of contracts protecting a debtor's property from sacrifice by mercilers Shylocks, and affording an adequate shield to the creditors against the fraud and knavery of ur scrupulous debtors.

Oppposition to the grant by the Legislature and Congress of the unrestricted right of suffrage to the negro and the admission of their testimony without limitation. This opposition is based on principles of justice, what principles of expediency may demand on the part of the South hereafter, can only be determined by the behests of those is power, and the condition of the country.

A deprecation of all systems of castes, reared upon the pillars of wealth, or united by ties of noble heritage in our social structure, and the recognition of classes, the diversities of which are intelligence and ignorance, honesty and scoundrelism, christian morality and infilel debasement.

The Bastard Bill.

The late pastardy bill originating in the Senate, and supported by Col. Gray, allows a Negro woman to swear her child to a white of the bill will be understood also from the reading. We have no tacto for indulging in articles reprehending public character when the facts are plain, and where the community can come into posession of the same.

We think it proper to state that we could pever sustain such a bill, and that we regirt the vete of Col. Gray, by reason of his repnever have given this vote. We allude to

FLIGHT OF THE CONFEDERATE GENERAL passed a law, declaring that "all persons Fornest.-A Cairo dispatch states that Gen. born in the United States, and not subject to N. B. Forrest having heard, upon reliable any foreign power, excluding nations not authority, that the Secretary of War had istaxed, are hereby declared citizens of the Uni- sued an order for his arrest and deportation ted States without any distinction of color." to Wasnington for trial by a military court, This law pretty nearly equalizes the races, has fled the country, and, it is supposed, has which opinions he did not propose to aban- provided, however, that the construction

RICHMOND, VA., February 3, 1866. The Legislature of Virginia in the House of Delegates, on yesterday, considered and passed upon the bill amending the charter of the Winchester and Potomae Railroad, and the Manassas, authorizing an extension of the first to connect with the latter at Stras-

burg. From our portion of the country the amendment was zealously sustained by Mr. Woodson, comp ring the different local interests to be advanced or destroyed thereby Harnsberger and Thompson also supported the same by their votes Jno B. Baldwin, Speaker, in a very able speech advocated the passage of this amoudment. He argued the question on the true ground in reference to question on the true ground in reference to the policy of Virginia appertaining to internal improvements. His positions were justificatory of grants of charters to foreign companies to construct railways throughout our State. Most of the Eastern members, from my observation, were favorable to the alloxance of any grants where there was to be no money appropriation by the State.—There seems to be an understanding of the fact that this bill is but the preliminary to the bill granting a charter to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to construct a road from Winchester to Salem, and that the two bills occupied protty nearly the same two bills occupied pretty nearly the same grounds. Of the Eastern members supporting the bill on grounds of justice and philanthropy, may be mentioned Herndon, of Fredericksburg. Browning, of Culpeper, White, of Honrico, Scott of Charlotte—but you will publish proceedings of the Legislature on the subject. Robinson, Grattan and Carnett are among those most determined in their opposition to this road. There seems to be more fairness among the Eastern members than was anticipated from the reports brough

than was anticipated from the reports brought to our county. Among those who appeared very honest and just in his views and opinions was an old gentleman, (Mr Scott. of Charlotte,) who in a very few and sensible remarks advocated this bill. 61 to 21 was the vote, affirmatives and negatives, in their order, on the passage of the bill.

There is but little doubt if the question of a charter to the Bultimore and Ohio Railread from Winchester to Salem, had been first presented, as it should have been, that it would have successfully gone through.—
It will be a difficult matter to defeat the bill I think even yet. The chances and feelings I think even yet. The chances and feelings in the House of Delegates I take to be de-

in the House of Delegates I take to be decidedly favorable.

The time and privileges to be given to the Banks, and the means of concluding their business, is under consideration to-day.

The Stay-Law also is being touched upon each day as a general order.

I send accompanying this a Senate bill in relation to the maintenance of illegitimate children, regardless of color, which you can publish for the enlightenment of the people. Our Senator, Mr. Gray, supported this bill. It is sufficient to state the fact—your readers will comment thereupon according to the peculiar tastes which each may possess.

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From Washington.

"Ion" the Washington correspondent of tht Baltimore Sun, under date of February 2. writes as follows:

"The constitutional amendment which has passed the House, curtailing the representaion of the States lately slaveholding, be harried through the Senate, in order it may be ratified at once by the republican Legislatures now in session, whereof there are about seventeen. Before the second sober thought shall come to the people it is supposed that some of their Legislature. will adopt it. But a year hence the result might be very different.

