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I have bought not only a general assortment, as heretofore, of the best goods to be had in the fertilizer line, but believing the plan adopted by me for this season will be appreciated by my friends and will add to my trade, I have by buying direct elsewhere, been able to get low prices, and the farmers who kindly call on me before buying elsewhere will find that they will do themselves good service by so doing.

I believe my experience in selecting fertilizers—a specialty with me for years—and my knowledge of the wants of farmers in this section are worth something to my customers, as well as to myself, and in making selections their interests as well as my own are carefully considered.

My stock, as heretofore, will consist of the best goods made, in fine mechanical condition, and will be full early and late, and farmers can get anything they want early and late in season.

As profits will be short, I must make the cost of handling just as small as possible, and will therefore not be able to sell through agents, or to sell out any but my own stock, and all such unnecessary expense will be saved by farmers who buy directly of me.

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Her Fatal Discovery.

Break our legends! He echoes in amazement. I don't understand you.

She regards him with a look that would freeze ice cream.

I regret, she returns haughtily, my inability to render my meaning more transparent. Permit me to suggest that you attend a bargain sale of dictionaries.

Pardon me. Of course I understand, but I do not comprehend. You cannot be serious.

I certainly am.

But what have I done? he asks, in a voice puffly with anguish. Have I not been as devoted a lover as ever woman had?

I suppose so, she admitted.

Then why do you wish to puncture my life? Clarinda, I love you as I do my bicycle. You are the chain on my spoked, the air in my tires. Deprived of the oil of your affection, the lamp of my existence would go out forever, and I should be pinched by the copper of death.

The girl's face softened, but did not lose its air of determination.

Don't look at me like that. Your eyes stir me like a pudding. You have indeed been the most ardent of lovers, but after such a discovery I cannot change my resolution. Our engagement must be fractured.

Discovery! What discovery?

Alas! she cries, that I should have to tell it! Last night when you tightened my saddle I saw that your wench—Heavens! how I blush at the recollection—is of a '96 model. Do you think I can marry you now?

With a wall of utter despair the young man rushes from the house and jumps on a cross town car.—New York Journal.

Two Uses for Money.

Money is what it will do. A piece of money was seen "doing" what it never made for, in front of the Mail and Express office this morning. A smoker had a cigar and a match, but no convenient place to strike a light. The sole of his shoe was damp, and he may have had an esthetic reluctance to join that ignoble army that marks buildings with salspeter scars. He fumbled in his change pocket, found a half dollar, struck his match upon it, and walked away serenely puffing the long cigar of the Havana.

Not every wearer of eye-glasses knows that a piece of paper money is the best thing with which to polish glasses. Sometimes the clean, soft handkerchief carried for the purpose fails to remove that blur on the glass that so vexes the wearer. A bill of any denomination, but not too new, will, if used in place of the linen make the lens like crystal in a moment. The action may look like vulgar ostentation of wealth, but it costs nothing at all.—New York Mail and Express.

Cleanliness is Health.

Cleanliness of body.
Cleanliness of mind.
Cleanliness of clothes.
Cleanliness of air.
Cleanliness of food.
Cleanliness of drink.
Cleanliness of surroundings.

Be justified in all your acts.
Let each day justify its existence.
Be moderate in all things; that is, let rest balance exercise, fasting balance feeding.

Let the night's rest clear off the debt of the day's fatigue.

Let the day's work utilize the recuperated energy of the night's rest.

There is no such thing as a moderate evil, and a "moderate drinker" is a contradiction.

Every death from disease is a premature death, no matter at what age it comes.—Herald of Health.

A Church Without Plaster.

Chicago is about to have a church devoid of plaster. The inner walls will be of brick. There will not be even wooden window sashes, as the panes of glass will be set into the brick. It is St. Paul's Catholic church. The foundations are being laid directly on bedrock, which comes near the surface where it is being erected. The brick for the interior trimming is being especially pressed in fanciful designs. The church will be completed by the winter of 1898. It will be 200 feet long by 108 feet wide, and its two towers will be 32 feet square by 245 feet high.

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When Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., published the first edition of his great work, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, he announced that after 680,000 copies had been sold at the regular price, \$1.50 per copy, the profit on which would repay him for the great amount of labor and money expended in producing it, he would distribute the next half million free. As this number of copies has already been sold, he is now giving away, absolutely free, 500,000 copies of the most complete, interesting and valuable common sense medical work ever published—the recipient only being required to mail him, at above address, twenty-one (21) one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent post-paid. It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. Containing 1008 pages, profusely illustrated. The Free Edition is precisely the same as that sold at \$1.50, except only that the books are in strong manilla paper covers instead of cloth. Send now before all are given away.

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It is one of the advantages of rough rocky land that it cannot often be cultivated nor ever very thoroughly, the surface soil is pretty sure to be filled with white clover seed. It is said to be natural to such land, and means that it has long occupied the soil that there is plenty of seed to grow whenever it has a fair chance. It is an excellent pasture grass, as its roots run near the surface and quickly respond even to light rains, which will not revive other grasses. It is greatly helped by a dressing of gypsum. On long cultivated ground, especially where no clover has been thickly seeded, there will be a little white clover visible. But even there it is often ready when it gets the chance. If the first clover crop is alike, which does not sprout after its first cutting, a vigorous growth of aftermath clover will often be found, though before the alkali was out, the white clover was too small except for eyes that were sharply looking for it to see.—American Cultivator.

Happy All the Year.

