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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

We offer this month two valuable magazines to those who desire to take THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER. The Ladies' Home Journal is a first class publication and can be read with profit by men and women, old and young.

We also offer the Cosmopolitan and THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER together for one year for the small sum of \$2.50. The Cosmopolitan is an illustrated monthly magazine and contains reading matter of interest to the home, the laborer, the business man, the professional man and the student of the literature of this day and time.

Rats will leave a sinking ship, but Negro Democrats have not that instinct, and will therefore remain in the Democratic party.

It is said that the nearer the watermelon season approaches the less danger there is of Negro emigration to any alarming extent.

A convention of the Negroes of Missouri will be held in Kansas City in the near future to discuss matters of general interest. The Negroes of the entire country are manifesting more interest in their own welfare and will solve many questions by their own efforts.

The Negro Republicans of St. Joe, Mo., desire recognition at the hands of the men whom they assisted in electing. Among the places mentioned are: assistant city physician, market master, and several other places.

Seattle Republican: A sample of of Arkansas equal school facilities for white and colored children alike that we so often told about is herewith given and it is self explanatory: Appropriations, Arkansas University (whites) \$58,250; Bron school (colored) \$11,400.

Miscegenation laws make it a criminal offense for whites and blacks to marry, punishable by imprisonment in some states by from two to ten years in the penitentiary.

participant. If the law will not protect colored girls from lecherous white men the parents should do so at any cost. There is need of a general awakening along the lines of morality in all walks of life and in all professions. Turn from the lessons of slavery or the white men "will rob the Negro of his color."

A KANSAS IDIOT.

Ida B. Wells' grief for the late Mr. Douglas is so great that she hasn't had time to say anything as yet. She'll break out with a whole lot of sickening foolishness as soon as she becomes "composed."

OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Rev. N. N. Davis, of Mystic, was in the city the first of the week. He was on his way to Boone, Iowa.

Miss Reynolds is on the sick list this week.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOTES.

Next Sabbath at the A. M. E. Sunday school will elect a delegate to the Sunday school convention.

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Mr. Carter has returned from the industrial failed to meet last week and will have a meeting Friday.

Rev. G. H. Wade has charge of the A. M. E. church in Iowa City now, as that place was left without a pastor, so he has to divide his time between the Rapids and Iowa City.

Miss Pearl Wood is reported very sick at her home on Eighth street.

Miss Clara Boney met with a very painful accident last week by running a needle into her finger.

BURLINGTON BUDGET.

A party of our young people went to Keokuk last Wednesday and Thursday to attend the big drama.

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The two churches of this city will hold a union memorial service in honor of Frederick Douglass at the A. M. E. church on May 5th. Come out and hear.

An entertainment will be given at the Baptist church Thursday night. The title of the farce play is "The Mid-day Elopement of the Carpenter's Wife."

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OSKALOOSA NOTES.

Miss Laura Schofield left Monday for Albia, where she will spend two weeks with relatives and friends.

Little Ruth Black, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Black, has been ill, but is some better at this writing.

Will Burns left for Omaha Thursday. The A. M. E. Ladies' Sewing Circle met last week with Mrs. M. E. Burnett.

On Monday evening, April 22nd, the ladies of the St. Mary the Virgin, entertained the dramatic club and friends at the home of Mr. A. A. Bland, 1029 High street.

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DAVENPORT ITEMS.

The Ladies of St. Mary's church gave a reception Tuesday evening the 23rd, in honor of Mrs. V. Holly, G. M. A. M. of state of Iowa and jurisdiction at the residence of Mrs. J. T. Bland.

Remember, the agent will call upon you next week. Be ready to renew your subscription.

Mr. J. D. Tillman is on the sick list. After an illness of four weeks, Mrs. Jones departed from life.

Mr. J. M. Bussey spends all his leisure hours riding the bicycle. He is getting to be quite an expert.

Mrs. S. V. Bean will address the junior league next Sabbath afternoon. Mrs. J. Hall, of Rock Island, is quite ill.

Mr. A. Richardson is suffering with a bad cold.

PEKAY ITEMS.

Work is very slack, but everybody seems to be getting along. Mrs. Lida Coleman and Susie Clark took tea at Mrs. A. Sawfoot's Tuesday.

Mrs. Haskens, of Fishview, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jordan. The 16th was pay day and the office was crowded.

ALBIA NOTES.

Easter Sunday was the grand rally at the A. M. E. church for the purpose of paying the debt on parsonage. Quite a sum was raised and the building committee paid nearly all bills.

Rev. J. P. James delivered a sermon Sunday morning and the Sunday school received an excellent program in the afternoon and was closed by an able address by superintendent, Miss May Davis.

An Easter party was given at the home of Mrs. Della Davis in honor of Mr. Willie Yates of Oskaloosa.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

Mrs. T. E. Barton celebrated his 48th anniversary last Sunday, and in commemoration of the occasion a most delightful surprise party headed by Mrs. Fred Jackson and Mrs. J. T. Blagburn, freed their way to the merry home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Barton, 1369 Twenty-third street, Wednesday evening to make the welcoming. After games and social conversation, dainty refreshments were served.

William R. Frazier lectured at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Thursday evening on "Free and Unlimited Coinage of Silver."

Rev. Lewis finding it quite an easy task to secure accommodations for those attending the Sunday school convention, Mt. Pleasant is noted for her hospitality.

Miss Anna Pate has gone to Galesburg. Sunday was quarterly meeting, and as usual Rev. Hardison favored us with some of the grand sermons he is so capable of giving.

Norman Arbuckle has gone to Chicago. Wyatt returned to her home in Bedford after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wicks.

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NEWTON NOTES.

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Fred Green and Miss Green attended the Pathfinder's ball at Des Moines last week.

KEOSAUQUA.

Mr. Wm. Brown has returned from Glasgow, Mo. Mr. Geo. W. Van Fleet has returned from Union, Neb., where he has been visiting his brother.

Misses Fanny Elliott and Blanche Brady has accepted a position with the Keosauqua Candy Co. We wish you success, ladies.

Subscribe for THE BYSTANDER. It is

GLASS OF FASHION.

CURRENT NOTES OF MODES FOR FAIR READERS.

