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Due Notice.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

In a few weeks the JOURNAL will enter upon its tenth year, and with the first number of Vol. X., I shall commence sending the JOURNAL to those subscribers only who have paid in advance, and shall adhere strictly to the advance pay system as long as I continue to publish this paper. My reasons for taking this step have been given in previous numbers of the JOURNAL, and all who have come forward to comply with the requirements, have left their approval and best wishes. All this is encouraging; so much so, that I want as much more of the same as I can get.

The announcement of this new departure was made early, in order that all subscribers might have abundant time to pay up before July 1st.

RENEW! RENEW!

At once, and rest assured that the JOURNAL will always be a welcome visitor to you if the head and hands of its editor can make it such. Let the editor devote the vast amount of time he is compelled to lose in looking after his back pay, to the work of writing up the news of the day and local events, and he will give you a much better paper. A new subscription list will be made out in a few weeks, and in order to have your names transferred, to that list it will be necessary for you to

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The above is for delinquents.
Any efforts, no matter how strenuous, on the part of our friends, to secure additional subscribers to the JOURNAL will be fully appreciated by their obedient servant,
JAS. W. HINE,

JOURNAL JOTTINGS.

When a man abuses you and you can't catch him, the best way is to forgive him.

The season for "greens" is not yet over. In fact the flavor is said to improve as the worms grow older.

Malcolm and Ryder realized a fair profit from the races at the Lowell Driving Park, May 30th.

Bethel Bristol, of Ada, recently buried three of his children, all of whom died with scarlet fever.

The next annual meeting of the State Publisher's Association will be held at East Saginaw, August 11.

Until further notice we shall call the new block across the way, "Bank block." It is old enough to have a name.

Some men show great endurance in running up large accounts; and some men get in durance in that way.

Only two more papers before July 1st. After that a new subscription list with nary a delinquent's name.

Ada has a population of 1,351, a decrease of 76 since 1870. Ada must do better than that the next four years.

The Lansing Republican contains more interesting State news than any other weekly paper published in Michigan.

Billy Divine was so affected by the night air that he had to go and lie down a little while in the cooler Saturday evening.

Some wretch crawled through a back window into J. Young's restaurant the other night and stole a box of cigars and what loose change he could find.

The Eagle says tri-weekly trains are running through to Petoskey, on the north end of the G. R. & I. Railroad. The distance from Grand Rapids to Petoskey is 190 miles.

Hall & Ramsdell, cigar makers, find a ready market for all the cigars three good hands can manufacture.

Our old friend and former townsman, M. R. Blodgett has been spending a few days in town.

Within ten days Grand Rapids suffered six "disastrous conflagrations." We don't like it.

Why can't it rain every Saturday night and Sunday, so the poor hired men can have a chance to rest.

"Congregationalism—what is it?" Rev. D. L. Eaton will explain next Sabbath morning at the Congregational church.

A man who will permit his cow to run at large in the streets all summer ought to be jerked up and sentenced to a two hour lecture by Bret Harte.

The races at Grand Rapids commenced yesterday. One hundred and eight entries were recorded a week ago. Success is no name for it.

Somebody said it thundered terribly last Saturday, but Harlan, the auctioneer, was in town that day, and it was difficult to tell which was which.

The directors of the Mich. Midland & Canada Southern Railway Co. will meet at St. Clair, June 30th, to see about that road west.

The Grand Rapids Democrat says it is rumored that the grangers of Kent and Ottawa counties have contracted with a merchant of Ravenna, Muskegon county, to supply all grange families with tea.

We are surprised to see Detroit permit little Pontiac to capture the new State Insane Asylum. Why! let a right smart town balance up to Detroit once, and where is she?

DR. ARVINE PECK was elected first Vice President of the State Eclectic Medical Association, at the meeting in Marshall last week. He is also a State delegate to the National Association to be held in Boston on the 24th inst.

A young lady who is possessed of a poetical turn of mind, remarked a few mornings since, that her head reminded her of the "tempest-tossed ocean."—Lansing Republican.

Have the b(u)ys been to "sea" about it?

