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## BAGGING AND TWINE.

ute bagging and iron ties are essential to the proper and economical marketing of cotton, the staple crop of the south.

Twine is just as essential to the proper harvesting of wheat, the staple crop of the northwest.

The protective tariff on bagging is fifty per cent; on twine it is forty per cent.

By the Mills bill bagging was placed on the free list, and the duty on twine was reduced to twenty-five per cent.

When this question came before the people the cotton planters voted to sustain the Mills bill, but the wheat farmers of the northwest were so afraid of the "southern brigadiers" that they could not trust them even to reduce taxes, and so the Mills bill failed, and the farmers north and south were handed over, body and breeches, ore to the twine trust and one to the bagging trust.

Last autumn the bagging trust robbed "under the forms of law" the southern cotton planters of about one million dollars, and they are preparing to repeat the game when the cotton-picking begins.

The "twine trust" is now getting ready for its harvest. It has not only secured control of the twine product, but also of the raw materials from which it is made. This raw material—hemp—is now taxed twenty-five dollars a ton; the "rebel brigadiers" proposed to put it on the free list, but the plutocrats defeated this proposition, and now no relief is possible.

We do not think the trust will be able to put the price up to twenty-five cents, for such an advance would lead to too heavy importations, and, as with copper, defeat the purpose of the combine. Still the fact remains that under the protection of the tariff a monopoly has been established, and the western farmers must pay the piper.

From Sheldon Journal.

Resolved, That we view, with indignation, the formation of the binding-twine trust; we denounce it as an unrighteous alliance to despoil the farmer and we hereby pledge ourselves to use no twine at all rather than to suffer such imposition and extortion. We are willing to pay fair prices, to live and let live, but we will buy no twine sold by the trust, unless supplied to us at a reasonable price.

Editor Journal: This resolution was adopted at the Farmers' Institute, at Watseka, February 27th, 1889.

Why should the farmers remonstrate at the extortions of high tariff monopolists? The question of all others, on which the two dominant parties voted last fall was, "Shall the high tariff, and the extortions of the monopolists, which that tariff fosters and protects, be allowed to skin the producers?" Or, to put it plainly and truthfully, "Shall the manufacturers and importers be allowed to skin the producers?" The verdict was, "Yes, skin them all you wish." Who gave this verdict?

The farmers of the producing states, such as Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, &c. Sixty-five Farmers' Institutes in these states remonstrated against these abuses, and then turned squarely around and voted to continue them.

It was purely a question of economy and common sense that was presented in that issue.

It was free from all the old questions that had divided our people heretofore, so far as the main issues were concerned, and yet the farmers voted to continue the abuses like that covered by the resolution. Instead of looking to their interests, they seemed to vote as if the resolution read thus:—"Resolved, That the war still continues; that sectional hatred should be cultivated and handed down to our children as a precious legacy; that the democratic and prohibition parties are enemies of their God and their country and unwor-

the confidence of respectable people; and that all manufacturers of agricultural implements shall continue to sell their goods to the accursed English cheaper than to the farmers of Illinois; that the Louisiana sugar producers shall receive a bounty of one cent a pound upon their productions, and the producers of the great west shall receive nothing on their productions."

Meanwhile twine continues at sixteen cents a pound, and corn at twenty-five cents a bushel! Great is Diana or Ephesus!

H. W. SNOW.

## FOUR LIVES BRIGHTENED

I was in love with Alice Tracy, and it was said that she had been engaged to Hugh Morton for months.

At this moment Hugh was bending over her, speaking in an earnest, impassioned manner that caused my heart to throb with jealous fury.

She averted her face from his gaze, and as she did so her eyes caught mine.

A vivid flush dyed her cheek.

"Did you ever see a lovelier view than yonder pasture?" said the soft voice of Nora Tracy, Agnes' younger sister at my side.

"It is indeed, lovely," I responded, "and one which would arouse the soul of an artist to enthusiasm."

