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FRESH TOPICS.  
A "National Hard Money Convention" is to be held at Cincinnati on the 25th of October.

The area of the Southern States is nearly 507,000,000 acres. There are 55,000,000 of acres under cultivation.

Or the 255,000 headstones just finished to mark the resting places of Union soldiers in the national cemeteries, 195,000 are graves for the unknown.

A son of Jonathan Rodwell, of Middle-town, Conn., ceased to lay, a few weeks ago, and rapidly fattened up his skin so could scarcely walk, when she was killed, and a mass of ten full-sized eggs and a number of smaller ones taken from her.

The richest woman in America is the wife of Prof. Gammel, formerly of Brown University, Rhode Island. She has an income of at least a million a year, her father's estate, which she has just inherited, being estimated at fully \$20,000,000.

"A SUFFERER," who wrote to a Chicago editor asking what course to adopt in order to relieve himself and his family from the nuisance of being kept awake at night by the barking dogs of a near neighbor, was recommended to try strychnine in a piece of raw beef.

CHICAGO Tribune: "Copy was out. The devil picked up a paper and said, 'Here's something 'About a woman'—must I out it out?' 'No!' thundered the editor; 'the first disturbance ever created in the world was occasioned by the devil fooling about a woman.'"

FRANK NORTON resigned a position as Clerk in the Interior Department to become a professional ball-player. He married a young Brooklyn girl with a maiden name worth half a million, and the considerable old creature gracefully withdrew from this world, leaving the property to her niece.

The Centennial Board of Finance announce that, in addition to collections and subscriptions already made, \$1,000,000 will be required for building purposes alone in the last four months of this year, and make further appeal for aid to citizens of Philadelphia and the country at large.

JOHN WELSH, President of the Centennial Board of Finance, estimates the total cost of the exhibition at \$8,500,000. The city of Philadelphia and the State appropriations, together with private subscriptions, reach \$3,000,000. The stock basis will thus be about \$5,500,000, and this, it is expected, will be met by admission fees and sale of materials after the exhibition.

The London papers are giving deserved attention to the case of a little girl who was sentenced by the magistrates at Spalding to imprisonment for a fortnight and a reformatory for four years, for plucking a geranium flower. "British justice," as thus illustrated, would appear to be in the hands of grim and dyspeptic giants such as the bugbears in nursery tales.

MILWAUKEE is entitled to be classed as the beer capital of America. That city, with its 100,000 inhabitants, consumed during the month of June 28,327 barrels of lager, making 14,050,192 glasses, at a cost of \$705,509.60 to the consumers. As half of the population may be assumed to be miners, below the beer-drinking age, the remainder must have taken ten glasses each per day.

At Alhambra, Sicily, hogs have the free entry of the house, and move about on very familiar terms with families. Not long ago a rich proprietor came home from hunting, and set up his gun against the wall of his room, when one of the inmates, a hog, knocked it down by accident, and wholly unintentionally, and sent a ball whizzing into the wealthy farmer's leg, which had to be amputated.

An unfortunate New Yorker afflicted with sleeplessness wrote to a metropolitan journal for instructions how to woe the drowsy god, and received the following answer: "We assure 'Sleeplessness' that his case is one of thousands. There is an old prescription which recommends the perusal of a chapter of the Patent Office reports before retiring. This will either produce sleep or death. We forget which, but we recommend you to try it."

The Postmaster-General has definitely decided to change the system of Postmasters' bonds. Hitherto the amount of the bonds has been determined by the sales of postage-stamps. They are now to be rated according to the receipts from stamp sales for one month only. The regulation for postage in smaller cities will not be the same as those of larger cities. One of the arguments in favor of smaller bonds from government officials when it is considered with safety in that it is found that bondmen in frequent instances seem to over the official, for they have become strenuous for the control of appointments under him.

