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THE LATEST TARIFF AND EXCISE CHANGES.

The changes in tariff and excise rates, previously reported, are as follows: The sugar tariff of 1884 is changed so as to read "sugar raw or unrefined," etc., in items eighteen and twenty. The following is added: On refined sugar of all grades or standards there shall be levied a specific duty of one cent per pound and thirty-five per cent. ad valorem. The tariff of 1879 as to Geneva gin, rum, whisky and unenumerated articles of the like kinds, and on brandy is altered so that the duties levied are to be Geneva gin, rum, whisky and unenumerated articles of the like kinds, a specific duty of one dollar and seventy-five cents per imperial gallon, and on brandy a specific duty of two dollars per imperial gallon. The tariff of 1883 is amended so that the customs duty on manufactured tobacco and snuff is increased to thirty cents a pound. These resolutions to come into effect on and after the sixth of July inst. Excise duties on certain articles imposed by previous tariffs are repealed and the following substituted, namely: On spirits made from raw grain, one dollar and thirty cents for every proof gallon; on spirits made from molasses, etc., one dollar and thirty-three cents per proof gallon. The duties of excise on chewing tobacco, cigarettes, etc., snuff, etc., as in section 248 Inland Revenue Act, 1883, are reduced to twenty cents a pound. Cigarettes or cut tobacco, when put up in packages weighing one twentieth of a pound or less, pay duty of thirty-five cents per pound, and damp or moist snuff, when containing over forty per cent. of moisture, when put up in packages of less than five pounds each, fourteen cents a pound actual weight. Manufactured tobacco made from Canadian leaf, five cents a pound.

A PRURIENT PRESS.

Our young evening contemporary revels in the revelations of naughtiness from the Pall Mall Gazette. Not content with giving the telegraphic summary, which any daily journal has a perfect right to do; it has reproduced every scrap of intelligence that the editor's best friend (the scissors) could extract from his exchanges and has paraded it under small headings and in a large type for the edification of the peculiar class of people who are said to constitute the Times' best patrons. When the hope was expressed through these columns that the local press would eschew the vile stuff referred to it was not made to that part of the scandalous story which would naturally come over the wires. In dispatches the narrative would necessarily be stripped of its most offensive features and, as a matter of news, might with perfect propriety be placed before Victoria readers. It was the story in its original and offensive form to which we referred. The hope was vain; as we feared it would be. The Times—true to its instinct—is eagerly and greedily pounced on the narrative as far as it has come to hand and transferred it to its own columns. In due time the Pall Mall Gazette will reach Victoria and then the Times will be found in its element—digging and delving in the sewer of hideous moral deformity and bespattering Victoria households with the mud it will stir up.

THANKS!

The Dominion parliament have thanked the brave volunteers who so promptly put down the Northwest rebellion, and have voted Gen. Middleton $25,000. These marks of confidence and esteem are well bestowed. The volunteers have done nobly. They have shown that Canada can rely on her "standing army" in any emergency, and that all attempts to break up the confederation will be promptly and severely punished. Gen. Middleton's ability is beyond praise. He has been cool, cautious and persevering, and, above all, has spared his men. At Fish Creek he might have carried the rifle pits and beaten the rebels; but at what cost? Probably one hundred lives would have been sacrified in a charge. Having felt the enemy's position he was content to fall back, and in the end accomplished his purpose with comparatively small loss. When importuned by some of his volunteer officers to order a charge, the general replied, "I want to be responsible for as few broken hearts in Canada as possible." These words are an index to this true soldier's real character. The Queen will honor him with a title, and if war should grow out of present complications his country will require his services in Afghanistan or the Soudan.

OUR DEFENCES.

