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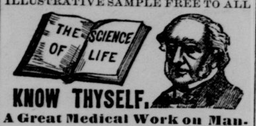

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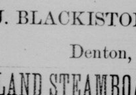

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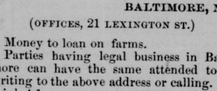

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Ring on, glad bells! The day is fair,
And pure and sweet is the April air.
For Spring hath broken Winter's chain,
And Life hath robbed cold Death again.

Angels have rolled the stone from the tomb,
Christ is risen from the grave's dark gloom,
The darkness that covered the world is fled,
And God's own sunshine reigns instead.

For the Temple, destroyed, is builded again,
Jesus of Nazareth walks among men!
And white-robed angels, in the tomb where he lay,
Tell the glad tidings to earth to-day.

Go, Mary, go! tell to all men,
"Jesus of Nazareth lives again!"
And you, doubting Thomas, touch his wounded side;
See the nail-prints in the hands of the Crucified.

Bring aloes and myrrh, and frankincense sweet;
And scatter fair flowers 'neath the Bridegroom's feet;
Resound, joyous anthems, o'er land and sea,
Sing hope to the despairing, wherever they be.

Cover the altar with lilies—white and fair,
Like the wreath of a bride, in her golden hair;
For the Bridegroom cometh, the bells' glad lay,
Tells the story to all; hear, ye who may!

Ye sublime hills, rejoice, rejoice!
And thou, green valley, lift up thy voice!
And ye, happy brooklets, flow on, flow on,
With your peaceful, gladsome, joyous song!

Then ring on, glad bells! For the day is fair!
And ye sorrowing ones, wherever you are,
List to the Easter bells, glad and gay;
For Jesus of Nazareth is risen to-day.

Some Statistics for Farmers.

The Philadelphia North American says there are still persons who cherish the delusion that the prices of farm products have either declined or are not much improved, while manufactured articles have increased in cost. This delusion comes partly from the almost universal belief that the golden age was during our grandfather's time, and partly from false statements in the doctrinaire prints. If we go back seventy years and compare prices then with prices now, the delusion disappears. The price of what the farmer had to sell then and what he has to sell now, as well as the price of farm labor, will be found in the subjoining table:

	1816.	1886.
Wheat per bushel	.44	.99
Oats per bushel	.15	.41
Corn per bushel	.20	.46
Barley per bushel	.25	.80
Butter per pound	.12	.32
Cheese per pound	.06	.10
Eggs per dozen	.05	.12
Cows per head	$15.00	$50.00
Hay per ton	5.00	17.00
Straw per ton	4.00	15.00
Sheep per head	.75	2.00
Farm labor per month	8.00	18.00

As this would be an imperfect showing without a comparison of prices for some of the articles the farmer must buy, we append the following table:

	1816.	1886.
Steel per pound	.17	.12
Nails per pound	.12	.04
Broadcloth per yard	$16.00	$4.00
Wool blankets per pair	15.00	7.00
Cotton cloth per yard	.30	.12
Calico per yard	.25	.06
Salt per bushel	$1 to 4.00	.15 to 2.50

It will be seen that the cost of farm labor has increased rather more than 100 per cent. But the selling price of farm products has increased all the way from 100 to 400 per cent. At the same time the cost of most of the staples the farmer must buy has decreased from 20 to 50 per cent. Were we to compare the dwellings of the farmer of to-day with those of the farmer of even fifty years ago, it would be seen that he is not only able to live better and more comfortably, but quite willing to do so. If we examine his tool house, we shall find single implements there worth the entire lot his grandfather owned and thought sufficient.

Cleveland's Corpulency.

A Washington dispatch says: "Since Mr. Cleveland entered the White House he has gained forty-two pounds in weight. His rapid increase in weight, considering his already great physical proportions when he became President, and considering also the great mental strain that his official duties necessarily keep him under, led to the remark frequently of late that he was peculiarly a subject of apopletic attack. He greatly resembles Mr. Manning in physical proportions, barring the dissimilarity in their size. His neck is very short and thick, and his breathing at times labored. Local physicians have been saying since Mr. Manning's prostration that the President is almost an ideal subject of apoplexy, and the opinion is common that unless he shall relax the tension of his Executive duties he will within another year become the victim of apoplexy.

