

The following decision, given by Judge McDougall in the Division Court, Toronto, last week, will not be without interest to readers of THE RURAL CANADIAN. Peebles & Co. v. Nolan, the first case, was a test one. It seems that the defendant signed an order for a book published by the plaintiffs, and afterwards countermanded the order to the publishers. Judgment was given for the plaintiffs, His Honour holding that all orders for subscriptions, books, etc., were binding on the subscriber, and any outside contract made with the agent did not affect the written contract or bind the publishers. Parties who sign a canvasser's order-book for a work sold by subscription, should know that they cannot afterwards cancel their order, and that whether they take the book or not, they can be made to pay for it in the Division Court. The publishers order their edition from the list of subscribers they have obtained, and it would be unfair to them to allow those who have ordered a copy to refuse to accept it when the delivering agent comes round. After an order has once been given for a subscription book, the subscriber must take it.

Many RURAL readers will be pleased to learn that they can secure the *Montreal WEEKLY WITNESS*—for many years so popular with thousands all over the Dominion—and THE RURAL CANADIAN, on remitting to this office \$1.25. Reader, promptly make sure of wholesome reading for your household for 1885. Balance of year FREE to new subscribers.

The rapid growth and dense shade which buckwheat makes, says the *Toledo Blade*, gives it great value as a weed destroyer. Even thistles can be kept down by it if the land is sown as soon after ploughing as possible, and the first thistles that appear are pulled or cut with a hoe.

RURAL subscribers are amazed at the \$1.15 offer. For this insignificant sum we send THE RURAL CANADIAN and WESTERN ADVERTISER for one year to any address. The arrangement we have made places the leading weekly family paper of the West, and the best farm and home magazine within the reach of every one who can read. Thousands, we feel certain, will promptly take advantage of the offer.

SHE was going on a journey and a long night's ride was before her. "Oh dear," she sighed, as her husband bade her good-bye in the sleeping-car, "this night travel is so tedious, and the hours are so long. "Don't be discouraged," he said, "you are in a fast train and the night will slip by very rapidly."

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A CORRESPONDENT of the *New England Farmer* says that a farmer observed that some of his apple trees that had been dressed with unleached wood ashes bore apples which kept all winter without rotting, while the rest of the fruit rotted badly. His trees were infested with apple tree blight. He finally applied wood ashes, at the rate of two hundred bushels to the acre, to his orchard, and washed the bodies of the trees with lye. The orchard recovered from the blight, and the apples would keep well in an ordinary cellar all winter.

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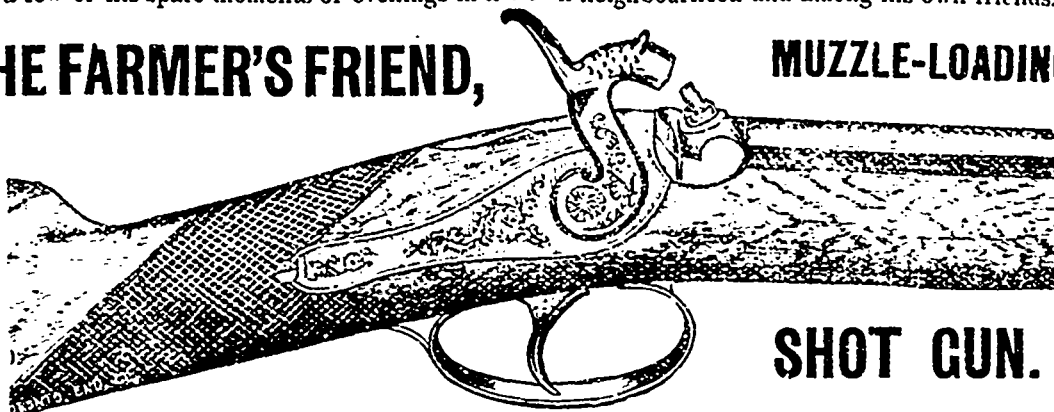
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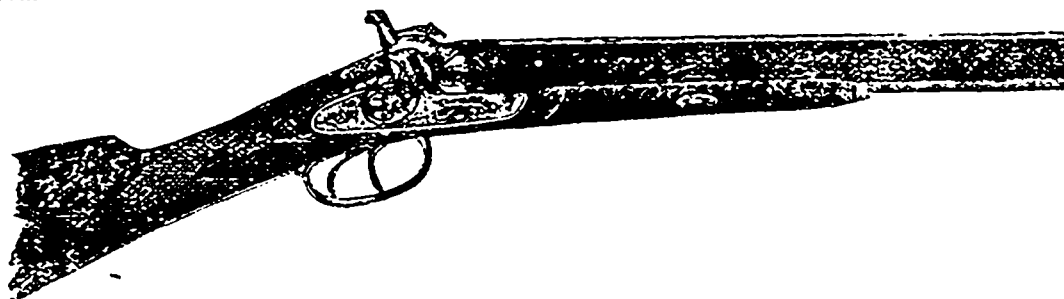
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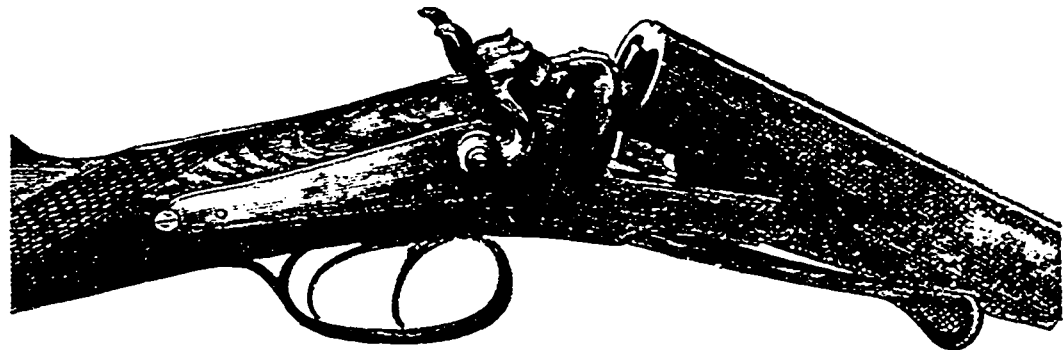
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