The telegraph announces the arrival at San Francisco, where they are now coaling, of a British war steamer and the two torpedo boats purchased by the Gladstone ministry from the Chilian government. The war steamer's name is not given, but it may prove to be the Triumph, flagship of Rear Admiral Baird. The telegraph gives the names of the torpedo boats as "Swift" and "Surf," being a division of "Swiftsure," the name of the late flagship in the Pacific. It was should break out this station will not be found in the same neglected condition that the recent war-scare found it. The resolutions of the meeting in London, of which mention is made in the dispatches, no doubt pointed with as much significance to the necessity of securing the safety of Victoria and Esquimalt as of any other part of the Queen's dominions. With the torpedo boats and three or four war-ships always on this station, and with "C" battery located in barracks to be erected at McCauley's Point, and the local militia corps ready to respond to any call, any design of Russia to obtain a foothold on the coast of British Columbia may be laughed to scorn.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

The financial programme of the new government, as formulated by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, meets with general approval. It is recognized as the best possible under existing circumstances, after allowance has been made for the fact that the Liberals caused the tangle which the Tories are expected to straighten. The new chancellor made a powerful speech in advocacy of his plan, and adroitly appealed to the masses by firmly declaring that indirect taxation had reached its maximum under the former government, except in the matter of tea, which they had deemed it unwise to touch.

A Sad Mistake.

There is trouble and tribulation in the Mose Schaumberg family. Young Levi Schwindelmeyer has for some time been paying attention to Miss Rebecca Schaumberg, who is considered one of the belles of Austin. On the Jewish New Year's Day, Schwindelmeyer called the Schaumberg mansion. While he and Rebecca were in the parlor Mose Schaumberg thought he would stroll out into his garden and give the young folks a chance, for Levi is a very excellent young man, with a great deal of money and "pishness capacity." While strolling about the premises what should he see but a boy up in a tree an ong his fall peaches. Thinking to terrify the boy, Mose roared out:

"Oh, you young scoundrel, now I sees you mit mine eyes. Vere vash my shotgun?"

A wild female shriek was heard from the parlor. The shutters were torn open, and with a bound young Schwindelmeyer emerged from the window, and was over a six foot board fence and was out of sight like a dash. He has not been seen since, although Mose has been hunting him high and low, to tell him his remark about the shotgun was intended for the boy in the peach tree.—Texas Siftings.

LOVELY GOURDS.

Mr. Nye Tells of His Visit to a Delightful Show of Wax Works.

(New York Mercury.)

I dropped in the other day to see New York's great congress of wax figures and soft statuary carnival. It is quite a success. The first thing you do on entering is to contribute to the pedestal fund. New York this spring is mostly a large rectangular box with a hole in the top, through which the genial public is cordially requested to slide a dollar to give the goddess of liberty a boom.

I was astonished and appalled at the wealth of apertures in Gotham through which I was expected to slide a dime to assist some deserving object. Every little while you run into a free lunch-room where there is a model ship that will start up and operate if you feed it with a nickle. I never visited a town that offered so many inducements for early and judicious investments as New York.

But we were speaking of the wax works. I did not tarry long to notice the presidents of the United States embalmed in wax, or to listen to the band of lutists who furnished music in the winter garden. I ascertained where the chamber of horrors was located, went there at once. It is lovely. I have never seen a more successful aggregation of horrors under one roof and at one price of admission.

If you want to be shocked at a cost or have your pores opened for a merely nominal price, and see a show that you will never forget as long as you live, that is the place to find it. I never invested my money so as to get so large a return for it, because I frequently see the whole show yet in the middle of the night and the cold perspiration ripples down my spinal column just as it did the first time I saw it.

The chamber of horrors certainly furnishes a very durable show. I don't think I was ever more successfully or economically horrified.

I got quite nervous after awhile standing in the dim religious light watching the lovely horrors. But it is the saving of money I look at most. I have known men to pay out thousands of dollars for a collection of delirium tremens and new-laid horrors no better than these that you get on week days for fifty cents and on Sunday for two bits. Certainly New York is the place where you get your money's worth.

There are horrors there in that crypt that are well worth double the price of admission. One peculiarity of the chamber of horrors is that you finally get nervous when any one touches you, and you immediately suspect that he is a horror who has come out of his crypt to get a breath of fresh air and stretch his legs.

