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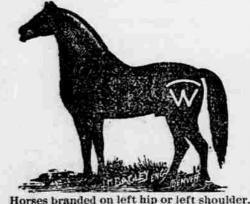
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|Scientifie American. An old, experienced Wall street banker remarked in course of conversation with a reporter on one of our exchanges, a few days ago, that "a still tongue was often a fortune" The idea he wished to convey was that men who talked too much expose the secrets of their business. A silent man is generally the safest adviser; he thinks before he speaks, and weighs well his words. Some men are as ready with their opinions as a hungry man for dinner; all that is required is the opportunity to air them. Others are so voluble they tell all they know about their cwn business, and their neighbors' as well. Generally, you can take the measure of an inveterate talker, as it's wind and froth. On the other hand, the man who holds his tongue is not easily fathomed. "Still water runs deep, with but little noise and friction, while the shallows foam an fret with constant tumult.

As a rule, the silent man is methodical, painstaking, careful. He weighs words and pounds accurately. business he makes no fuss or parade; he transacts it, how ever, with diligence and prudence. Brag and vanity are twins; together thep were born and together they will

Conceit and boasting are poor elements in trade: airs put on as soon as a little money is made usually have a chill. Boasting of big profits and a speedy fotune to every listener shows a lack of good sense and sound judgment. Men have been hung on their own testimony, and merchants have failed from too much tongue.

o eph Bona varte's Borde own House. Thi ade'phia Times.

On the 3d of January, 1820, the mansion was burned—no one knows how and on that occasion all the pipes of wine and casks of lquor in the cellar were rolled through a passage to the ereck and saved. Some of Joseph Bonaparte's fine wines are said to be still in existence in Philadelphia. So popular was the polite ex-king that on that occasion the ladies of Bordentown turned out with little else than their hose and with leather buckets filled with out the fire. It was a great loss, for water mounted ladders and tried to put the grand staircase, the statues, busts and rare paintings, the heavy chandeliers and hangings and tapestry fringed with real gold and silver, were all destroyed. A well-known Philadelphia lady, who visited the house, has left a record, in which she says:

After we had examined the books, the paintings on the walls and many rich vases which had belonged to Napoleon, the count touched a secret spring BREAD, PIES & CAKES. and several rows of skilfully-painted book-cases flew open and displayed a set of drawers. These he opened and drew out a number of caskets containing splendid jewels of all descriptions. everal clusters were jeweled handles of swords, other portions of crowns rudely broken o' and more the lids of small boxes. He showed us the crown and rings he wore as king of Spain, also the erown, robe and jewels in which Napo-leon was crowned. After our eyes were tired of the glare of diamonds and emeralds he touched another spring and opened another set of drawers, containing some of Napoleon's most valuable papers and letters, tied by ribbons and fastened by jeweled clasps.

"While we were wondering how to make our exit he approached another book-case (the room was lined with them) and the whole case flew back, forming an entrance into his sleeping apartment, which consisted of a cham-ber, dress and bathing room and a small studio or boudoir. The curtains, canopy and furniture were of light-blue satin, trimmed with silver. Over the bed was a splendid mirror and there were several others in the room. The walls were covered with paintings, principally of young females with less clothing than seemed comfortable for this cold climate. In every room of the house there were statues of Napoleon in different positions and various sizes. There were also statues of all the members of his family."

The Clever Old Plagiarist. [Washington Star.]

We are now promised a literary sensation in the shape of a book to show that Milton stole the idea and to a consider-able extent the phraseology of his three principle poems, Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained aud Samson Agonistes, from Joost van Vondel, an eminent Dutch poet of his times. It is not unlikely that Milton, who was a universal scholar, took freely whatever literature had to offer in the way of materials. Possibly he was as bare-faced a thief in this field as Shakespeare himself. The old writers do not seem to have had as nice a literary conscience as our authors of to-day.

But one thing is certain: Those old fellows had a way of dressing up their stolen property the secret of which has apparently died with them. Lincoln sighed for a few more generals who could use whisky like Grant, and modern literature would like another crop of such plagiarists as Chaucer, Shakespeare and Milton.

> The Curious Mandioca. Brazil Cor. New York Sun.

The common people of Brazil live on jerked beef and mandioca. The former comes from Uruguay and Argentine, and 30,000,000 tons are imported every year. The mandioca is a curious plant, blending life and death in its elements. It resembles the sweet potato or yam, and if used raw is a deadly poison. Some years ago thirty-five drops of the raw juice was administered to a condemned criminal, and he died in the most horrible convulsions. The root is P. O. address, McCook, boiled and then ground to powder, resembling buckwheat flour in appear-Cattle branded on left ance, in which condition it enters into hip. Also, 10, 5, A and the composition of almost every article of cooked food used in Bra il. The Horses branded the same on left shoulder. tapioca of commerce is made by boiling the mandioca and then allowing it to rystallize

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