A free temperance lecture will be delivered at Train's Hall, on Wednesday evening, June 17th by Charles Russell, of Detroit. Mr. Russell is a power in the cause of temperance; go and hear him.

The Good Templars at Hustedville are making arrangements for a grand picnic and strawberry festival at the Grand River Nurseries, Thursday, June 18th. The Lowell Silver Cornet Band has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion. A grand time is anticipated. Everybody invited—hitch up and drive out there.

A boy riot disturbed the calmness of a bright morning in this village one day last week. There ought to have been a stop put to that riot off, but it was a warm day and no one felt disposed to do all the spanking the occasion demanded.

DR. A. FORD, of Bowne, informs us that on the morning of June 2d, the house of Hiram Stark, of that township, was destroyed by fire. By great exertion on the part of the neighbors the contents were saved. The house was new and worth about \$1,000; partly insured.

We have received the first number of the Industrial Journal, a very creditable looking sheet, published at Elmwood, Ill., by J. A. and J. L. Somerby. The junior of this firm was formerly a resident of Lowell, and is a brother-in-law of W. J. Atkins of this village. The Journal has our best wishes; may it never find a hard road to travel.

THE heaviest rain of the season fell Saturday night. It was what we might call a violent storm. The roads were put in shape for immediate repairs, and many cellars were filled with water. Winger & Bergin had to move two tons of butter and a large quantity of other stuff from their cellar Sunday. Others, too, had some of this kind of work to perform. Messrs. Sutherland & Tredebeck, on the west side, know how how it is to have an "island home" once more, but they're getting tired of it and we don't blame them.

The flood Saturday night carried away the Saranac dams.

There are only four colored persons in the township of Lowell.

The highest market price paid for wool by Lowell wool buyers.

For wool, all the way from 35 to 43 cts. were the prices paid last week.

Daniel Murphy, has gone to Jackson, and will remain there one year, if he lives.

LUCCA kissed Grand Rapids "good-bye" Monday night. Where is the next Lucca place.

Report says Ionia Belle Reynolds is about to marry a New York basso. We thought she was engaged to soprano in Grand Rapids.

A GENTLEMAN living on the west side is posting up a little in natural history, and the other night he woke up his wife with his elbow to ask her "if toads rained down, or how?"

As an item of local interest we deem it proper to say that it took just forty yards of white silk to make one wedding dress for Nellie Grant. And that's gone to England without getting into the Custom House.

A BIG day's work for one circular saw at Colby's mill in Montcalm county, three weeks ago last Saturday—91,740 feet of lumber. One man run all this through the edger in one day. So says G. C. Post who was there and saw the work done.

Last Saturday, while Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tyler, of Bowne, were going home from the Lowell races, their horse became frightened an unmanageable, and both were thrown from the buggy with great violence. Mr. Tyler fell, striking his head upon a piece of timber, receiving such a severe shock that he was unconscious for some time. We understand Mrs. Tyler escaped unhurt.

THE accomplished city editor of the Grand Rapids Democrat and well known author of several interesting reports of sheep and poultry shows, having failed in his negotiations with the Grand Rapids Grenadiers, to write, and publish in pamphlet form, biographical sketches of the officers of that military organization, the editor of this paper has been chosen to prepare the work.

SOME of those rich men who wouldn't take a dollar of railroad stock have been very happy since the full amount was subscribed. They have large interests here and that railroad will greatly enhance the value of their property. They wouldn't have the project fail now for all their best neighbors are worth; and still, we suppose there are men who, knowing this to be true, will stick to it that there is no future punishment.

