

Comfort from Newspapers.

Many years ago, in one of the severe winters when there was much hardship among the poor, a city paper suggested that old newspapers, spread over the bed, would form an excellent substitute for blankets and coverlets. This brought upon the journal a great deal of harmless ridicule from other papers, but it brought comfort to many a poor family. In the matter of bed-clothing, especially, we are apt to associate warmth with weight, and do not consider that there is no warmth in the coverings themselves, but that they merely prevent the heat of the body from passing off. Whatever is a poor conductor of heat will make a warm covering. Paper itself is a poor conductor, but still poorer are the thin layers of air that are confined when two or three newspapers are laid upon one another. A few newspapers laid over the bed will keep one much warmer than some of the heavy, close-woven blankets. We do not propose newspapers as a substitute for blankets and comforters, but it is one of those make-shifts that it is well to know. In traveling one may, by the aid of a few papers, secure a comfortable rest in a thinly-clad bed, and if we cannot afford to give a destitute family a blanket for a comforter, we may show them how to increase the usefulness of their thin coverings by stitching a few layers of newspapers between them. It may be well to remind those who grow window-plants that, by removing them away from the window, and arranging a cover of newspapers over them, they may be preserved from harm in severely cold nights. With the plants, as with ourselves, it is not so much that cold comes in as that the heat goes off, and often a slight protection will prevent the escape of heat.—*Am. Loan Agriculturist*

Official Encouragement of Talent.

A fact noticed in the Belgian correspondence of one of the Parisian papers affords another illustration of the inefficiency of the official encouragement of talent by the state. The King of the Belgians has regularly offered every year, for the last ten years, a prize of £1,000 for the best work on some subject of general interest, the greatest latitude of choice being allowed the candidates, provided the work came within the sufficiently comprehensive category of "œuvres d'intelligence." During the whole ten years the prize has only been awarded once. Year after year the jury appointed to decide on the merits of the different essays sent in have had to make the melancholy return that not one of them came up to a decent standard. Macaulay (himself a writer of prize poems) has somewhere said that prize sheep are only fit to make candles of, and prize poems to light them with. Young Oxford would probably object to the dictum; but in Belgium, if prize essays and prize poems may be placed on the same footing, it would seem to be in part true.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

tempting to convince gentlemen to adopt a new practice when the old is so convenient to follow—reserving this for future consideration or allowing it to rest upon what has heretofore been said—we desire to urge the use of enough oil meal to keep the animals in a thriving, healthy condition. A very little, given regularly, will answer the purpose, and it will be found admirable in preventing constipation and imparting to the stomach and digestive organs a fine, healthy tone. It assists greatly in the digestion and assimilation of other foods, and the use will be found in every way satisfactory. It can also be fed to other descriptions of live-stock, in smaller quantities, and we have found its use particularly advantageous with horses subject to colic or intestinal disorders.—*Breeders' Gazette*.

Just Looked at Him.

Sometimes an impudent ruffian gets his due at the hands of a woman. Not long ago a modest, well-bred girl paused for a moment on a street corner to await the coming of a friend whom she had left indoors. A man saw the stationary feminine figure, and, approaching, began with confidence to talk about the weather, and inquire the young woman's destination. He was met with a stony stare. He braved it for a moment and talked on, but presently his words began to fail, he repeated himself, he stammered, he stuttered, he even blushed under the cool, surprised eyes, and in the end he turned and almost ran away from the woman he was insulting.—*Chicago Herald*.

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"Got any o' them thirty-seven cent suspenders left. I'm coming all the pieces?"

Dealer does him up a pair in a hurry, and forgets to ask him to call again.—*New Haven Register*.

Begin Aright.

A frowning face or unkind word may cloud a whole household in gloom the entire day, while cheery smiles, like brilliant sun rays, fill the atmosphere with glowing warmth and happiness. Let us cultivate the habit of good-humor and sing with the poet:

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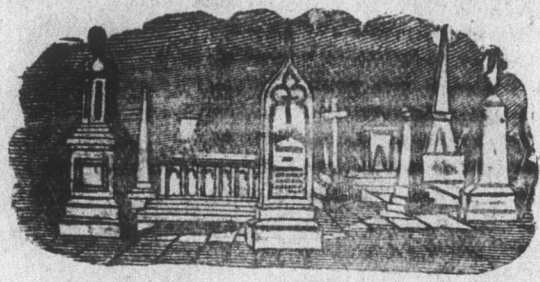
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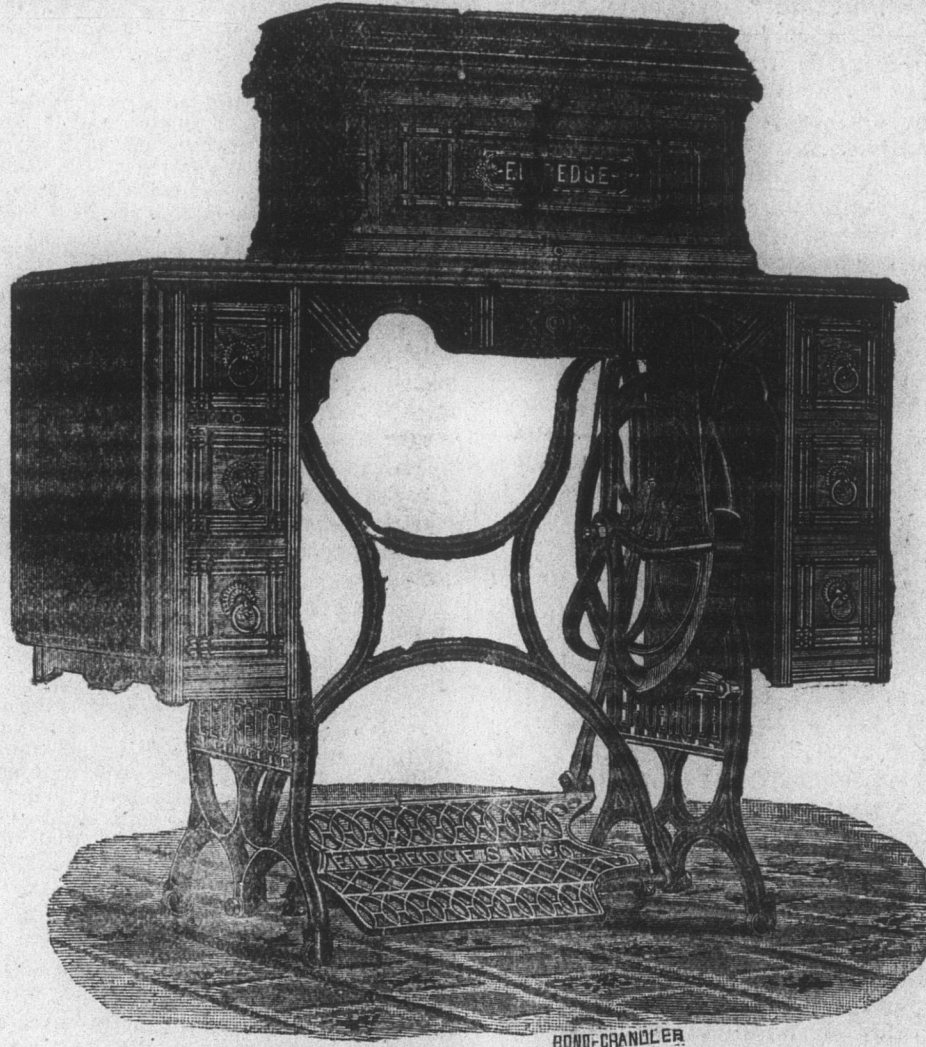
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