The Dutch Bonnet Now Has the Call—The Plaited Skirt—Dearth of Trimming—Women Have Gone Crepon Mad—Work Table.



N BONNETS THE Dutch shape has the call, and the changes that have been made in it from time to time, have its showing, in a front view, smaller and smaller. At last it has slipped right down over the back of the head, and from the front no trace of the bonnet shows, except at the sides well behind the ears, where the swelling bunches of flowers and ribbons make a quaint framing for the face that is voted universally becoming.

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er tving to enrich such material by velvet or satin of a color dominant in the plaid. If a satin it should be shrouded with black crepon to emphasize the black sure to be present in all plaids. Fancy waists of the newer patterns all show the little pudding-bag blouse effect right in front. This pattern is un-expectedly becoming. The increasing of the length of line from collar to the foot of the bodice gives sleekness and height of effect, which can if necessary be counteracted by the fullness of the blouse. It is the fashion to have the top of the blouse fullness quite flat, and this brings into use perpendicular striping of ribbon and insertion. A piece of sash ribbon stiff as a board and edged with beading and spanglers is quite the thing—Florette, in In r-Ocean.

The Overskirt scare "has gone up in smoke" and fashions have gone so far to the other extreme that it takes courage to put any trimming on a skirt. Some daring designers, however, have ventured to lay the new summer goods in plaits and put on a trimming that looks as much like an overskirt as it is possible to make a flat trimming appear. It is not likely that this attempt will meet with success, except in the case of very fine, soft materials. These are always at their best when laid in folds and draped. But since the flaring skirt of the present mode precludes any attempt at a clinging style of drapery, the only resource left is to plait the material. This is better than the plain gored skirt for filmy materials, because the numerous seams necessary to the latter style look very unsightly in thin stuffs like mail and dimity and dotted Swiss. The new summer materials are striped and figured and the patterns do not lend themselves conveniently to gores and many seams. Lace overdresses are being sold considerably to be draped over plain materials, but then lace goes everywhere, and this is no indication of the introduction of over-

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lish, considerations of its possible successors is timely. One natty bidder for its position is shown herewith, sketched in white velours over a caplike foundation. The edges are turned back on the side, the border being steel and dahlia-colored gauze. The velvet is drawn into a few plaits in back and garnished with a rosette and a single strand of steel with dahlia beads. The garniture in front consists of several loops edged with gauze and fastened with an ornament similar to the one behind. The tie-strings are of dahlia-colored velours. Of course, the shape is a good deal of a departure from the favorite Dutch form, but that is only a recommendation for it, because new fashions are more often than not quite different from their predecessors.

A Plaited Skirt. All the latest skirts are made with the plait extending directly out from the belt line in a way that it rapidly accustoms the eye to the outline the "dress improver" produces, so it may be said that that accessory impends. It's a good thing that to-day's picture shows that hint of its coming, and the beauty of these same smooth folds is so enticing that poor woman is blinded to the possibility of the dread improver. This particular skirt has a plain front breadth and gathered sides, the gathers forming small organ folds, and the back has three plaits extending throughout. In the bodice a deep crescent of gauze is garnished with black ostrich feather galloon which borders the décolleté and drapes the front. From

Women Are Crepon Mad. No new material can hope for popularity unless it has some crepon characteristic to commend it. Now that these characteristics are being variegated, a waile of the vogue may be looked for, but not for a while. Meantime there are silk crepons, wool and cotton crepons, silk and wool crepons, and creponettes of all the different materials, and in all their combinations. Chiffon comes in crepon surface, and is lovely and new; ribbon is found with crepon ridges and is new and not so pretty; veiling is crepon-ridged and horribly unbecoming as veiling, too. When the craze comes to crepon mackintoshes and ridged overshoes it will have reached its end.

Ladies' Work Table. Roll-stitch, one of the newer stitches employed in crochet work, gives very rich and decorative effects, and in all especially handsome applied to laces worked in black silk for ornamenting dresses, mantles, etc.

A handsome cover for a sofa cushion can be made of any of the soft shades seen in the accompanying illustration. The cover may be applied fancy disks or wheels crocheted in ecru and single flax threads, each wheel in a single color.

Some of the designs in crochet which have roll-stitch as a feature, also almost any of the Irish-point crochet designs, can be made up into very elegant dress sets when done in ecru or blue. These sets, collar and vest are included in a set.

Another pleasant decoration of the disk order consists of circles of different sizes embroidered each in a different direction with linen flosses or flousses, according to the ground. Some may be darned horizontally, others up and down, others diagonally, say, in shades of green on a bluish-green ground; this treatment gives a wonderful play of color.

Simple Swedish Gobelin stitch is an excellent stitch for imitating old Gobelin tapestries. Monastery woofs are used, and a very coarse, open-meshed canvas. This stitch is done over four threads of the canvas in the height, having one thread between in the width; that is, giving the slight slant necessitated by passing over one thread in the height.



HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Fritters—Scrape and boil tender, rub through a colander to get rid of the tough and stringy portions, beat in an egg, a tablespoonful of milk, a teaspoonful (heaping) of prepared flour, with a little pepper and salt; make into small, flat cakes, flour and fry in good dripping or lard.

Hominy—Soak a cup of small hominy for two hours in enough cold water to cover it. Drain, put over the fire in a farina kettle, with a quart of warm water slightly salted, and cook for half an hour after it reaches the boil. If it has not soaked up all the water, pour it off and supply the place with a cup of warm milk. Bring it to a boil and serve. Eat with sugar and cream.

Baked Halibut—Buy a piece of halibut cut square and thick, not in slices, put it on the wire frame for roasting in the dripping pan, and pour a pint of well-salted water into the pan, lay the halibut on the cut side, and on the other or upper side, lay enough slices of thinly cut salt pork to cover the fish; bake till the fish is thoroughly done, half an hour at least, occasionally basting it with the salted water.

Broiled Shad—Make your market-man split the shad down the belly; this brings the thickest part over the greatest heat of the fire, and it is nicer to help served in this manner. Put it on a well-greased gridiron and turn quite often; to know when it is done separate the flakes of the thick part with a knife, and if it is at all pink or translucent return it to the fire. When done lay on a hot platter, skin side down; strew with salt only, put on bits of softened butter and serve.