As announced in the JOURNAL last week a meeting of the directors of the K. L. & N. M. railroad was held at Hastings, June 4th. Present—Pres't Cobb and Judge Wells of Kalamazoo; Messrs. Bowne, Cook and Burton of Hastings, and Messrs. Hatch, Elsworth and Train of Lowell. In the absence of Secretary Kidder, Mr. Cook was appointed Sec'y pro tem. The resignation of John Giles, as director, was accepted, and Rev. D. L. Eaton of this village, was elected to fill the vacancy. A resolution offered by Judge Wells, that a meeting of the stockholders be held at Lowell, the date of which to be fixed as soon as practicable by the President and Secretary, was adopted. Mr. Hatch offered a resolution that an assessment of ten per cent. be made July 1st, and on the first day of each month thereafter until the full amount of stock be paid in; which resolution was adopted. Dr. Elsworth then offered a resolution that the Board adopt the line of road from the east and west quarter line of Sec. 11, Lowell, to the north line of Sec. 7, Hastings, which was adopted. On motion of Dr. Elsworth, a vote was taken by yeas and nays on the question of gauge, and every director voted in favor of the three feet gauge. The work is to begin just as soon as enough assessment money is paid in to make a start. The Hastings people are wrought up to the highest pitch of railroad enthusiasm, and with Lowell are anxious to see the dirt moving. The directors from Lowell were highly pleased with the situation, and returned from the meeting at Hastings feeling that, after all, all labor is not in vain.

Subscribers receiving statements of their accounts, or papers with X marked thereon, will please give the same immediate attention.

A GULLY 25 feet wide, 11 to 12 feet deep and five rods long was what Saturday night's rain dug out of Mr. Blain's real estate. And the neighbors "way down south" of Mr B's have been feasting on imported garden stuff ever since.

Two log navigators had a skirmish the other night. No. 1 salivated his palms, patted the humerus of his strong right arm and sent an unwelcome dispatch to the right orbit of No. 2; whereupon the latter plunged his phalanges into the capillose filament of the parietal of No. 1, and fumbled around with great familiarity for a few minutes. No 2's dander being well stirred up by this time, he further amused the bystanders by attempting to chew off the lobulus of No. 1's left auricle. Failing to procure the luscious morsel, he suddenly found himself resting supinely upon his lumbar vertebra and vicinity, and a number nine boot with two rows of spikes planted firmly over his digestive apparatus. The one that got licked offered to bet the usual amount that he could get away with the best man in the crowd, and then got out of sight as quick as possible.

THE supplement to the JOURNAL last week contained the announcement that the balance of railroad stock lacking to make up Lowell's quota was raised at the meeting Tuesday night. The amount still lacking at the opening of that meeting, to make out the \$70,000 was the sum of \$1,006. This to be sure was a small amount, but in consideration of the fact that the entire field had been worked up, over and over again, and that everybody had subscribed his or her "last cent" the question naturally arose, "where is this balance coming from?" Without entering into the details, suffice it to say that a lively "cotillion" was opened (music by the L. S. C. B.) and at precisely ten o'clock p. m. the total amount of stock and donations footed up to \$70,000. It was impossible to hear a pin drop in any part of Train's Hall when this announcement was made. And then the boys of the L. S. C. B.—well we never heard them play forty quicksteps at one time so well before. Everybody rejoiced, and why not? The consummation so long and devoutly wished for was reached. The fact that the people of Lowell and vicinity can and will keep step with the march of all public enterprises, by which they are all to be so greatly benefited, has been fully demonstrated. Too much cannot be said in praise of some of our citizens who have labored so long and faithfully to accomplish this work. Time and money have been freely given, and obstacles, discouraging to meet, have been overcome. We all know whose shoulders have been at the wheel. The company made no mistake in putting Dr. Dodge into the field as solicitor. He has proved himself a most efficient worker, and every inch a railroad man. Many of our citizens for the last few weeks have left their places of business and rendered valuable assistance; give them credit; they deserve it.

THE night express coming west on the D. & M. Railroad Sunday morning was "ditched" about 3 1/2 miles this side of Ionia. The engine was thrown on one side of the track, the tender the other, the baggage and express car was smashed and the passenger and sleeping coaches were considerable damaged. The engineer, fireman and two passengers were slightly bruised. An employee named Freidburgh, had his shoulder smashed. Fifty feet of the road bed had been washed away. A train was sent from Grand Rapids, but was unable to reach the place as it was found that about 100 feet of track east of Saranac had been swept away. The track was put in shape as soon as possible, and ten hours later trains were running as usual.