A low laugh behind startled me, and the next moment the clear voice of Agnes spoke:

"How refreshingly artistic you are, Mr. Hunter."

I colored and bit my lips, and Hugh Morton, who had followed Agnes to where we stood, looking annoyed, also.

"There are moments in life," I replied, "when everything combines to stir in a man's soul a depth of feeling which he had never suspected that he possessed."

Agnes made no reply, and Hugh Morton led her to the other end of the boat.

Again Nora's little bird-like voice broke in on my disturbed thoughts.

"Agnes told me that she had never been so happy in her life as when out the other night in that awful storm with you. But then Agnes is so brave and loves things which frighten and appall me."

"My heart gave a great bound of joy Did Agnes love me?"

The sun sank, like a great ball of fire, below the western sky, and the bright stars peeped out, one by one, and were reflected in the shining water beneath, in throbbing, quivering brightness.

The rest of the party were on the other end of the boat, enjoying the full beauty of the moonlight, and I was standing, leaning over the railing, in the shadow of the pilot house, when a soft, hesitating step caused me to turn.

The dark eyes of Agnes Tracy met mine, and in the surprise and delight of the unexpected meeting I caught her and held her in close embrace.

"Miss Tracy! Agnes!" I began.

But her soft voice interrupted me:

"Nay, let me tell you first that you are unjust and unkind to accuse me of coquetry. I never knew until to-night that you loved me. How could I show or confess my love to you until you had offered yours to me? Now—" and her sweet voice faltered a little—"I am not ashamed to tell you that I have always loved you, and that Hugh Morton is nothing to me but a friend."

Was I dreaming? I took her in my arms and pressed a passionate kiss upon her lips.

"Agnes, my darling, I can scarcely believe my own happiness! And you really love me and will be my wife?"

The smiling "yes" had scarcely left her lips when Hugh Morton stood before us. "Allow me to present to you my affianced wife," I said as coolly as I could speak.

His face was ghastly in the moonlight, and a bitter smile curved his lips.

Then he turned and walked away.

This was two years ago. Agnes has been my wife for eighteen months, and little Nora is now Hugh Morton's promised bride. He seems very happy of her confiding love, and I am very sure that she knows nothing of the mistake which changed four lives so completely, and drowned me with a happiness that must last as long as life.

### Resenting an Insult.

Robinson—Jackson, I hear that Brown called you a liar last night."

Jackson (bitterly)—Yes, he called me a liar.

Robinson—And didn't you resent it?

Jackson (warmly)—Resent it? You bet I did! I told him that was simply a matter of opinion and not of fact. No man can call me a liar and get away with it.

### An Ingenious Torturer.

A teacher in Bristol who was recently forbidden by the school authorities to punish pupils by putting sticks an inch or two long between their jaws and tying their hands behind them, is said to have since then punished the unruly by sealing their mouths with court plaster, occasionally seasoned with cayenne pepper.

All persons having cattle to let in pasture for the season of 1889, will find it to their interest to address us at this place.

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Rensselaer, Ind., March, 89.

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"Oh, yes!" he replied, straightening himself up, "and I was accounted a very brave soldier, if I do say it myself."

"Yes," the questioner went on, "your experience in your profession, I imagine, would necessarily make you indifferent to personal danger."

"Why so?" asked the quack.

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### Died of a Fit.

Byron's good sayings have been in all men's mouths—in the mouths of some who have claimed them as their own. Many were admirable puns, others had a better claim to remembrance. The last time I met him—a long time ago—I sat next him at dinner. "So Poole, the tailor, is dead!" remarked our host. "Indeed! What did he die of?" "Of a fit," said Byron, at once; "what else could a tailor die of?"—London World.

### Begin Aright.

A frowning face or unkind word may shroud 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:

Dark clouds away and welcome day;  
With night we banish sorrow.  
Sweep the gloom away; mount, lark, aloft,  
To give my love good-morrow.