

## PLOWING MADE EASY.

A New Invention—A "Stone Dodger" Plow.

(From the Farm Implement News.)  
The Puller & Johnson Mfg. Co. of Madison, Wisconsin, have brought out a new implement, namely, a "stone dodger" plow, that is attracting much attention wherever it is seen. Heretofore there has been very serious objection to the riding plow where there is stone. In striking a stone not only has there been danger of breaking the plow and harness, but the blow on the shoulders of the horses was very injurious, and worse than all, the driver was in danger of being thrown off and injured. These objections are overcome in this appropriately named "stone dodger" plow. When it strikes a stone the plow part only is raised up and slides over the stone and pulls itself into the ground again without any action on the part of the driver. The "sully part" is not raised at all. A boy or an old man who can handle the team can thus readily do the plowing.

So much interest has been taken in this plow wherever it has been shown that the manufacturers have adopted a novel plan to aid in presenting its manifold advantages to the farming community. They are having a large number of models made and in any section where there is no sample plow that can readily be seen, any reputable farmer can, by writing to the company, have a model sent to him by express for inspection, without expense to him, the company paying expressage both ways. The farmer, after examination, simply returns it to the express office. The model is a nice piece of work. It weighs only ten pounds. The plow is made as a single plow for four horses, and as a double or gang for four horses.

A very effective potato planting attachment can be had with these plows at small extra cost.

## Landor's Green Eyes.

Walter Savage Landor insisted that green eyes were the most "wonderful"—he always pronounced the word with a double o. In support of his argument he told the following story: "It so happened that when I was a young man at Venice I was standing in the doorway of the Cafe Florian one day, watching the pigeons on the Piazza San Marco, when an old gentleman rushed up to me and said: 'Pardon me, sir, but you will allow me to look into your eyes? Ah, I thought so. Sir, you have green eyes. I never saw but one pair before, and they belonged to the late Empress Catherine of Russia; they were the most wonderfully beautiful eyes in the world.' I have reason," continued Mr. Landor, "to remember this, for while the old gentleman was examining my eyes I had my pocket picked."

The receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad have purchased forty miles of 35-lb. sixty-foot steel rails and will experiment with them on the Pittsburg division and in the Baltimore tunnel. These rails were originally bought for the Columbia and Maryland Electric Railroad, which was designed to parallel the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and Washington and to become an important factor in the project failed and those points. The project failed and the material which was purchased has been sold. These are the first sixty-foot rails to be used on the B. & O.

## Bears of British Columbia.

Bears—black, brown, and grizzly—are distributed throughout the entire country, and may be met at any moment; but to the hunter that moment seldom arrives, although, curiously enough, he appears, according to report, to be the only class of man who dares venture out without being attacked or chased by an infuriated grizzly. Certainly, considering how plentiful bears are, they have a surprising knack of keeping out of sight.

There exists in Alaska a huge bear, larger far than any grizzly, which also probably inhabits the western boundary of British Columbia, but which has not yet been sufficiently studied for classification; also another, still rarer, and, up to the present, almost unknown, will probably prove a distinct variety; it carries the most beautiful slate and white colored fur, and is about the size of a black bear.

## Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

## War Cries.

"What was that dreadful noise in the street last night?"  
"Don't know; there must have been about 10,000 Spanish battleships sunk after 1 o'clock."

The total cultivated area in the United Kingdom is nearly 50,000,000 acres. One may smile and smile and be a villain still—Shakespeare.

## Does Your Head Ache?

Are your nerves weak? Can't you sleep well? Pain in your back? Lack energy? Appetite poor? Digestion bad? Colic and flatulency? These are sure signs of poisoning. From what poisons? From poisons that are always found in constipated bowels. If the contents of the bowels are not removed from the body each day, as nature intended, these poisonous substances are sure to be absorbed into the blood, always causing suffering, frequently causing severe disease. There is a common sense cure.