That is the reason I shuddered a little when I felt a man's hand in my pocket. It was so unexpected, and the surroundings were such that I must have appeared startled. The man was a stranger to me, though I could see that he was a perfect gentleman. His clothes were superior to mine in everyway, and he had a certain refinement of manners which betrayed his ill-concealed Knickerbocker lineage high.

Said he, Sir, you will find the cut tobacco in the other pocket."

This startled him so that he wheeled about and wildly dashed into the arms of a wax policeman near the door. When he discovered that he was in the wax chamber of horrors he seemed to be greatly annoyed and strode rapidly away.

I returned to view a chaste and truthful scene where one man had successfully killed another with a club. I leaned pensively against a column with my own spinal column, wrapped in thought.

Pretty soon a young gentleman from New Jersey with an Adam's apple on him like a full-grown yam, and accompanied by a young lady from the mosquito jungles of New Jersey, touched me on the bosom with his umbrella, and began to explain me to his companion.

"This," said the Adam's apple with the young man attached to it, "is Jesse James, the great outlaw from Missouri. How life like he is. Little would you think, Emeline, that he would so soon disembowel a bank, kill the entire board of directors of a railroad company and ride off with the rolling stock as you would wrap yourself around a doughnut. How tender and kind he looks. He not only looks gentle and peaceful, but he looks to me as if he wasn't real bright."

I then uttered a piercing shriek and the young man from New Jersey went away. Nothing is so embarrassing to an eminent man as to stand by and hear people discuss him.

But it is remarkable to see people get fooled at a wax show. Every day a wax figure is taken for a live man, and live people are mistaken for wax. I took hold of a waxen hand in one corner of the winter garden to see if the ring was a real diamond, and it flew up and took me across the ear in such life-like manner that my ear is still hot and there is a roaring in my head that sounds very disagreeable indeed.

BILL NYE.

A Capricious Stroke of Lightning.

Patrick Cox, of Callicoon, N. Y., has nine children. Eight of them slept in a room in the upper story of the house. Early on Friday morning a heavy thunder storm passed over the place. Lightning struck Cox's house in the middle of the roof. The bolt entered the room where the children were sleeping. James, aged 15, was thrown out of bed and clear across the room. A table was hurled from one side of the room to the other. The partition wall between the room and another was entirely demolished, and the stairs leading from the kitchen were torn into splinters. A boot that lay on the bed room floor had the sole torn off of it, and a hanging lamp, a clock and a cupboard filled with dishes were thrown in a heap on the floor. Six of the children were made unconscious, but they recovered in a few hours. Ten feet of the roof was knocked off, and not a particle of the debris can be found.

JUDGE JEFFERYS, taking a dislike to a man who had a long beard, he told him "that if his conscience was as long as his beard he had a swinging one," to which the fellow replied, My lord, if you measure conscience by beards you will have none at all.

PERRY DAVIS' PAIN-KILLER.—Its effects are almost instantaneous, affording relief from the most intense pain. It soothes the irritated or inflamed part, and gives rest and quiet to the sufferer. It is eminently the people's friend, and every one should have it with them, or where they can put their hands on it in the dark, if need be. dw36

Eastern Canada Mail.

(By Northern Pacific Railway.)

OTTAWA, July 10.—The official returns for the voting on the Scott Act in Hastings show that the majority of twelve against the act was increased, by the error of a returning officer to 128.

Mr. Geo. Stephen, M.P., said it is reported to-day that he has delivered an ultimatum to Sir John Macdonald demanding that the government must find nine million dollars more for his company, and take back six million acres of land which are still unearned.

CALGARY, July 9.—The Ninth battalion returned to-night from the mountains, having been as far as Donald in British Columbia. All are greatly delighted with their trip. At Donald an entertainment was given the officers at Dr. Sweet's house. Among those present were Chief Justice Sir Matthew Begbie, Registrar Hughes, and Deputy-Attorney-General Irving, of British Columbia, and Major Walker, of Calgary. Speeches were made by the officers and their entertainers. Col. Smyth expressed himself on behalf of the battalion as pleased with the trip in every way. Speeches were made by Chief Justice Begbie and others.