The Grand Rapids hotels are filled with men who love to see the horse fly.

The late rains have done \$3,000 damage in the city of Grand Rapids.

Five or six bridges in Paris were swept away by the flood, says the G. R. Democrat.

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THE NEWS.

The Public Debt.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Treasury notes, bonds, and interest.

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The Indians in the vicinity of Ft. Randall are reported on the war path. A settlement of the Indians on the war path was recently attacked by them.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., had three incendiary fires within twenty-four hours. Loss \$19,000. At Topeka, Kansas, May 27, a collision occurred between a passenger train and a freight train...

The Hammond county, Kansas, county treasurer has decamped with all the county funds. Parties who assisted him to escape have been arrested.

Tax coal miners are on a strike near Escalante, Ohio, and violent demonstrations have been made. The governor has been applied to for troops.

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A wonderful scientific young man has had a peculiar demonstration of a sound; he has seen his bed tick.

"Do you like the piano?" some one asked Theophile Gautier. "I prefer it to the guillotine," was the reply of the poet.

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Congressional Summary.

WEDNESDAY, May 23.—The following bills were passed: Extending time of payment for public lands in Minnesota; to prevent having...

The bill repealing the motley law passed; also the following bills: Relating to pay of deceased merchant; removing political disabilities...

Butta complains are made at Santiago de Cuba concerning the deprivation of Spanish bank notes there. Gold is held at an advance of twelve per cent on Havana quotations, and prices of every commodity are proportionally high.

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Looking Back.

For children's beds it is perfect. For old people, it is a necessity. For the sick, it is a relief. For the weary, it is a rest.

When properly used, it will give you a good night's sleep. It will also give you a good day's work.

It is one of the curiosities of natural history that a horse enjoys his food most when he's a bit in his mouth.

A schoolmaster's aspiration—"I wish I were a fountain, that I might be always playing."

The man who sang "Oh, breathe no more, that simple air," went into the smoking car where it was more mixed.

A gentleman in Pottsville, Pa., has named his dog "Penny," because it was one cent to him.

OTAVIE PENNELLER employs a puddle to clean his boots. Isn't he afraid of "dog ears"?

To what base uses may we come at last! Julius S. Cress is a veterinary surgeon at Port Hope, Canada.

MR. WILBUR F. STORER, of the Chicago Times, has reacted a house for some time ago.

The old saying about "those who go down to the sea in ships" has more significance now than it used to have.

What Sodom was to Lot's wife, is the back breadths of one woman's dress to another woman.

"Now, may I please your honor," said a young Providence lawyer, "I don't believe these facts are true."

FADOVER tells us that Mrs. Fadover is not sorry that his rock is the cradle of the rebellion.

A very interesting resume of the results and progress of narrow-gauge railroads, taken from the American Manufacturer's Journal, was published in the Hastings Banner last week. The writer speaks of the narrow-gauge field of the United States, and the English possessions north of us, principally, and conclusively shows by his tabular statements, carefully compiled, that the narrow gauge is rapidly gaining favor in this as well as in other countries.

Experienced railroad men begin to see that the time is coming when the narrow gauge will take the place of the broad gauge railroad. And while the arguments in favor of the former are so convincing, and since experience has shown its great economical advantages over the broad gauge, it is not at all surprising that railroad builders are becoming deeply interested in this important and aggressive movement. Within the last two years, 1,400 miles of narrow gauge road have been constructed in the United States and Canada. All of these in operation have proved successful in the highest degree, and it will be but a few years before thousands of miles of narrow gauge roads will be built in this country. The great difference in the cost of construction, is not the only argument in favor of it. By ascending grades and rounding curves, impossible to broad gauge engineering, the narrow railroads open up to development, vast areas of our country which must otherwise remain forever closed.