The longest contest in Michigan for the admission of homeopathy to instruction in the medical school of the State University at Ann Arbor has at length been closed by the establishment of two homeopathic professorships and the appropriation of \$6,000 by the Legislature to pay salaries. The law requiring the giving of homeopathic instruction was passed just twenty years ago, but has been contested by the Regents of the

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University; at first, on the ground that the Regents were supreme in such matters, in regard to which the Supreme Court of the State was evenly divided; second, on the ground of the lack of funds. But, the funds having been supplied, the Professors have now been appointed—Dr. J. C. Morgan, of Philadelphia, and S. A. Jones, of Englewood, N. J. Moreover, the State Medical Society have voted not to show fight.

OHIO NEWS.  
WILLIAM McOURE, a laboring man, was drowned in Sciota river at Columbus, while watering horses.

This Clark County Prohibitionists have put a full ticket for county officers into the field.

Ontio postal affairs: Established—Russell, Geauga county; Jacob Chase, Postmaster. Postmasters Appointed—Bainbridge, Ross county, W. P. Boardman; York, Union county, H. C. Moffit.

At the grand opening of the new billiard hall at the Merchants' Hotel, in Dayton, the game between Louis Shaw, of Chicago, and Henry Choate, of Cincinnati, resulted: Shaw, 150; Choate, 144.

MISS SHELLEY, M. D., died June 9 at Massieville, Northern India. She was a daughter of Dr. Seelye, of Cleveland. She was connected with the Woman's Union African Mission in Calcutta. Miss Seelye was on her vacation trip, and died of typhoid fever.

NEAR Zaleski, on Monday last, an express train on the Marietta and Cincinnati railroad ran through a culvert which had been washed out by the rain, killing James Powell, the fireman, and breaking the thigh and arm of Engineer Cooter. No passengers were injured.

JOHN NOBLE, a highly respected farmer, 60 years of age, living near Milbury, Ottawa county, killed his wife one night last week, by beating her with a club and cutting her throat. The alleged cause was infidelity. He surrendered to the authorities.

TWO LITTLE boys, aged 8 and 5 years, were drowned in the Ohio river at Cincinnati, a few days ago. A man saw the boys fall into the water, and ran home to change his pants before going into the water to rescue them. When the aquatic returned the boys were drowned.

A SEVERE storm of rain and wind passed over Marietta, on Thursday night of last week, causing a heavy loss of property. The five-story warehouse of the Marietta Chain Company, filled with furniture, was blown down, and with its contents, destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, and no insurance.

At Columbus, one night last week, Henry Wright, colored, bet a friend that he could drink a quart of raw whisky and eight glasses of beer inside half an hour. He won the bet, but the Coroner returned a verdict that the said Wright came to his death from an overdose of whisky and beer, drank in too short a time.

H. S. RICH, the defaulting agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was taken before the Mayor of Columbus, on Monday last, and discharged, no one appearing against him. This is in accordance with the terms of a compromise made between his attorneys and the railway officials, Rich giving such information as may lead to the recovery of most of the \$8,000 embezzled by him and lost in gambling.

REPORTS from all portions of Southern Ohio give gloomy accounts of continual rains and damage to the crops. The Big Miami river at Cleves has risen at the rate of six inches per hour, and the bottoms are all under water. Three thousand acres of corn between Cleves and Lawrenceburg are flooded. At Morrow a terrible rain-fall occurred, and the Little Miami river is reported as flooding the town.

New patents issued to citizens of this State: Vehicle seats, John R. Hill, Republic; gimlet seats, Thaddeus P. Carr, Yellow Springs; pilot wheel corn drills, James Campbell, Harrison; a knife, Douglas, Robert Tyhurst, Dresden; knitting machines for making billon fringes, Edward P. Curtis, Norwalk; gun-fringing apparatus, Silas Sparks and John W. Sparks, Downsville; earth augers, J. P. Simmons, Tiffin; butter preserving devices, J. Wilhelm, Orrville.

DR. PASCHAL BEVERLY RANDOLPH, who claimed to be a nephew of John Randolph, of Virginia, and the author of "Preadamate Man," and a large number of physiological, spiritual, and theological works, and the founder of the sect known as Rosicrucians, committed suicide at Toledo, a few days ago, by shooting himself through the head. Randolph had been on a drunken spree for several days, and was morbidly jealous of his wife. He was about 50 years of age, a ripe scholar, and had traveled all over the world, but was a fanatic as to religious matters.

