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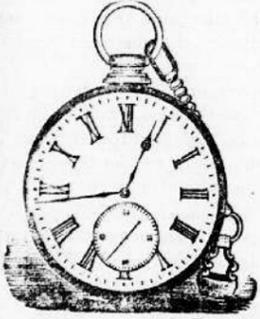
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MISCELLANEOUS.

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Watchmakers and Jewelers.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

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May 28, 1873-14.

NEW ORLEANS

—and—

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PACKET

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AND WILL RUN HER REGULARLY
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For Freight or Passage
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future. The gates will be attended
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MISCELLANEOUS.

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Board per day for adults.....\$2 00
Board per week for adults.....12 00
Board per month for adults.....40 00
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May 7, 1873-3m.

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RED RIVER

—and—

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—OF—

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AT THIS OFFICE

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—and—

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Poetry.

HARVESTING.

BY M. M.

Heavy with the golden grain,
Bithely comes the loaded wain
From the field of wheat and barley;
Flowing with the sun-set's light,
Scending shades of gold so bright
Through the oaken branches gnarly.

Now it winds o'er wooded hill,
Now across the tipping rill
Wend the farmer's richest treasure;
Till safe garnered 'neath the eaves,
Harvest's store of golden sheaves
Waits the sturdy thrasher's pleasure.

Softly on our listening ears,
Through the lip-e of many years
Falls the sacred promise given;
Till the earth shall pass away,
Till the bright eternal day,
Till the rocks in twain are given.

'Mid the scenes of war and peace
'Seed time and harvest shall not cease.'
But blessing upon blessing heaped;
Never changing, still remaineth,
While the Lord in glory reigneth,
Harvests shall be sown and reaped.

In the morning sow the seed
And at eve out-stretch the hand,
Gather faith for all thy need
From the lesson of the land;
Forth the sturdy reapers go,
Bringing in the golden grain,
Thou shalt find it ever so,
No good seed is sown in vain.

Forth into the world's broad fields
Go ye at the evening tide,
What of good the harvest yields
Workers will not be denied;
And when the reaper (Death) draws near
To claim the harvest of his own,
Like the full corn within the ear
May ye be gathered to the throne.

CUT THIS OUT AND KEEP IT.—Franklin Dyre, a highly respectable and intelligent farmer of Galena, Cent county, Md., gives the following as a sure cure for the bite of a mad dog. As will be seen, he has tested it, with the most gratifying result.

"Elecampane is a plant well known to most persons, and is to be found in many of our gardens. Immediately after being bitten, take one ounce of the plant—the green root is perhaps preferable, but the dried will answer, and will be found in our drug stores, and was used by me—slice or bruise, put it in a pint of fresh milk, boil down to half a pint, strain, and when cold drink it, fasting at least six hours afterwards. The next morning repeat the dose prepared as the last, and this will be sufficient. It is recommended that nothing be eaten for at least six hours.

"I have a son who was bitten by a mad dog some eighteen years ago, and four other children in the neighborhood were also bitten. They took the above dose, and are alive and well to this day; and I have known numbers of others who were bitten and applied the same remedy. It is supposed the root contains a principle which, being taken by the blood in its circulation, counteracts or neutralizes the deadly effects of the virus of hydrophobia. I feel so much confidence in this simple remedy that I am willing you should give my name in connection with this statement."

Several ingenious men give all their time to the invention of mechanical toys, in which America does over three-fourths of the entire trade. One young man professes to have earned \$100,000 from royalty on his toys, and several others have reaped small fortunes. A year or two ago a baby doll appeared in the toy-shop windows which would creep gently across the floor, turning its head from side to side as though seeking approval. About 10,000 of these little things were sold in one year, although their price was five dollars each. The heads, legs and arms are made to order in Germany, and the rest of the doll is made in New York. Upon this one toy \$50,000 was expended in one year, and its sale is increasing.

Has American Cotton Deteriorated?

A statement having been made, both in this country and Europe, that the quality of American cotton had deteriorated within the past ten years, the Commissioner of Agriculture, early last spring, prepared a circular upon this subject, and sent it to a large number of the leading cotton planters and cotton manufacturers. It contained two questions. First—"Has American cotton deteriorated in quality during the last decade?" Second—"If so to what cause is it attributable?" The general tenor of the answers run in this channel: "That while the quality of cotton now brought to market is inferior in condition to what was produced twelve years ago, that condition is attributable to causes which do not necessarily enter into the production and sale of the commodity." In support of this statement, it was remarked that "soon after the close of the war a large number of the most intelligent and progressive planters of the South were at great pains to procure good seed, giving in many instances as high as ten dollars per bushel for them. These seed were planted with care the cotton carefully picked and handled and sent to market, but when it reached the buyer these planters discovered that the buyer was not disposed to make any discrimination between his fine and clean cotton and the cotton of the careless planter, which might be full of notes and sand." This being the case planters paid more attention to the quantity of cotton they raised than the quality, and that is the offered explanation of what deterioration there is truly observable in cotton raised in the United States in 1872, and that raised in 1858 and the two following years. As the quality of our cotton rules that of the world, it is highly important that the home standard should be restored to its old mark.

A PUZZLE.—"On Friday last a young lady of this village," says the Saratogian, "received a letter out of the post office. Hastily opening it, she attempted to read it, but it was a puzzle, as she found it a n impossibility to decipher many of the words and sentences; and those that she did seemed to convey no intelligence, or to have the slightest particle of sense in them. She asked a young gentleman friend to assist her in reading it. He looked at the mysterious missive and smiled. Her curiosity was aroused; she snatched the letter from his hand and attempted to read it and smile, but it was of no use. She handed it back to him. He gazed at it and smiled a little broader, but said nothing. Now she was vexed, and thought it real mean in him to laugh and not tell her what about. After laughing till he grew red in the face and his sides shook and ached, he handed it back to her saying, "Why, that is your own letter returned from the Dead Letter Office!"

A lover of a peculiarly practical turn of mind has been discovered. In one of his letters to his sweetheart he wrote: "I wish, my dear, that you would not write such long letters to me. If you were to bring an action for breach of promise against me, the lawyers would have to copy the correspondence between us, and charge fourpence for every folio of seventy-two words. The shorter the letters the more we shall save from the lawyers."