KINGSTON, July 10.—A cow owned by Thos. Flint, of Wolfe Island, has discharged a sewer eighteen inches long from behind her shoulder. She is healthy and a good milker. It is not known how she came into possession of the article.

W. Stroutess, while excavating at Batteresa yesterday, was killed by the premature explosion of a blast striking him on the back and ripping his body open.

The ladies have started a movement for a public reception to the Midlands on their return from the front, and are now canvassing for subscriptions.

PETERBORO, July 10.—During the proceedings at the annual speech day at Trinity College school, the speakers spoke feelingly of the death of Col. Williams, who was one of the governing body, and it was stated a memorial would be erected on the school grounds.

HAMILTON, July 10.—Wm. Hugh Murray was re-elected Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada. The next meeting will be held in Windsor.

PARIS, July 10.—The foundation stone of the Baptist Church, costing $20,000, was laid yesterday.

OTTAWA, July 10.—The minister of customs has confiscated plates and dies smuggled from New York, and handed them over to the Canada Bank Note Company. A valuable lathe entered under value, was seized. The same company had to pay extra duty and a fine of 50 per cent. on the full duty. The value of the machine exceeds $10,000.

The customs department has gone to great expense investigating alleged huge frauds perpetrated by Ayer & Co., of Lowell, Mass., in entering patent medicines below value. It is stated on good authority that the firm has been carrying on the same system of undervaluation since 1865. The evidence will be laid before parliament and will astonish people.

A clerk in a mercantile firm embezzled $6,000 lost in grain speculation and has absconded. His two brothers in business here settled the deficiency.

The Canadian Pacific has received four new sleepers and three dining-room cars, made in Ohio. They cost $1,300 each.

MOOSEJAW, July 9.—Great excitement was caused here this morning by the elopement of two young ladies to join their noble knights, who await them at Regina. One is the daughter of one of our hotel keepers, and the other a daughter of a C. P. R. official.

QUEBEC, July 1.—The Beaver line steamship Lake Champlain, Capt. Gould, from Liverpool, which arrived in port this morning, had on board Capt. Hurst and crew of the steamship Dentholme, of Maryport. It seems that at about 6 a. m. yesterday, when off Matane during a dense fog, the two vessels were in collision, the Dentholme being struck amidships and going down in 40 minutes. The crew was all rescued by the lifeboats of the Lake Champlain and were taken by her to Montreal. The latter vessel had received no damage.

OTTAWA, July 8.—The question having been raised as to what balance of the 10,000 cigars presented to the volunteers in the Northwest, and the statement having been made that some corps did not receive any of them, Col. Lamontagne authorizes the statement that the cigars were duly received at Winnipeg and forwarded in parcels to the various corps, where he is certain a distribution was impartially made.

ANNEMASSE, July 6.—Yesterday J. Caldwell dissected the body of an unknown boy, apparently about 10 or 12 years old, floating in a creek which empties into Lake Erie, a few miles below here. The corpse was well dressed in light Garibaldi jacket and dark knee pants, but had no shoes or stockings on, and appears to have been in the water about two weeks. The little fellow no doubt was drowned, but there is no clue to his identity. No inquest was held, and the body was buried.

DUNVILLE, July 8.—Sanford Robinson, nineteen, and Albert Kafaube, twenty, were drowned in the Grand River yesterday.

WALKERVILLE, July 8.—Williams, timekeeper for Hiram Walker & Sons, got nine months in the Central prison for defrauding the firm of a thousand dollars.

OTTAWA, July 8.—Archbishop Tache arrived in this city Monday night, accompanied by Vicar General Routheir. He remains a few days before proceeding to the Northwest.

The last letter received at the capital from Colonel Williams was addressed to Mr. Caron, Minister of Militia, in which he said: "I trust that after Big Bear is captured we shall be at liberty to return homeward." It is a strange coincidence that the news of Big Bear's capture and the gallant colonel's death reached the minister of Militia simultaneously.

