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## Postal Jottings.

I WAS greatly pleased with the course of the VISITOR in the campaign for prohibition. We were beaten, but it may be a Bunker Hill victory for the saloon and a worse one for the Republican party, whose time serving press is responsible for this defeat. I doubt whether I can be as forgiving towards the Lansing Republican as you are, Bro. Cobb. Well may the result of its pandering to the saloon cause it alarm. If the party does not lose more votes than it could gain from the rum interest I shall be mistaken. Republican editors in this county took about the same course as did the State paper, but all the while pretending great sorrow because "prohibition does not prohibit." Of course they did not mention what Mr. Blaine said about prohibition in Maine, nor what the Republican Governors of Iowa and Kansas have said about the success in their states. These editors wanted the votes of prohibitionists and saloonists for their party next year. Will they get them? Time will show.  
In this town of White Pigeon a few Democrats, and some of them drinking men, voted "yes," but I think the main body of the party went for the saloon as usual. I understand some Republican party leaders and church members went the same road. H. C.

APRIL 14, 1887, Lapeer County Pomona Grange, No. 29, met with Dryden Grange and opened in the Fifth Degree in forenoon with a good attendance. We had a public meeting in the afternoon when a good many outside of the gates came in and took part in the discussions which were very interesting. The essays of Sister E. R. Owen and Sister J. M. Lamb were listened to with great interest and they have promised to give them to the VISITOR for publication. Our next meeting will be held with North Branch Grange on June 9, when they will furnish tea and coffee, visitors to carry their own baskets. The Worthy Lecturer will furnish printed programs for members who are to take a part in the discussions.  
GEO. B. TERRY, Lec.

I awoke the other morning and found myself in the cold northwest again. "Cold," I say, and it was 88 degrees in the shade April 30!  
I found no snow nor greenness up here, but I found a pansy from the garden beside my plate May-day morning, and who should call this morning but robin redbreast! Hardly recognized him he so seldom visits here. We were greatly in hopes he was looking for a building site, and informed him we would be happy to accommodate him.  
There is another visitor I should be glad to see—the GRANGE VISITOR. Please send mine to Arthur, Dakota, and oblige,  
A. L. F.  
May 4.

SUPERIOR Grange, No. 68, is still in fine condition. We gave the 4th degree to eight candidates and re-instated two former members a short time ago, making our membership well up toward 140.  
The members are in earnest, and the programs are well carried out. We had such an excellent time last Children's Day that we have decided to try it again this year. I think that the Plaster Association will not make itself very rich from sales in this section. We had an excellent meeting Thursday eve., May 5. Program consisted of a recitation, two select readings, a well-written essay on the educational advantages of the Grange, a review of a portion of the life of Lincoln, all of which were well given and fully appreciated. There was also a short discussion on "Our duty as Grangers [Patrons(?) Ed.] toward the VISITOR." Whether it will result in any new subscribers or not I cannot tell, but all considered it a duty to give the paper support.  
We are pleased to learn of the continued progress of the Order from all parts, and hope and trust that the good work will go on.  
J. H. HANFORD, Lec.  
Washtenaw Co.

THE Capital Grange contest mentioned in the VISITOR at its beginning has just finished its first three months' struggle, having conducted the work in a most harmonious, pleasant and successful manner.  
The Grange was very evenly divided

in numbers and talent and the struggle was close and interesting. The sides were arranged on opposite sides of the hall known as the North and the South, and when the final score was read the North had over six thousand points, defeating the poor South by a meagre one hundred and twenty-eight. The South was ahead until the last meeting, when Bro. Taylor (we might know his name was Taylor as his work counted at the tail end) brought in three applications. This turned the scale and gave the North the victory.  
The way we worked was amusing. Neither side could get much the start of the other by bringing in extras, although this was attempted by both. If a member failed on the program—but they seldom failed—there was always a substitute. There was no weddings, no deaths, no births, that helped either side. It was all done by attendance, program work, applications for membership, and subscriptions for the GRANGE VISITOR.

We initiated twenty-seven new members and have a score more now ready. Many suspended members have been reinstated. The contest has been suspended in order to give time to instructing our new members, but it will begin again in September with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. The sides, however, will remain the same.  
The prize won by the North side was not a maple sugar social as given in the program, but a supper savoring of a grand banquet. The South was proud and the North surprised and delighted. The supper concluded when J. D. Towar had called for toast responses from Dr. Beal, Bro. Warren Smith, Miss Edith West, W. M., A. D. Bank, Miss Katie Everett and Gov. Luce. The responses were concise, witty and well rendered.  
The contest was a success in every particular. Both sides were well pleased. The South is glad it was beaten and the North is wondering how it will excel next time in getting up a supper.  
B. S.

SOME one in a late number of the VISITOR regretted that it was not convenient for all to have hand plaster on account of the war with the potato beetle. Water is much cheaper at the best. A few cents will buy a hand brush broom, and you think it takes much more or harder work to apply Paris green or London purple with water than with plaster. You need not traipse in the dew in order to make it stick to the leaves. Unless water is scarce and expensive, try it.  
Adrian, Mich. E. W. A.

WE have been trying the contest plan and it is surprising to see the gray-haired boys and girls recite their dialogues and read their essays. 395.  
I AM glad to see the Patrons, and in fact so many of the farmers outside, resisting the unjust demands of the plaster men. In this immediate neighborhood there has been very little plaster sown since the "plaster war" of several years ago. Farmers have found that they can raise just as good crops without it and are depending entirely on barn yard manure which is the most complete fertilizer there is. From the present indications the plaster manufacturers will succeed this time in learning the rest of the farmers that they can also do without plaster. (395.)

I AM well aware that scratching open an old sore is disagreeable, and although I do not feel very sore, yet I would like to revert back to our old confab with Sister Mayo, hoping she will receive it with good will as it is meant. Where there are two sides to any subject it is my way to discuss both sides in good humor and a fraternal spirit, the result of which will prove beneficial to both parties, if not to the general reader.  
1. As relates to the word Granger. Sister Mayo acknowledged "the word is in the Dictionary, but it has no reference whatever to the Patrons of Husbandry." Let us see. Webster defines it to signify a bailiff or farm steward. If this has no reference to the Patrons of Husbandry how is it that the Patrons have a farm Steward? A Patron is defined to be one who countenances a protector. Husbandry or agriculture is the protector of the Grange. What could the Patrons of Husbandry do without a Steward, without an Overseer, without Pomona, without Ceres? Assuredly as the word Steward refers to Husbandry, so certainly the word Granger refers to the Patrons of Husbandry.

