

HERALD-EXTRA.

Spring in the Preterita.

I am rich, but I'm old; could I think as I thought
Of the spring, I could think, could I drink as
I thought
In life's early May-time, the burgeoning spring
Could I joy with the flowers, and with the birds
sing?
Could the season but bring back what it once
brought.
With scents that I heard then when up the
spring brought;
All the world would I give for the glass it once
gave.
Oh! to love as I loved and to live as I lived!

I see the farmer come blithely enough
To break the earth with the nose of his plough
His wife, he is hearty, he is only a little
He yet feels the hunger and gnaw of a cough
That he caught in the winter, when what should
he do
But in his shirt-sleeves mend fences while
it really is snow!
The hens are all clucking, and high the cow
low,
The rakes show their teeth at the spade and the
hoe,
From the barn all the wagons and carts are now
wheeled,
And the field feels the freshness for months it
has not felt.

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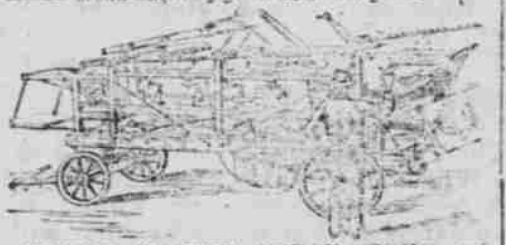
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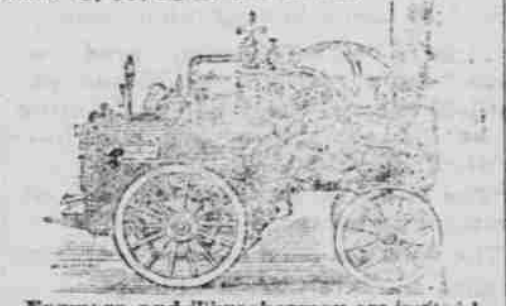
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