It may well be doubted whether the

amendment will ever become a part of the constitution. This, or some similar demonstration, is deemed necessary to keep the Republican party together in solid column for as the gentleman from Alexandria advothe reconstruction conflict with the Presinext fall. Besides, radicalism must be appeased by some striking measure, and this is a convenient "tub for the whale."

Very observing and will informed men have come to the conclusion within a day or two, that another tub for the same while is to come now from the other end of the avenuc. That there are some grounds for the belief that the President will determine to have Jefferson Davis tried by a civil, or, if that tribunal cannot be found, by a military court, there is no longer any doubt.

The President might be willing to let the matter pass by till some change in affairs would render practicable a general amnesty, is very probable. But he stated some time ago, in conference with some Baltimore ladies on the subject, that Mr. Davis must have a trial, even though, if convicted, he might be pardoned. In view of the President's utterance on the subject of treason, before his accession to office, he cannot, per-haps, justify himself before the republican party for further delay of a trial. It is true that the court may not convict Mr. Davis of treason, and would not, if Mr. Stevens, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Sumner, Gerritt Smith and Gov. Andrews constituted the court, for they hold that the, "secoded States" were not out of the Unio.

Next week the great financial measures of the session will be considered in the House .-The loan bill, as reported from the committee on ways and means, is opposed by some New York financiers on the score of the foreign loan authorized. They also deem it too indefinite as to time and amount. But the committee agree with the Secretary of the Treasury that he must have large discretion, so as to fund the debt at various times, and and at the lowest rate of interest.

Mexican News.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.-Bagdad abandoned on the 23th, ultimo, by the Liberals and by the United States guard placed there, and the Imperial troops entered it on

the same day.

Nearly all the merchants of Matamoras-Mexican and foreign—and among the former are several influential Liberalists, have published a solemn protest against the course of the United States army and several officials on the Texas side of the Rio Orande, charging them with being responsible for the trou-bles and outrages on that frontier by aiding the partizans of Juarez, who has no more foothold or basis of operations on that frontier than that afforded by said officials,

The protest is very severe. Its truth is officially certified by the Vice Consuls of Spain, France, Prussia and Great Britain, resident at Matamoras.

INDIANA, OHIO AND SUPPRAGE -A dispatch from the West says:

"The feeling is so strong in Indiana agains negro suffrage that all Republican leaders and members of Congress are obliged to oppose it. It is admitted by Republican members of the Ohio Legislature, on the floor of the House and in public discussion, that negro suffrage will be beaten by seventy-five thousand votes in that State,'

SEA ISLANDS .- General Sherman has written a letter in which he statee that he only intended to locate the negroes who followed his army on the Sea Islands of South Carolina temporarily. This may lead to the defeat of the section of the Freedmen's Bureau bill granting them possessory titles for three

STATE DIRECTORS .- John G. Meem, of Lynchburg, R. H. Cunningham, of Culpeper, and L. B. Williams, of Orange, were, on Thursday last, appointed by the Boaad of the Public Works, State Directors in the Orange and Alexandria Railroad Company.

President Johnson is reported by the Jour nal's special despatch as saying that "the Republican party had taken him up without any solicitation on his part, and knowing his life-long opinions on great national questions,

Manassas Gap Railroad.

Senate bill amending the charter of the Manassas Gap and Winchester and Potomac Railroad Companies was taken up as unfinished business, the pending question being the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill authorizes the Manassas Gap railroad to construct a railroad, connecting the Winchester and Potomac rail road with the road at Strasburg, a length of eighteen miles, and authorizes the company to borrow seven hundred and flity thousand dollars.

Mr. Robertson was entitled to the floor, and opposed the bill at length. He argued that it would put the whole trade of the Valley in the hands of Baltimore. and, through the instrumentality of that gigantic corporation, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, whose scheme this was, take the trade of the Valley from Richmond and our seabord cities. He read from the Baltimore "Gazette" to prove that the projected railroad was the enterprise of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The Commonwealth of Virginia was in no condition to grant away the rich boon of the trade of the Valley to Baltimore. In the course of his remarks he referred to the universal but vain regret, felt too late, that Virginia had granted to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad the right of way through the Northwestern coun'ies, and ascribed, in a measure, the estrangement of West Virginia

to that grant.
Mr. English offerred an amendment, which provided that the reconstruction and equipment of the Manassas Gap railroad from Winchester to Manassas Junction should be completed before the branch road authorized by the bill should

Mr. Wall said he hoped the amendment would not prevail. Its object was to kill the bill.