2. She denies saying she used the word Patrons to the authority of Worthy Master Luce, but falls back on National Master Woodman. I have no idea she used the name of Woodman in connection with the subject. She then turns to me personally and says "Bro. Sanford, you are mistaken." But I do not think yet I was mistaken. But I think she was as much mistaken as she was when she said Bro. Luce was a "good prohibitionist."

3. I would like to know what word Bro. Luce has said, or what act he has done that proves him to be, or to have been a prohibitionist. Did he not throw his influence against the prohibitory amendment? He stood at the head of the party which had the power to have carried that amendment to ratification by twenty-five thousand majority; but they threw their vote in favor of the liquor party, choosing to allow the manufacture and sale of that dire curse on the country, like one of old who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage, when they knew "there is death in the pot." Talk not to me of the prohibitionism of any man who affiliates with those who said "Every man who had the good of the Republican party at heart would vote against the amendment."

Well, Brother Cobb, thanking you for your fraternal bearing towards me in time past, with feelings of good will and fraternal friendship towards Sister Mayo, I leave the subject to wait for further developments. In love and peace and unity to search diligently for truth in every good word and work.  
J. H. SANFORD.  
Berlin Grange, No. 30.

WE have had a fierce fight with whiskey and hell. Though not fully successful it has seemed to organize us for a triumphant fight in the future.  
There were a great many would-be respectable go-betweeners that voted No on the question of prohibition on the declared belief that it would not prohibit, and that the tax or license law was good enough if carried out.  
These men pledge themselves by their vote to aid in carrying out and enforcing the tax law. Will they do it? No! And the use of intoxicants will go on increasing, for the law is only a protection to the ever increasing use.  
The majority of these men who voted against prohibition never did a thing for temperance and never will. But there is a young army fast coming on that will vote better despite the bad example of their fathers, who still with blinking eyes and smacking lips linger around the tap of the hard cider barrel.  
E. B.  
Kalamazoo, May 10, '87.

You may think this is rather early to report Children's Day, nevertheless ours was a success. Our members, or the most of them raise small fruit and would be very busy at the time appointed by the Governor, so rather than be called one of those little, behind-hand Granges, we had our Children's Day before the time.  
We have not many children of our own so we have to borrow, and we found it a pretty good time to do that.

There was so many very young people spoke, read and sang for us that the time was well taken up without the help of many of the older ones.  
Hoping every Grange that makes an effort to please the little ones may have as pleasant a day, as obedient children, and as happy a time as we did. I will omit the rest as every Patron knows the old, old story of what followed.  
Mrs. MARY ROBARDS.  
Royalton, Berrien Co.

THE Huron County Pomona Grange held their first meeting in the Macabee Hall at Bad Axe on Monday, the 2nd inst. We had a very good meeting although some of the Patrons were unable to attend on account of the busy season. As the Worthy Lecturer did not know what kind of material he had to work with he had no program prepared, but let each choose his own subject. Some of the papers and essays read showed clearly that at least some of the Union County Patrons have talent of no mean order, and that in the near future the Grange will be an important factor in the affairs of Huron County. An essay entitled "A Plea for Woman's Suffrage," was read by Mrs. Lucy Granger, that would have done credit to the oldest Grange in the State. Quite an animated discussion took place on "Co-operation in Buying and Selling." All the Subordinate Granges

represented reported the Order in a prosperous condition within their jurisdiction.  
The Grange closed to meet again in Bad Axe on the 24th of June. D. B.

PIONEER Grange is not willing to be ranked with the sleepy crowd that don't know what the Grange is for. The contest plan was adopted and proved a success, the losing side furnished the Grange with a supper fit for a king, and the kings and queens of this country sat down thereat forgetful for the moment that our sort of royalty seldom asserted itself as it should. We have another contest on our hands that bids fair to excel the first, and the spirit of good will and competition makes our meetings both interesting and profitable.

I am glad to notice that editors throughout the State are more anxious to get Grange news. I believe a bright future awaits the Patrons of Husbandry. I wish the VISITOR was in the home of every Patron in Michigan, as it should be.  
Children's Day will be observed by Wright and Pioneer Granges at Gee's Grove, two miles south of Pioneer Grange Hall, and if the day is good we shall have a big time.  
You will hear of a Pomona Grange in Gratiot County within six months.  
W. V. MOFFATT.  
Elwell, May 23, '87.

**OTHER STATES.**  
RAVENNA Grange, No. 373, resolved that members would not use three dollar plaster the present year.  
Thos. D. SMITH, Sec.  
I will say for the encouragement of others that since the first of January, 1887, eight Granges have been reorganized in Iowa and reported to this office, to wit: In Mills County two Granges, Ingham, No. 1242, with 38 members, and Benton, No. 886, with 21 members.  
In Iowa County two Granges: Walnut Grove Grange, No. 472, with 34 members, and O. K. Grange, No. 159, with 17 members.  
One in Humboldt County: Summer Grange, No. 1995, with 13 members.  
In Buena Vista County: Harmony, No. 2005, with 14 members, and Silver Lake Grange, No. 1320, with 19 members.  
South Branch Grange, No. 376, in Madison County, with 20 members.  
Reports come from various parts of the State which indicate that we are on the eve of a Grange revival, and we hope and pray it may come so strong as to shake the pillars of monopoly as severely as when the walls of Jericho came down at the last blasts of the trumpets of the priests of the Lord of the whole earth. We had sent appointments for Grange work about the first of May to Iowa and other counties but was taken severely sick and not been able to leave home up to this date. We were very sorry to disappoint, but we could not avoid it. We felt strong hopes that several Granges could be re-organized, from the reports coming to us if we could have gone to the field of labor as we planned.

As the Iowa State Grange selected the VISITOR as the medium of communication among the Granges thereof we hope the several subordinate Granges have or will subscribe for it and use said paper for postal jottings.  
Several Granges are delinquent in making quarterly reports to this office. Some Granges we are unofficially informed have their charters, make no reports to Secretary State Grange, nor have they for years past, yet they hold meetings. Other Granges report once a year in advance, others at close of year; some report semi-annually and others report quarterly just as they should do. We hope all Granges in the State will be prompt and report for quarters ending Dec. 31, 1886, March 31, 1887, June 30 and Sept. 30, 1887.  
J. W. MURPHY, Sec.