Veal Cutlets, with Butter Sauce—Dip each cutlet in a beaten egg, then in peppered and salted cracker dust, and fry in hot dripping to a rich golden brown. Lay each as it is done on paper to absorb the grease. Arrange a hot dish and put on every cutlet a generous spoonful of sauce. Make it by beating two table-spoonfuls of butter to a cream with a table-spoonful of lemon juice and a table-spoonful of minced parsley.

Fried Potatoes—When they are smoking hot, and delicately browned they are delicious. To have them moist and free from an abundance of grease, depends entirely upon two things—the condition of the fire and the lard; for lard it must be fresh, firm, and sweet, for neither drippings, skimmings nor any of the other little economies the heart of the mistress is so apt to delight in will answer so well no matter how nicely rendered. Put in at the first a generous supply, and see it be coming smoking hot over a fire not too bright at first, but steadily increasing in the temperature. On these two commandments hang all one's skill and success.

Baked Toast—Pare the crust from slices of stale bread and toast quickly. As each is done, scrape off every sign of burn or scorch, dip in a pan of boiling salted water and lay in a deep dish that will bear the fire without injury. When all are in, pour upon the toast a quart of hot milk (half cream if you can get it) in which has been dissolved a heaping teaspoonful of butter and a teaspoonful of salt. Set the dish in a dripping pan of hot water and this in the oven. Bake covered for half an hour, then let the top layer brown very slightly. Should the milk be all absorbed before the time is up, add a little, boiling hot. Toast thus prepared has a rich creamy flavor the ordinary "dip toast" never achieves.

The Lowest Rates Ever Made to the South.

Will be in effect via the Louisville & Nashville railroad, on March 5, April 2 and 30, 1895. Round trip tickets will be sold to points in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and West Florida, and one way tickets to Florida at about half the regular rates. Ask your ticket agent about it, and if he can not sell you excursion tickets write to C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or George L. Cross, N. W. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

A Jewel.
"What do you know about French dishes?" asked Mrs. Upstart of the applicant for employment as cook.
"I know enough about them to make them, but never to ate them," was the reply. She was engaged.

The Watnash Line.
Takes pleasure in announcing that on April 30 excursion tickets will be sold over its lines to points in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning any time within thirty days and liberal stop-overs will be allowed. For further information call upon Mr. S. W. Flint, City Ticket Agent, 234 Fourth Street, Des Moines, or address Horace Seely, Commercial Agent.

Daniel is still preaching, because he was n't afraid of the lion's den.

The prophet who turned back to eat and drink was killed by a lion.

A BROKEN SIXPENCE.

"Oh, Alan, Alan—I canna lat you go."

The cry was so full of bitter anguish that it touched even the light and calloused heart of the man who heard it. "Never mind, lassie," he said, cheerily. "What's 'good by,' anyway? 'Tis so much better than 'fare-well.'"

"Ay, laddie, ay—'tis so. You'll come again—you'll come again to Margurth, as you've gie'n me word, Alan?"

The question was so eager, and yet so tenderly confident!

"Come again to you and Oban?" he asked laughing. "Now, could I stay away? There, they are calling from the boat; I must go. Good-bye, Margurth, be true to the broken sixpence."

"True to her troth-plight," she thought; "the angels in Heaven could not be truer." And as he waved his hand to her in last farewell, she did not know that he had no more intention of returning to her to keep his blighted faith, than he had of putting on a last year's faded garment, thrown aside for a newer fancy.

She watched him till the blinding tears hid him from her sight. A cracked and querulous voice greeted her, as she entered the little cottage.

"So 'ee's aye gane, the noo? An' 'twould ha' been as weel had it been a month a-gane. Ye've fashed me sair, Margurth, wi' your lovin's an' leavin's. Gae to your work, girl."

Margurth sighed. It was so hard to be forced to her regular routine duties while her heavy heart longed for the brooding silence of the beach and cliffs. She had yet to learn that grief is soonest overcome by tiring labor.

"D'ye ne'er ha' seen him, had 'ee gane a month ago, aunt," she said listlessly.

"I'm thinkin' 'twould ha' been as weel, had ye no."

"What mean ye, aunt?" Margurth cried, indignantly. "I ha'e his faith—surely ye canna misdoot the broken sixpence!"

"Ay, can I," replied her aunt, grimly, "an' him as weel, till I see him again."

The days went heavily by at the cottage. The aunt was more ailing and complaining than usual, and Margurth's life at best was a hard one.

She had a soul above dusting and dishwashing, things that occupied her aunt's whole attention when she was able to drag herself over her work.

"Ah! bonnie lavender!" sighed Margurth, catching the sound of his merry liltling as it dropped to her through the blue air. "Could I but wing wi' you for a day, how quick I'd find him, an' nestle doon into his lovin' heart!"

But these longings she kept close locked in her bosom and the winter passed in loneliness, but tinged with hope for the coming spring.

When the snow had melted enough for her to reach the village again, to make her simple purchases, she found that during the snows and storms evil rumor had been busy also. On every hand she met with coldness and suspicious glances where she had been accustomed to warm cordiality from her Scotch neighbors. She was vaguely troubled, but forgot all about it in her bitter disappointment at finding no letter as yet from Alan.

She was walking slowly, with bent head, and was half way through the town, when suddenly a young girl turned the corner ahead of her and was hurrying swiftly away.

"Alice!" she called, joyfully. Surely her dear friend, her playmate of so many and gone years would be glad to give her welcome.

The girl hesitated, then turned slowly and waited.

"I thought ye didna see me," said Margurth, smiling. "I'll gae wi' ye to the mither, noo—I ha'e a word frae aunt."

To her surprise the girl did not move to accompany her.

"What is't then?" she exclaimed impatiently, "what ail's the folk?"

"I daurna, Margurth," said Alice, sadly. "Mither forbid that I should speak wi' ye, even. I canna bide to talk."

Alice saw two friends coming and tried to hassen away, but Margurth caught her dress and so held her.

"Ye shall na gae," she cried, "till ye hae telled me a'!"