Mr. English said it was his object in offering the amendment to test the sincerity of gentlemen who said they favored the bill because they wished to build up Virginia cities.

Mr. Woodson opposed the amendment and advocated the bill. The bill was the project of the President of the Manassas Gap railroad, and was exclusively the bill of that road, and for its benefit. The Baltimore and Ohio rail road had no interest in it; but the people of the Vulley had. They wanted the road as a means of reaching the capital of the State. If Alexandria was to strike at the great interests of the State; it was an evil day when that little corporation was readmitted into this Commonwealth She had been warmed into life and now struck at the life of her benefactor .-The gentleman (Mr. Robertson) had spoken of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road as the great constructor. Alexandria was the great consumer, the great exhauster. She had drawn out of the State Treasury four millions of dollars. West Virginia had been estranged, not by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, but had been driven off by just such policy This bill was in fact designed to cated the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The Managas Cap Bailroad Company was un-der a lien of one million of dollars to Northern creditors, who might enforce their claim at any time, in which case the road would be sold, and the Baltimore and Ohio railroad would buy it and the gentleman would find himself right in the hands of the monster le was so anx-

ious to avoid. Mr. Scott favored the bill. His policy was to permit railroads to be built whenever persons could be found to build them, and allowing the people to trade at the best market. The Commonwealth had been retarded in the development of her resources by the adoption of a contrary policy.

After a long discussion, Mr. English's amendment was rejected.

Messrs. White, Dickinson, Wall, Scott W. T. Clarke, Baldwin, Baylor and Herndon advocated the passage of the

Messrs. Grattan, Evans, English and Garnett opposed it.

The bill was passed-ayes, 61; noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative

Messrs, Baylor, Bakem, Bently, Booker, Braxton, Brown, Browning, Cabel, A. J. Clark, W. T. Clark, Childress, Davidson, Deskins, Dickerson, Dunnington, Fields, Gibboney, Glendy, Gray, Harris, Hansbrough, Henneberger, Herndon, Hurst Jackson, Kellam, Kendrick, Lewis Long, Mann, Marshall, McConald, Magill, Miller Moore, Morgan, Newberry. Patterson, Pendleton, Powell, Riggs, Rixey, Scott, Strayer, J. McDowell Taylor, Teeter, Thompson, Trout, W. A. Turner, Waddell, Wall, Watkins, White. Wilson, Woltz, Woodson, Word, Mr. Speaker.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs, Atkinson, Bowles, English, Evans, Garrett, Grattan, Graves, Hardy, Holmes, Joynes, Kilby, Lee, Merrit Morris, Mosby, Owen, Pate, Robertson,

Stearns, Straughan, Wooldridge. We annex the bill as it has passed both Houses : A Bill amending the charter of the Manassas Gap and Winchester and Potomac Railroad Companies. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That the Manassas Gap Railroad Company shall have full power and authority to construct a railroad connecting the Winchester and Potomac railroad with their road at or near Strasburg in Shenandoah county; and to that end, authority is hereby given to the President and Directors of said Manassas Gap Railroad Company to expreise all the powers in the manner prescribed in the charter of the Company and in the Code of Vir ginia, for condemning land and material. locating, constructing and using said extension as if the same was a part of their original road; and also, if deemed neces sary by the Company, to increase their capital stock to an amount not exceeding seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and in case of failure to raise the money wanted to complete said extension by sale of stock, the said Company is hereby authorized to borrow the money wanted, to an amount not exceeding seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and to pledge the property and income of the Company for the payment of the principal and interest of the same.

2. Be it further enacted, That no sale

or levy shall be made by the State, or by any county or municipal authority the State, upon any such new stock or loan, as provided for in the first section, not held by citizens of this State; of said extension shall be commenced sed by the Virginia Legislature.

this act, and that in the event of the failure on the part of the Manassas Gap Railroad Company to complete the con-struction of said extension within two years from the time of beginning, then

within nine months from the passage of

the powers and authority given by this act to the Manassas Gap Railroad Company shell be transferred to the Winchester and Potomac Railroad Company, upon payment to the Manassas Gap Rail road Company for all work done on said extension, to be determined by two commissioners, one to be chosen by each company, who shall be appointed to value

the same. 351 J 11 O 2 131 51 A 11

3. In case of the disagreement of said commissioners, it shall be lawful for them to chose a third commissioner, whose decision shall be final. 4. This act shall be in force from its