## AYER'S

They daily insure an easy and natural movement of the bowels. You will find that the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla with the pills will hasten recovery, and cleanse the blood from all impurities and is a great tonic to the nerves.

## Wife the Doctor.

Our Medical Department has one of the most complete and up-to-date in the United States. The doctor who will cure you of any disease, no matter how long it has been contracted, is Dr. J. C. Ayer.

# REAL ESTATE

"At least," said the detective, "we have no cases for your criminal court. Two criminals are now before the night tribunal. A court of inquiry will adjudge Earl Lusane. All in all, I hardly think there could have been a more fortunate termination. A requested Dr. Hewitt to have a medical examination to bear the body of Zayola to the morgue."

"How did you ascertain, Mr. Sellers, all about these mysteries in connection with—what man and woman?"  
"Oh, as I stated, through letters, newspaper clippings and photographs. Here they are. This one of Zayola I found reversed in the widow's album. It was taken many years ago in Richmond, as were these two of Elmer Kellogg, then Almgro. You will notice that in one case she is dressed in the paraphernalia of the circus ring. Oh, it was an easy matter."

"You hardly brought that package from Richmond?"  
"No; while seated at supper at the hotel on the night I left for Richmond, Zayola entered the dining room. I ascertained that he was stopping there and was registered under the name of 'Beryl.' I also found there the false mustache and other means of disguise—the suit he wore when first entering the bank, a drab suit, and others, scattered keys—nearly as good an outfit as I carry. There was also a burglar's implements. Oh, Zayola deserved his fate."

"He did, indeed?"  
"Now we will inspect the madam's trunk and see what Earl along lest he wander from the room."

"Here are packages of letters from which, undoubtedly, you will be enabled to learn more of the widow's past. This package contains worthless bills—deductions—money—and from it were procured the bills which made up the package Earl substituted for this one, which contains the money the cashier indorsed and for which the collector received. There is a book on poisons, and here the ebony casket containing them."

"Marvelous!"  
"The patrol wagon has arrived. The officers are ascending the stairs."

"They bore to the morgue the body of Juan Zayola."

"That evening the two inquests were held, and the following day the two bodies were consigned to the grave."

"Earl, a few days later, was an inmate of an asylum."

"When Mr. Sellers visited the offices of the express company he bore two packages, which the banker accepted."

"The detective laid before the president of the company the packages."

"For the apprehension of the party, or parties, who assaulted and robbed your cashier, you are entitled to a reward of ten thousand dollars."

"Certainly; and we will do so."

"Your collector was twice robbed within ten minutes."

"Oh, that is utterly impossible!" exclaimed the express official. "He had but one package and was robbed but once."

"In the alley he was robbed of the contents of this package," said the detective. "Examine it."

"Oh, no," he said presently. "Elsworth is too old a collector and too well posted to accept for wildcat money. It cannot be."

"Yet those are the bills he carried from the bank," Sellers said. "The identical bills."

"What utter folly. Not only would our collector not accept for such trash, but Banker Kellogg does not deal in wildcat currency. We could not think—"

"One moment, please. These are not the bills told over by Mr. Terry, the cashier of the bank. Nor are they the bills the collector supposed he was receiving for a package was made up in his presence, and the cashier checking down the banks of issue. It was laid on the table before Elsworth, who was writing his receipt. He was robbed—robbed first, then there—robbed by the teller of the bank, who exchanged a package of money made up by the cashier and of which you have a schedule of the banks of issue. Every dollar is at par."

"Of all the strange tales I ever heard," exclaimed the president, "this is most marvellous."

"Zayola, who assaulted and robbed your collector in the alley, has answered for his crime. He is dead."

"What, the desperado shot down in your hands by the police? The one who was in the act of robbing that unfortunate woman?"

"The same," said the banker. "Earl, the teller, is confined at the station, and the cashier checking down the banks of issue. It is a case of inquiry. His future will probably be spent in an insane asylum."