A SILENT death occurred at Cleveland one day last week. Alfred Chase purchased a bottle of biters of a drug-gist. Proving satisfactory, he recommended them to a relative, who tested the biters, which made him very ill. The druggist told Chase the action of the relative when Chase called for the bottle and took a liberal drink. In a few minutes he complained of feeling ill, and soon becoming helpless, was carried back to the drug store, where he soon died. The post mortem revealed the fact that he died from a dose of corrosive poison. The physician is of the opinion that there is no poison in the biters, as he tested them himself.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.  
The East.  
A man named Miller was killed by his own son at Brunswick, Me., the other day. Miller was engaged in the pleasant occupation of beating his wife, when the son interfered and shot him.

Mr. Beecher's hundred thousand dollar salary is a good thing undoubtedly, but the Plymouth people do not appear to be willing to fork over the amount. It was ascertained that not more than three thousand dollars of the amount has been tendered, and that the congregation will be obliged to look to outsiders for the balance.

The bad-smelling Tilton-Beecher volcano threatens to burst forth again. Theodore Tilton's counsel here notified Mr. Beecher that he would move for a new trial of the case on the 1st of September.

There is a lock-out in all the mills of Fall River, Mass., and 15,000 operatives are idle. The infants of New York City are dying at the rate of 100 a day, chiefly from cholera infantum.

The New York Times prints a statement to the effect that Donaldson, the missing balloonist, is not dead, but is alive and well in Michigan. Little credence is placed in the story.

There is considerable excitement in the oil regions of Pennsylvania over the discovery of rock oil wells of large capacity.

The miners in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania are said to be preparing for another contest with the operators.

FOSTER BROTHERS, carpet-weavers of Brooklyn, N. Y., have failed. Liabilities, \$265,000.

THE WEST.  
In the Southern section of Illinois, known as "Egypt," during the month of July, the extraordinary amount of military stores of the rain fell. The wheat crop will prove almost a total failure, and corn, tobacco and hay have been seriously damaged.

O'LEARY, the Chicago politician, has failed in a second effort to walk 150 miles in 32 hours. Despite his failure, however, he did some fine walking. He walked his 150 miles in 32 hours and 7 minutes, and 100 miles in 20 hours and 14 minutes.

At Denver, Col., the other day, there was a wrestling-match between two athletes named Williams and McLean. The latter was thrown by the former, and sustained a dislocated shoulder. Cleveland who had been heavily on McLean, was so incensed at his losses that he drew his revolver and shot him dead. The murderer escaped.

The police of Chicago found the body of Frederick Burger in the lake, which at first they were sure was that of someone named Donaldson, and now they mourn the loss of the \$700 reward.

A bottle purporting to contain a card written by Newton S. Grimwood, Donaldson's associate in the recent disastrous balloon ascension from Chicago, was picked up on the beach near that city, a few days ago. Grimwood's friends doubt the genuineness of the card.

George L. Dunlap has been appointed and confirmed City Marshal of Chicago.

A convention of colored newspaper men was held in Cincinnati last week. Nearly all the newspapers in the United States under the control of colored men were represented.

WOODRUFF, late Treasurer of the Western Development Company, a San Francisco corporation, is the champion defaulter of the year. His "irregularities" are something over a million dollars.

Prof. King made a perilous balloon ascension from Bloomington, Iowa, a few days ago. He passed through a heavy thunder-storm, and narrowly escaped being struck by lightning. The rain freighted the balloon heavily, and caused it to fall rapidly, lodging in a tree near Okmuk, Ill., tearing and damaging it seriously, though not injuring the inmates.

A locomotive was thrown from the track of the Welsh railroad near Oatlin Station, Ill., on Thursday last, causing the death of the engineer and the serious wounding of the fireman. The cause of the disaster was a misplaced switch, done by some villain with the intention, it is believed, of robbing the express train. The following engine was wrecked: No. 10, which followed closely after the wrecked locomotive.