A Bill. To amend and re-enact the 1st section of chapter 125 of the Code of Virginia for 1860, in relation to the maintenance of il-

legitimate children. Be it enacted by the general assembly That the 1st section of chapter 125 of the Code of Virginia for 1860 be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows to wit:

Any unmarried woman, whether white or colored, may go before a justice of the county or corporation in which she has resided for the next preceding year, and accuse any person, white or colored of being the father of a bastard child of which she has been delivered. The said justice shall examine her under outh; and reduce her statement to writing, and sign it. On such examination, unless the child appear to be seven years old, a warrant may be issued, requiring the person so accused to be apprehended and prought before a justice of the county or corporation in which he may be found, who shall require him to enter into a recognizance, with one or more sufficient sureties, in not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars with condition to appear at the next court for the county or corporation in which the warrant issued, and to abide the order or the court; provided, however, that this section shall not apply in the case of a child delivered by a colored women before the

passage of this act. This act shall take effect from its pas-

A Candidate for Matrimony.

To the Ladies of Harrisonburg and of this Senatorial Instrict. LADIES:—For the first time in my life I

come before you all as a candidate for office; one which should be well understood, before the seeker, who should be accomplished in matrimonial affairs, and well qualified for the office, should be elected and permitted to assume that most responsible position which the office imposes. There are few, very few, who fill this office as it should be filled, and this deficiency may be attributed to the spar of the moment and haste; haste in the hour of selection and election, without inquiry who he is, or what he is; and without knowing his character, disposition or qualifications; whether he is a moral or immoral man; temperate or intemperate; honest or dishonest; intelligent or illiterate; religious or irreligious; and I may say without any knowledge of the man at all, even or his character as it stands out before the world, and his genealogy. Therefore I would say to the ladies beware when you come to chose for yourself and elect the can lidate spoken of; turn chemist, try him as the chemist would try metal that he only supposed to b gold, in the crucible; for if you do not, the o ie that you chose and elect, may not fill the duties of the same would require him to de and lest the government which you form by that election should not stand, but, fall as other households government have done and simply because there was no congeniality, either of mind, disposition or character, between them or anything that would recommend such a union. But I will say no more by way of advice, but advocate my cause and learn my fate. Perhaps it is necessary to give a full history of myself, so that you can form an estimate of the candidate, who, if elected, will serve you to the best of his ability. I am a young man of twenty-five sum-mers, made up of different extremes. My position in life is very good—extraordinary, I never did anything and never expect to do anything, as I believe the one that does nothing gets along best. Some say that I am very handsome, and others that I am very homely and even hideous. I am exceedingly glad there is a general or partial eclipse in this age, for I think there must be one with those who have come to the former conclusion , I trust they may never look at me through a small glass. I was a member of the 10th Va. Regiment, joined it when it first went to Harper's Ferry. I always endeavored to play the soldier. My Captain had a great deal of confidence in me—that I would never get shot—and at one time gave my friends a good deal of satisfaction, when he told them fear not, a Yankee ball will never reach Walter. I suppose he come to this conclusion, because he thought me very considerate. I had a kind Captain, he always gave his boys credit for what they did. He said that I was very brave and patriotic, for he said that I love I my country, and endeavored to stay with it as long as I possibly could. Car-tain was right: he knew me, he knew that I would just as leave live for my country as to die for her. I always endeavored to con-form mysell to that old prove bial injunction which says, "he that fights and runs a way, lives to fight another day." I was exceedingly glad to know that such a provision had been made, for it suited men of my constitu tion so well. Men who were very desirous of living and doing all they could for their as myself, Commissaries, Quarter Masters. Conscript Officers, Provost Marshall's, &c.

change and romance, and hope that you may do all you can for me, for it I am not elected, woe be unto me, wretched man. Ladies love me, elect me, give me change and romance, and I shall remain Yours forever, JUSTITIA OMNIBUS,

But the war is over now, I care nothing

about the enterprize; I love change and ro-

mance, and as I imagine there will be some change and romance in the election spoken of,

I will solicit the aid of the ladies in this

A MASONIC FACT .- Dr. R. G. Scott, Past Grand Master, in an address delivered years ago, made the following statement. It is honorable to the Masonic Institution and we presume the members of that ancient body will be pleased to read it and see it circulated :

From sources of information on which entirely rely, I state the fact that fifty at least of those who signed the Declaration of Independence were Missus, and the same history informs us that every Major General of the Revolutionary army was a Mason, save one, and that one was Benedict Brould GENERAL TERRY SUSTAINED -The Phil-

adelphia Ledger has a special despatch from Washington which says that President Johnson refuses to interfere with General Terry's recent orders annulling the vagrant act pasValue of Bunk Notes.

