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POTASH AS A FERTILIZER.—Potash forms one of the best essential constituents of a fertile soil, and one of the most important of all the fertilizing agents within reach of the agriculturist.

How CLOVER IMPROVES THE SOIL.—Professor Noelcke explains the action of clover in increasing the fertility of soils as follows: All who are particularly acquainted with the subject must have seen that the best crops of wheat are produced by being preceded by crops of clover grown for seed.

COMPOST OF HEAPS.—It is often recommended that when manure is thrown into heaps in the field it should be covered with a layer of earth to prevent the escape of the ammonia.

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Deep Cultivation Indispensable.—Nothing is more essential to the success of the kitchen garden than deep plowing and thorough culture.

EXPORTATION OF LIVE STOCK AND FRESH MEATS.—To give our readers some idea of the views on the other side of the "herring pond" with reference to the shipments of live stock and fresh meats, which have been so extensively made within the past year or two, we give the following extract from a recent issue of the Irish Farmer's Gazette.

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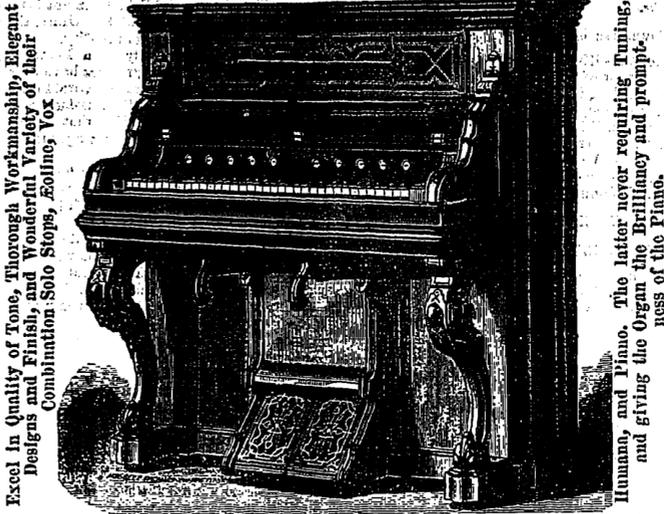
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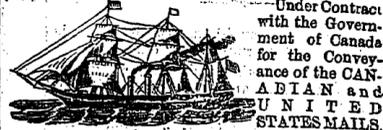
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