POTOMAC Grange No. 1, D. C., has good meetings and a growing membership.  
The Grange agency in Washington under the auspices of Virginia and Maryland State Granges is doing a good business, especially in fertilizers. There is a Rockdale co-operative society in the district of over 3,000 members. Hot and dry here as elsewhere.  
A. A. CROZIER.  
Washington, May 20, 1887.  
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We have arranged with Bro. I. B. Hamilton, of Grandville, Mich., to solicit subscriptions and advertising for the **VISITOR**. We hope some of our friends who have neglected to renew will have a call.

### PROCLAMATION.

To the Patrons of Michigan:—

At the session of the State Grange in 1885, the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, That the Worthy Master proclaim a Children's Day, to be universal throughout the State, and that the same be announced in the **VISITOR**.”

This resolution is still in force, and in obedience therewith, I proclaim **THURSDAY**, the 9th day of June, Children's Day for the Patrons of Michigan. I need not call attention to the fact that this day was observed with great interest and profit, not only to the children, but to the Patrons of the State, in 1886, and I trust that the same zeal and energy will be exercised on the 9th of June, 1887, that was so universally and commendably exercised last year. It gave an impetus to the Order by calling in those who did not belong to witness and participate frequently in the exercises.

Trusting that the day will be observed with even greater interest and profit the present year, I am, fraternally,

C. G. LUCE, Master.

A NOTICE of the death of Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken has already appeared in the **VISITOR** but the Master of the National Grange, in view of the distinguished service and character of the deceased, has seen fit to make formal announcement to the Patrons of the country the great loss sustained by the Order by this event, and we give place to this earnest and affectionate tribute to departed worth.

WHEN in Grand Rapids a few days ago, we were in the Boot and Shoe Store of Cole Brothers, on Monroe St. This firm has been in this business in that city for more than 30 years without change and has earned its well established reputation by fair dealing at only living prices. Its old customers stay by it.

### Legislative Liberality.

Members of the Legislature seem to be fitting themselves for Congressmen, or at least trying to make themselves solid for the soldiers' vote to secure their return to Lansing as Michigan law-makers at the next session. We see the House has passed a bill to plant \$18,000 on the battle-field of Gettysburg which, if passed by the Senate and the Governor don't have the backbone to veto, will establish an expensive precedent that will as reasonably call for the multiplication of this plant until half a million of dollars has confirmed the folly or unwisdom of this expenditure of money to transmit to posterity the unimportant fact that on a certain day in the first half of the decade of 1860-1870 in a battle that occurred then and there, certain Michigan troops fought on the southwest side of a certain sand bank or other locality. Now, we cannot see that posterity will care a continental whether a Michigan regiment fought on that particular day on the southwest or the northeast side of the sand bank aforesaid. Our great grandchildren will know that they descended from Wolverine stock that had a hand in putting down the rebellion and that their ancestors not only fought but fought bravely. They will little care on what particular acre or ten acres their laurels were won. History will tell them what troops were engaged in the struggle, when and where charges and counter charges were made, where artillery was most effective and where cavalry gave the best support; the movements of this officer, company, regiment, brigade and corps, with marches and movements; when and where fortune favored this side or that—the historic page in most complete detail will give all this and more and “Michigan, my Michigan” will not be forgotten. This \$18,000, with its monumental stones, may localize Michigan troops at some particular time during that critical battle, but will it prove them more brave, more heroic, more ready to meet death, if need be, to save an imperiled country? Not a bit of it. If this precedent is made, will not every battle field where Michigan soldiers were present have a claim upon the treasury of the State? If not, why not? We hope the Senate will refuse to sanction this preliminary raid upon the State treasury.

We are more amused than instructed by the very pointed reply of Bro. McDermaid in this number to an article from the pen of Bro. David Woodman in the last issue. Our readers should know by this time that we don't think it best to ignore common-sense in Grange matters either in Grange halls or by the Grange Press and we shall be sorry to see any of our sensitive brothers take to kicking on account of these two articles.

We have said our say upon this question and do not hesitate to say again that the Republican party had declared in its platform in favor of submission; it was under an obligation to so legislate whenever it had the requisite strength in the Legislature and by a close shave it met that obligation early in the present session.

This act was in compliance with the expressed will of a large number of reputable citizens who very properly desired to obtain a popular verdict upon this most important question that has been and is before the people of the State—the restriction or suppression of the liquor traffic. When the requisite legislation had been perfected the question of submission had been disposed of, and the only party that as such was under a party obligation to support the amendment was the voters of the Prohibition party. All other voters so far as their politics were concerned were free to vote as they pleased and the question was so treated at the polls. The Republican party having all along claimed to be far in advance of the Democratic party in its advocacy of temperance principles was really under an obligation to maintain that position by revising and amending existing laws that relate to the liquor traffic. At the present writing that purpose has not been accomplished, but the outlook is good, and we can not believe this Legislature will dare go home without recognizing by such adequate restrictive legislation as will mark that growth of public sentiment expressed by the vote of April 4.

The discussion of this vital question in homes, on the streets, the platform, from the pulpit and by the press has such recognized political importance

as will compel political parties to get out of saloons with their caucuses and make an effort to compel saloon-keepers to obey the laws of the State.

Any discussion of the temperance question clothed in courteous language will not be considered too partisan for the columns of the **VISITOR** under its present management, although by this we do not mean to be understood that we shall give space to everything that may be offered.