Below will be found the latest quotations of Virginia and other Southern Bank Notes, which will be found useful to the business portion of the county: VIRGINIA

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REMARKABLE TERMINATION OF A BILLIARD MATCH .- The third contest for the possession of the gold mounted billiard cue and the championship of Ohio, took place at Cleveland on Wednesday night, between Charles Davis, of Cincinati, and John Frawley, of Cleve land. The match was for one thousand

points, and had a remarkable termina-At the seventieth innings the marker announced Davis 733, Frawley 605; at the eightieth innings, Davis 910, Frawley 684, and at the eighty seventh in-nings, Davis 976, Frawley 709. At th a stage of the game the friends of the champion I oked exceedingly blue, and the Cincinnations were the most smiling fac s imaginable. Many of the audience put on their hats and coats, and made up their minds for pretty bad defeat -But the game was not yet out. Mr. Davis had twenty-four points yet to make bofore he could put his hands on the coveted obloing box that lay on the table near by. He got the balls and made a neat little run of twenty two, leaving him only two to go Under ordinary circumstances, where the game was close, he would undoubtedly have made the two points required, but his opponent was 291 points behind, and it seemed almost among the impossibilities to take the game out of his hands. But the old adage that a "game is never out until it is played out" was never more applica-

The balls were left in very good position, and the champion went at the work of reducing the gap and increasing his average, with more nerve, apparently, than he had displayed during the progress of the game. He worked the alls gradually together, and with some of the most beautiful and delicate manipulations, kept them together, running the score up to one hundred and still he kept on. His friends took their seats, but could not repress their admiration of his fine playing, and would occasionally break out in a round of cheers. Soon the run had reached two hundred, and the excitement became intense. At almost every stroke a cheer arose. But nothing seemed to disconcert the player. He kept steadily at his work, bridging over slowly but surely what at one time seemed an almost impassible guif. There was soon but twenty to make then six, then three. The excitement was unboun ded. The champion looked up the string, and coolly inquired how many was re quired. "Three," says the game keep-er. Those three were made, and the unprecedented run of two hondred and ninety-one points was scored, and the game won by two points, Then his friends broke loose. They rushed on the platform and raised him on their shoulders, and carried him around, while the old academy rung with such a shout as had never been heard in its walls before.

MEETING TO TERRITORIAMES VINGINIA. -We understand that a meeting of loyal cit-izens was held last night, at the United States District Court-room, in this place, having for its object the memoralizing of Congress to put Virginia back into a territorial condition, on the pretext that the acts of the civil authorities render such a course necessary. The meeting was presided over by Judge Undermeeting was presided over by Judge Under-wood; — Brown of Washington, acting as secretary: Speeches in favor of the memorial were made by Dr. Watson, L. Hill, George Tucker, William Arnold, John Hawkhurst, Lewis McKenzie, and B. W. Huuter, and the said memorial unanimously adopted, although several who were to the meeting with drew previous to the vote, and some few declined to sign after its adoption. Governor Pierpont, we are told, was soundly consured for his course, and the acts of the Legislature severely denounced. It is further reported that one of the speakers gave an account of a visit paid by him to Richmond, when Governor Pierrout was waited upon and requested to resign, which request the Governor politcly declined. There were other interesting proceedings, but not having been aware that the meeting was to take place, we only give what we could gather on streets the morning - Alexandria Gazelle, Jan. 30th.

EMIGRATION FROM EUR PE. - Despatches to the State Department indicate that the emigration from Europe to the United States will this year exceed any previous one. All the Gorman ports, especially, are filling up with porsons desireus of securing a passage.

MARKET REPORTS BARRISON BURG MARKETS

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MARRIAGES.

Near Taylor's Spring, on Thursday the let-inst., by the Rev. A. Poe Boude, Mr. Robert Koontz, and Miss Margaret A. Cox, all of this

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE GREAT ENGLISH REMEDY! PROTECTED BY ROYAL LETTERS PATENT.

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This invaluable medicine is unfailing in the cure of all
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Jan. 17. Harrisonburg, Va.

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R. A. Beaureparke, M. D.

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Paris, May 5th, 1863.

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Harrisonburg, Va.