Secretary Irwin is on a visit to his "old Kentucky home."

Attorney-General Pierpont is after the Marshals in the Southern States with a sharp stick. He wants them to explain some of the extraordinary charges in their accounts.

Political.  
The majority of McCreery, Democrat, for Governor of Kentucky, it is estimated will be about 35,000.

Kentucky, Alabama and Texas have voted affirmatively on the question of calling State constitutional conventions.

General.  
President Grant is out driving at Long Branch when informed of the death of Andrew Johnson. He was visibly affected.

The recent rain-storms in Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and portions of Illinois and Missouri, were of unprecedented violence, and the damage entailed amounted to millions of dollars. Whole sections of country were inundated, and crops in the lowlands entirely destroyed.

The Irish population of the country celebrated in a spirited manner the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Daniel O'Connell, Aug. 6.

Foreign.  
Late advice from Cuba report the capture of an immense Government convoy and the routing of its escort by a band of patriots.

The Spanish Bank of Havana has refused to loan the Government of Spain another \$2,000,000 on account of the non-payment of previous loans.

Bochefer, the Communist leader, now sojourning in Geneva, recently challenged the noted Paris fighting editor, Paul de Cassagne. The latter replied with an excessively abusive letter, giving Bochefer the choice of weapons. The French chose pistols at five paces, which means death to both parties. For the first time in his life Cassagne, who is the hero of twenty-five or thirty duels, refused to fight on the terms proposed, and, according to the French code, is henceforth to be regarded as a coward.

The British Parliament has passed the bill for tunnelling the English channel.

The Bradford Weaving Factory, in Belfast, has been burned. Loss, \$750,000.

The harvest prospects in England and on the Continent are improving.

An immense meeting in favor of amnesty for Fenian convicts was held in Hyde Park, London, last week. It is estimated that 100,000 persons gathered around the various speakers' stands.

Colonel Valentine Baker, who committed an assault upon a young lady in a railway car, has been found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment for one year and to pay a fine of \$2,500.

Hon. L. A. Dossaulles, Clerk of the Crown and Peace for Montreal, Canada, has absconded, leaving behind him debts to the extent of about \$100,000.

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AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC.  
Follow Up the Plow.  
Heat times are upon us. And the people are in haste. The country's full of troubles. The earth is the sorcerer. 'Tis not without its cause, And we'll plainly tell you now, To make a pretty fortune— 'Tis to "follow up the plow."

CHORUS— Then follow up the plow, boys, Follow up the plow, boys, If you would build the country up, Then follow up the plow, boys, Follow up the plow, boys, Follow up the plow, boys, Just follow up the plow.

Fill up your fields and gardens, And sow your seeds and valleys wide, For the earth is the sorcerer, And we can tell you now, To make a pretty fortune— 'Tis to "follow up the plow."

CHORUS— There are no many ways, To make a fortune, boys, Who'd rather make a fortune, By some other means than work, Than follow up the plow, boys, Corn, wheat or cotton now, To make a pretty fortune— 'Tis to "follow up the plow."

AROUND THE FARM.  
Liquid manure from under the stalls is vastly more valuable than the solid mixed up in water.

TO KEEP SOLOS from the deprecations of mice, mix some pieces of camphor gum with the manure, and place in drawers or trunks will prevent mice from doing them injury.

PICK UP all the stones on your place and cart them off. It is not very pleasant business, but it is worth that should be done promptly and with great care. It is a much better to spend a few days in picking stones every spring than to have valuable time wasted and money required to repair broken mowing machines.

RUBBS FOR BARNS.—Take good papers and read them. Keep an account of farm operations. Do not leave implements scattered over the farm, exposed to snow, rain, and heat. Repair tools and buildings at a proper time, and do not suffer subsequent three-fold expenditure of time and money. See that fences are well repaired and cattle not grazing in the meadows or grain fields or on the farm.

A WRITER in the Agricultural Gazette cites his observation in reference to the healing of broken bones in cattle. An ox fractured his leg above the knee, a heifer broke her thigh, a compound fracture, another suffered a simple fracture, but, in spite of differing doctors these animals were turned out to take their chances, and each all actually made a good recovery in the course of a few weeks.

