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Succession of Berthol Monson and
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dience to a decree of sale ren-
dered by the Hon. the Parish Court
of the parish of Assumption, on the
6th of July, 1877, I will offer for
sale at public auction, on the pre-
mises in Brule Dalferes of this parish,
to the highest and last bidder on
Wednesday, August 8th, 1877,
between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2
P. M. the following described prop-
erty belonging to the above succe-
sion, to-wit:

1st. A tract of land situated in
the parish of Assumption, at the
place known as Brule Dalferes,
measuring three arpents, more or
less, front on a depth of seven ar-
pents, more or less, between paral-
lel lines, bounded above by land of
Robert Maurin, in the rear by land
of Trasmont Melançon, below by
land of Julien Acosta, and in front
by a public road leading to the
main public road of said Brule; to-
gether with all the buildings and
improvements thereon and there-
unto belonging to the exception of
the buildings and improvements
belonging to Vincent Fernandez
thereon.

2nd. Another tract of land sit-
uated at the same place as the pre-
ceding and a little below it, meas-
uring two arpents, more or less,
front on a depth of seven arpents,
more or less, between parallel lines,
bounded above by land of Desiré
Acosta, in the rear by land of Tras-
mont Melançon, below by land
of Oscar Martinez, and in front by
a public road leading to the main
public road of said Brule; together
with all the buildings and improve-
ments thereon.

3rd. A lot of farming imple-
ments, plows and one corn mill.

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sented by the notes of the purchaser
payable to the order of the admin-
istrator of said succession, with in-
terest from and after maturity until
paid at the rate of eight per cent
per annum, and secured by the
vendor's privilege and special mort-
gage under the pact de non aliendi
on the lands sold; the purchasers,
in case suit or other judicial pro-
ceedings be instituted to recover
payment of said notes or any part
thereof, shall pay ten per cent on
the amount sued for, including
principal and interest, for attor-
ney's fees, the same to be also se-
cured by the same privilege and
mortgage as the notes above men-
tioned.

N. B. Actual corporeal possession
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"Men of Straw"—The Origin of the Phrase.

It would seem that the above
designation is not exclusively ap-
plicable to the particular class of
men who have borne it in
more modern times—in other
words, that the despicable class
of individuals who, in ages gone
by, have constituted the "men of
straw" equally flourished, and
were patronized in the courts of
modern Europe and ancient
Greece. We are assured, indeed,
by a clever writer in one of the
London quarterlies (the number
we forget), that in the courts of
ancient Greece, even, a class of
men answering precisely to the
description given in our caption
was to be found; and from the
fact (notorious as it would seem)
that "Athens abounded in straw
shoes," the inference is pretty
plain that convenient witnesses
were by no means scarce among
the highly cultivated citizens of
Athens. The writer would seem
to intimate, also, that, as in
Westminster Hall, formerly,
"these Men of Straw" walked
openly in court, with a straw in
one of their shoes, to signify they
wanted employment as witness-
es," so the probability would
seem to be that, while in the
Greek courts downright perjury
was manifestly connived at by
the judges, so, in Christianized
England, many years ago, men
could easily be found to give any
evidence upon oath that might
be required—and hence origi-
nated the saying, "he is a Man of
Straw." The custom, however,
has high antiquity, and, as com-
mented upon by the writer in
the Quarterly Review, assumes
an interest (we had almost said
a fascination) not easily to be
resisted. We copy his conclu-
ding remarks, verbatim, leaving
to the reader to infer how full
of novel and exciting matter the
Quarterly correspondent's com-
munication must be. "We have
all heard of a race of men" (so
the writer concludes his article)
"who used, in former days, to
ply about our own courts of law;
and who, from their manner of
making known their occupation,
were recognized by the name of
strawshoes. An advocate or
lawyer who wanted a convenient
witness, knew by these signs
where to find one; and the collo-
quy between the parties was
brief. 'Don't you remember?'
said the advocate—the party
looked at the fee, and gave no
sign; but the fee increased, and
the powers of memory increased
with it—'To be sure I do.'
'Then come into court and swear
it.' Only we might be supposed
to be leaning in that mean weap-
on, flattery, we could mention
the names of great cities, names
whose names were never heard
before, and whose names could
be found as well as in Athens.

ALL SORTS.

The merchant sits at his lonely store,
Wondering why times are tight,
Expenses of all kinds by the score,
And nothing that happens is right;
Bills falling due, he ruined he cries,
And still he sits there, and won't ADVER-
TISE.

A man looked at his ulster
this morning, and fondly carress-
ing it, put it in a handy place
with the remark, "I may need
you yet before the summer is
over."

"Postal card proposals," read
Miss Pert indignantly, from the
Washington news: "If a man
has not got stamps enough for a
letter he has not got stamps
enough to be married. No cards
for me if you please.

—An importer of German lot-
tery tickets is St. Louis has been
somewhat astonished to find
that he has been defrauding
the custom-house. It is claimed
that the tickets come under
the head of "printed paper," and
are therefore subjected to entry.

It is human nature the world
over—the ice man leaves a cake
of ice at your door and says it
weighs eight pounds, and three
minutes later, when you weigh
it on the scales, you find that it
has dwindled down to five
pounds. The heat you know.

—The Corry (Pa.) Telegraph
says that it has just been dis-
covered that one of the unsuc-
cessful candidates for postmas-
ter there had a place in his house
filled with open edged cigar box-
es at which he practiced through
the winter distributing the mail.

—Alongside of a submerged
rock which divers brought up in
Newport, R. I., harbor a few
days ago, were found seventy-
five pounds of copper lying in
regular plaits, which had been
rubbed from the bottom of
steamboats which had struck
against it.

—Lena Dale wrote to a friend,
before jumping into the river in
Louisville: "When you receive
this my body will be floating
peacefully in the water." She
was rescued, and in prison she
said, referring to the letter,
"And now to think I'm only in
the caboose."

—French comic journals are
in despair. The present politi-
cal situation had opened to them
a magnificent field for satire;
and now they are officially noti-
fied that no illustrations likely
to prove obnoxious to any of
the foreign Governments will be
tolerated.

—Unlike bees, ants have two
or three queens to a nest. There
are three distinct classes—the
imperfect females, (the workers),
the males and the perfect fe-
males. Two ants working at a
time are apparently sufficient
to supply a nest of three or four
hundred with food. When Sir
John Lubbock first noticed two
working for a whole nest he
thought they might be individ-
uals remarkably fond of work,
so he removed them. Two oth-
ers took their places in foraging,
and as soon as these two were
also removed two others took
their places.

—A Manchester mechanic has
invented a horseshoe composed
of three thicknesses of cowhide
compressed into a steel mould,
and then subjected to a chemi-
cal preparation. Its inventor
asserts that it lasts longer than
the common shoe and weighs
only one-fourth as much, never
splits the hoof, and has no other
injurious influence on it; requires
no calks, even on asphalt; is so
elastic that the horse's step is
lighter and surer, and adheres
so closely that neither dust nor
water can penetrate between the
shoe and the hoof.