A New England paper says that the Texas negroes are happy only in watermelon season. According to an enthusiastic Texan this is all rubbish. He says in the first place that Texas 'possums are ripe in October, and the crop is bigger than that of all other States combined. With the springs full of coffee in the spring-time, the summer filled with watermelons, the autumn and winter with 'possums and sweet potatoes, and all the seasons percolated with revivals, camp meetings, and baptisms, the Texas negroes are the happiest mortals in this world all the year round. It looks as if the Texan had the best of the argument.—New York Evening Sun.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

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Theories Fall in Practice.

Men are now living who heard the eminent scientist, Professor Silliman, declare in a lecture at Yale college, after a careful mathematical calculation, that no boat could contain a sufficient amount of coal to propel it across the Atlantic ocean. It is not likely that he ever dreamed that ships would be constructed which could contain and consume nearly 3,000 tons on a single voyage.

Theories about the gold standard are just as wide of the mark as was Prof. Silliman's.

A Chesterfield Retort.

When Lord Chesterfield was in his last illness, and his death was only a matter of a few weeks, his physician advised him to go for an easy drive in his carriage, and he went out. As the equipage was proceeding slowly along it was met by a lady, who remarked pleasantly to the great invalid, "Ah, my lord, I am glad to see you able to drive out!" "I am not driving out, madam," answered Chesterfield. "I am simply rehearsing my funeral."

Cleaning a Bicycle.

Many cyclists don't give care and attention to their wheels from the fact that they find it troublesome to get at the different parts. They either leave it to the wheel agent something while they are working at some defective part or hold it with one hand while they do the best they can with the other toward the work they desire to accomplish. For all such riders it might be well to suggest that they grasp the front and rear fork on the same side of the wheel and turn it over on the saddle and handle bars, thereby giving them access to any part of the machine and at the same time allowing them the use of both hands. This will be found a most convenient way for cleaning the wheel.—Hardware.

A Horrible Murder.

The story of a horrible murder mystery in Washington county is published in a branch near the south fork of the Holston river there was discovered the body of a young white girl, which had been cut into three pieces and stored in a barrel. The remains were covered up with sediment from the branch. It is said that a young girl of the community has been missing for some time and that there are circumstances surrounding her disappearance which may bring about a solution of the murder.

Taking a Mean Advantage.

"You don't seem to be at all afraid of asking papa's consent."

"Then why do you put it off?"

"Because I'm going to strike him the day before the county convention."

"I don't see."

"Maybe you don't. But I'm the only man in the city who can control the Forty fifth ward, and he can't get along without me.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Electric Power at Richmond.

A project for utilizing the immense water power at Richmond, for the production of electricity is now assuming definite shape. It is believed that when the enterprise is established it will do more for the material development of Richmond than all the other enterprises attempted. There is more than 10,000 undeveloped horse power in the James River at this point, which if converted into electric power would be of great benefit, not only to present manufacturers, but would also tend to bring other manufacturers to the city.

His Little Game.

Dr. Tombs—the bigamist who died last night was up to his tricks to the last.

Mrs. Tombs—How so, Galen?

Dr. Tombs—All four of his wives were sobbing at his bedside, and just before the end he promised to meet them all in heaven. As he said it he turned his head and winked slyly at me, and soon after died with a triumphant grin on his lips. The second had no intention of going there.

The New Portrait.

I am now finishing your portrait, baron.

You need not take the trouble to finish it, but just painting another, at they have just made me an Earl.—El Correo.

Her Dream.

Oh, Walter, I had a lovely dream last night. I dreamed I was in heaven.

What were you doing there?

Shopping.—Detroit Free Press.

There are said to be over 100 female pupil orators in this country.

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Any new or useful art, machine, manufacture or method may be patented.

Mr. Knebb, a prosperous Norfolk county farmer, is looking for a man who has violated his confidences to an annoying degree. While driving home one day last week Knebb saw an elderly man sitting by the roadside, and became interested in him. The stranger claimed to be wealthy, and said he was prospecting for a farm. He gave his name as Walker, and said he was from Louisville, Ky. Knebb invited the stranger home with him, and the stranger was accepted, and the Kentuckian prolonged his stay for several days. When his host arose one morning the visitor was missing, as well as all of Knebb's saving, his gold watch, and a pistol.

Last Thursday evening a negro tramp went to the residence of Mr. John Little, in Sussex county, during his absence, and demanded of Mrs. Little all the money in the house. She went to the bureau as if to get the money, but instead she ran from the house crying, and she was followed by the negro, who ran in great pain, while Mrs. Little discharged the contents of the other barrels at him. It is not known whether the negro's wounds proved fatal.

A Horrible Tragedy occurred at Piney Grove near Salem, Roanoke county last Thursday.

It seems that bad blood had existed between Basil Ridge and James Smithers for some time past. Thursday evening Ridge waylaid Smithers on the roadside and emptied a double-barrel gun into him, nearly severing his right arm. The doctors say the wounded man will die.

Don't Buy Blind!

We say a man is blind when he don't use his eyes or his mind, when he parts with his money without being sure of getting the thing he was after. He wants

for instance. He puts off buying till some warm day compels him to buy. Then he turns in at the handiest place, wherever he happens to be, or is pulled in by some foot-catcher. In either case he is blind.

The way to buy wisely is to go to a proper merchant, one that keeps Good Clothes, that deals honorably and generously, corrects mistakes, his own of course, yours too; look! try on, and buy with your eyes and mind. DON'T BUY BLIND!

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