A NEW BREED OF SHEEP.—Wm. Crozier, in charge of an extensive farm on Long Island, is endeavoring to establish a firm new breed of sheep, produced by crossing Cotswolds and Southdowns. He has produced, says the American Agriculturist, a new breed of sheep, composed of combing wool, superior in quality and equal in weight with that of the pure Cotswold, and with as good quality of flesh as the Southdown, and one-half greater size.

A FAVORITE and rather new kind of manure for horses is coming into use, composed of two parts of oats, one of bran, and a half part of linseed. The oats are first placed in the stable bucket, over which is spread the linseed; boiling water is then added to the bran, and the mixture covered with an old rug, and allowed to rest five hours, after which the mass must be well stirred up. The bran absorbs while retaining the vapor, and the seeds binds the oats and bran together.

FLAVOR OF EGGS.—There is a vast difference in the flavor of eggs. Hens fed on clean, sound grain, and kept on a clean grass run, give much finer flavored eggs than those that have access to refuse and manure heaps and eat all kinds of filthy food. Hens feeding on fish and onions flavor their eggs accordingly, the same as cows eating onions or cabbage, or drinking offensive water, impart bad taste to the milk or butter. The richer the food the higher the color of the eggs. Wheat and corn give eggs the best color, while feeding on buckwheat, or drinking offensive water, imparts bad taste to the milk or butter. The richer the food the higher the color of the eggs. Wheat and corn give eggs the best color, while feeding on buckwheat, or drinking offensive water, imparts bad taste to the milk or butter.

A WRITER in the Chicago Tribune says: The carbon contained in the vegetable organism of which the coal is composed, and the bituminous matter also, together with the sulphur, lime and other mineral matter composing the coal, furnish substances which, when mixed with water, form a very good manure. We have for several years kept 500 hogs on the refuse of city streets, and had no cholera or other serious disease among them. They were allowed all the soft coal and rotten wood they would consume. Sometimes they would eat largely of it, and then again they would be left untouched for days at a time. We should not hesitate to allow hogs all the soft coal they wanted.

ABOUT THE HOUSE.  
PEARS CUT CARE.—Take 1 cup of butter, 1 cup of milk, 4 eggs, 2 cups sugar, and soda and nutmeg according to judgment.

MUFFINS.—One pint of milk, 4 cup sugar, a very little salt. Stir in flour sufficient to make a batter. Cook in rings over the fire.

A NEW HAMPSHIRE family keep their vinegar in a white lead keg, and were surprised the other day to find themselves badly poisoned.

DO NOT permit case knife blades or forks to stand in hot water. It expands the steel and cracks the handles. Ivory handles should never be placed in water.

FLUID GUM may be prepared by dissolving one pound of good glue in one pint of hot water, to which are added three ounces of nitric acid; after the evolution of nitrous vapors has ceased the liquid is cooled, when it is fit for use.

LOAF CAKE.—1 1/2 pounds of flour, 1/2 pounds of sugar, 1/4 pound of butter, 5 eggs, 1 pint of milk, 1 pound of fruit (raisins and currants), 1 teaspoonful of soda, spices, lemon, etc. Beat the whites and yolks of the eggs separately. Dissolve the soda in the milk. Some the raisins and rub them and the currants in a little of the flour to prevent them settling in the cake. Rub the whites and butter to a cream. Add the eggs, milk with soda, spices, lemon, sour, and lastly the fruit.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE.—With 1 quart of sifted flour mix thoroughly 2 teaspoonfuls of cream tartar and 1 of soda, or the equivalent of these in bulk. Sift the flour into a large bowl, and add the butter, rub in a bit of the butter

size of an egg, add a little salt, and sweet milk enough to form a soft dough. Roll half an inch thick and bake in a shallow pan 15 or 20 minutes; have ready two quarts of fine, fresh strawberries; split the cake, place the strawberries between, and cover thickly with white sugar and cream; put the other half on the top and cover in the same way; serve as soon as done.

