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### JOHN REED'S THOUGHTS.

There's a mist on the meadow below,  
The dew on the grass is so dewy,  
It's chill when the sun is down, and the sod is not  
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### A BLIND MAN'S DUEL.

Major Buford, called, by way of eminence, 'the Major,' was the most noted duelist of the day. A dead shot, a perfect master of fence, and in his emities utterly relentless, his name had become a terror to all who knew him.

### SEA CUSTOMS.

SOME CURIOUS FEATURES OF LIFE ON BOARD SHIP.  
The rapid spread of education amongst the section of the nation from which our sailors are most largely drawn has done much towards obliterating the special peculiarities of diction by which they were once distinguished, but much of their ancient phraseology still remains.

In the midst of a knot of admiring friends, one day, the Major was discussing his last 'affair,' and complacently explaining how it came that he mortally wounded his adversary, instead of killing him on the spot, when one of the two gentlemen standing and struck him in the face. The spectators stood aghast. What could have tempted the stranger to rush thus madly on his fate? He was an old man. Already, to appearance, had three scores and ten years passed over his head. He must, indeed, have been weary of life, whose brief remnant he was ready to cast away so recklessly.

### A SWEDISH POEM.

It matters little where I was born,  
Or if my parents were rich or poor,  
Whether they thrived or prospered or not,  
Or whether in the pride of their youth they  
But whether I live an honest man,  
And hold my integrity firm in my clutch,  
I tell you, brother, 'tis as I am.

Teaching School in the Early Times of this State.  
Mister, no doubt you have all the leegin' that's required in a school-teacher, but it wats more than learin' to make a man able to teach school in Cranberry Gulch. You'll soon find that out if you try.

The duelists were armed with pistols, and the ground was measured, and the men placed. There was a marked contrast between the two in more respects than that of years. The old man erect and motionless as a statue, his whitened locks flowing in a breeze, never once looked at his antagonist, though his side was turned.

A Base Proposition.  
A Detroitian who has the reputation of being hard pay was waited on the other day by a man who began: 'Mr. Blank, I hold your note for \$75. It is long past due, and I wanted to see what you would do about it.'

He is dead! he said; and its wonted expression of sober melancholy settled on the old man's face, as taking his companion's arm, he turned and walked leisurely away.

A Cleveland lady who lately passed a few weeks in Paris always refers to her kitchen girl as her 'ille de cuisine.' Her son will insist on referring to the worthy domestic as her 'pot rasher,' much to his mother's horror.

Without changing the direction of his gaze or other movement than that of his arm, which rose with the precision of a nicely adjusted machine, the old man brought his pistol to the level of his enemy's breast. For an instant he held it there. Still the same appearance of eager listening.

The sharp report of the stranger's pistol was followed by a convulsive jerk of the Major's arm, causing the discharge of his weapon far wide of its mark, while he, staggering a few paces backward, fell heavily to the ground.

Mr. Martin was a freight conductor on the Burlington, Cedar rapids and Northern Railroad. At a revival meeting he boasted that he had so much faith in the Lord that he once ran his train from one end of the road to the other, one of the cars being the time without a flange on one wheel.

The new teacher now took out a square card about four inches each way, walked to the other end of the school house, and tacked it up against the wall. Returning to his desk he drew a revolver from his belt, and quick as thought sent ball after ball into the card, till there were six balls in a spot not much larger than a silver dollar.

'My note? Ah, yes, yes, this is my note. For value received I promise to pay, and so forth. Have you been to the nite-shavers with this?'

The mule reached out suddenly; with his hind foot and upset the vehicle with its three occupants. 'That's what I call a three cent stamp,' said one of the unfortunates, as he raised himself from the boom of his mother earth.

'I have, but none of them would have it.'

Dr. Glenn, the nominee of the new constitution party for Governor of California, is a native of Augusta county, Va. He will not run, however, unless his nomination is indorsed by the demonstrators.

The Charlotteville Jeffersonian writes an encouraging article on the business situation of the country and thinks that every thing points to better times than we are now enjoying. It concludes: 'We will ere long feel the effects of a slowly returning tide of prosperity. Let us be of courage, practice a careful wise economy, give an active, steady and wise diligence to business and all will soon be well with us.'

### THE "SEPARATED" MAN.

About eight o'clock yesterday forenoon a man whose form was full of wrinkles and knifes and twists crawled out of a coal shed on the wharf, and began yawning and rubbing his eyes like one who had put in a heavy night.