In view of the fact that the stockholders of the K. L. & N. M. railroad are soon to meet to determine upon the gauge of their road, these facts are presented for their consideration. The question of "transfer" will perhaps appear to some as an objection to the narrow gauge; but if it can be demonstrated to them that the advantages to be obtained in the building and operating of such a road are immeasurably greater, the question of "transfer" will no longer stand in their way. This, we feel confident can be done; and facts and figures will be given in due time that we think cannot fail to remove all doubt from the mind of the unbeliever in narrow-gauge railroads.

The following is an extract from the writing referred to at the beginning of this article:

The narrow gauge idea is not a mere question of distance between the rails, as its popular name, taken from its most distinctive feature of change, to the unprofessional eye might seem to indicate. It is a reform movement in railway management and construction. It means retrenchment and economy in the construction and operation of the iron road—the modern highway. It means, to cite briefly its prominent reforms:

I. A saving in the first cost of construction, say about 33 per cent.

II. A saving in operation which shall make the net earnings average 50 per cent. of the gross instead of 33, which has so far been a liberal average for good completed roads.

III. The ability to reach sections of country where it is physically impossible for roads of the wide gauge to be built at all.

All this, of course, while affording equal facilities for business with any other class of roads or system of building, because affording equal carrying capacity. How this is done is at first a problem to the general reader; but a little reflection makes it clear, without the aid of any of the engineer's lore or formulae. Ten of the narrow gauge cars carry as much freight as eight broad gauge cars. One narrow gauge car loaded up to 5-1-2 tons is no heavier than a broad gauge car empty, and 5-1-2 tons is a pretty good average load.

This is the whole theory and practice of the dead weight question. If one farmer in carrying his wheat to market used a wagon which, empty, was almost as heavy as his neighbor's with the load on, whose wheat would cost the most? Whose horses and feed and drivers would cost him most? Whose work would be done the quickest, and in the most workmanlike manner? Whose road would require most repairing? And lastly, who would get into the market first?

All Around.

The Adrian Horticultural Society will give a strawberry and cherry festival on the occasion of the meeting of the State Pomological Society in that city, June 23, 24 and 25.

The Fourth Michigan Infantry will hold its annual reunion at Monroe, June 19.

During the month of May the Detroit Fire Department was called out 26 times, and the loss by fire was \$5,000.

James Stoughton, a soldier of the war of 1812, and who settled at Birmingham, Oakland county in 1824, died recently in Alpena, VanBuren county, aged 79 years.

Fine specimens of copper ore have been discovered about six miles west of Jackson.

Mrs. D. B. Sanford, while playing the organ recently in the Presbyterian church at Grand Haven, dropped dead.

The Dexter Leader nominate, Judge Campbell to succeed Mr. Chandler in the United States Senate.

John Golden, a shoemaker of Wrentham, has fallen heir to \$20,000 by the death of an aunt in England.

A Calhoun County Cow of native breed, weight 800 pounds, and the property of Samuel Chapin of Marquette, gave 327 pounds of milk between May 10 and 15.

A farmer near Nashville, Barry County, has lost 13 head of cattle from an unknown disease. Other cattle in the vicinity seem to be affected with the same malady.

On the 27th of May, S. A. Stewart of Deerfield had 11 acres of wheat which measured over two feet in height.

Two weeks ago the name of Ebenezer G. D. Holden, of Grand Rapids, was presented for the office of Secretary of State. He last week seconded the nomination in behalf of Barry County, since which time announcement after announcement has been received by us of Mr. Holden's popularity throughout the State. Several gentlemen who had intended to become candidates have withdrawn their names and will support Mr. H. with all their influence. We are more than pleased with his prospect of success as he certainly has earned and richly deserves it.—Barry Co. Republican.