"For heaven's sake, where did you obtain clues leading to a solution of these mysteries, Mr. Sellers?"

"By not waiting for them to turn up."

"By Jove! You have fairly won the reward."

"It is a question," said the banker, "if you should pay it, as an official of my bank secured the original package. He doubtless had been watching and preparing for an opportunity of the kind for months. I feel that I should not."

"Oh, well, we contracted to pay that reward—we will pay it. If all I hear is true, you are overburdened with misfortune. I sympathize with you, believe me, and will be so adjudged by a court of inquiry. My future will probably be spent in an insane asylum."

## IMPROVED SEA MESSENGER.

Device to Convey Tidings from Vessels in Distress.

Should you be walking on the beach, and pick up a tiny boat bearing the legend: "Whoever finds this boat, look in the stern tube for an abstract log, which please forward to Lloyd's underwriters, London," you will know that one of Captain Bowden's patent sea-messengers has fulfilled its mission. The messenger is like the model of a vessel, or boat (length 2 feet 2 inches, breadth 6½ inches, depth 6½ inches).

On the evening of the first of September, the bank's residence was aglow with light, and very happy looked the fair Laura, as, leaning on the arm of Lawrence Terry, she advanced to the east end of the parlor, where stood a waiting carriage.

Lawrence, though yet rather pale, had entirely recovered from his wound, and happiness beamed from his eyes.

Janette, nearly as sprightly as ever, appeared in the doorway, and the bride and groom, and one could judge from indications, the spirit held captive the heart of Dr. Strong's son, Arthur, who accompanied her. The fair charmer standing by Robert Kellogg, who, in the meantime, stood in the doorway, and she stands in the door with Aunt Cindy, is just remarking:

"I dare to say, I see specs dat will be de nex' couple what steps off de carpet."

"Sure nuff, chile," says her mammy. "A bin' man kin see how de win' am driftin'."

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"I much regret, Amos," the banker says, "that you were unable to bring Mr. Sellers."

"He was much disappointed, brother, but he could not come. He was very suddenly and felt that he must go."

The ceremony performed, all followed the newly wedded couple to the wedding feast.

After the return of the bride and groom from their wedding trip, Lawrence returned to his position in the bank, and to Robert fell the duties formerly performed by Earl.

Mr. Kellogg felt more and more, as time passed, that he could never be reconciled to pass the remainder of his years where there were constantly so many reminders of the hidden past.

The result was that the following April he found up a letter to the president of the bank, and he removed to an enterprising city on the Pacific slope, where he again engaged in the banking business.

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Mr. Kellogg is now quite an elderly man, and has retired from active service, but he still retains the habits of his institution of the kind he had founded to Robert and Lawrence.

One of the leading physicians in the city is Arthur Strong, formerly of North Carolina, and he resided with the banker, whose greatest pleasure consists in caring the youngsters of his daughters and daughter-in-law, semi-occasionally, for an afternoon's frolic.

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## Book-Making in the Middle Ages.

It required a man of great parts to be a successful publisher at that time, as much as or even more than it does to-day. Such an institution, for example, as the Sorbonne or University of Paris required the highest guarantees of character, capital and literary capacity in the licensed bookseller. He must be an adept in all the knowledge and science of the period, as well as perfectly skilled in the mechanical needs of his business. The university, too, which was always in close touch with the church, even when its studies had begun to broaden, exercised a jealous censorship, lest some religious heresy should creep in. Whenever an error of this or even of a more trivial sort was found the transcripts were burned and the bookseller heavily fined. Sometimes his privileges might be entirely revoked, and he himself imprisoned.

The bookseller could not even fix a price on his own products. Four of the guild in Paris, for example, were sworn as appraisers by the authorities of the Sorbonne to fix the selling value of a book, and any deviation from this was a penal offense. To students the price was fixed at two-thirds of the charge asked by the general purveyor. The booksellers could not dispose of their entire stock and trade without the license of the university, which must also approve the purchaser. As an additional check to students the Sorbonne in the middle of the fourteenth century framed a law compelling all booksellers to keep books to lend out on hire, and this obligation was later years with the Sorbonne, Bologna, Vienna and Oxford.