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The assistant to the ship's steward in men-of-war—the man who has special charge of the provisions for the crew—is always known as 'Jack in the Dst,' frequently abbreviated into 'Dusty,' an epithet of the origin is to be found in the small cloud of dust raised by him in his daily duty of issuing to the different messes the ration biscuit, or 'bread,' as sailors always call it.

SEA CUSTOMS. (Continued.)  
Nautical etiquette requires that in friendly conversation allusions to the administration of justice abroad should be made with a certain circumspection, or should be veiled by expressions not immediately intelligible to the uninitiated in the mysteries of a sea life.

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The sun never sets on the United States. Few people are aware that the proud boast of Englishmen that the sun never sets on the British Empire is equally applicable to the United States.

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### BLACK OAK BARK.

It will buy good black oak bark that is properly taken and carefully prepared, showing directions for use.

### FIVE DOLLAR PER GORD.

Of 125 feet measurement, hollowed out my mill in Winchester, Va., and four hollowed out at any point on the R. O. Railroad from Hancock to Staunton, but the order is not filled till all that can be gotten in them—order as they come, freight and cartage here, which are so much, and whether the car contains much or little.

### REMOVED.

I have changed my place of business from EAST MARKET STREET, to the store-room recently occupied by B. E. Long, SOUTH SIDE OF COURT-HOUSE SQUARE. TO DEALERS, THOSE GOING TO SEEKING OF FAMILIES WHO HAVE 5 CENTS OFF.

### HOUSEKEEPING GOODS.

To which I invite the attention of all city and which will sell in bulk or retail at Baltimore and other places. Country Merchants had better make a note of this. Largest stock in the Valley. Prices the lowest. Respectfully,  
J. A. LOEWENBACH, Agent.

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The Mormon women say their husbands are the bravest of men. We have heard of it here the man who ventures on treble blindfold is regarded as a truly heroic character, but there are no words to express the true estimate of a man of whom sixteen women are able to say—"he is a darling and devoted husband."





THE FARM AND HOME

COWS HOLDING UP THEIR MILK

I have been a dairyman since 1830. Once a week was my rule for the first five years; then twice a week for five years more; then alternate days for about ten years; then daily for the last six years.

The power of a cow to hold up her milk is readily accounted for by the peculiar formation of the mammary glands. The bag or udder is divided into four parts, entirely distinct from each other except as they are held together by certain membranous ligaments.

A CHEAP FILTER.—The most impure water may be rendered pure by filtering through charcoal. Take a large flower pot, put a piece of sponge or clean moss over the hole in the bottom.

TRouble WITH CUCUMBER PICKLES.—For two or three years after I commenced housekeeping, I had a great deal of trouble with cucumber pickles.

CHLORIDE OF LIME AS AN INSECTICIDE.—The Cultivator remarks that rats, mice, and insects will at once desert ground on which a little chloride of lime has been sprinkled.

SALT FOR CATTLE

I have been a dairyman since 1830. Once a week was my rule for the first five years; then twice a week for five years more; then alternate days for about ten years; then daily for the last six years.

JAPANESE CEMENT.—Mix the best powdered rice with a little cold water, then gradually add boiling water until a proper consistency is acquired.

TO MAKE A GOOD HARNESS POLISH, take of mutton suet, ten ounces; lampblack one ounce; green or yellow soap, two ounces and water, one-half pint.

MISCELLANEOUS. I have and will keep constantly on hand a large assortment of stationery, picture frames, wall paper and all the latest and most fashionable novelties.

BEARD'S PURE ANGILOTTA COUNTY WHISKEY. Prepared to sell the best article from one distillery, at a LOWER PRICE than the same quality of liquor can be bought elsewhere.

JAS. H. CAMPBELL, SADDLER, East Market St., Harrisonburg, Va. MANUFACTURER OF AND DEALER IN Every Description of Articles Pertaining to the Business.

S. H. MOFFETT & CO., Dealers in Flour, Grain, Groceries, Tobaccos, &c. KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND BEST BRANDS OF FAMILY AND EXTRA FLOUR.

POWDER! POWDER! Dupont Sporting and Blasting Powder. THE PATENT SAFETY FUSE. WE DO A WHOLESALE BUSINESS EXCLUSIVELY IN FIREWORKS.

