

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3, 1894.

WE AIN'T A-GOIN' TO CRY.

It's mighty curious weather—been a-prayin' fer a rain,
When there came a reg'lar deluge on the mountain an' the plain:
They opened all the winders in the everlastin' sky,
An' drowned us completely—but we ain't a-go'in' to cry!

It's mighty curious weather in the country fur an' near,
For the winds has blowed the bollworms on the cotton everywhere;
An' they're eatin' all the profits of the corn an' of the rye,
An' it kinder looks like trouble—but we ain't a-go'in' to cry!

For what's the use in frettin', or in spendin' time in sighs?
One day the sun is settin', an' the next he's on the rise!
We kin hear the sweet birds singin'—see the blue that bends on high,
An' the happy bells are ringin'—an' we ain't a-go'in' to cry!
Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

Independent Farmers.

The statement is frequently made that nine-tenths of the farmers are mortgaged for all they are worth, and before reports of our last census were analyzed it was generally believed that the amount of farm mortgage indebtedness was simply appalling. Fortunately, the facts of the case show a very different state of affairs. According to a special article in a recent number of the American Agriculturist, the census reports show that three-quarters of all the farms in the United States are owned free of incumbrance. Only one-fourth of the American farms are mortgaged, and the average mortgage represents only one-third of the value of the farms on which it is secured. The total amount of all our farm mortgages is hardly one-tenth of the value of the farms. The Agriculturist says: "Out of every 100 families on American farms in 1890 forty-seven owned their farms free of mortgage, twenty owned, but with incumbrance, and thirty-two hired the farms they lived on and worked. Of those who cultivated their own farms, 70 per cent. owned without incumbrance, and only 30 per cent. had mortgages. Of the farms occupied by tenants less than 10 per cent. were incumbered. Four-fifths of the amount of debt on farms and homes were incurred for the commendable purpose of buying and improving the property, and a like proportion of the number of farms and homes were mortgaged for the same purpose." Between 1880 and 1890 no less than 600,000 new farms were occupied in the South and West Still, agriculture is not overcrowded, and it is evident that if three-fourths of our 4,500,000 farms are free of debt that this industry must be a safe one to follow. This should draw the attention of thousands of young men in the cities to the possibilities of farming, and it should induce them to give up the uncertain and hard conditions of city life for independence and comfort on a farm. With patience, industry and economy, the only thing the farmers of the South need is to give more attention to raising their own supplies, and then all the cotton they can cultivate. This would make them independent of the world.—Abbeville Press and Banner.

One sugar planter in Louisiana gets this year \$468,900, another gets \$392,200, and several others get more than \$200,000 each. What public service have these planters done to the people of Maryland and Virginia, for instance, that they should be pensioned? Is the profits of wheat-growing so great that a portion of it should be taken away to bestow upon the sugar grower? The sugar grower may contend that he is of as much value to the county, as Carnegie, and Carnegie gets more from the people than he does. This is one of the most baleful features of the whole system. It makes men look to a paternal government instead of to their own honest endeavor and enterprise, and it is a gross and flagrant injustice to men who like the wheat-grower, can reap no advantage from the system. It is against the whole scheme of Republican government, for the foundation rock of that system must be equality before the law.—Baltimore Sun.

Two hundred years ago Bunyan published a book under the title of "Bunyan's Reflections." That book found its way into the hands of Richard Baxter, and became the instrument of his conversion. Baxter wrote his "Call to the Unconverted," of which twenty thousand copies were sold the first year it was published. That "call" arrested the attention of Philip Doddridge, who gave to the world his work upon the "Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul." A man read this over and over again, and ultimately became a convert through its instrumentality to the gospel, and the world was blessed with Wilberforce's "Practical View of Christianity." This book brought Leigh Richmond to the Cross, and his "Dairyman's Daughter" led the great Thomas Chalmers, many years after he had commenced the work of a minister, to a knowledge of the truth. And thus it is that God links events with each other. Books are a power in the land, both for good and for evil.

The Four Qualities of Drunkenness.

When Adam first planted the vine Satan came and killed a peacock over it, and the vine drank its blood. When the vine grew and put forth its leaves Satan came again and killed an ape over it, and the vine drank the blood of the ape also. When grapes first formed on the vine he killed a lion over it, and the vine drank up the blood of the lion. When the fruit was fully ripe Satan came once more and killed a pig over it, and the vine drank up that blood also.