"This view had been represented to Mr. Cleveland before Mr. Manning's prostration, but was treated rather lightly by him. Now, however, he is reported to be in a more serious frame of mind about it. It is not considered likely, though, these admonishers will have great weight. Work is second nature to the President, and as long as there is anything undone which ought to be done, a gentleman who knows a great deal about his private life says he would suffer more mental tension than would be caused by the performance of the work. The President takes no exercise whatever, except such as naturally falls in his way in his daily routine.

Orchard and Fruit Garden for May.

Those who change their place of residence usually do so this month, and such, whether they move to a village lot or to a larger place, wish to improve it by setting out fruit-bearing trees and shrubs. It is a common mistake to undertake too much. An owner of a small place cannot afford to grow apples, which he can buy for a small outlay, while he can by growing strawberries and other small fruits, have these in greater perfection than they can be purchased. Persons who begin their operations, whether on a small or a large scale, should avoid those who advertise trees or shrubs "for immediate bearing." We know of no tree or fruit-bearing plant that will, or ought to bear fruit, the same season in which it is planted. In planting trees so late, it is the more important to shorten the branches. Nurserymen send a showy top without regard to the size of roots; it is safe to cut off at least half of each branch before planting. Old trees may be grafted if scions are to be had. * * Insects must be fought from the start. If the eggs have not been cut off and destroyed, the tent-caterpillars will pitch their tents in the forks of the branches. As soon as these are seen, remove them by hand, whether gloved or not. * * Borers are often in trees received from the nursery, and each one should be examined as planted. Wherever sawdust is seen at the base of a young tree, a borer is at work, and must be cut or probed out. * * If strawberry beds are not already mulched, apply a covering of straw between the rows, after a thorough weeding, to keep the fruit clean. * * The trees of a bearing orchard should have the whole ground, but a young orchard may be cropped between the rows, with benefit to the trees. Potatoes and other crops that require manuring and cultivation are the best. * * Currants may have their season much prolonged by heavy mulching. * * Grape-vines planted this spring should bear but a single shoot, which should be kept carefully trained to a stake.—American Agriculturist for May.

Indian Skeletons.

Mr. Wallace Clark, of Cambridge, made quite a discovery this week while walking along the high sand bank at Sandy Hill, near Hessey's phosphate factory. He observed a bone sticking out of the bank about six feet below the surface, and upon examination found that it was a human skull. A little further research revealed more, and thirty in all were exhumed. One was taken to Dr. Goldsborough, who pronounced it the head of an Indian. Other bones besides were found and quite a pile of them were dug out, showing that here in long years ago was the great cemetery of the redskins who roamed the forests where now are fields of growing grain. On this high knoll overlooking the crested waters stretching away to the westward were laid the bones of the braves, maybe years before the foot of the pale-face made its imprint on Maryland soil never to leave it. And in later years when the white man came in greater numbers and the red man's keen perception taught him that henceforth his path must be toward the setting sun, he doubtless spent many a weary and sad hour, regretting to leave the last resting place of his forefathers in the hands of the invaders. And here for years and years that run back far in antiquity, six feet under the glittering crystals of glistening sand have laid the bones of those who once were "kings of all they surveyed," and whose descendants are climbing the distant mountain with the cry of anguish and despair on their lips, the utterance of which is forbidden by the traditional bravery of the race.

"Beneath those rugged elms, that yew trees shade,
Where heaves the turf in many amoulding heap;
Each in his narrow cell forever laid,
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."
—Cambridge News.

Miss Folsom's Trousseau.

The New York Times of yesterday publishes the following special from Buffalo: "The Times's correspondent has received information concerning the coming marriage of President Cleveland and Miss Folsom which may be considered quite reliable. It was received almost directly from Col. J. B. Folsom, of Folsomdale, Miss Frankie's grandfather, and is to the effect that the marriage will take place in June. Miss Folsom is now buying her trousseau in Europe, her grandfather having furnished her with the means. Col. Folsom made the further remark that he gave his granddaughter $1,600 when she went away, and that he had just sent her $600 more, to be used in buying the trousseau. This information comes through but two persons from Col. Folsom, and cannot therefore be much, if any, distorted; and besides, the family of the gentleman from whom it was received has long been on intimate terms with the Folsoms."

From the Poetical to the Real.

A Chicago girl sat pensively at the window gazing upon the blue sky and tumbling waves of the emerald lake.