Col. J. Stoughton Dennis, late Deputy Minister of the Interior, died this afternoon at his home at Lake Kingsmore, a few miles out of the city. Col. Dennis resigned the position of Deputy Minister of the Interior about two years ago, and accepted the office of Surveyor General, which position he held for some time. His name is well known in connection with public lands administration for many years past.

His death is deeply regretted.

GODERICH, July 8.—Mayor Horton gave judgment yesterday that the Blue Ribbon beer was intoxicating, although of variable strength, and therefore fined McBride, hotel-keeper, $50. Great interest was taken in the case and expert testimony was given on both sides. One of the witnesses testified that he had drunk 48 glasses without experiencing any alcholic symptoms. The case will be appealed.

MONTREAL, July 8.—The Le Monde newspaper is organizing a subscription for a monument to the late Archbishop Bourget. Subscriptions are fixed at one dollar to allow all to participate.

George Stephen, president of the Canadian Pacific, has proceeded to England to float, it is said, fifteen million debentures, which the Government agreed to the company's issuing.

QUEBEC, July 7.—The steamship Lake Champlain, of the Beaver line, from Liverpool bound for Montreal, is reported to have collided on Sunday night, near Matane, with the steamship Dentholme, from Montreal bound for Sydney to load coal. The Dentholme is said to have been cut nearly through and sunk. Her crew are reported saved. The Lake Champlain is expected in port this morning.

TO MOST children the bare suggestion of a dose of castor oil is nauseating. Why not, then, when physic is necessary for the little ones, use Ayer's Cathartic Pills? They combine every essential and valuable principle of a cathartic medicine, and being sugar-coated are easily taken. dw

ARTISTIC MECHANICS.

Practical, Day-Working Toilers Who Stand High in Scientific Specialties.

[Scientific American.]

A recent notice of a mechanic in Massachusetts who is an expert in that department of natural history of which the bat family is the chief representative, suggests other and similar instances. It may be that the exactness required in mechanical work develops a taste for close study, or it may be that natural history and pure science become pleasant toils to the monotony of mechanical work; but it is the fact that some practical, day-working mechanics stand high in some scientific specialties.

There is a machinist—a fine tool maker who is well known, and widely known, as an amateur astronomer. He has contributed importantly to the science, and is not surpassed in nicety and preciseness in designing astronomical mechanism.

Another is an expert steel engraver by choice and as a pastime, and yet, incredible as it may appear, he is a smith or forger; handling steel and iron by bars and the heavy hammer of the blacksmith all day, and doing delicate steel engraving at night or on "off hours." He has nearly finished designing and engraving a series of plates representing the childish legend of the "Death of Cock Robin," the proofs of which are really fine.

One left the machine shop three years ago, and set up as an engraver on jewelry, pens, and similar articles. He originates all his designs, and rarely makes a second drawing. He is a wonderful producer of elegant and tasteful monograms. A set of six silver buttons for a vest, all uniformed in general design and no two alike in particulars, is very artistic, and yet he designed and engraved the six while his customer waited—perhaps an hour. These two instances show that the best of the authors was naturally artistic rather than mechanical.

There is a young man, 20 years old, a joiner, who is better authority on the flora of New England than some of the authors of modern text books. The fields, pastures, woods and by-ways are his haunts when he has an hour "in the season." He is not surpassed as a botanist, and is quoted as authority where he is known.

A surgeon was spoiled when another man, a machinist, went into the shop. He sets at call in setting bones and reducing sprains. He is so successful that he is in the confidence of the professionals, who are not ashamed to profit by his suggestions.

This mechanic, however, only carries to the ultimate a faculty and a practice that is not uncommon in the shops. It is rare, indeed, that in case of an ordinary accident in the shop there is necessity for outside aid. When the writer was a youngster, he lodged a piece of the sharp, hammer hardened head of a cold chisel in one eye. The "shop surgeon" applied a powerful magnet without avail. Then he cut out the obtrusive particle with a keen penknife blade, making an incision just as he might in a finger. A professional surgeon who afterward examined the eye said that it was a "very creditable job."

Funeral of a Chinese Prince.

(Pall Mall Gazette.)