"Gude company, 'tis ye're keepin', Mistress Alice!" cried the two girls who had just come up. "Who'er's your fine lover, Margurth?" they sneered.

"Tis my lover ye're speirin' after; 'tis for him ye treat me sae! Because I ha'e a gram, gude mon to wed ye gie me shame. 'Tis that ye are jealous o' my gude luck," cried Margurth, with blazing eyes.

"Na, ma, spifere," cried one; "'tis not your lover we care about, 'tis that he hae 'gotten an' gane,' as the sayin' rins. 'He'll no' come again to marry'."

Alice had shrunk back at this last speech, but now she looked inquiringly at Margurth and waited for her answer. As for Margurth she seemed like one stricken to stone. Then she tore her broken sixpence from her bosom, where it had rested for so many months, and held it out to them.

"'Tis ye see that?" she cried, her breast heaving with anger and pain; "an' daur ye gae against the broken sixpence? I'm an' honest lassie than you the day, ye bold-faced things."

For an instant the girls were silenced, for to them the ceremony of breaking a sixpence when plighting a troth was much more binding than our engagement ring, so easily changed from one hand to another; and in fact is only exceeded in solemnity by their marriage ceremony itself.

But the girls soon recovered themselves. It would not do to be cheated in that way of so entertaining a bit of scandal.

"Expenses are mony," said one at last, "an' how ken we but ye brak it yoursel'?" "Tis a year ago the fair-night sin' he k't ye; if your speech be

true, he'll come again before the year is oot—so we'll wait wi' a' patience till fair-night—an' then we'll see!"

They ran away laughing, carrying Alice with them, though she looked back and evidently would have spoken. But Margurth had turned away, and was walking sadly homeward. So this was what it all meant, and unless Alan was there before fair-night—she shuddered to think what her life would be after that, until he should come, with pointing fingers and cruel sneers following her wherever she went. And if he should never come! Her heart stood still with sudden fear.

"You'll come to me, Alan, dearie, dearie!" she half sobbed, under her breath. So intense was the pleading in her voice that it seemed as though he must hear and answer, were he at the other side of the world. Involuntarily she put her arms, seeing nothing, hearing nothing, in the anguish of that sudden doubt. Suddenly she ran against something, unseen through her blinding tears, and a harsh voice exclaimed: "What mean ye, girl, rinnin' against peaceable folk in such manner! Ha'e ye no'e'n your head? Gae home to your gude aunt, an' tell her Dr. Makenzie says she's neglected her duty. I'm hearin' strange an' wicked tales o' ye, Margurth."

It was dusk when she reached the little cottage. How long she had wandered in her crushing grief, she did not know. The door stood open, and as she crossed the threshold her foot touched a prostrate figure. It moaned as she bent over it, and Margurth cried in sudden horror, "Aunt, aunt!"

By great exertion she succeeded in getting her on the bed, and then she threw her little shawl over her head and started back to the village. The way had never been so long before, yet she had never gone so fast. At last she stood before the house of the English doctor, who had recently come there, and hurriedly rang the bell. She could not go to Dr. Makenzie, who had dosed her aunt with harmless pills for years. The doctor was at home, and looked sharply at her as she made known her errand.

"You are cold and tired, my girl," he said, "come in and rest."

"Na, no, I canna," she cried, breathlessly. "Haste, gude mon, oh, make haste—she's like to dee!" It seemed to her almost as though she was in some way to blame for her aunt's seizure.

The doctor shook his head when he saw the patient. She might live a month, he said, and she might live only till morning. He gave Margurth same medicine for her, and then went away, promising to look in again the next day.

One week, two weeks passed and then the stern soul was forever at rest. It was not until after the funeral that Margurth had time to think of herself and her own future. The events of that afternoon had so faded before the tragedy that followed, that it was not until now that she remembered how near fair-night had come. Her mind was in an agony of hope and fear, belief and foreboding. Her days were full of waking terrors, her nights, of fear-some dreams. The minister called to advise with her as to her future, and was willing enough to receive her into his own family, her aunt having left her all the little wealth accumulated by years of toil, but Margurth seemed scarcely to hear him, and only said, "Wait a wee, sir an' let me speir wi' myself afore I say 'ay' or 'na'."

"I am fearful," Margurth, that what the evil tongues say has some foundation o' truth. I will return to you when you are acquaint wi' your own mind," said the good man, half angrily, as he took his leave. I shall send my sister to be wi' you, till you hae decided."

"Twas fair-day, fast sinking into night, All day long knots of girls had gathered among the gay booths or under the trees at the edge of the grounds, discussing some project which seemed to cause mirth for all, and to which one fair-haired girl cried 'shame!'—a cry which was drowned in laughter. As the dusk deepened they stealthily left the place and in the early dark gathered around a little cottage in the outskirts of the village. At first there was laughing and rapping at the doors, and cries of "Margurth!"—then one or two stooped and threw handfuls of mud at the shining windows; and finally one, more bold than the rest, pushed open the door and led them in to wreak their chastisement on the unhappy girl within.

But Margurth was not there.

It was a beautiful night—soft and dark, lit only by the stars, that winked merrily at the dark river flowing heavily by. Two forms were outlined against the starlit sky, sitting hand in hand on the balcony above; a third crouched stealthily below. The man was speaking and there was no mistaking the love that quivered through his earnest tones. The listener below shivered with mortal cold.

"There is one incident in my life, Ethel, that I have been ashamed to tell you." His companion turned her soft eyes on him in wondering surprise. "But now that our wedding is so near," he continued, "I feel that I must tell you and so be able to bring to you a clear conscience. More than a year ago I was in Scotland, as you know, and while there a little Scotch lassie fell in love with me. I'll admit I was flattered, too, and well—to tell the truth, I suppose I made love to her, and finally went through the Scotch custom of breaking a sixpence with her—partly because she expected it, and I couldn't bear to see the tears in her blue eyes, and partly because I couldn't resist the romance of it. I kept my half; here it is.

He laid the little broken bit of silver in the palm outstretched to receive it, kissing the little fingers as he did so.

"But you love me best, Alan?" she murmured.

"Ay, love, better than life itself!" he said, and the crouching figure moaned

as if in pain, then rose and stole noiselessly away.