CHRYSTIE.—Fifty years ago the art of carving was regarded by the most polished society in England and in this country as the indispensable accomplishment of every lady who had to preside at the head of her table. It was a reflection upon her fitness as a wife and mother that she should be ignorant of the choice parts of each dish. Fashion has changed all that, and the office of carving is now assigned chiefly to butlers and waiters; there is no reason why ladies should not know all the niceties of the art, and be able, when circumstances require, to preside with ease and skill at the head of the table. A good carving-knife, fork, and steel renders this office a pleasure to the accomplished carver.

First American Locomotive.  
In 1825 Mr. Cooper was in business in New York City. His mother and grandmother were both born on the present site of St. Paul's church, Vesey street and Broadway, and his mother remembered seeing the stockade still standing which had been erected to enclose the Indians out of infant New Amsterdam. Mr. Cooper had bought as a speculation the entire magnificent tract of land now owned by the Canton Company. Baltimore was then a city of 75,000 people, rich and prosperous, and had entered upon the railroad era.

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RATES OF ADVERTISING.  
Space, 1 w, 2 w, 3 w, 4 w, 5 w, 6 w, 7 w, 8 w, 9 w, 10 w, 11 w, 12 w.

Business cards of five lines or less, \$3 per annum. Local notices 10 cents per line each insertion. Simple announcements of marriages and deaths, and church and benevolent societies notices inserted free. Advertisements of 100 words or less, charged 5 cents per line.

THE DIFFICULTY IN RHYMING.  
We parted by the gate to Rome, That soft and balmy morning, Brought the sweetly breathing south— Can't find a rhyme for Rome.

Years were to pass ere we should meet, I loved her for her tender tears, And fondly would I—oh!—forget— Must I let it go?

Oh! how I dreamed in my youth— I loved her for her tender tears, And fondly would I—oh!—forget— Must I let it go?

I sorrowfully writ her name, While tears were on my cheek, My heart could not contain— And feeling like a—sage—sage— Must I let it go?

I gave her a last fond adieu— Sweet parting of love's school, I fondly would I—oh!—forget— Must I let it go?

What is that of which some will be less even when we have taken the whole? The word wholesome.

An Irish doctor lately sent in his bill to a lady; it commenced as follows: "To curing your husband till he died."

QUERIES FOR NATURALISTS.—If a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, is a mole on the face worth two in the ground?

A VEHICLE for a Joke—Ireland is usually described as the green isle of the sea; but it is not a joke, as the mark, seeing that it is a car-nation.

It is Smith undertakes to pull my ears, said Jones, "he will just have his hands full now." The crowd looked at the man's ears, and thought so too.

SINCE tight dresses are worn the street car conductor can tell just how many he can get on a seat, and how many he can't. He don't say "above up" any more.

A COLUMBIA Professor, reproving a youth for the use of his fists, said: "We fight with our heads here." The youth considered, and replied that hitting wasn't fair at his school!

"Doctor," asked a convalescent, "can I eat a bit of pork-chop or bacon this morning?" "Hardly," replied the Medics; "to eat the chop would be rash, and the bacon rasher."

DURWICK doctors give the boys a little and then follow them from the apple stand home, and by hanging around the house a few hours realize several hundred per cent. on their investment.

A WIDOW who had just lost her husband, was weeping bitterly for the dear departed. Her friends tried to console her. "No, no," said the fair mourner, "let me have my cry out. After that I shan't think anything about it."

"How's business now?" inquired one Nashville merchant of another. "Dull, fearfully dull," was the reply. "Is it not, my brother, as you say, just so with you and your business?" "No, no," said the merchant, "the business is as usual."

DURING a clerical conference, the following conversation was heard between two newboys: "I say, Jim, what's the meaning of so many ministers being here altogether?" "Why," answered Jim, "they're here to swap sermons."

THE other day when a Cass street youth heard of a boy who educated himself to become a great orator, he went home, got his school reader down and began: "The next page that sweeps from the clouds is the sun, and the sun is a boy who educated himself to become a great orator, he went home, got