The funeral of the Chinese Prince Lan Fu, the cousin of the Emperor Quang Su, has been conducted with all the pomp and ceremonies due to the exalted station of the deceased. The procession which accompanied the remains of the prince to his last resting place was headed by thirty-six slaves clad in garments of white cloth and bearing a huge wooden cage, representing the funeral of the soul. These were followed by 100 slaves dressed in red and carrying tablets inscribed with the titles, honor, and virtues of the dead.

Last came twenty sportsmen leading the 240 hounds once belonging to Lan-Fu, the camels, mules, horses, sedan-chairs, and the private carriage, drawn by a mule; sixteen servants dressed in green silk bore an arm-chair covered with a tiger skin, a regiment of cavalry and infantry followed, then the body servants and camels, thirty-two priests with temple music, and finally the coffin, borne by eight servants and carried with a slow pace. The emperor was represented by six empty carriages, behind which walked the grandees. Prince Lan-Fu's arms, carriages, clothes, and, in fact, all were burned as a winding up of the festivities.

She Had Spunk Also.

[Gilmore Ex-aid.]

A pretty young mamma, with a little girl by her side nearly as pretty as herself, was being entertained by a male stranger, when the child broke up the acquaintance through the usual and always convenient medium ship of the little girl. The stranger did all the talking. He was one of those men who think they know everything, but only rarely get a good chance to tell it. The lady answered only in monosyllables. The little girl listened patiently and demurely for a time, and then began to fidget around in her seat. Finally, as the stranger stopped for breath, she said:

"Mamma, you've found one, ain't you?"

"What, my dear?"

"Why, don't you remember what you told papa when he said you'd be lonesome on the cars? You said you'd find some one to talk you to sleep."

Mamma looked out of the window and the stranger suddenly thought he had better go into the smoking car to find his friend.

Depopulation of France.

(Boston Transcript.)

The depopulation of France has been receiving much attention from the Paris savants. M. Lunier proposes that the government take legal steps to facilitate marriages, to search out the paternity of infants, to accord prizes or immunity from taxation to parents having more than two children, to guarantee secrecy to any mother who may wish to leave her child at a foundling hospital, and to extend the protection of the law to illegitimate children. Since the year 1800 the French birth rate has fallen from 33.9 to 25.5 per 1,000 inhabitants.

The "Sorrowful Tree."

[Chicago Herald.]

Near Bombay, on the island of Goa, there is a singular vegetable termed the "sorrowful tree," because it only flourishes in the night. At sunset no flowers are to be seen, and yet an hour after it is full of them. They yield a sweet smell, but the sun no sooner begins to shine upon them than some of them fall off, and thus it continues flowering in the night during the whole year.

Vaccination in Prussia.

Vaccination is carried out so strictly in the Prussian army that not a soldier has died of small-pox since 1875. If the same system could be applied to the whole population of Europe it is believed that the disease would disappear in five years.

Cause Enough for Them.

[Chicago Herald.]

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself," said a gentleman to a tramp, "to be seen going around in rags as you do."

"And why should I be ashamed of them, sir? I come honestly by them."

Chicago Ledger: A boy says on clothes never amounts to much; but then, as they say about spooks, "there ain't no sich."

At no time within a score of years has there been war progressing in so many parts of the world as now.

Pay of the British Soldier.

[London Letter.]

A private in an English infantry regiment receives 24 cents a day; a lance corporal, 31 cents; corporal, 41 cents; lance-sergeant, 60 cents; sergeant, 58 cents; color-sergeant, 75 cents, and quartermaster-sergeant, $1. These rates are subject to the following deductions, viz.: One cent a day for washing, and 6 cents a day for groceries and vegetables. These consist of tea, coffee, sugar, potatoes, and green vegetables. After these deductions, then, he pay of a lineman is 17 cents a day, but as he has to provide his own underclothing, further deduction of 2 cents a day is made, thus reducing his actual pay to 15 cents.

France's Secret Service Fund.

[Chicago Herald.]

