The Daily News.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 16, 1866.

ROMANCE AMONG WIDOWS.

The Arts of Bereaved Affection—A Sad Case of Misplaced Confidence—In Wedlock, But Out of Funds.

[From the Dubuque Herald.]

About two months ago there landed upon the hospitable shores of America, a widow lady from Germany, who, fat, fair and forty, had come to this land in quest of some new and strange adventure. Hers was a heart of a warm and gushing nature, that sighed in its loneliness, and having, by the cruel stroke of fortune, been deprived of that staff on which she had a legal right to lean during this earthly privilege, she was resolved to replace it with another from among the gallant sons of the far West. She stopped but a short time in New York, but pushed on to Chicago, looking with patient hopefulness for the man who was willing to clasp her one hundred and ninety pounds of solid averdupois to his arms. But he came not, and she journeyed onward, and at the close of a pleasant summer's day was set down at the railroad station at Dunleith.

Being accustomed to move in the first circles of society, she hired out as a domestic at a restaurant, in this city, and her warm and affectionate disposition soon made a profound impression upon the susceptible hearts of all who were brought within her influence. Her personal attractions were irresistible, and for her smile and loving caresses more than one phlegmatic admirer was ready to drop down upon his knees in humble adoration. This was all very well so far as it went, but the fair woman wished for something more definite and tangible. A declaration prompt and unequivocal, a few deep gasps, and the words, "will you be mine?" were what she prayed for, but alas, her admirers were all of the bashful order, and would not come up to the sticking point. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," and she finally grew moody and dissatisfied, and last week she quit work and announced her intention of returning to Germany. She stated that she had $1500 in drafts on New York, and $300 in her possession at Dunleith, and if this could not bring a husband she should fly to some more congenial clime.

To a few of her more intimate acquaintances she confided her grief, and told them she would remain here if she could find a husband. She was wasting her sweetness on the desert air. No one was disposed to pluck the blossoms which bloomed and shed a rich perfume around her pathway, and out of sympathy for her condition, her friends introduced her to a young man of plastic brains in Dunleith, whom we will call Nick. He soon learned of her reported wealth, and was anxious to gain the prize. Visions of railroad shares, bank stock, stately dwellings, and broad lands danced in his brain. In imagination he saw himself in a home surrounded by all the appliances of wealth, with troops of children clambering on his knees and yelling daddy, while, conspicuously in the foreground stood the fair widow, her countenance beaming with delight at the scene. Such an opportunity was not to be missed. Cupid's brow might never again be bent for his breast, and with the sweet rolling down his manly cheeks in torrents, he proposed, and was accepted.

The other day they were married. For a brief time they revelled in the delights of the honeymoon, and were transported, as the spiritualists say, to the forty-seventh sphere of human happiness. Nick was now possessed of his wife, and as soon as the rule of courtesy would permit, he intimated that a sight of the gold and greenbacks, the same whereof he had heard so much, would afford his visual orbs the most supreme satisfaction. Like a devoted wife, she flew to her trunk for the purpose of placing her treasure in the hands of her husband, when lo and behold the valuables were gone. The row that ensued can better be imagined than described. The dreams of Nick in regard to his future wealth were dashed to the ground, and, full of indignation, he accused her of being a base impostor. She insisted that she had been robbed, but the general opinion among the knowing ones is that she never had any drafts. An inquiry into her past history has elicited the fact that her former reputation was none of the best, and, put the matter in Shakspearean style, "she has been blessed with a son for her cradle ere she had a husband for her bed."

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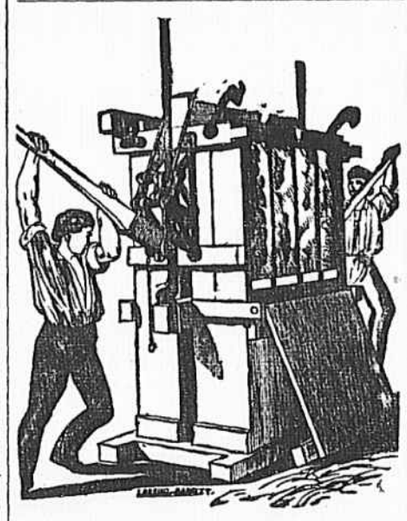

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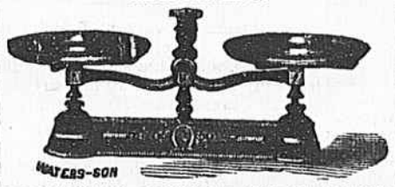

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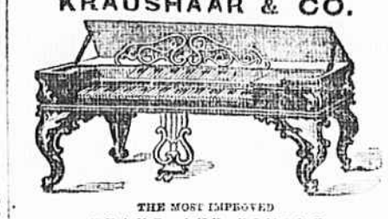

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