It is not popular to protest against any scheme that calls for an expenditure of money if the soldiers of the late war, their widows or children are in any way interested. We are not blind to the fact that the life of a great nation was in peril and was saved by the heroism and bravery of the “boys in blue.” We do not forget the hardships, privations, and loss of life involved in that memorable struggle; but we should not forget that through all those long weary months and years of struggle there were human vultures watching for an opportunity to prey upon and absorb the substance of the government in any and every possible manner. It could not be expected that after success has been achieved that the race of vampires would be fewer in number or less scrupulous in the use of means to raid the national treasury. The pension department of the government has been a fruitful field for shysters to aid that class of claimants who assume that the end always justifies the means. More than a score of years have passed since the close of the war and although death has in the intervening years been doing business as heretofore and depleting the ranks of the veterans with more certainty than a battle charge, yet the industry of claimants aided by the ingenuity of unscrupulous pension attorneys swells the pension rolls each year and the anomalous fact stares us in the face that the farther succeeding years carry us from the war, the greater the number of pensioners. We can not believe this should be so. We can not believe that after nearly a quarter of a century has elapsed since the last gun was fired in defense of the Union that a fair and honest recognition and treatment of valid and just claims would now annually increase the number of beneficiaries. Party activity is more alive to its interest than to the welfare of the people and the average politician has such an appetite for votes that his manipulations have that end in view, first, last and always. Hence while the opinion we have expressed is very generally entertained it is seldom presented or urged as it might work injury to some political party. We make reference to this subject with no other object than to stimulate discussion and invite criticism.

We believe in economy—try and practice it. It is a Grange principle and a good one. But when saving takes the form of fraud an important Grange principle has been violated and in behalf of the Order we feel inclined to protest. A manuscript obituary, notice on note paper, rolled up fairly well and passing through the post-office under a penny stamp has been received. This obituary recites the good qualities of an aged brother in good English and was evidently intended for publication although the only authorization we have is “Signed by Committee.”

Manuscript matter does not often come to this office in that shape, and when it does we know that the Grange in some locality has not proved such an educational institution as its founders intended.

Postage is cheap, but honesty in the long run is still cheaper. The practice of little trifling frauds, while of little pecuniary advantage, belong to a stunted narrow mind, to a poorly developed moral nature or to a free and easy thoughtless character. But no matter to whom or to what the practice is chargeable, we don't want Patrons to send to this office manuscript matter under a penny stamp. It is “too previous” and anticipates government authority to do so by a few years, we think.

THE **VISITOR** again carries the advertisement of Mills, Lacey & Dickinson, the drug store that has all along been recognized as more nearly allied to the farmers of Kent County than any other in the city of Grand Rapids. From a personal interview with members of the firm we are able to assure Patrons that it is for their interest to patronize this firm when goods are wanted in their line. Call and say that you came at our suggestion. It will pay you.

### The Drive Well Again—An Important Decision.

“The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine.”

We give below a telegram to the Inter-Ocean that concerns not only farmers but all other classes of people scattered over the larger part of this vast country. The Supreme Court of the United States has at last ground out a drive well suit and ground it exceedingly fine. No doubt a large amount of evidence was submitted and it may be true that nothing new can be added. We only know that evidence was gathered in this State in 1881 and '82 that we considered of great value and expected to use in a suit which the State Grange assumed to defend. The plaintiff finding a defendant prepared to contest his claim let the case rest until 1885, when the Executive Committee of the State Grange through its attorney caused the case to be stricken from the docket.

The evidence collected we suppose is still available. What course the syndicate that have an interest in this matter will take remains to be seen.

The readiness of genuine sharpers to swoop down on a community makes us liable to a call at any time from some fellow who is duly authorized, as he will allege, to collect royalty. Our advice is pay no man a cent, however well fortified he may be with papers and proofs that he is the man who holds a valid claim against you. All interested should stand together and in one particular take pattern of the Supreme Court—go slow. Of course this decision does not fix the amount of royalty for which driven well owners may be liable, and it is likely that the courts will have a chance to pass on that question before there will be any occasion to settle. If the old claim of \$10 is demanded there will be another five years' fight before Michigan Patrons pay. At least that is the way it looks to us.

WASHINGTON, May 24—Special Telegram. The drive well patent case decided by the Supreme Court yesterday ends adversely a contest in which tens of thousands of farmers in the West and thousands elsewhere are deeply interested. Judge Nelson dissented against the validity of the patent on the ground that the public had acquired rights during the four years in which the wells were in use before the first steps were taken to obtain a patent. The Supreme Court now reverses the lower courts and holds that the invention had neither been anticipated nor used by others in a manner to invalidate the patent, the precise point raised was that the patent covered a driven tube only, while the present practice is to drive a rod, insert a tube, and then raise the water by suction, was decided by the Supreme Court for the patent. The interests involved, while small in each individual case, are enormous in the aggregate. The Indiana suit showed that fifty thousand of these wells, on each of which \$10 royalty was demanded, were in use in that State alone. As many more are in use in Iowa, and the number in the United States has been placed at between 500,000 and 1,000,000. The farming interests of the country have made a long fight against this patent, but, as in the case of the barbed wire fence, the courts have been against them.

Do not overlook the valuable article on another page signed “Patron.” The bills referred to are important to farmers, particularly the latter. No class suffers from unequal and incomplete assessment as do the farmers, whose property is not only in sight but often so encumbered that he is, under existing laws, required to pay as much tax on what he owes as what he owns. Here is a bill that has such a leveling tendency that it will meet with opposition from that class of men who, professing to be honest, use all sorts of dodges to get their neighbors to pay a part, often the larger part, of their taxes.

We suggest to farmers who read this communication of “Patron” to write to their Representative and Senator in behalf of this bill. These Hon. gentlemen will heed personal requests from interested constituents.

We know that exact justice between all parties in this matter of taxation is a thing impossible to reach. We believe there is in this bill an important move in the right direction and the men who oppose it, if any, will have a record for future use.

THE Melis Hardware Store on Grandville Avenue, Grand Rapids, has something more than hardware, as you will see by reading a new “ad.” in this paper. Call on Mr. Melis when in the city and get prices, if you don't buy. He is a gentleman that it may do you good to get acquainted with.

POTATOES have been planted and the potato bug will soon give the new top personal attention. The Alabastine Company, of Grand Rapids, offer a Bug Finish that has the endorsement of Prof. Kedzie of the Agricultural College, and that is good enough for anybody. Look over the ad.