In this way circulating libraries were established in the middle ages—Harper's Round Table.

One of the most amusing incidents of the recent Simla season was the impersonation of two foreign noblemen by two gentlemen well known in Simla society, one of them posing as the war correspondent of the Italian paper, the Rome. Skillful was the disguise, and so admirably were their parts kept up, that the two distinguished foreigners spent the evening with a party in the commander-in-chief's box, and afterward had supper on the stage with the actors without their identity being discovered. At supper the count appeared to find the wines of the English more potent than those of his own country, and the speechless horror of the mamma when he commenced to pay marked court to her daughter very nearly caused the baron to die of suppressed laughter and applause. Next day, when the host was discovered, there was some fluttering in the dovecots as to what they had said to the foreign noblemen and what the wicked count had said to them. The rest of Simla roared—Lahore Civic and Military Gazette.

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How to grow wheat with big profit at 40 cents and samples of Salter's Red Cross (80 Bushels per acre) Winter Wheat, Rye, Oats, Clover, etc., with Farm Seed Catalogue for 4 cents postage. JOHN A. SALTER SEED CO., La Crosse, Wis. C N U

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Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet. It instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, nervous, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. Write for free literature. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

## Pays to Live in This Town.

The area of Dorchester in Wurtemberg has its funds so well invested that the inhabitants, instead of paying taxes, receive a bonus of \$25 each annually, besides free firewood and free use of land for raising vegetables.

Nerves Out of Tune.

Just as the strings of a musical instrument get out of tune through lack of care and break out into ear-torturing discords when touched, so the human nerves get out of tune, and make everybody miserable that comes in contact with them. Every tobacco user's nerves are out of tune more or less, and the real tobacco slave's nerves are relaxed to the utmost. No-To-Bac is the tuning key which tightens the nerves, makes them respond quickly to the emotions, resulting in the happiness of all. No-To-Bac guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong. We advise all tobacco users to take No-To-Bac.

The Office Boy's Romance.

"Mr. Jenkins, I've got an uncle, a brother and two cousins in this war."

"I see; you're fixing to get off to a base-ball game every time we hear rumors of a battle."

Gross earnings of the Chicago Great Western Railway for the second week of July were \$36,410.07, an increase compared with \$73,502.10 for the same week last year, of \$12,847.91.

There's Fun in Diamond Mines.

Notwithstanding the closest espionage the diamond mining companies of South Africa lose, it is said, \$200,000 a year by theft.

Half's Catarrh Cure.

Is taken internally. Price 75 cents.

## George W. Vanderbilt.

George W. Vanderbilt, who has recently made a little provision for his heirs by insuring his life for \$1,000,000, does not resort to that experiment except for amusement, for Mr. Vanderbilt is worth \$20,000,000. Altogether he is a peculiar fellow. He is passionately fond of collecting curious things; such as old rare books, odd coins, Egyptian beetles, ancient Hindu weapons, and old bookbats. He spends only \$20,000 a year on himself and about \$300,000 in charities, on other people who have no money at all. Once Mr. Vanderbilt thought he would like to see life from the reporter's point of view and rented himself to a newspaper at a very moderate salary. He retired from journalism not because he did not like his new duties, but because intense application to hard work would ruin his health, and he felt that he would not be doing justice to himself if he persisted in an occupation that was injuring him without the necessity of doing so. Mr. Vanderbilt recently made a tour of the world and brought back with him a tremendous collection of curios, which he added to his already valuable store. He is a most studious, kind, simple man, and his whole life has been marked by an extreme devotion to his mother. His wealth has spoiled him in no way, and he is popular among young men who are not rich in the worldly wealth.

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