The minister of the interior in France disposes annually of $400,000 of secret service money, and is not required to account for the disbursement of a single franc. Theoretically, he is responsible to the president of the republic for the use he makes of the money, and he sends him a report every year, which, however, is practically limited to a declaration that it was spent in the way in which it was meant to be spent. No details or vouchers accompany the report, which is thus the merest formality. The emperor exercised a real control over the disposition of this fund, but the existing constitution gives the president no such power, and the minister is free to dispose of as all events one-half of it precisely as he pleases.

Farm Notes.

Making artificial tails for horses is said to be a successful industry in Connecticut.

It is not always the darkest green in the growing wheat that gives the best harvest. A slaty-blue cast indicates a soil too wet; a dark corn-green, soft, heavy straw. The true wheat color is a lightish green, even in its color over the field.

A Kansas man, hearing that kerosene was good to kill insects, poured it around the stems of several hundred apple trees just coming into bearing, says the Live Stock Indicator, and killed the trees. Kerosene must never be used undiluted, and indeed always carefully.

Farmers should remember that "continuous growth is necessary to make swine profitable, and this can not be obtained without plenty of food. A little in each day, with good pasture, will answer the purpose and insure the pigs making a very rapid growth."

It costs as much to raise an animal faulty in constitution, form and capacity, through heredity, as one more perfect, and the animal is comparatively worthless when raised. "Breed out the weeds and weed out the breeds" is a good motto for the stock breeding farmer to paste in his hat.

No farmer would expect large ears of corn in a hill of eight or ten stalks, but he will have that number of stems in a hill of potatoes and then complain that his potatoes are small. If large potatoes are expected, the number of stalks in each hill should be reduced to at most three or four.

"M.," an Illinois correspondent of Prairie Farmer, says it is want of salt that induces vermin to gnaw harness. To prevent the mischief, place salt near where the harness hangs. He adds: "If the mice are hungry for salt, it is very likely that the horses also are. See that both have it."

The hull of barley is very hard, and this grain should, therefore, always be ground or boiled before feeding. If fed whole more of it will be voided in fact than of any other grain. Boiling however, is quite as good as grinding. The grain expands, so that instead of losing the toll the farmer gains an increase in bulk.

The statement of an alleged authority that sheep do best on calcareous soils may be taken as true, because generally known to be so if soil condition is right. But that they do worst upon those derived sandstone and flint rocks may be taken with a grain of salt. Flint is a sub-specie of quartz found in various stones, and often largely present in both argillacous and calcareous soils.

A cow that is troublesome to milk may often be put to good use by setting her to sucking successive calves and thus fattening them for veal. One such animal, so ugly that no milker could get near, suckled her own calf and afterward four others, which altogether brought her owner more than $60. This was as much money as the milk would have brought in butter or cheese, and with much less labor.

A smart team turning a good furrow in spring, either stubble or sod, should be able to turn over one and a half to two acres per hour. When larger day's work than this is reported it is usually at the expense of the team, or perhaps of the plowing. So much depends on the character of the work in fitting the land, that a poor plowman should not be tolerated, however large a day's work he may claim to be able to do.

If a farmer wishes to get the benefit of manure on his orchard, and quickly, too, let him draw out a load to every tree that shows promise of fruit so soon as blossoms can be seen, spread it as widely as the tree extends on either side, and if possible it is better to leave it on the surface. The crops that can be grown under a bearing apple tree are not worth the labor of cultivating and harvesting. They cost in injury to the tree's productiveness more than best crops grown in the open field are worth.

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THE GIRL AT THE FRONT GATE.

A Little Inconstant and Fickle Perhaps, but Pleasant to Think of.

(W. Scott Way, in St. Louis Magazine.)

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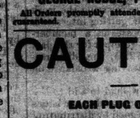

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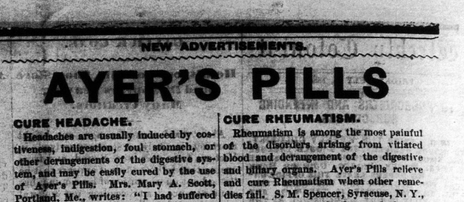

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