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PUBLIC SALE. The undersigned will offer at Public Sale, On TUESDAY the 20th of FEBRUARY next, in fron of Stanhope's Hotel, in Hagerstown Md., that fine Blooded Stallion,

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STOP THIEF! STORE Stolen from the stable of the subscriber, near Kratzer's Spring Rackingham County, on Saturday night, the 31 of February, 1865. A DARK BROWN HORSE, front feet white, and hind feet white. Some white onthe nese, star in forchead, nearly 16 hands high. 8 years old, collar marks on both shoulders, goar works on both shoulders, goar

marks in both sides, has light mane and tall.— Has had not evil on left fore foot.

The above reward will be given for the thiof and horse or \$25 for either.
Feb 7.—2t ROBERT O'BRYAN.

FOR SAL .—The subscriber offers for sale a No. 1 TWO-HOUSE FARM WAGON, with from Axle. Also three six-plate Springs. Enquire at "Commonwealth" Office.

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Wednesday Morning. - - Feb. 7, 1866.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

We will thank our readers for all local occurrences in their immediate localities. If they do not desire to write a communication for the pubic eye, let them send us a brief statement of everything of interesti n their respective communities. A list of marriages, deaths, accidents, &c. We will put them in form. The more facts of this kind we can get, the better it will suit us and our readers, All this Hell to the BY O Chill

Rags Wanted!

We will pay the highest price, IN CASH er good clean linen and cotton rags. Bring them at once to this office.

A DREAM .- We dreamed a few nights ago -and what do you suppose we did dream? We thought we had made off bills for subscription against those of our subscribers who have not paid in advance, as per rates. We enclosed each man's bill in his paper, and on the following Court-day, (some sooner,) every man came up promptly and settled his account, had his bill receipted, and went on his way rejoicing. Glorious dream! We awoke-bit our fingers to see whether it was really us. Found it was -and, furthermore, that the first part of the dream was actually so. We sent the bills. Whether the happy conclusion vanishes into air, and proves but a dream, depends on the disposition of our patrons. We hope it will not. We want money to buy paper, ink, &c., and to feed the half-starved "Commonwealth" battalion, We want some change to come over the spirit of our dream. If not, we see no use in dreaming. We shall cease to dream, and make up
our minds that we are living in a world of
gratifying, and states that the negroes stern realities.

ALMOST A FIRE. -On Sunday evening last volumes of smoke were discovered rising from the roof of the American Hotel. On the instant all hands were taken with a violent fit of fire on the brain. Fortunately it was nothing more than a foul chimney discharging itself of the soot of ages-being "purified by fire." Had the Hotel really been on fire, as windy as the day was, where would the fire ary States, for the trial of crimes against have stopped? This warning should open the purse-strings of our monied men in behalf of a Fire Company. We have the material, in the young men of our town, for an efficient corps of Firemen. Why not purchase them an engine, hose, &c , and allow them to protect your property? They are willing. The cause is yours-not theirs. The Arkansas traveller idea of not having roofs on houses in dry weather because they don't need it, and not being able to put them on when it rains, will do very well to laugh at, but when we bis jurisdiction, which includes Virginia, come down to plain common sense it will until Congress shall have acted upon the not answer.

THE RAILBOAD. - We are happy to inform our readers that the bill amending the charter of the Manassas Gap and Winchester and Potomac Railroad Companies, has passed both houses of the Legislature of Virginia.— By next September, at farthest, we expect to hear the whistle of the locomotive in our quiet town. The party who proposed furnishing the posts and rails for fencing in the town, is said posts and rails. He can now furnish cross-ties. We are going to have a railroad. arrive at precisely sixty minutes past nine. marked. Hip, Hurrailroad!

NEW AND DANGEROUS COUNTERFEITS .-Lord's Detector says that one of the most dangerous counterfeits of the national currency that has yet appeared is the fifty dollar compound interest note. It is a fac simile of the genuice note. The general appearance, like the one hundred dollar note of the same issue, is calculated to deceive the best judges. All that have come under our ebservation thus far bear date July 15, 1864, and letter C. The date and letter, however, may easily be altered. The female figure on the left end is rather coarsely executed, and the visage of the male portrait on the right end is not so well done, having much the appearance of a mulatto face. The lettering is almost faultless; but the shading is heavier and much darker than on the genuine note. The counterfeit is about one-sixteenth of an inch narrower than the good note, and a fraction shorter.

Counterfeit twenties of the national currency are being extensively circulated throughout the Western States. All that we have yet heard of have been on the First National Bank of Indianapolis; but the plate may be easily changed to represent the same denomination of any other national bank.