BEFORE another **VISITOR** is issued the Children's Day of the Patrons' of Michigan designated by the Governor will have been enjoyed by thousands of grown-up children as well as by the juveniles. We had many most excellent reports last year of Children's Day for publication and we expect more this year. We want them; but some of our correspondents did not think when writing that Children's Day covered the great State of Michigan, and while there is not a Grange in every neighborhood as there should be, still there are a great many Granges, and if not as many children in some of them as there ought to be, there was shown a laudable ambition to borrow last year that will probably be repeated. That was a good scheme and there is seldom objection on the part of parents to lending their children for a good picnic where songs and swings, talks and teeterters, dinners and daisies furnish for a day unusual enjoyment. But we are not saying what we started out to say. We just wanted to whisper a word of caution to correspondents. We want them to remember that brief reports will be most acceptable. We shall not have space for extended details of all that took place, but don't on this account fail to send us something and send it right along while it is fresh.

THE May report from the Department of Agriculture of the wheat crop shows a falling off in the wheat prospect from the April report of something over two per cent. taking the country altogether. This is better than we who had been complaining of the dry weather had reason to expect. But the report was evidently got out early in the month and we shall expect a greater falling off in the next report. But the price for the last two years has been so unsatisfactory that a falling off in the amount raised may be no loss to the wheat raisers of the whole country.

In another column you will read the advertisement of J. W. Shively, a merchant who for 30 years has enjoyed the confidence and support of a large share of the Patrons of Branch County. His excellent taste in selecting dress goods has enabled him to build up and maintain a large “mail order” trade, sending samples and goods into several states besides our own.

If you have not mulched your strawberry bed yet, mow some grass and cover all the ground between the rows and every bare spot among the plants. There is nothing so good as green grass for mulching strawberries. It is clean, will stay where it is put and is in every way better than straw chaff or sawdust—try it.

We have in this issue an advertisement of THE PATRONS' SHOE HOUSE to which we wish to call attention. We know of a Michigan Grange that as we remember buys \$1,000 worth of boots and shoes annually on orders.

This is an old reliable house and Patrons should not be afraid to find out what they can do by a trial order.

It is the easiest thing in the world to be mistaken. We are well pleased with the fraternal feature of Bro. Sanford's make-up, but somehow suspect from his jottings in this number that he is a little too strenuous in his search after the difference “twixt tweedledum and tweedle-dee.”

We don't know how much paint O. R. Ingersoll of New York City sells annually but we do know that he sells an article that lasts. We know that it is safe to lean against a house painted with the Ingersoll paint if you have on a black coat. We have used it and found it more durable than any other paint used by us of late years.

### Dairy Interests and Tax Reform.

EDITOR **GRANGE VISITOR**:—In my last I promised to write you of two bills that materially affect the agricultural interests of the State. The first is Representative Lincoln's bill to regulate the sale of oleomargarine, butterine, etc.

This bill has two objects in view: First, to protect the dairy interests in the State, and, secondly, to prevent deception. It first provides a penalty of \$200 or six months imprisonment for the sale of oleomargarine as butter and farther provides that the proprietors of all stores or public houses where oleomargarine is sold or used as food shall keep a placard posted up in a conspicuous place giving notice that the article is sold or used there. This bill was ridiculed by some of the members and denominated nonsense, but its friends believe that it is in the direct interest of good butter and honesty. It is a copy, nearly, of the Vermont law which has been found to work very satisfactorily.

The second bill is Holbrook's mortgage bill, and if it shall become a law



Ladies' Department.

The Mother Wants Her Boy. There's a homestead waiting for you, my boy, In a quaint, old-fashioned town;

She trains the vines and tends the flowers, For, she says, "My boy will come; And I want the quiet, humble place

How well she knows the very place Where you played at bat and ball; And the violet cap you wore to school

She is growing old, and her eyes are dim With watching day by day, For the children nurtured at her breast

Walk on, toil on, give strength and mind To the task in your chosen place, But never forget the dear old home,

The Old Spinning Wheel. Through the intricate maze of its pulleys and wheels, And its oaken frame a vision steals

Years come and go; on the porch it stands, And the pins fly round 'neath a fair girl's hands;

Her foolish thoughts to all christendom With its "clickety, whir-r, whir-r, hum."

Its voice oft brought the sick child rest, And lightened many a weary breast;

It had its influence and its share In every joy and in every care;

All are vanished and all are still, And the spinning wheel by the clattering mill

Has been left behind with the primitive days Of homelier toil and more honest ways;

Woman's Work. [Read before the Roxana Centre Grange April 22, by Sister N. M. Howell.]

There are various opinions as to what constitutes woman's work, but suppose all agree that the keeping the house in order, the cooking of the food

And ye who see reflected in all the human race the likeness of the great Creator, the image of the man Christ Jesus, who believe that hue of skin

Longfellow's name is immortalized by this quaint, sweet story, and although it is purely American and may be called a national epic, it is read

Every woman who aspires to be the presiding genius of a home should endeavor to perfect herself in every art

and science that will enable her to make that home comfortable, pleasant, attractive and happy.

To the woman who would engage away from home there are many pursuits for which she can qualify herself:

How sadly neglected is the education of the farmer's daughters while the sons, if the farmer has means, are educated to enable them to enter any

If she were better fitted by education and training to be self-supporting and independent she would be prepared to conduct her bark over life's tempestuous sea as her brother, and would not allow it so early to drift

In the field of temperance woman has a work to do. She has long labored in that field as a lecturer, organizer and supporter of temperance,

It is said by learned theologians that Adam ate of the forbidden fruit with his eyes open to the consequences

Longfellow's Hiawatha. PART I. Ye who love, in the wildness of Nature's solitude, to revel in the glory

Ye who love, in the wildness of Nature's solitude, to revel in the glory of the sun laughing the clouds away with playful scorn,

But there's not a place in earth or heaven, There's not a blessing or a woe,

There's not a life or death or birth, That has a leath'ry weight of more, Without a woman in it.

They are the monitors, they are also the comforters, and they are the only true-hearted talkers," claims true-hearted Donald Mitchell

It is on the soulless, spotless page that the real self has no bias, finds no limit, if it desires none, to the outpouring of its inmost thoughts

But all social letters are not like this. Some are conscious of being letters; they begin and end in set phrases,

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It is easy to criticise a letter.—hard to write a good one. One fails to answer questions, another manifests too little interest in the persons written to,

And it was farther Resolved, That our charter be sent to our worthy sister who in this great affliction has our warmest sympathy.

ARDREY— Died, at the home of his parents in Ganges, Mich., May 2, 1887, aged 29 years, Clarence Ardrey, a member of

ful, would have gained for him the world-wide renown he so richly deserved.