The House Postoffice Committee has agreed to report a bill providing that on all newspapers and periodical publications mailed from known offices of publication or news agencies and addressed to regular subscribers or news agents, postage shall be charged at the following rates: Newspapers and periodical publications issued weekly and more frequently than once a week, one cent and a half, and on those issued less frequently than once a week three cents for each pound or fraction thereof. On receipt of such newspapers and periodical publications at the office of mailing they are to be weighed in bulk and the postage paid thereon by special adhesive stamps. Newspapers, one copy to each actual subscriber residing within the county where the same are printed, in whole or in part, go free through the mails, but the same shall not be delivered at letter carrier offices or distributed by carriers unless the postage is paid thereon as by law provided, and newspapers and magazines reciprocally interchanged between publishers, not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, to be confined to a single copy of each publication, go free through the mails. All mailable matter of the third class may weigh not exceeding four pounds for each package thereof, and postage shall be charged thereon at the rate of one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof, but nothing herein contained shall be held to change or amend section 134 of said act. Affidavits are to be made by publishers or news agents to secure their adherence to these provisions, for the violation of which penalties are prescribed. The committee also agreed to report an amendment to the statutes fixing and prescribing a method of adjusting the salaries of postmasters.

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THE LOWELL FARMER.

The Robbin Cultivator.

As the season for using wheel cultivators is now at hand, a little description of the Robbin Cultivator will no doubt be of interest to our readers, many of whom have heard of its wonderful success both at fairs and in the field. Its object is to meet the want so long felt by the farmers in this State for a combined corn and fallow cultivator, as but very few farmers raise either corn or wheat exclusively—nearly all having more or less of both and not enough of either to buy separate machines. For many years it has been the study of inventors to meet this want, until now with but imperfect success. On the one hand they made a good corn cultivator and poor fallow cultivator, or vice versa. Finally one of our Michigan inventors, Col. R. B. Robbins, of Adrian, fully acquainted with the needs of farmers in his own State, to invent a cultivator that exactly filled this great want. As a corn cultivator it has a flexible frame, to which the shovels are attached, that can be instantly raised to pass a stone or stump bottom, or moved to the side to avoid hills not planted on the mark, or both raised entirely out of the ground in turning round, this all done with the feet of the operator, thus leaving both hands free to drive the team. The horses are spread wide apart, thus making it much cooler for them to work in a hot day, and it leaves an unobstructed view of the row ahead, so that the operator as he sits in his seat can see the row and team at the same time, and with both hands to drive the team and the feet to guide the frame, he can perfectly see his corn, easily getting over ten or twelve acres per day.

But it is as a fallow cultivator its advantages are most apparent, and the inventor in making the combination has not only reached the ideal of making it as good as any of the fallow cultivators, but has stepped beyond and made one that is very much superior. Herebefore the most successful cultivators have been what is known as a rigid cultivator—that is, the depth has been governed entirely by the wheels. This is smooth, clean, level ground without deep furrows worked well, but about the wheel drop in a deep furrow, or any uneven spot, or straddle a ridge, the shovels would at once go down too deep for the team. And on the other hand should the wheel run over a stone or root, or straddle a wheel or furrow, the blades were thrown entirely out of the ground; but in the Robbin's frame to which the shovels are attached are entirely independent of the wheels, and adjust themselves perfectly to the ground, always running a uniform depth, thus giving light draft and never tearing up sods. Besides by this arrangement the driver's weight is carried on the wheels instead of on the shovels, adding no more to the draft than riding or walking with a sulky; at the same time should the ground be very hard he can instantly put his whole weight on the shovels, and either way can thoroughly pulverize the hardest clay knolls, removing the weight at pleasure when mellow ground is reached, instead as in the others making them bury out of sight and draw head in soft ground. Then, too, any boy can instantly throw the shovels out of the ground to pass a stone or stump bottom, or in turning around, as fifty pounds weight on the handles will lift them out, while in the old style not only a large heavy frame is to be lifted, but the driver's weight, besides making it like the well known comparison of "lifting the mill by their boot heels." Such a perfect combination has never before met unparallel success. Their exhibition at the fair was a succession of triumphs. Finding no class in which to enter a combined cultivator at the last State fair held at Grand Rapids, and believing they had the best in either place, they "threw down the gauntlet" and entered in both, thus pitting against them every cultivator on the grounds, some thirty in number, representing all the leading cultivators in the market. As our readers are aware, the result was a complete triumph; the Robbin's was awarded the first premium as a corn cultivator and the first premium as a fallow cultivator, taking every premium offered on cultivators. The same week it was awarded the first premium at the Western New York State Fair, at Rochester, showing how it is appreciated in the best farming country in the Eastern States. From the State fair the cultivator was exhibited at every district and county fair of importance in the State, some twenty in number, and that could be reached in the limited time, and without a single exception carried off the first premium where allowed to compete. Even in the counties where other cultivators were built, no very much superior was the Robbin's to the cultivators made in their own counties, the judges were compelled in honesty to lay aside their preference for home goods and awarded the "blue ribbon" to the Robbin's. Their success at the fairs has only been equalled by their trade this spring, as the manufacturers, Messrs. Dwight & Barrall, of Hastings, Mich., assure us they have already sold nearly 800 Robbin's cultivators in this State, and, from present prospects, it will require at least as many more to supply their trade. Although in its infancy, it has already acquired a trade in this State fully four times that of any other cultivator, conclusively showing its superiority to the old established cultivators.

