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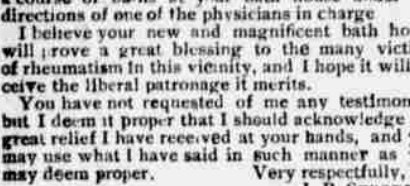
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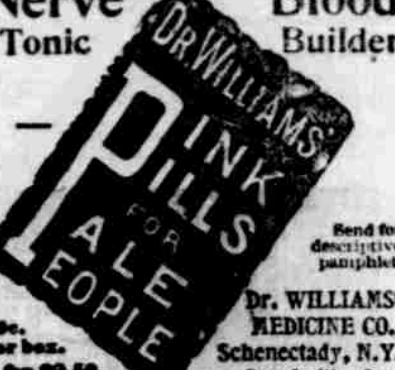
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Thoughts on the Merino.
At the annual meeting of the New York state merino sheep breeders' association, the president, S. B. Lusk, made, among others, the following remarks:
I have little apprehension that the American Merino will be abandoned by those who have heretofore stayed by them in times of depression, and know their value—a sheep that has constantly improved with us in our climate, and with our management from its first introduction, now well nigh one hundred years. And they will also find new friends. The coming generation will want a sheep that does not require foreign importations to keep up to say nothing of making an improvement. If the inhabitants of the United States ever become consumers of mutton to anything like the extent that it is consumed in England, I believe autton sheep will be evolved from the American Merino that will be adapted to the wants of the country; and as it is already acclimated will be susceptible of any needed improvement. And that all of the so-called mutton breeds have so far failed to do.
But that which concerns us most is what to do with the American Merino as we find them to-day? What in my judgment we should do is to keep them and improve them, and in looking about us for chances for improvement, it will be well to first look and see that we have made no mistakes.

Some breeders years ago raised the question as to the good or bad effect of our public shearings as they have been managed. The announcement goes out that a certain sheep shearer a given number of pounds of wool, and the carcass weighed so much. And that is about all there is of it, unless one is there to see for himself. I was present at a shearing, where a ram so inferior that no good breeder would think of using him, sheared (not of wool but of stuff that grew on him with a little wool to hold it together.) more pounds than any other ram shorn at that annual shearing. And this worthless ram was proclaimed the heaviest shearer at the New York state American Merino sheep shearing, and he was not worth a two dollar note. This, of course, was an extreme case; but in looking for improvement in the future, it may be well to see if some of us have not grown more fleece than the sheep can well carry, although perhaps of good quality and only about the necessary amount of oil to lubricate such a fleece. A ram weighing 150 pounds, fleece off, and shearing 30 pounds, carries before being shorn one pound of fleece to five pounds of carcass. Is not that about all he can well carry and be used for breeding purposes, and keep up his constitution? I have known rams to shear forty pounds, and weigh little more than 100 pounds with fleece off—about one pound of fleece to two pounds of carcass. But I have never known such a sheep to live to be an old sheep. Perhaps, under existing circumstances, it may be well to improve the carcass, increase the size, and not pay quite so much attention to piling on the wool. I think no one will disagree with me in the importance of looking after the quality.
One word more and I am done. Not even the American Merino can improve if neglected. If compelled to fall back upon their constitution to sustain themselves, they will surely deteriorate. Our lamented friend and associate, the Hon. E. Townsend, once bought some of our favorite sheep, and got a well written pedigree from a successful breeder. At the bottom, written in a bold hand, were these words: "Care is the secret of success." He at the time was scarcely out of his teens; but he often said that it was the most valuable pedigree he ever received.
If the business is dull don't neglect the flock. Care for it well, breed it in accord with your best judgment, and the American Merino, the best sheep in the known world, will in the future, as in the past, respond to any reasonable draft the breeder may make upon the flock.

Fertilizers.
There are certain facts concerning the three valuable ingredients of plant food—nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash—which should be understood by all farmers who expect to succeed with fertilizers:
Nitrogen is the most costly element of plant food and losses from fertilizers are often due to extravagant and injudicious use of nitrogen. Expenses for nitrogen may be reduced by practicing green manuring; that is, by planting clover, peas or vetches, which have the property of absorbing nitrogen from the air. Green manuring pays best on light soils, but is of no benefit on peaty soils.
Phosphoric acid and potash, though present in nearly all soils, are for the most part insoluble, and therefore in unavailable condition. Small quantities of these mineral plant foods are annually dissolved by soil water and plant acids, but not enough to supply the plant roots sufficiently with nourishment. For this reason, phosphoric acid and potash must be added to soil if a full crop is desired.
Nitrogen must be applied during the growing season at the time when needed by the plants, and it is well to apply it as a top dressing. Nitro-