The moral purity and earnest humanity—attributes of his own noble life—portrayed in this poem, combined with his own peculiar gracefulness

The name of no poet, English or American born, is oftener on the lips of old or young than that of Longfellow, and he well deserves our meed of praise.

We love to think of him as having lived in the same century in which we are living, identified with the same public interests and laboring for the uplifting of the people of our country,

There are many traditions curiously interwoven in the touching story of Hiawatha, among them the tradition of the mysterious birth of the peace-breathing calumet in the great red pipe-stone quarry,

There is also the tradition of the gift from the Great Spirit of Moundan-ism, or the yellow corn, in which the tassel in full bloom is represented as descending from the sky in the guise of a handsome youth,

Mention is also made of the tradition of blessing the corn field by the mysterious steps of a woman who on a dark night, taking her principal garment in her hand drags it around the corn field in a circuit,

The scene of Hiawatha is among the Ojibways on the southern shore of Lake Superior, in the region between the Pictured Rocks and the Grand Sable.

The poet tells us of this wondrous Hiawatha, son of Mudjekeewis and Wenona, the daughter of Nokomis,

Resolved, That we will remember and cherish his kindly spirit and will emulate his virtues and active zeal in doing good to his fellowmen.

Resolved, That we extend our tenderest sympathy to Sister Reid in this dark hour of her affliction, and can only commend her to the love of our Father in heaven and the consolation of his grace.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Sister Reid and be published in the GRANGE VISITOR.

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The worth and fidelity of this brother demands recognition, therefore, Resolved, That in the death of our esteemed brother the Grange has lost one of its most active and useful members,

Resolved, That Ferris Grange extend to the afflicted family that sympathy which flows from hearts that feel for others woes.

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STUART— At a regular meeting of Schoolcraft Grange, No. 8, it was ordained that in recognition of the membership and services of our brother a memorial page of our Grange record should bear the following inscription:

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tions until the gist of the letter, to be, is never reached for want of space and inclination to make the body match the beginning. Such letters are tasteless things—insipid, flat. We like the brisk, sharp speech that is not silenced even when committed to speechless paper.

Letters differ, of necessity, as one writer differs from another, but social letters, like their writers, are guests when they enter friends' houses and should be written with that idea in them.

Letters to less intimate friends can safely observe the rule of things,—not folks,—in choosing subjects; and still be readable, even brilliant, helpful and leave a trail of pleasantness across the memory of the reader.

Resolved, That while we mourn her loss, missing the warm hand-clasp and pleasant word, we bow in submission to his will.

Resolved, That we tender the heartfelt sympathies of this Grange to the bereaved husband and family in this hour of sorrow, feeling that words of ours can but poorly compensate them for the loss of a devoted wife and mother.

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ROBSON— WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to take from among us, in the prime of his life and usefulness, our late Brother Wm. S. Robson, and

WHEREAS, By his sad death we have lost one of our most useful, upright and honored members, and his family a kind husband and tender parent; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Patrons of North Burns Grange, while bowing in humble submission to the will of the Most High, do hereby tender our heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted widow in this our common bereavement.

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To an Old Plow. Old plow, that art rusting outside the barn door,

No more shall thy blade cleave the mold— Thy handles are broken—thy clevis no more— Thy beam full of cracks, as the marks of Time's score—

Thou art wasted, forsaken and old. In the days of thy youth thou wert polished and bright

As the shield of Achilles renowned— Thy furrow slice rolled like a wave to the right,

Or as foes shrank away from the hero in fight, When thy burrowing point pierced the ground.

When bought in thy newness—a purchase of pride— Man's progress had proof of its truth— For beside thee, the plows that our fathers did guide,

Or those that their fathers' hearts once satisfied, Were but primitive marvels uncouth. The patient old horses did steadily draw

Thy glistening steel o'er the field— Thy master as steadily followed and saw How thou didst constantly, constantly gnaw The edge of the land that was tilled.

Ganges Grange, No. 339. The messenger Death has entered a home and taken one young and amiable, one so much needed by his parents to help and comfort them in their old age.

Died, in North Star, April 11, after a short illness, Sister Luella Palmer, a beloved member of Liberty Grange, No. 391, and wife of F. G. Palmer, late Representative from Gratiot County to the State Grange.

When we are forewarned that Death is coming to take a dear one, he is terrible; but when he snatches a beloved sister from our circle in the full strength and beauty of her womanhood, then, indeed, is his sting bitter.

WHEREAS, The Divine Master has seen fit in his infinite wisdom to enter our Grange circle and remove by death a dear sister; therefore,

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INDUSTRIAL EXTRACTS.

A NEW silk mill, recently started at Harrisburg, Pa., employs four hundred hands.

CATALINA ISLAND, one of the Santa Barbara group in the Pacific, is devoted entirely to the raising of sheep.

THERE are, according to authentic information, over two hundred newspapers employing women upon their staffs.

In North Carolina it is estimated that forty thousand persons follow the business of collecting herbs for the market.

The total number of logging railroads in this country is placed at 33, of 2,288 miles, having 428 locomotives and 5,182 cars.

THERE are two female physicians on the Back Bay, Boston, who are said to make ten thousand dollars a year from their profession.

PIOCHE (Nev.) miners, who have worked in the mines for years, are said to be dropping off with what is known as "miners' consumption."

WILLIAM L. SCOTT, the Congressman from Erie, Pa., is said to be the largest individual coal worker in the world.

It is erroneously supposed that the russet-brown orange of Florida is distinct in its variety. The color is the result of failing vigor.

THE Apache Indians near Mohawk, A. T., are said to be excellent farm laborers.

A VALUABLE discovery, which bids fair to create a revolution in the ranks of the roofer's trade, is the recent utilization of compressed paper pulp as a substitute for slate in the manufacture of tiles for roofing.

A NEW article is a sponge made of sponge, rendered absorbent and treated with an antiseptic.

A BOSTON woman who has kept a boarding-house for thirty-eight years figured up the profits the other day and found that they wouldn't buy her a sun-bonnet.

A COMPANY has been formed to dredge the Carson river, in Nevada, for quicksilver and amalgam.

In some of the great saw-mill establishments of the Western States circular saws of six feet diameter are run at about 750 revolutions per minute.

