Houdin's Domestic Contrivances.

Houdin acquired a comfortable competence by the exercise of his art, and he built a handsome villa at St. Gervais, near Blois. When he had retired from business he amused himself by introducing varous curious inventions into his place and the grounds attached to it. The garden gate was situated some 400 yards from the house. A visitor had only to raise a diminutive brass knocker and let it fall upon the forehead of a fantastic face—making but a faint sound—when a large bell was set in motion in the villa.

At the same time the gate swung open automatically, the plate bearing the name "Robert Houdin" disappeared, and another took its place on which was engraved the word "Entrez." When the postman delivered the letters he had brought he was instructed to drop them through a slit in the gate into the receptacle provided for this purpose. The box, directly this was done, started of its own accord on its journey to the front door of the house by means of a miniature elevated railway.

Houdin invented, too, an ingenious contrivance by which, while lying in bed, he could feed his horse in a stable fifty yards from the villa, for on touching a small button there was put in motion an apparatus that caused the exact portion of oats required for the animal's meal to fall into the manger from the granary above. By another curious piece of mechanism a little bench that stood beside a ravine in a remote part of the grounds was so constructed that immediately any person sat down upon it the machine automatically traversed a narrow bridge that spanned the gorge, and having deposited the occupant on the other side the bench returned to its original position.—Chambers' Journal.

Sweet Vengeance.

A good joke is told upon two St. Cloud gentlemen, both of whom are well known young men. One of them is a married man. The other day two young ladies from, well, it might have been Minneapolis, arrived on a visit to his wife. Soon after their arrival the two gentlemen conceived a diabolical idea. A mouse was captured and tied between the bed clothes in the apartment occupied by the visitors shortly before they retired. The reporter's informant refrained from giving the tragic details of the finding of the imprisoned animal, and it must suffice to say that it was a-w-f-u-l! There was no peaceful slumber for the visitors that night, and until dawn was spent by the young ladies in deliberating upon how to avenge the above practical joke. They succeeded most admirably.

Last night the two gentlemen, who occupied the same room, retired as usual. Occasionally they would remember something about the mouse and then a roar of laughter would be heard. But suddenly everything grew still. Then there were some remarks that sounded like "cuss words," and suddenly a prolonged snuffing noise, and then the anxious listeners knew that all was over, or rather under the bed. It is explained that when the two young men proceeded to don what is commonly designated as a "night dress" no ingress or egress could be discovered. They were sealed—hermetically sealed. The crash was caused by the fragile form of a man falling to the floor through a sheet, which was mistakingly taken for a mattress. The gentleman slept upon the floor.—St. Cloud Times.

Wealth in the Watermelon.

Every season develops more and more fully the prevailing necessity for the discovery of some practical and profitable use to which the surplus melon crop may be put. Every melon left in the field at the end of the season, except for seed, represents a waste. A means by which this waste, which annually assumes enormous proportions, could be averted would no doubt be hailed with pleasure by every melon grower in the country; therefore the announcement from the Southland to the effect that such means has been discovered, if authenticated, is an important one.

The new discovery, which consists of converting the melon bulb into sirup, it is alleged, will establish in the south an industry scarcely of second importance to that of producing oil from cotton seed, and the product is vouched for as being the very best ever yet made. If the report proves true, and there seems to be little or no reason for discrediting it, Mississippi and Scott counties may, with a little energy, convert that which is now absolutely valueless into profits running into the thousands.—Charleston Democrat.

Calculation on a Potato.

Did you ever calculate the value of a single potato on the basis that that single tuber was the only one left in the world? That one would, of course, contain within itself the possibility of restocking the world with a valuable article of food. If one potato would produce when planted but ten potatoes in ten years the total product of that one potato would be 10,000,000,000, which would stock the whole world with seed. If the world were reduced to one single potato it would be better that London or Chicago be blotted from the earth than for that one tuber to be lost.—St. Louis Republic.

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High School Notes.

Monday morning found a number of new pupils and our enrollment is now about 1100.

Miss Fulmer's room earned the banner last week and they feel proud of their achievement. Pupils in the higher grades must brace up if they expect to win the banner this term. The primary grades are determined to win and we feel proud of them in their efforts to outstrip their older brothers and sisters in this educational fight.

One month of school has been completed and we can say that the board of education in securing Prof. McClelland to superintend our schools, did well and we have one of the best schools in the state, and our discipline exceeds any of them.

We are well fixed in the way of musi we have Heath and we have Masons readers and a splendid set of charts and by the way book agents are numerous and we are liable to have more if our money only holds out. Nothing like music from several authority it is nice if it dont come cheap.

Playing truant and getting some of the boys to write excuses has had its day in Plattsmouth schools when the superintendent interviews the parents personally and not to the boy who is found lacking in honor and truthfulness.

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Chattel Mortgage Sale

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattle mortgage dated on the 5th day of December 1889, and duly filed and recorded in the office of the conuty clerk of Cass county, Nebraska on the 5th day of December, 1889 and executed by Skinner & Ritchie to the Citizens Bank, and by said bank assigned to W. H. Shafer to secure the payment of $ 25, and upon which there is now due the sum of $131.42. Default having been made in the payment of said sum, therefore I will sell the propety therein described, towit; All the furniture books, papers and each and everything now owned by said Skinner & Ritchie and held in their possession in their office, at public auction in front of the post office in Plattsmouth, in Cass county, on the 4th day of October 1890 at one o'clock p. m. of said day.

Dated September 10th 1890.

W. H. SHAEFER assignee of mortgagee,
Beeson &Root attorneys for Shafer,