"Then I forgive you, you had boy!" she said, tenderly. "And no doubt your Scotch lassie forgot all about you before the year was out, and has peacefully married some shepherd or something—they are most all shepherds in Scotland, aren't they?"

"I hope she has," said Alan, doubtfully. Someway he could not quite forget the look in her eyes that last morning as she bade him good-by.

"Hark, what was that!" But the river tells no tales, even though it gives up its dead.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Graves of Noted Men.
"It is not worthy," said Representative George D. Wise, speaking of the recent death of Julia Gardner Tyler at Richmond, Va., "that the bones of two ex-presidents, John Tyler and James Monroe, should rest within fifteen feet of one another in Holywood cemetery. Such, however, is the fact. Monroe's tomb is quite ornate and is on the brow of a hill overlooking the James river. Tyler's grave is on the slope of the hill, and there is neither stick nor stone to mark his last resting place. Tyler, like his wife, died after a brief illness, but at an advanced age."

Captain Wise concluded: "Holywood cemetery has within its limits the remains of a large number of celebrities. The ashes of the eccentric and celebrated John Randolph were removed a few years ago from Roanoke and placed in Holywood. The inscription on his tomb is: 'Here lies John Randolph of Roanoke.'

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Base-Ball Linnery.
A man will howl and prance and yell, Fit to wake the dead in the tomb, If one poor, little harmless mosquito Gets into his sleeping room.

But the self-same man, and no other, Will sit in the brooding sun, And fish all day, mid a swarm of bugs, And call it the best of fun.

A clerk who sits on a big, high stool, And keeps the books for the firm, Will hane his neck from morn till night, And wiggle and twist and squirm.

But he'll take his little half-dollar, And hie to the base-ball ground, And squat on the hardest side of the boards, And make no complaining sound.

—Lawrence American.

Tanning an Elephant Hide.
It weighed about 1,200 pounds, says the St. James Gazette, speaking of tanning an elephant's hide, and was about an inch and a third thick. After being put into a reservoir of pure water to green it, it was beaten for one hour every day with an iron on a large anvil. After being ten days in pure water it was left for another ten days in water with about 4 per cent. of salt. Then it was replaced in pure water again for twenty days. During those forty days it was constantly in soak. The head and feet, weighing about 300 pounds, were then removed, and the skin hung on spikes in the drying room. After hanging one day it was put in a vat containing potash and a small quantity of sulphur of sodium in the following proportions: Water, 1,000 parts; slacked lime, twenty-five parts; potash, three parts; sulphur of sodium, two parts. After being two days in this bath it was rinsed in pure water of a temperature of twenty degrees, when it was again placed in the drying room. After this double operation was repeated three times the skin was ready to have the hair taken off. This operation occupied about one day's time, and gave about 75 pounds of hair. Another day was spent in cleaning and scraping. By this time it lost 30 per cent. of its weight. The operation of its preparation lasted two months, and it went through the same course as cowhide, with the difference that each phase of the work took three times as much time. The skin should be stretched in the pit, and placed in the middle of cowhides. Six layers of powder are then thrown in; two first, one second, and two third layers. Altogether the tanning takes three years. The partition of time is thus: Becoming green, 40 days; worked, 16 days; preparation, 50 days; repetition, 60 days; first pit (double), 200 days; second pit (double), 300 days; third pit (double), 400 days.

JOHN WILKES BOOTH.
Evidence That He is Alive and in South America.

PADUCAH, Ky., April 25.—Suffolk Dugger, a prominent citizen of Unionville, tells a startling story. He says that last week he received a long letter from John Wilkes Booth, who is alive in South America, engaged in the mining business. Dugger alleges that Booth expressed a desire to return to the United States. Regarding the killing of the man supposed to have been him (Booth), Dugger says that the letter states he was an accomplice, being the one that handed Booth the pistol with which he shot Lincoln. Dugger is deemed very reliable by those who know him, and says he will give the letter up for publication in a short time.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.
DES MOINES, April 22, 1895.—Patent were allowed last week as follows: To R. F. Wood, of Des Moines, for a kitchen ventilator adapted to be suspended over a stove and connected with a chimney to collect and carry off fumes and foul air. To S. Herr and R. S. Moore, of Washington, Iowa, for a wagon end gate adapted to be used for a scoop board when unlocked and provided with an adjustable portion that can be raised to dump grain when the board is in a closed and locked position. To W. A. Cameron and W. J. DeLamare, of Des Moines, for an automatic brake for vehicles operated by the holding back of horses when going down hill, or by the driver at any place as required to restrict or stop the motion of horses and wagon. To R. Whitlock, of Des Moines, for a plug tobacco holder and cutter. The machine is of ornamental design, adapted to be placed in stores to receive a number of boxes of plug tobacco and a plug, from any box, projected by the movement of a lever and readily cut by a sliding knife. Seven United States patents were issued to Iowa inventors last week.

Serious Defect in our Educational System.
But one thing more of this same general kind is sadly needed. Perhaps the most serious defect of the system of liberal education now prevalent in this country is its lack of a truly progressive character. It is full of fits and starts. It is too disjointed and fragmentary. This is partly because there are no settled principles of procedure, fixing the order and amounts of the studies; and partly because there is no power which can secure teachers that know precisely what are expected, fitted, and permitted to teach. The consequence is that the different years of school life too much resemble the different successive sessions of our legislatures. Milton somewhere describes the process of legislation as "hatching a lie with the heat of jurisdiction." Fortunately, the process also consists in killing the brood of lies already hatched by previous legislation. Now the process of education in this country is by no means so bad in this regard as the process of legislation; but in certain respects the former too much resembles the latter.—*Scribner.*

What You Have a Right to Know.
How much have we a right to know of the private affairs of our friends and acquaintances? This is a delicate question to answer. Where to draw the line depends so much on the degree of intimacy. But in order to make social intercourse satisfactory, easy and secure, we certainly ought to know something.

We are bound in fairness to our fellow-man to give our credentials, our passport, so to speak, our nationality, our calling, our domestic condition, in order to save him from the mortification of treating on delicate ground, or at least to save him from the restraint which uncertainty involves. Of course there are many private matters which a man has a right to keep secret, according to our recognized code of social laws, though we think the less secrecy there is in the world the better, since all secrets are lies by implication.—*Texas Siftings.*

Of every 10,000 clergymen between 45 and 65, fifteen die annually. Among 10,000 doctors of the same age, a fraction over 28.