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Kill those potato bugs with Paris Green. Wooding & Look have the "spizen."

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For Clothing go to the only exclusive clothing store in town—Corser Store, Train's Block. O. ALTHEA.

WALL PAPER AND WINDOW SHADES at West's.

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Five hundred lbs. Paris Green at Wooding & Look.

Biddy's Philosophy.

BY R. H. STODARD.

What would I do, if you were dead? And when do you think of dying? I'd stand by your bed, and hold your hand. And cry, or weep, or be crying! There's many a worse man than you—

ing to me as I saw nestled in the foot of the cradle, partly hidden in the blanket, with some of its horrible coils in full sight, and its head resting upon the largest snake I had ever seen since I had been in the country. The feeling was something awful, and I stood there for a few moments leaning upon the round handle of the bed I had caught up, not able to move, for my eyes were fixed upon the head of the hideous beast, and I expected every moment that the bed would wake and make some movement sufficient to irritate the snake, and then I felt the little thing must die.

What should I do? I asked myself as the horrible feeling of helplessness wore off. If I crept in and reached the cradle side unheeded, I dared not chop at the head for fear of injuring the child, for I could see that some of the force lay right across it. I dared not make a noise, lest the next moment the child should wake as well as the reptile, for I knew the rapidity with which the reptile could breathe fold after fold of the cradle, when attacked, and reaching up if of a poisonous nature, they strike in an instant. Thoughts came swiftly enough, but they were unavailing, for to wait till the baby woke, or to go in and attack the snake, seemed equally dangerous. Even if I made a slight noise, the snake might wake first, and glide off, the probabilities were just as great as the child might wake at the same time.

And so I turned over the chances again and again, my eyes all the while fixed upon the two sleeping occupants of the cradle, whose peaceful warmth had evidently attracted the reptile. "I went in and saw it there," whispered my wife, and then, without taking my eyes for an instant from the snake, I whispered the word "gun," and my hand went to my side. I did not know then, but she told me afterward, how she had carried the little boy to a distance and given him some flowers to play with, while she crept back to the bed, and reaching up at the kitchen window, brought me my gun, for I had not stirred. And now, as I grasped the piece in my hand, knowing as I did that she was loaded, it seemed of no use, for I dare not fire, with trembling hands, I felt in my pockets to see if there was a bullet in them, and then softly pulling out the ramrod, I unceremoniously ejected the worm, drew the wadding, removed the piece and laid the shot ball pattering out, when I softly forced down the bullet upon the powder, examined the cap, and stood ready waiting for a chance; for I thought that the shot might hit the child, and if ever so little, might have injured the child instead of its enemy.

And there we stood for quite half an hour, watching intently that writhing beast completely nestled in the blanket, expecting momentarily that the writhing body would awake, while my hand trembled so I could hardly hold the gun steady. The next moment I was thinking that I had done wrong in changing the charge, the next that I was right, then I fancied the gun might miss fire, or that I might slip my own child. A hundred horrible thoughts entered my mind before little Joe began to yell out to his mother, and she glided away while I muttered to myself, "Thank Heaven!" for she was spared from seeing what followed. As I sat on the edge of the cradle, the child and the snake were both in my view, and I saw the snake's head move, and his little arms thrown out, while from the motion beneath the blanket I saw that it must have kicked a little. Then there was a rapid movement, and the cradle, and as I glanced along the gun barrel, taking care, there was the whole of the horrible reptile exposed to view, coil gliding on coil, as it seemed to fill the cradle; and my gun, which I had charged with lead, should have been both so as to have disabled some parts of its body; but with only a single bullet, I felt that the head must be the part attacked when opportunity offered.

