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Come, boys, I have something to tell you; Come near, I would whisper it low— You are thinking of leaving the homestead, Don't be in a harry to go. The city has many attractions; But think of the vices and sine, When once in the vortex of fashion, How downward the course soon begins.

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Don't be in a hurry to go. The great, stirring world, has inducements, There is many a busy mart,

But wealth is not made in a day, boys, Don't be in a hurry to start! The bankers and brokers are wealthy, They take in their thousands or so; But think of the frauds and deceptions-Don't be in a hurry to go!

The farm is the safest and surest, The orchards are loaded to-day, You're free as the air of the mountains, And monarch of all you survey: Better stay on the farm a while longer, Though profits should come rather slow;

Remember you've nothing to risk boys; Don't be in a hurry to go. Nervous Cows.—A recent writer says: No observing person can have the care of a herd of cows long without noting a great difference in the character and disposition of the different animals. In fact, as Mrs. Partington observed about folks, there is as much difference in cows as there is in anybody, and the feminine peculiarities that we are apt to note in our own kind may, many of them, be detected among the domestic animals. Some cows are so phlegmatic and good-natured that a moderate amount of ill treatment does not seem to disturb their equanimity. Others are naturally vicious, and will kick and hook without provocation.

There is another class that, while not vicious, are so nervous that they may easily be made appear ngly, and in time become really so, in consequence of rough handling, or carelessness. It requires a considerate and good-dispositioned man to manage such cows and get along with them. They must be humored, spoken kindly to, and gently handled in milking. Swearing at them or beating them, makes them almost useless in a short space of time. It is often among the very best milkers and butter-makers that these nervous animals are found and we can not rfford to have their value thus impared. No violence should be allowed among the cows at any time; but if you should have impatient help, or are quick-tempered yourself, let some person who don't get mad so easily milk the ner-RESULTS OF THOROUGH MANURING .- One of our neighbors with land not any too good, barely able to support a family, tried upon advice, the experiment of applying manure to wheat, apread on the surface. It was compost, also made upon recom-mendation, and applied evenly on the land just be-

fore sowing. Only part of the lot was thus treated. The wheat was sown, and the land well harrowed. At the end of the fall the difference was so great that a distinct line marked the manure part. It seemed all difference, and was noted by every one that passed. This was most gratifying. In the spring there was still the difference, a whitish and partly green hue pervaded the manured part. The rest was merely barren, Here and there on the manured part where the land was wet, the grain lay on the surface. This however only in a few small spots. In a short time the manured part was a dense green, the rest straggling and backward, and most discouraging to all who saw it. Toward the last this, hewever, brought up some in com-parison with the other. The manured part grew less rank and matured well, yielding over 200 per cent, more than the other. An estimate was made of the expense of the manure and labor, and there was something nice over in favor of the application. But the best, perhaps, is not yet told. The land had been seeded down early in the spring, and it was recommended to use plenty of seed, which was but partially followed out. Still, the manured part of the lot showed not only a good catch, but what was thought a thick stand growing well and continuing late in the fall. The rest of the lot was, as usual, a poor thing, not paying for seeding; there was not the catch and not the growth as in the other. This satisfied. The year following, the difference was still greater (in the two crops which it was advised to cut), not so much before harvesting as in the crops secured. Then it was found what a little manure did-that it brought all the seed while the rest had lost much of it that did not come, and did not grow so well. In the spring following, upon advisement, the land was plowed and put to corn; the difference being even greater here, if possible, than in the preceeding crops. This was followed by barley and oats mixed, continuing the same difference-a large crop on the manured part, an ordinary on the other. Seed was sown, and nearly the same variation was observable. But before this last was reached other land was treated similarly only that the manure was applied to the whole field. The neighbors took the contagion-all but the indolent and there is a general improvement. Why is it that this thing is not done any more? So repeatedly is advised to top dress with manure land that is sown, if poor and intended to sod down. And yet people are not doing it, only the few. It pays in the grain, and still more in the grass crops which is to follow, and in after culture. It is the manure that helps the grass [or clover] to the nutriment of the atmosphere, after first being established in the soil, getting not only a catch but a thick stand. Then, aided by a little plaster, there can be no failure, especially with clover.

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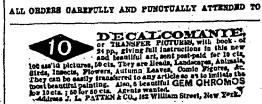
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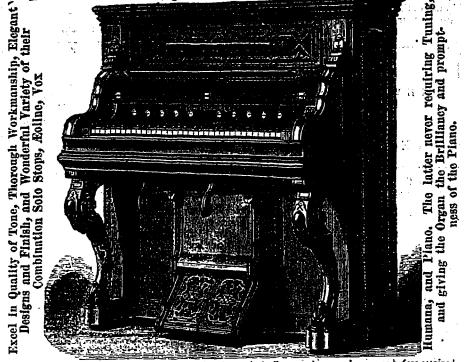
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