St. Paul never carried any sermon sandwich with him.

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GREAT MYSTERY SOLVED.

Identity of the Famous Jack the Ripper is Disclosed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Dr. Howard, a prominent London physician, recently in this city, told a story of his own knowledge to the effect that the mystery of Jack the Ripper is no longer a mystery among the scientific men of London nor the detectives of Scotland Yard. He said the mysterious assassin was a medical man of high standing and extensive practice with a beautiful and amiable wife. Shortly before the Whitechapel murders began he developed an inexplicable mania in the unnatural pleasure of causing pain. Then the Whitechapel murders began and his wife noticed with horror that her husband was always absent from home on such occasions. She finally communicated her fears to medical friends of her husband, who with the aid of detectives succeeded in establishing his identity as the murderer. They brought him face to face with the facts and finally he confessed that there were periods of which he had no recollection, and afterwards awakening in his room, he found blood stains on his hands and clothing and his amputating knives showing signs of use. Ample proofs of the murder were found in the house and at his own request, the physicians removed him to an insane asylum, where he soon lost all semblance of sanity and is now the most intractable and dangerous mad man in the institution.

FACTS AND EVENTS.

Canadian produce is pouring into Augusta, Me., for shipment to England faster than the shippers can take it away.

The coins of Siam are made of porcelain; those of Japan are made principally of iron.

South Shields, Eng., is said to possess the oldest lifeboat in existence. It has been in use since 1830 and by means of it 1,028 persons have been rescued.

An examination of the eyes of white and colored children in the Washington schools shows that the latter are much less liable to shortsightedness and astigmatism.

Some of the tops with which Chinamen amuse themselves are as large as barrels. It takes three men to spin one, and gives off a sound that may be heard several hundred yards.

Paris has a new periodical, entitled Journal for Mothers-in-Law. The editor says that his object is to defend the social interests of mothers-in-law, and to correct their faults as far as possible by means of friendly criticism.

Such was the indomitable perseverance of the late Caesar Cantes, the Italian historian, that during a year's imprisonment in Austria he wrote a historical romance, entitled "Margherita Pusteria," with a toothpick and lamplack.

Deafness Can Not Be Cured by local applications, as they can not reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it

LOCAL NEWS.

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SEE NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mrs. S. G. Lewis is ill. Order your Hat, Mason's. John Capart is able to be out again. Mason's "Bonnets and Hats," Mason's. Mrs. W. H. Scott is very ill this week. John McClain has been suffering with the rheumatism. Henry McFall is to be a guest of our city for a few days. Attend the big sale of bankrupt shoes at the Hub, 607 Walnut. Remember quarterly meeting Sunday. Rev. Hardison will preach. Miss Enix of Macon City is going to spend the summer in our city. Miss Irene McNeal is in the city visiting her brother, D. Miller. Fred Green returned home Friday, after an extended visit in our city. All communications should reach us not later than Wednesday to insure publication. Miss Anna Day, of Oskaloosa, was in our city to attend the funeral of her cousin, Mrs. Isaac Curtley. All persons owing me please call and pay on or before May 1, 1895, without further notice. Mrs. Trax. Big bargains for Saturday at the sale of the Foster Shoe Co. bankrupt stock, 607 Walnut St. Mesdames Whitfield and Grider, of St. Joe, were in our city to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Saunders. Don't forget to have your subscription money on hand. If you are at work leave the money with your wife. A bargain insured at the sale of the Foster Shoe Co. bankrupt stock. Everything at a big reduction. The Hub, 607 Walnut. The H. B. S. R. C. was postponed on account of the death of Mrs. Isaac Curtley. They will meet May 2nd at Mrs. J. E. Williamson's, Eighth and Laurel. The household of Ruth met last Thursday night and elected Mrs. B. J. Holmes the delegate to the grand household, which will meet in Chicago in August. Mrs. Morton, of 1177 Eleventh street, entertained a few of her friends Thursday as follows: Mrs. Coalson and husband, Zella Davis and mother, Mrs. Wilburn and Mrs. Hudson Woods. General John McNulta, receiver of the whisky trust, has employed as his private stenographer Miss Belle Blue, a colored girl of this city, who has gone to Chicago to assume her duties. She is the daughter of Richard Blue, an old soldier of the Union army. She is a graduate of the High School of this city and an accomplished musician. While the police are looking after disorderly houses the burglars are entering buildings in the most prominent places in the city. Three policemen were crowded in a doorway a short time ago in a vain attempt to arrest a woman for keeping a disorderly house. The same night a store was robbed on Walnut street between Fifth and Sixth. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall was burglarized Tuesday evening and Fred Green of Newton is minus a watch and several dollars. The police have no clew. Mr. Green was in the city last week attending the Pathfinders' dance. He went home and returned Monday of this week. The impression among those who are in a position to know is that a member of the gentler sex has "stolen his heart away."