"What are you doing, my daughter?" asked her father, who was reading the market reports.

"Building castles, papa," she sighed. "Castles in the air."

"Well don't do it, my child; you can't mortgage buildings like that for a darned cent.

The Wit of Women.

If steamers are named the Asia, the Russia and the Scotia, why not call one the Nausea?—Louise Alcott.

A friend said to the sister of President Cleveland as she was leaving Buffalo for Washington: "I hope you will hail from Buffalo." "Oh! you expect me to hail from Buffalo and reign in Washington."

If the Venis de Medici could be animated into life women would only remark that her waist is large. Ouida.

We shall be perfectly virtuous when there is no longer any flesh on our bones.—Marguerite De Valos.

No! I ain't one to see the cat walking into the dairy and wonder what she's come after.—George Eliott.

Her neck and arms were as naked as if she had never eaten of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.—Jane Carlyle.

When you wish to affirm anything you always call God to witness, because he never contradicts you.—Queen of Roumania.

Marryin' a man ain't like settin' alongside him nights and hearin' him talk poetry; That's the fust prayer. There's lots an' lots o' meetin' after that.—Rose Terry Cooke.

"What would you do in time of war if you had the suffrage?" asked Horace Greeley of Mrs. Stanton. "Just what you have done, Mr. Greeley—stay at home and urge the others to go and fight," replied the lady.

"Pray," said an army officer, who had been on guard duty in Washington 17 years, to Miss Cleveland, "what do you ladies find to think about besides dresses and parties?" "The heroic deeds of our modern army officers," replied Miss Cleveland.

He Worked on a Monday Paper.

Minister.—"And you feel an awakening within you, my friend?"

Penitent Printer.—"I do, sir; I feel that I have been a great sinner—a very great sinner. I'm afraid there is no salvation for me."

M.—"Come, come, my friend, do not be despondent. You know the lines, being a printer, about the vilest sinner returning. I think you are in a hopeful condition—a very hopeful condition."

P. P.—"Ah! but I've been such a Sabbath breaker!"

M.—Working on a Sunday paper, I presume."

P. P.—Oh, no. The men who work on Sunday papers don't break the Sabbath. Their work is done on Saturday night. I work on a daily paper, and the Monday morning paper is all set up on Sunday. But I'm determined to leave this business. I'll break the Sabbath no more by setting up type.

M.—"I rejoice to find you in such a frame of mind. You'll be a bright and shining light in the church, one of these days. And you have to set type on Sundays, my poor friend—reports of dog fights, pugilistic mills, and so forth, I suppose?"

P. P.—(weeping bitterly.)—"No, sir; principally reports of ministers sermons in solid nonpareil."—Boston Courier.

A Lawyer Baffled.

Jim McSnifter was being tried in San Antonio for trying to bribe a colored witness, Sam Johnsing, to testify falsely.

"You say the defendant offered you $50 to testify in his behalf?" said Lawyer Gough to Sam Johnsing.

"Yes, sah."

"Now repeat precisely what he said, using his own words."

"He said he would give me $50 if I—"

"He can't have used those words; he didn't speak as a third person."

"No, sah; he tuck good keer dat dar was no third pusson present. Dar was only us two. Defendant am too smart ter hab anybody listenin' when he am talkin' about his own rascality."

"I know that well enough, but he spoke to you in the first person, didn't he?"

"I was the fust pusson myself."

"You don't understand me; when he was talking to you did he use words, "I will pay you $50?"

"No, boss; he didn't say nuffin' about you payin' me $50. Your name wasn't mentioned, 'ceptin' dat he tole me ef eber I got into a scrape dat you was de best lawyer in San Antonio to fool de judge and de jury."

"You can step down."

No One Waited on Her.

She was young, she was green, she was very new in Washington. At a recent swell affair she had gone with the crowd into the refreshment room. Presently an elegant looking waiter, for all the world like a foreign Ambasador, bowed politely before her and murmured:

"Is there any one waiting on you miss?"

"Sir? sir?" she stammered in startled embarrasment.

"Pardonnez moi. Is there any one waiting on you?"

"Oh!" she said, blushing brightly. "No sir; not in Washington. But when I'm at home I've more beaux than any other girl in town.—Washington Critic.

A chromo is known by the tea it sells.

Nobody is contented until he is in jail. Then he has enough.

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