Gliding, gliding, one coil over another, quickly and easily, as it were, untying its knotted body, while now the head slowly rose from where it had been lying, and crept nearer and nearer to the child's head, the forked tongue darting in and out, and playing rapidly on either side of its hideous mouth. I could see the glance of the snake's eyes, and expected every moment to hear the hiss of the forked tongue as it came, and so it goes on, new beauties and wonders meeting the eye at every step. The ribbon forming the eye is generally found in a slanting surface, is one of the finest and most beautiful of different colors with borders and laminae, behind which lights are placed to show them off; curtains hanging in translucent folds are as delicate and finished as the finest embroidery, some having along the edge a band of darker shade which serves as a border. It takes about three hours to see it all.

Equality at Table. The social war still rages, says a Paris correspondent, respecting the custom of a host selecting from among his guests the most comfortable and the guests invited passing them in review before the company as he conducts them to the chief seats at the table. The abolition of this inhospitable institution, says a correspondent at a dinner table, there ought to be no alternation but a Spartan equality. The Russian plan is excellent, where the guests assemble and mix at a buffet, a sort of overture to the dinner, and make their acquaintance before the grand ceremony, to the dinner-table. In the eighteenth century the rule was for the ladies to enter the dining-room alone, those nearest the door passing in first; for any lady to make way for another of exalted station, the latter would consider the intended deference as an impertinence. The gentlemen afterward followed and took seats by choice.

Motto for the coopers' strike—"Hoop-la." carried it out to its mother, when, now feeling relieved of one horrible calamity, I obtained my shot-pouch from the kitchen, rammed down a charge upon the bullet, and cautiously went in search of the reptile. That glides, a silver dart, and safe beneath the shady thorn Defies the angler's art; My life was once that careless stream, That wanton trout was I; But love's unrelenting beam Has scorched my fortunes dry.

The little stork's peaceful lot In yonder cliff that grows, Which love the Linnet's sight, I wot, Was mine, till late lad o'er me passed, And blighted of my bloom, And now beneath the withering blast My youth and joy consuming.

The wretched larvock warbling springs And clime the early cry, Winning blithe his dewy wings In morning's rosy eye; As little rock's reverent power, Until the dewy sand is o'er, O' winking loon, in lullaby hour, Made me the thrall o' care.

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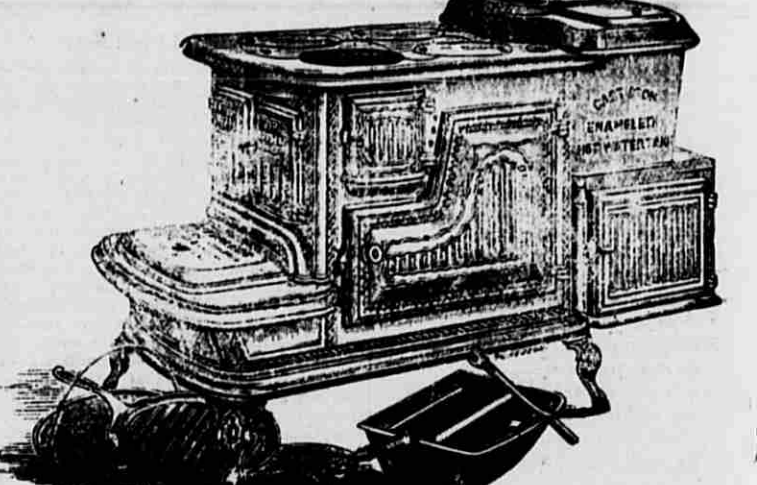
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