There are some three or four different plates of counterfeit twenty-dollar legal tender notes in circulation. In many cases the defective engraving and bad general appearance of of the frauduient note will enable its detection.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE .- We are indebted to the publisher, CHARLES J. PETERSON, 306 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, for the February and March numbers of this inimitable monthly. Besides the magnificient Mezzotint and other steel engravings, colored fashion plates wood cuts, &c., Peterson alway abounds with choice poetry, stories, Househo d Receipts, the Toilet, and everything that goes to make up a Lady's Magazine. Single copies, per year, \$2; a club of five, can get it one year for \$8, and one copy for the getter-up of the club.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY .- Wednesday next is St. Valentines day. This is the day for choosing patron saints in Rome and sweethearts in America. Pitch in ye belles and beaux! Secure a Valentine this time and be happy. Well does the Postmaster remember this day, and how eagerly the anonymous missives are snatched from his hand and perused in the quiet chamber.

"A horse! a horse! my Kingdom for a horsel" was king Richard's cry on the bloody field of bosworth; but His Majesty got killed. and had no use for a gay caparisoned steed. Not so with Robert O. Bryan, who has no Kingdom to give, but will pay any person or any other man \$50 for the return of his horse which was stolen from his stable, on Saturday might Pahmary 2. 4866. See advertisment.

GROUND-Hog DAY -Friday last was the TO FARMERS, MILL-OWNERS AND day according to ancient belief, on which the ground-hog peeps from his hole, and if he finds snow or clouds, he comes forth and walks abroad; if he sees the sun shining he draws back again, knowing that the winter is not half finished, or that six weeks more of rough weather are in store for us. As Friday was a clear day, sufficiently so fer Mr. Ground-Hog to see his shadew, we presume we are to have the rough weather for six weeks. We would have been under many obligations to the animal if he had not attempted to come forth until a cloudy day was

Gopey's Lapy's Book .- The February number of this favorite journal is upon our table. It is filed with its usual variety of entertaining, instructive and useful reading matter for the Family Household, Its superb fashionplates and steel engravings are alone worth the price of the subscription. Every lady should subscribe for Godey.

FIRE.-The Barn belonging to G. S. MEEM, near Mt. Jackson, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night, the 1st. inst., together with its contents, 16 mules, &c. Supposed to be the work of au incendiary.

CONCERNING THE SOUTH .- The President has tran-mitted to Congress the re-port of General Sherman upon the condition of the Military Division of the Mississippi. The report recommends the reconstruction of the line of railway between Little Rock and Duval's Bluff, by which communication with Memphis will be direct and vastly convenient in a military as well as a business point of view; and to accomplish this purpose, be sug gests that in case three regiments of colored troops, now serving in that District, are not mustered out, one or two of them can all find profitable and lucrative employment, and are protected in all their rights and property by civil authorities.
"I met no one," he says, "citizen or soldier, who questioned or doub ed that their freeedom was as well assured in Ar-

kansas as in Ohio." The response of Chief Justice Chase made last October to the President, "touching the holding of the civil courts of the United States in the insurrectionthe United States," has also been submitted. His chief reason for not holding a court in Virginia, as in other Southern or "Rebel" States, was that a civil court, in a district under court marcial, can only get by the sanction and under the supervision of the military power, and he could not think that it would become the Judges of the Supreme Court to exercise jurisdiction under such conditions. He is therefore unwilling to hold such courts in such States within whole subject.

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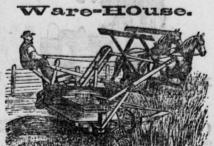
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The following lines were written upon the back of a Five Hundred Dollar Confederate Note, by Major S. A. Jones, subsequent to the surrender:

Representing nothing on God's earth now,

And naught in the water below it; As a pledge of a nation that's dead and gone, Reep it, dear Captain, and show it. Show it to to those that will lend an ear To the tale this paper can tell Of liberty born, of the patriot's dream, Too poor to pessess the precious ore,
And too much a stranger to borrow, We issue to-day, our "PROMISE TO PAY," And hope to redeem on the morrow.

