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If speech is silver and silence gold, how much is a dumb man worth?

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A paper has this advertisement: "Too sisters want washing, "Millions of brothers are in the same predicament.

An Indiana farmer, needing a package of screws, writes to his merchant in town "Deer Sur—pleze cend by G. 1 (Won) pagig of Skroughs mejoum sise, all Sow a Scheep Skrough dryver an obleege," etc. As the chief engineer of a spelling-school that farmer would be heard from.

The latest American tourist in Euroupe took a notion to buy a seal skin cloak for his wife. On nearing New York it occurred to him that it would be a fine peice of economy to avoid paying the duties on it Accordingly he asked a female acquaintance to put it on and ware it ashore as her own. She was onley too happy to accommodate. She wore it ashore accordingly, but she omitted to meet the gentleman afterward, and so the wife of a prominant manufacterer of Springfield will have to go without her sealskin this winter. It is sad—very.

An Ohio constable has absconded with the sum of $3.25. Do not gentle reader, turn up your nose, for it was all the public money he could get hold of.

John Frode is no more. You probably did not know him. He lived in Western Missouri, and on entering the smoke house of a friend to see how the hams got along, a trap gun blew his head off.

On retiring from buisness a wise old man said to his son and successor: "Now my boy, remember that common sense is the best thing you can bring to bear on every affair of life except love-making."

The afflicted farmers of Kansas and Nebraska may take some melancholy comfort in the midst of their present affliction from the consideration that they are not the only victims of entomological egotism in the world. If the grasshopper is in truth to them "a burden," the grasshopper has a remote connection who is exerting himself quite as energeticaly to ruin the winter sowings of the farmers of Russia. We don't know this creature's name as yet. But he is described as "a worm of the green color of grass, which covers the fields in meriods, and not content with eating the blade, follows the stem underground and devours the root, so that actually nothing remains of the whole crop." This plesant creature first appeared in the Government of Vorenesch and nere the Novochoperska, but he has since made his way so far in all directions that he has frightened the Russian authorities into issuing strict orders to stop his further progress. But since it appears that General December himself is powerless to arest the progress of the creeping plague which workes away as merrily with the thermometer at 30 degrees below zero as in the hight of summer, it would seem to be doubtfull whether the Russian authorities will be able to abate him. If they are, they had better be consulted by the Western victims of our own grasshopper.

An Irishman arrested for heighway robbery, on being brought before a magistrate, asserted that he was more entitleb to be pitied than to be punished.

"Pitied!" exclaimed the Justice while his eyebrows arched with more than ordinary wonder and contempt; "and on what account, preg?"

"Sure, on account of my misfortune."

"Your misfortune, indeed! What! That we have caught you, I supose?"

"Oh, the Jintleman that's brought me here knows my misfortune well enough."

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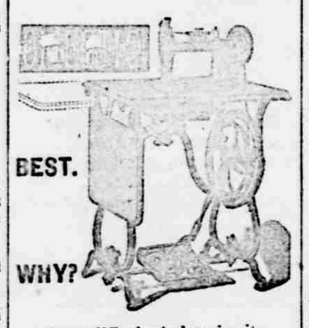

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