A GREAT difficulty heretofore experienced in the shipment of fruit from California to the East has been in its deterioration before reaching the cars.

HONEY is now being manufactured artificially, so genuine in appearance that experts find difficulty in distinguishing it from the bee product.

REPORT published of an ingenious way to prevent the forging of bank notes. It is done by the aid of an invisible actinic ink of which no trace can be seen on the paper nor upon the focusing screen of the photographic apparatus.

FOR THE CURIOUS. A QUER fish was recently sent to the South Kensington aquarium.

A YOUNG man playing billiards in Soquel, Cal., was bothered by a soft corn on one of his little toes.

THERE are one hundred and seventy-two specimens of blind creatures known to science, including crayfish, myriapods, etc.

PROF. BAIRD says that as a fish has no maturity there is nothing to prevent it from living indefinitely and growing continually.

PROBABLY no application of science is developing more rapidly than photography.

THERE will be no leap year between 1893 and 1904. The ordinary test of division by four would make 1900 a leap year.

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Don't Wait

Until your hair becomes dry, thin, and gray before giving the attention needed to preserve its beauty and vitality.

Thomas Munday, Sharon Grove, Ky., writes: "Several months ago my hair commenced falling out, and in a few weeks my head was almost bald."

"My hair was faded and dry," writes Mabel C. Hardy, of Delavan, Ill.;

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Pimples and Blotches,

So disfiguring to the face, forehead, and neck, may be entirely removed by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.



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Manufacture the New Model Reversible Road Machines; the Champion Reversible Road Machine; the Victor Reversible Road Machine; the Pen-nock Improved (one way) Road Machine; the New Daisy (one way) Two Wheel Road Machine.

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KALAMAZOO DIVISION TIME TABLE.

Standard time—90th meridian.

Table with columns for Train Name, Direction, and Time. Includes routes like Grand Rapids, Allegan, Schoolcraft, etc.

GOING SOUTH.

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GOING NORTH.

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MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM KALAMAZOO.

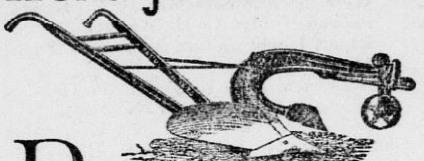
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EASTWARD.

Here you have it!



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Chilled Plow

PATENT NON-CLOGGING JOINTER

Hoping you will send for Catalogue and Price List and see what Brother Grangers say who have used them, we remain,

Respectfully yours, D. WOODWARD & SON, CLINTON, MICHIGAN

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Through Trains with Dining Cars, Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars, Modern Coaches. Sure connections in Union Depots at its terminal points.

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Machines for SAWING WOOD with Circular and Cross-Cut Drag Saws. Also Machines for THRESHING and CLEANING Grain.

German Horse and Cow POWDERS!

This powder has been in use many years. It is largely used by the farmers of Pennsylvania, and the Patrons of that State have purchased over 100,000 pounds through their purchasing agents.

Make Your Money Easy!

FARMERS and Farmers' Sons can make more money by engaging with us than at anything else they can do.

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ON 30 DAYS' TRIAL

THIS NEW ELASTIC TRUSS Has a pad different from all others, is cup shape, with Soft-adjusting Ball in center, adapts itself to all positions of the body while the ball in the cup presses back the intertines just as a person does with the finger.

GREENWOOD STOCK FARM.

Poland China Swine a Specialty.

B. G. BUELL, LITTLE PRAIRIE RONDE, Cass Co., Mich.

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A partly improved, timbered land farm of 90 acres, located in the town of Girard, Branch Co., Mich. Price, \$1,600.

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We issue the Buyers' Guide in March and September of each year. It is now a book of 350 pages, 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size, 32,351 square inches of information for the consumers.

All of the goods quoted in the Guide we carry in stock, which enables us to make shipments promptly and as ordered.

We are the original Grange Supply House, organized in 1872 to supply the consumer direct at wholesale prices.

Send for the Guide and see what it contains. If it is not worth 10 cents, let us know, and we will refund the amount paid without question.

Montgomery Ward & Co., 227 & 229 Wabash Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

N. B.—After September 1st, 1887, we will occupy our NEW STORE, 111, 112, 113 & 114 Michigan Ave., 2 blocks north of Exposition Building.

CHICAGO & GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY TIME TABLE, JUNE 26, 1886.

Table with columns for Train Name, Direction, and Time. Includes routes like Port Huron, Lapeer, Flint, Durand, Lansing, Battle Creek, etc.

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Help One Another.

"Help one another," the snowflakes said, As they cuddled down in their fleecy bed;

"Help one another," the maple spray Said to its fellow leaves one day;

"Help one another," the dewdrop cried, Seeing another drop close to its side;

"Help one another," a grain of sand Said to another grain just at hand;

And so the snowflakes grew to drifts, The grains of sand to mountains,

Young Folks' Club.

Reply to Health Talk No. 1.

Mrs. H. B. Jaynes asks two questions which I will try to answer.

Question first is, "What is health?" Webster defines it as freedom from sickness; sound state of body and mind.

Question No. 2: "Are the ten commandments a health decalogue, if so, how?"

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." This commandment, if broken, must of consequence prove detrimental to the health.

Good Manners.

[Written for California Patron by Nettie Isaming, aged 11 years.]

Good manners are taught by kind and mannerly parents.

You should not sit down at the table before any one else.

You should not eat with your fingers, but with a spoon, knife or fork.

Do not wipe your hands on the tablecloth.

Do not use a toothpick at table.

Do not talk at table when older ones wish to speak.

A boy or girl who interrupts must ask to be excused.

When in company, you should not whisper or giggle.

Always give your seat to the aged.

Don't sneeze, sneeze, hawk, hawk, spit, blow, and disgust everybody with your offensive breath.

Backache, stitches in the side, inflation and soreness of the bowels, are symptoms of a disordered state of the digestive and assimilative organs.

There will be a meeting of Branch County Pomona Grange, Thursday, June 2, at Butler Grange Hall.

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Agricultural College, May 20th, 1887.—In Bulletin No. 26, issued last week from our Department of Zoology and Entomology, on page 6 a typographical error makes the proper proportion of Paris Green or London Purple to water for spraying apple trees for the Codling Moth.

A. J. Cook, Prof. of Zoology Entomology.

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Notices of Meetings.