Home Hints.
Muslin, gingham, and calicoes should be starched with starch in which a piece of alum as big as a hickory nut has been dissolved.
A small bottle of camphor or a little alum and water will aid in drying up pimples that have been tampered with.
Oven doors should not be slammed nor any jarring noise made when cake and bread are cooking. Heaviness is almost invariably the result of jarring.
Tea is much better when brewed in a pot that has been heated thoroughly than in a cold one. A cup of boiling water used to rinse the pot is the best method of heating it.
Once a month the wicks of lamps should be removed and the burners unscrewed and boiled in a little water in which common soda has been dissolved. This will remove the coating of grease and dust which forms on the brass.
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The Accumulation of Unemployed Funds Still Continues—The Bond Issue Has Not Helped Things—What the Lowest Ever Known—The Volume of Trade Does Not Increase—Bank Clearings.

New York, Feb. 12.—R. S. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "Improvement in business still appears in many directions, but it seems to be in part balanced by loss in others. The gradual gain, which began some time ago and was strengthened little by the success of the treasury loan, has scarcely answered expectations. Reports of resumption of work continue to indicate that the industries are doing more than in December, and yet the record of their actual gain is disappointingly small.
"The marked increase which appears in offerings of commercial paper has almost wholly ceased, and the accumulation of unemployed funds continues, so that indorsed mill paper is taken at 2 1/2 per cent. The bond operation has not advanced stocks nor stimulated speculation, and the lowest price ever known for wheat has been recorded. Doubtless the uncertainty which remains with the tariff bill yet in the senate and currency measures of importance pending in the house has some hindering influence, but there is still seen an increase in the demand for many kinds of goods.
"Crop reports were expected to cause a great advance in wheat, but the price has dropped to 63¢ cents cash, the lowest point ever known in this market, and both here and at Chicago May wheat has been lower than ever.
"Textile manufacturers are gaining a little. Inquiry discloses larger stocks of cotton goods held by dealers than was supposed, and quite a large proportion of mills are likely to close before long unless orders increase, the number reported starting is several times the number reported closing. Many mills have opened in an experimental way, and have made up goods enough to try the market, with results not as yet as largely encouraging.
"The volume of domestic trade does not materially increase, exchanges indicating a decline compared with last year of 19.5 per cent elsewhere and 34.9 per cent at New York. The earnings of railways in January were 12 per cent smaller than last year.

Clearing House Returns.
NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's shows the total clearings at the cities mentioned for the past week with increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week of last year.

Cities	Clearings	Ina	Dec
Kansas City.....	\$ 4,985,015	11.5
Omaha.....	4,311,525	11.5
Denver.....	2,971,750	10.0
St. Joseph.....	1,065,818	11.0
Lincoln.....	496,379	11.0
Wichita.....	525,877	11.1
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FARMERS' ALLIANCE ADJOURNS
Marion Butler of North Carolina Elected President—Other Officers Chosen.
TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 12.—The national convention of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial union finished its labors at 6 o'clock last evening and adjourned. The last work of the convention was the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Marion Butler of North Carolina; vice president, J. L. Gilbert of California; secretary and treasurer, D. P. Duncan of South Carolina; executive committee, Mann Page of Virginia, H. G. Demming of Pennsylvania, I. E. Dean of New York and H. L. Louks of South Dakota.
A few changes were made in the constitution, the principal change being in regard to the election of the national lecturer. This matter was taken out of the hands of the convention and turned over to the executive committee.
The time and place of holding the next convention were left to the executive committee.

CONGRESSMAN HOUCK DEAD.
The Ohio Representative Expires Suddenly While Visiting Friends.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—George W. Houck, representative from the Third district of Ohio, dropped dead at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon while visiting at 1927 Connecticut avenue, in this city.
Great Turnout at a Hanging.
RALPH, N. C., Feb. 12.—Near Winston yesterday Peter DeGraff, white, was hanged in the presence of 20,000 persons for murdering Ellen Smith, in July, 1892. Public interest was intense, as the crime was a notorious one. DeGraff had been a bartender at Winston and killed Ellen by shooting her through the body in the woods near a fashionable suburban hotel.
Triple Lynching in Arkansas.
CONWAY, Ark., Feb. 12.—Meager details of a triple lynching reached here from Van Buren county, which took place a day or two ago in what is known as the Gulch. Henry Bress and Bob and Charley Phunkett were the victims of the men's vengeance. It is said the three men had killed and robbed an old couple whose names are not given.
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