Miss Edith Birney entertained the M. L. C. at her home, Ninth street, after business was ended. The following program was rendered: Declamation, Miss Phil Lankford; essay, Miss Beatrice Hicklin; instrumental solo, Miss Edith Birney; declamation, Miss Agnes Roy; journal, Miss Beatrice Hicklin. An elegant lunch was then served to the following visitors: Mr. C. Lewis, Fred Green, of Newton, Dr. Johnson, J. Rogers, T. Blagburn, A. Jones, J. Madden, T. Raff, H. Hughes, C. Logan. The concert given by the A. M. E. literary last Tuesday evening was a grand success. The program with a few exceptions was carried out. Firm Brown, W. H. Warrick, Miss Maple Morton, Miss Emma Jackson, Miss Sarah Porter, Mrs. Susie Williams, Miss Mary Bell, Miss Nettie Tolliver, J. H. Rogers, G. Ivan Holt, C. Clifton Lewis, E. G. McFee, Miss Victoria Goodloe, Mesdames Coalson, Birney and Frank Blagburn appeared on the program. Every number was well rendered and equally well received. The Leon high school held their graduating exercises Thursday and Friday evening of this week. The class numbered twenty-one, the special feature being that Ed. Thompson, the first colored graduate from the Leon high school. He is young, brilliant and industrious and in the years which he has lived in Leon and attended school nothing but the highest praise is due him. He has set an example for others and made the hearts of his parents, friends and relatives light and hopeful. Miss Mary Capart graduated with honors at the Bloomfield high school this week. She is a sister of Mrs. Hammet and Jno. Capart. This is another star in the galaxy of colored graduates. A blue mark on your paper means Clarence W. Logan is coming after that money—so please have it ready. Mr. Albert Pearson, of Greenfield, Iowa, attended the funeral of Mrs. Isaac Curtley. Remember your subscription money May 1st. Mrs. Samuel Lewis has a very severe cold. Latest styles, lowest prices, Mason's. A CRUEL MAN. A sensation was created a few days ago in which the widow of the late George Manley and Montrose W. Thornton are the central figures. Several months ago young Thornton wooed and won Mrs. Manley, who is far his senior in years. The conclusion is obvious. Money she possessed seemed to be the ruling motive for his matrimonial action. Since the marriage he has been at home very little and when at home was only there to hold a monetary conference and replenish his exchequer. She married Thornton in direct opposition to the advice of friends, relatives and well-wishers. He went home a few days ago, and in a locked room under the threat of doing great bodily injury, forced his wife to deed him her property and otherwise intimidated her. He has since been arrested and lodged in jail. The rules of common decency demand that such betrayers and unprincipled "hough boughs" be brought to immediate justice. There is not a spark of manhood in such a brute. Not only is the action of Thornton wrong, but it is doubly wrong, for he paraded in the title role as a minister of the gospel. Evidence points to the fact that he was a disciple of him who was cast out of heaven. He might have been a power for good, but he lacked principle. He was surrounded by glorious opportunities, but he lacked character. He was at the spring of life, but he lacked the love of God in his heart. DEATHS. DIED—Mrs. Gertrude Curtley, wife of Mr. Isaac Curtley, Tuesday after a lingering illness of several months. Deceased, had she lived until Friday, April 26th, would have been 26 years of age. She was born in Oskaloosa. She came to this city July 6, 1881, at the age of 12 years. Her childhood and school days were spent here and her many friends and schoolmates feel the loss of a most amiable lady. She was twice married and was a devoted wife and helpmeet. During her long illness she was optimistic and fully realized that all things are for the best. Thus her sufferings were borne in a true Christian spirit. The funeral occurred from St. Paul's A. M. E. church Thursday afternoon, Rev. Clark officiating. The edifice was crowded to its utmost with friends and relatives who had come from far and near to pay their tribute of earthly respect. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all who know them. DIED—Mrs. Saunders, mother of Mrs. George Stanton, died April 23, after a protracted illness. Deceased was 60 years, one month and twenty-three days of age. Her home was formerly in Missouri, but for the past few months she had resided in this city. She was a good Christian woman and bore her sufferings with fortitude. The funeral occurred from the East Side Baptist church Thursday afternoon, where a large concourse of friends met and paid their tribute of earthly respect. The relatives have the sympathy of all in this sad hour of their bereavement. TRILBY. A Train for the Southeast and South. 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LAW AND LONG SKIRT

Prussian Deputies Debate Dress Trains and Measures Against Them. The Prussian government promised to consider the expediency of forbidding women to wear trains on the public promenades. The subject was introduced in the house by Deputy Count Douglas, conservative, social reformer and intimate friend of the emperor. The condensed report of the debate is: Count Douglas—In view of the spread of infectious diseases I regard it as desirable to direct the government's attention to the wholesome action of the Meran police in prohibiting women from wearing trains on the public promenades. I think that public opinion should be aroused on the subject by the press. It is the opinion of all authorities that street dust is filled with the germs of infectious diseases and that it carries these diseases into the lungs of pedestrians. If women can once be convinced that when they sweep the streets with their skirts they are spreading disease far and wide, I believe their consciences will triumph over the tyranny of fashion and vanity. Dr. Lagerhaus, radical unionist—I do not deny that women stir up a poison-dust in the streets with their long skirts, and that many bacteria are thus scattered through the air we breathe. This is not the main point, however. The worst of dress trains is that they gather the filth of the streets, and carry it, laden with germs of disease, into the home, the nursery, and the bedroom. It is very hard to conquer a fashion, however. Perhaps the best means of counteracting the danger in this case is to teach women that they should carefully cleanse their street dresses upon returning from a promenade. Government Councillor-in-Chief Lindig, replying for the ministry—I can assure the gentlemen who have taken part in this noteworthy discussion that the cabinet will consider carefully the suggestions made. Special attention shall be given to the suggestion that the existing police regulations need amendment regarding the wearing of long skirts in the streets. Councillor Lindig's reply has been hailed with joy by the dress reformers of Berlin. They are living in hope of an order against trains from the department of the interior. They think that the Berlin police ought at least do as much as the police of Meran.

QUEER FRENCH LAW.

Plays Suppressed if a Man Objects to Use of His Name. There is a law in France which embitters the life of every dramatic author, as it confers upon every French citizen the right of having a novel or play immediately suppressed by the police if his name happens to be mentioned in it. In their anxiety to avoid unpleasantness the parodists of the Cluny theater decided to designate the characters in a recent piece by numbers. The effect thus produced is somewhat peculiar, as, for instance: "Ah! charming 152, you are the most adorable of all women." "And you are a flatterer, Count 18." "While the two were thus exchanging compliments an elderly gentleman suddenly appears, and calls out in a voice of thunder: "I have caught you now, Count 18! Are there any cowards in your family?" "Gracious!" whispered Count 18, trembling in his shoes. "Gracious! Duke 53." "Seventy-four!" exclaims the Duke, "turn this gentleman out!" "But at this point a fellow in the audience springs to his feet. "That is really too bad!" he shouts in the direction of the stage. "I will send you a summons." The Duke answers in surprise: "What have you to complain of? Seventy-four is only a number." "That's just it. It is the very number I bore when in jail, and I am not going to be degraded by having a servant dubbed with it." Everybody had to give in to that argument, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. It was the law. The play was stopped there and then.