Hence, he who drinks of the fruit of the vine imbibes these four qualities. When he first tastes the wine, and it begins to crawl in his limbs, the color blooms in his face, and he becomes gay as a peacock. When the first signs of drunkenness come upon him he plays, claps hands, and dances like an ape. When the wine grows stronger within him he grows violent like the lion, and challenges every one else. At last he wallows like a pig in the mire, desiring only to sleep, and his strength is gone.—Translated from the Arabic, by D. Z. Noorian for the Independent.

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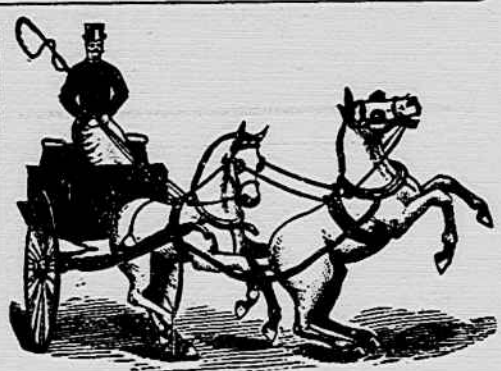


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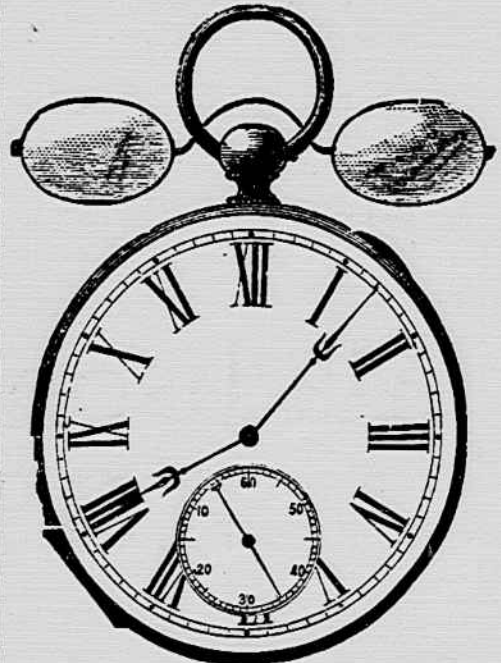
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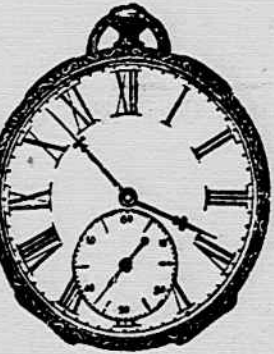
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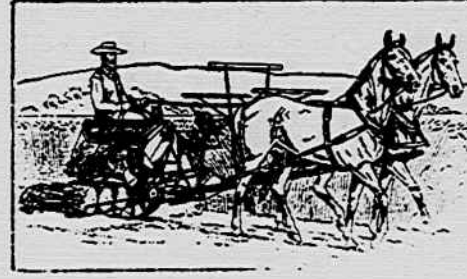
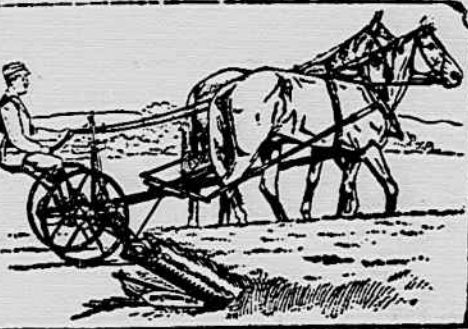
We quote from a recent article in New York Evening Post: "As water is the chief medium through which the germ is transmitted, we generally find that typhoid breaks out sporadically, each colony being formed and bounded by the number of people who have used the same well. If careful search is made one often finds that the vault or cesspool has been carelessly constructed and located quite near the well. Frequently it is found in the same or a higher level. If the soil is porous or sandy and the strata are accommodating, it is quite an easy matter for the germ to travel in sewage for twenty-five or fifty feet, it has even been known to go twice that distance. Most of those who drink the contaminated water contract the disease and carelessness in disposing of excreta in these cases many times leads to a further spreading of the disease.

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