Days rolled by, and weeks became years, But our coffers were empty still;

Cili was so rare that the Tr asurers quakee If a dollar should drop in the till, But the faith that was in us was strong indeed, And our poverty well we discerned And these little checks represented the pay That our suffering veterans earned

We knew it had hardly a value in gold; Yet as gold the soldiers received it; It gazed in our eyes with a PROMISE TO PAY, And each patriot soldier believed it. But our boys thought little of price or pay, Orof bills that were over due;

We knew if it bought our bread to-day, Twas the best our country could do Keep it! it tells all our history over, From the birth of the dream to its last, Modest, and born of the Angel, Hope, Like our hope of success it passed

A Hard Shell Preacher wound up a flaming sermon with this magnificent ef-'My brethren and sistern, ef a man's

full of religion you can't hurt him !— There was the three Arabian children; they put 'em in a fiery furnace, hetted seven times hotter than it could be het, and didn't swinge a har on their heads And then there was John the Evangleler; they put him-and where do you think brethering and sirtern, they put him? Why, they put him in to caladronic of bilin' ile, and biled him all night,, and didn't face his shell! And then there was Daniel; they put him in a lion's den-and what, my fellow-travellers and respected audiorities, do you think he was put into a lion's den for? Why, for prayin' three times a day. Don't be alarmed brethring and sirtern; I don't think any of you will ever get into a lion's den.

A Virginia clergyman writes to the Post Office Department asking for a mail contract. He states that he does not know that he can take the oath of allegiance, for he has prayed, in the pul pit during the war for the success of the Southern cause; but as the prayers were never answered he is of opinion, that no aid and comfort were given, and therefore he remains a loyal citizen.

Artemus Ward tells a good story concerning the production of the 'Lady of Lyons' at Salt Lake city theatre : 'An aged Mormon arose and went out with his twenty-four wives angrily stating that he wouldn't sit and see a play where a man made such a cussed fuss over one woman.'

Why do you drive such a pitiful looking careass as that? Why don't you put a heavier coat of flesh on him?"— A heavier coat of flesh! By the powers, the poor creature can hardly carry what little there is on him now l'

A Bighampton revivalist, looking for recruits, found a large-sized African and asked him, 'Have you found the Lord ? Answer--'I Golly, master, is de Lord

'Where do you hail from?' queried a Yankee of a traveller. Where do you rain from ?' Don't rain at all, said the astonished Jonathan. 'Neither do I hail; so mind your own business.'

'What is the chief use of bread ?' ask ed an examiner at a recent school exhibition. 'The chief use of bread,' answered an urchin, apparently astonished at the simplicity of the inquiry, 'is to spread butter and jam on it.'

A fellow being awakened by the clerk of a steamer, was told that he must not occupy the berth with his loots. He very considerately replied: 'Oh, the bugs won't hurt 'em, I guess; they are an old pair.'

The Principal of an Academy gave a pupil, who was an aspirant for the situation of school teacher, a certificate, which said: 'This young man is capable of filling any position for which he is qual-

The Rocky Mountain News tells of an conthused young Missourian, who, culogizing the beauty of his 'gal,' said, 'I'll what "facilities" may be brought in opposition, be doggoned if she ain't as pretty as a we mean to do what we say; red wagon.'

A Miner wno lately came from Virginia city, say vegetation is so scarce in that region, that 'two mullen stalks and a bunch of thistles is called a grove.'

'Is it possible, Miss, that you don't know the names of some of your best friends?' inquired a gentleman of a lady. 'Certainly,' she replied, 'I don' even know what my own may be a year

'A man who'll maliciously set fire to s barn,' said Mr. Slow, 'and burn up twenty cows ought to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'd like to do it.'

Mrs. Partington said she did not marry her second husband because she loved the male sex, but because he was the size of her first detector, and could wear out his old clothes.

The following is given as a fireman's toast: 'The ladies -- the only incendiaries who kindle a flame which water will not extinguish.'

The Providence Press makes the incredible statement that a Hartford photographer has succeeded in taking a picture of himself trudling himself home

in a wheelbarrow. JOSH BILLINGS says; 'When a man's dog deserts him on account of his poverty, he can't go any lower in this world; not

by land. 'What's the use,' asked a ragged fel-

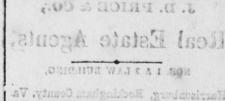
low, 'of a man's working himself to death to get a living?'

What fruits does a newly married couple most resemble? A green pear. Woman is said to be a mere delusion, but it is sometimes pleasant to hug de-

lusions. Why is a bald head heaven? Be cause there is no parting there. Mrs. Partington says that Ike has bought a horse so spiritous that he al-

ways goes off on a decanter.

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[Oct. 18-3m]

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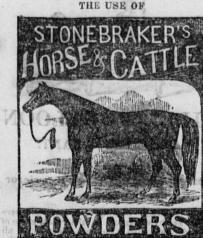
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Nov 8

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New Goods. 50 pieces best Prints, MAN ALLENS 50 pieces best Prints,
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