The June meeting of Clinton County Pomona Grange, No. 25, will be held with Bath Grange on Wednesday, the 8th inst., commencing at 10:30 A. M.

MONTCALM County Pomona Grange will hold its June annual meeting with Corral Grange on June 9, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The next meeting of Lapeer County Grange will be held with North Branch Grange, June 9, and all 4th degree members are earnestly requested to be present.

Session of 5th degree at 10 A. M. Adjourn for dinner at 12 o'clock. Public meeting at 2 P. M. Address of welcome—W. E. Moon.

PROGRAM Oakland Pomona Grange, No. 5, to be held at Orion, Thursday, June 16, 1887, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M.:

Opening Grange in the 4th Degree, Music. Reading minutes of last meeting. For what purpose have we met?—D. M. Garner.

RECESS FOR DINNER. Toasts—Dr B. C. H. Spencer, master of table ceremonies. The Grange—A. J. Crosby.

AFTERNOON SESSION—PUBLIC MEETING. Music. Wastes and mistakes in farming and house-keeping—Mr. and Mrs Wm. Satterlee, of Birmingham.

Does the Inter-State Commerce Bill benefit the farmer—G. M. Trowbridge and J. Van Hou-en.

Can we so order our lives that seeming disappointments and misfortunes will prove blessings?—Mrs. L. A. Pearsol, Mrs. D. M. Garner and A. Siminon.

Good of the Order—A. J. Crosby. H. Andrews.

with the following program, the public is cordially invited:

Opening Song. Welcome Address—Mrs. F. B. Kennedy. Response—Mrs. G. H. Wagner.

Our County Drain Law and how it works—J. B. Southworth.

Results of Draining the Swamps and Marshes in the Township of Butler, with suggestions respecting the Cultivation of such Lands—H. G. McIntosh and F. D. Evans.

Botany Notes—Mrs. J. D. W. Fisk. Question Box.

The Kalamazoo County Grange will meet with Portage Grange, Thursday, June 9. All 5th degree work done at the morning session.

The Manistee Dist. Pomona Grange, No 21, will meet in Pleasanton Grange Hall, June 28, at 2 P. M.

THE next quarterly meeting of St. Clair Pomona Grange, No. 12, will be at Carsonville, Sanilac Co., Wednesday, June 15, with the following program:

Does Farming Pay?—Geo. Frasier. How shall we make Farming more profitable?—Alex. Little.

Which is the more profitable in this Locality, Stock or Grain Raising?—Paschal Lamb.

In what way is the Order of P. H. any profit to the Farmer?—S. H. Turpening. All Patrons in good standing are invited.

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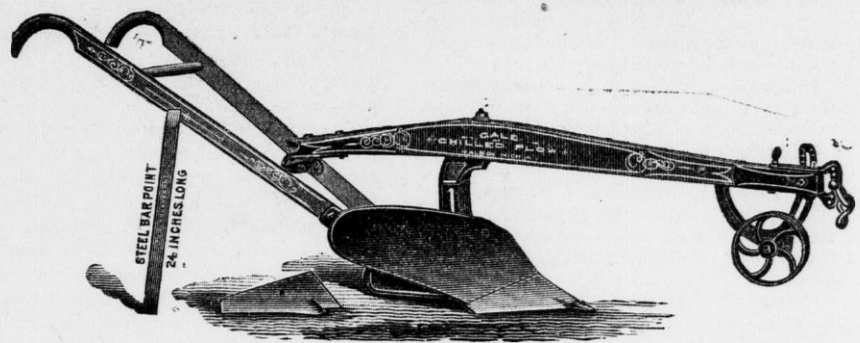
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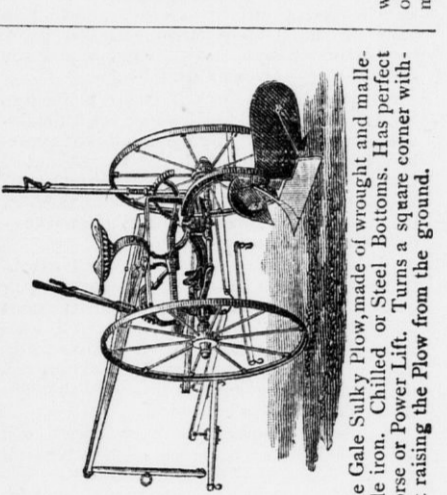
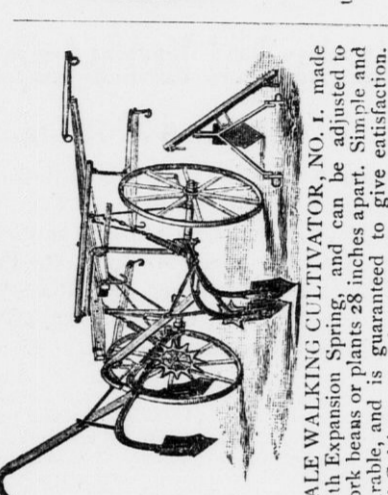
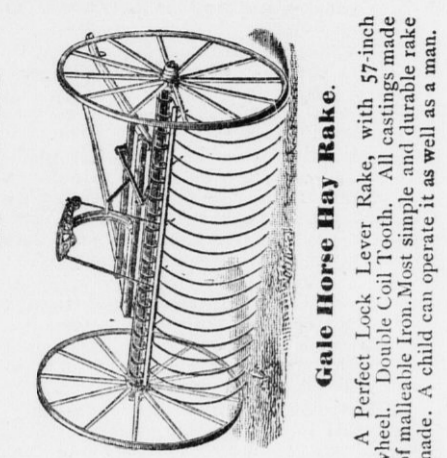
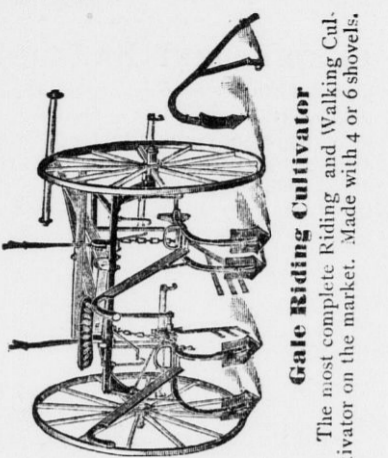
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