G. W. TABB & SON, NEAR E. & O. R. DEPOT, HARRISONBURG, VA. ELEGANT JEWELRY, WATCHES, &c. I HAVE NOW ON HAND A FINE STOCK AND LARGE ASSORTMENT OF JEWELRY.

PRINTING

Job Printing. We have a large and complete assortment of type and galleys, and are prepared to execute all orders for printing in the most skillful manner.

EVERY DESCRIPTION. We have a large and complete assortment of type and galleys, and are prepared to execute all orders for printing in the most skillful manner.

BOOK and JOB PRINTING. We have a large and complete assortment of type and galleys, and are prepared to execute all orders for printing in the most skillful manner.

THE "COMMONWEALTH". We have a large and complete assortment of type and galleys, and are prepared to execute all orders for printing in the most skillful manner.

PRINTING OFFICE. We have a large and complete assortment of type and galleys, and are prepared to execute all orders for printing in the most skillful manner.

All Orders Promptly Executed. We have a large and complete assortment of type and galleys, and are prepared to execute all orders for printing in the most skillful manner.

THE BEST WORK. We have a large and complete assortment of type and galleys, and are prepared to execute all orders for printing in the most skillful manner.

Orders Solicited! We have a large and complete assortment of type and galleys, and are prepared to execute all orders for printing in the most skillful manner.

Save Money! ONE DOLLAR SAVED IS TWO DOLLARS MADE. This every one can do by buying Groceries! Confectioneries, Fruits, Toys, &c.

LEGAL

Commissioner's Notice. E. M. Newman, substituted Trustee for T. E. Vandyke, in the case of the estate of T. E. Vandyke, deceased.

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FARMERS

SAVE YOUR MONEY. Fertilizers. EXPORT TO MANUFACTURE A LIMITED quantity of Fertilizers for the present season.

FARMERS' FERTILIZER. Composition: 1200 lbs of high grade, thoroughly decomposed S. P. Phosphate, analyzing from 13 to 14 per cent. soluble phosphate.

ALKALINE PHOSPHATE. Composition: 1200 lbs of the above high grade phosphate, 400 lbs of Saltpetre, 200 lbs of Potash, 500 lbs of Sulphate of Ammonia.

Terms Cash. Please order early to prevent disappointment. These fertilizers are dry and fine, and in splendid condition for use.

W. W. PRESCOTT, M. D. Fertilizing Material. For the manufacture of home-made fertilizers, the best way is to manufacture them your own.

ESTABLISHED 1848. HORNER'S FERTILIZING SALTS, CHEMICALS, HOME FERTILIZERS. With which any farmer can make his own fertilizer.

HORNER'S PURE SLAUGHTER HOUSE BONE-DUST AND DISSOLVED BONE. GUARANTEED THE "BEST IN AMERICA."

HORNER'S AMMONIATED Raw Bone Superphosphate. AND CONCENTRATED SUPERPHOSPHATE FOR ALL CROPS.

DRUGS, &c. Soaps and Perfumery. THE largest assortment of foreign and domestic Soaps and Perfumery ever brought to this country.

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W. W. GIBBS, MANUFACTURER OF FARM AND SPRING WAGONS, BUGGIES, CARRIAGES, &c.

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RAILROADS

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILROAD. On and after December 10th, 1878, Passenger Trains will run as follows: EASTWARD.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD. SCHEDULE OF TRAINS HARPER'S FERRY & WASHINGTON & ANNE ARUNDEL & OHIO R.R.

CLOTHING, &c. HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW SPRING GOODS. CHRISTIE & HUTCHESON'S.

Special Announcement. DESIRING TO REDUCE OUR STOCK AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.

Clothing and Hats. AT THE FOLLOWING LOW RATES: Pants worth \$4.00 for \$3.50.

BELOW COST! We want to clear the Fall season with a little of the present stock on hand.

THE HARRISONBURG IRON FOUNDRY. P. BRADLEY, MANUFACTURER OF LIVINGSTONE'S PATENT STEAM ENGINES.

NEW GOODS - NEW GOODS. VARIETY STORE. I have just received my SPRING STOCK.

NEW SINGER SEWING MACHINE. DON'T buy a Sewing Machine until you have seen the NEW and GREATLY IMPROVED Singer Machine.

Ready Mixed Paint. HAVING made arrangements with THE HARRISONBURG IRON FOUNDRY.