He Was After Dickens.

"Do you want to hire a reporter?" inquired a red-nosed young man, as he thrust his illuminated olfactory into this office yesterday.

He was informed that we had all the help we required at present.

"Sorry—very sorry," he said bowing quite low; "just noticed by squib in newspaper that the immortal Dickens began life as a reporter; first I had heard of it. and concluded at once to begin that way myself. Dickens made a great success of it, and what has been done once can be done again."

We acknowledged that Dickens had made quite a hit.

"A decided hit," put in the young man, "and all I want is to start under the same auspices. Sure you have no place for me?"

"No place at present."

"Mighty sorry," replied the applicant; "have just been reading 'David Centrefield,' and am quite charmed with the author's style."

"David Copperfield, not 'Centrefield,'" we ventured to suggest.

"Perhaps you're right; yes, now I recollect, you are right; much obliged; been playing baseball lately, and have got names confused. Will be in town a few days, and hope you will not forget me if a vacancy should accur."

We promised to remember him, and the young man withdrew.

Protruding his beacon light once more, he said:

"Daniel Webster, Benjamin Franklin, and Napoleon Bonaparte also began life in newspaper offices; but I don't care for them; Dickens is the man I'm after," and he closed the door softly and went down stairs on his tiptoes.—*Oil City Derrick.*

Country Homes.

It is often to be observed, in passing through farming districts, that little care is evinced in the arrangments of farm homesteads. An ugly fence has been put around a square of land, a box of a house planted in the center, and a stable with a straw roof or no roof at all, in one corner, a kitchen garden on one side of the house and a hay yard at the other. If any shade, fruit trees or shrubs are seen about the premises, they only add to the confusion. On the spur of the moment, and in great haste of settlement, the occupants labored under a confused notion of what was needed to make a pleasant and convenient home. And having started out in this way they keep on year after year making no improvements; they cultivate no taste for the beautiful; they acquaint themselves with few, if any, of the comforts of an orderly and well arranged homestead.

Even on the best of farms, where the buildings and farms are good, there is an unpardonable carelessness in many respects. Currant bushes, gooseberry bushes, and the various berry-briars, with now and then a little firewood, or a luxuriant burdock all tangled with an impenetrable barrier, form the borders of the garden, while the fruit trees are scattered here and there, rough-barked and scrubby. A little order infused into the owner's constitution; a little care and attention given to what some regard as trifling maters about their premises, would make home blooming and attractive. No one has more opportunities to create home attractions, or a better right to enjoy them than the farmer. He should not let his opportunity pass.

Boxes on the Ear.

The blindness of the late King of Hanover, says, the London *Lancet*, was occasioned, it is understood, by an accidental and by no means violent blow upon the eye. Scarcely a day passes, we believe, without some schoolmaster (or schoolfellow, in natural imitation of his master) giving a lad a smart "box" upon the ear. Few persons would be bold enough to chose the eye as a part upon which it was expedient to inflict a violent blow by way of moral education, but there is apparently no end to the numbers who select an organ upon which violence is liable to be attended which more dangerous results. For not only is deafness caused by "boxes," which rupture (as they continually do) the drum of the ear, but the inflammation of the internal cavity, which is so frequent a result, may be followed by disease of the bone, giving rise to abcess of the brain, and having a fatal termination. Medical men alone can be fully aware how fruitful a source of suffering and danger is represented by a box upon the ear. There are, for example, under observation at the present moment two schoolboys who have been the victims of such an assault. Surely, the schoolmaster ought to have learned, long ere this, the danger of a mode of personal chastisement that has apparently usurped the place of others, which were not attended with an equal amount of peril.

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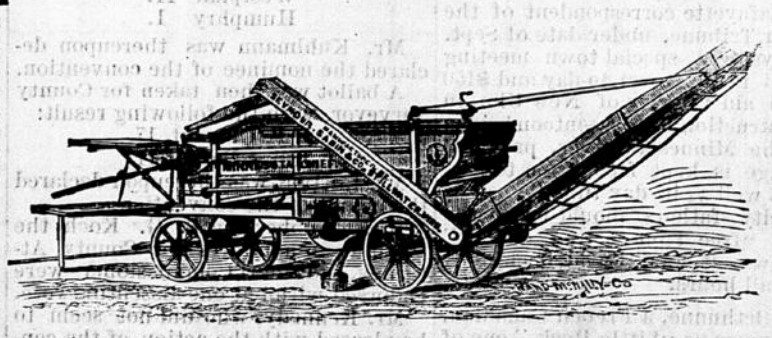

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