A Princess and Her Violin.

Grand Duchess Olga, the 13-year-old sister of the empress of Russia, is just now a source of great anxiety to her relatives, and especially to her mother. Some celebrated German and French specialists have been recently in St. Petersburg, with the object of diagnosing her case, and she is to accompany her mother to the south of France, where she will undergo medical treatment. She has never recovered from the shock of the terrible railroad accident at Borki, which in some way appears to have affected the development of her physique, though not of her mind, for she is a remarkably intelligent girl, and has inherited in particular her mother's talent for music. She is especially proficient on the violin, of which she is passionately fond, and which she has been playing for the past five years. Many people and not a few doctors have expressed the opinion that her playing several hours every day on the violin may be partly responsible for her stunted and slightly deformed physique. There is certainly no musical instrument more calculated to affect injuriously the figure of a young and growing girl than the violin, owing to the position in which the body is held while playing. It is probable that the doctors will now definitely insist on what they have already recommended, namely, that the princess shall put her violin aside for a time, at any rate, pending the treatment which she is about to undergo.

Bark as Fuel.

Bark is a favorite fuel in the northwest. The evergreens of the region consume quickly in the open fireplace and leave nothing but light ashes, but the bark of these same trees, very thick and heavy, burns more slowly and falls into embers that give out a satisfying heat for many hours. A Sad Case. Hostess—My dear count, you must pardon me, but I have such a very poor memory of you that it's a real affliction. I have forgotten yours. The Count—You should consult a specialist in mental diseases, my dear madame, you really should. My name is Kaskowowsischinffingloski.

RUSSIA NOT STRONG.

Unable to Enforce Her Demands Upon Japan. LONDON, April 26.—The Daily Chronicle says: "Russia is unable to enforce her demands upon Japan. Suppose she were able immediately to concentrate 50,000 men in the east, of what use would they be against the Mikado's 100,000 veterans, better equipped and drilled in every way? Russia might as well try to invade the moon as Japan. Every Russian landed would find ten Japanese awaiting him. Moreover, the Japanese might make a descent upon Vladivostok. Russia must consider such possibilities before deciding to back her protest with force."

JAPAN'S REPLY.

Russian Demands Regarding the Treaty Refused. ST. PETERSBURG, April 26.—Japan replying to the note of Russia intimating that there are various conditions in the treaty of peace with China which Russia cannot allow to be executed, informed Russia that if Japan yielded to the demands of Russia, France and Germany it would expose herself to a revolution, as the Japanese were intoxicated with their victories and would assent to no concessions. In spite of this, Russia has determined to maintain the demand.

INCOME TAX.

Consideration of Bill for Rehearing Postponed. WASHINGTON, April 25.—The supreme court has made the following order with regard to the petitions for a rehearing of the income tax question: "Consideration of the two petitions for a rehearing is reserved until Monday, May 6, when a full bench is expected and in that event the counsel on each side will be heard at that time." This means that the argument will be heard on the point whether or not a rehearing will be granted.

STRIKERS WIN.

New Jersey Woolen Mill Employees Gain a Point. TRENTON, N. J., April 25.—Samuel J. Wilson, the millionaire woolen manufacturer, whose 700 employees have been on a strike the past seven weeks, has consented to their demands, and the mill will resume operations.

BREVITIES.

The coroner's jury at San Francisco returned a verdict holding Durant for the murder of the two young ladies in Emanuel Baptist church. All through and local passenger trains of the M. & T. Ry. system now arrive at and depart from the new union station at St. Louis, Mo. It is announced that it is now almost certain that England will establish a pacific blockade at Nicaragua. This may cause other nations to protest because of injury to their commerce. A horrible cave has been discovered near the village of Quechultenango, Mex. Over one thousand skulls were counted and piles of bones in a great heap. It is supposed the remains are ghastly souvenirs of the attacks on travelers and caravans of freighters in past years. One story is to the effect that in 1880 bandits attacked a richly laden train of wagons heavily guarded and killed the entire party. Strangely enough, the bandits seemed to carry off the dead with them. No trace of them was ever found.

The French authorities in Madagascar have sent ex-United States Consul Waller under guard to France. He is under sentence of twenty years on the charge of being a spy in the interest of the Hova government against whom the French are waging war. The sentence was imposed by court-martial. This will facilitate the development of the facts in the case and the United States minister to France has been directed to make a thorough investigation. This will include the question of the right of France to try an American citizen by court-martial and possibly the right of France to interfere at all in internal affairs at Madagascar. C. P. Huntington, of San Francisco, president of the Southern Pacific railroad, has been arrested, charged with giving a free pass to one Frank Stone, of California, in violation of the interstate commerce law. Two negro men and three negro women were lynched near Greenville, Ala., recently. The five were arrested near Buttler Springs, charged with the murder of Watts Murphy, a young man of prominence and the nephew of ex-Governor Watts. Another negro man who was also implicated made his escape.

The grand jury in London has indicted Oscar Wilde on charges of general immorality.

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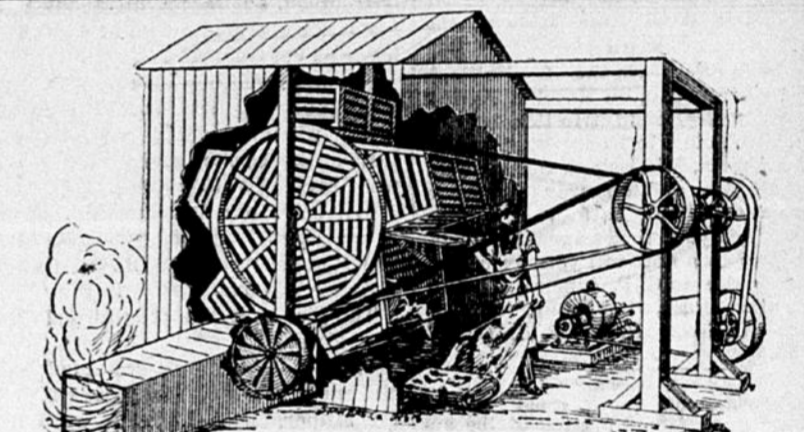
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