in the use of the intexicating cup, any rate, I will charge him with the John Wallace was an honest, high- crime, let what may happen. Perminded and extraordinary man. His haps he will confess, when hard pushone great fault hung like a dark shad- ed." ow over his many virtues. He meant | Acting upon this thought, I wrote

money enough to buy the house in dismissed them. which he lived. He had purchased it several years before, for three thousand dollars, paying one thousand against me?" he asked stiffly. mortgage to the seller.

the time circumstances made me ac- pearing supremely indifferent. quainted with the affairs of the family. But Wallace was ready for the day; he had saved up the money; sharply in the eye. an accident. I was well acquainted was a villain. with Wallace, having done some lit- "Nevertheless, if within an hour tle collecting, and drawn up legal you do not pay me two thousand doldocuments for him. One day his lars, and one hundred dollars, for Finding a bank-note on the pavedaughter Annie came to my office in the trouble and anxiety you have ment on a Sunday, and declining to great distress, declaring that her fath- caused my client, at the end of the pick it up. er was ruined, and that they should next hour you will be lodged in jail Marriage is like a brilliant taper's light, be turned out of the house in which to answer a criminal charge.'

they lived. Perhaps not, Miss Wallace," said I, trying to console her, and give the the consequences.' affair, whatever it was a bright as- It was a bold charge, and if he had pect. "What has happened?" "My father," she replied, "had the | not have dared to make it. money to pay the mortgage on the "I have paid the money, I tell you.

"Has be lost it?" "I don't know; I suppose so. Last

week he drew two thousand dollars "Who is Mr. Bryce ?" "He is a broker. My father got ac-

quainted with him through George ing a chair for support. Chandler, who boards with us, and who is Mr. Bryce's clerk." "Does Mr. Bryce refuse to pay it?" "He says he has paid it. '

"Well, what is the trouble then?" "Father says he has not paid it." you have the note ?"

"No. Mr. Bryce has it."
"Then of course he has paid it." have the note.

"What does your father say?" he says, must be paid to-morrow."

ly on the ear of the devoted girl.

"I will see your father." "He is coming up here in a few minutes; I thought I would see you first and tell you the facts before he

"He gave it to me, and I put it in

the secretary." "Who was in the room when you put it in the secretary?" "Mr. Bryce, George Chandler, my father and myself."

He looked pale and haggard, as much from the effects of anxiety, as from the debauch from which he was re-

pose," said he, in a very low tone. She has." I pitied him, poor fellow, for two

would be a misfortune which one must undergo to appreciate it. "What passed between you on

"Well, I merely stepped into his then left me and went into the front office, where I heard him send George er! It's one of my fellows! Come out to the bank, to draw a check for two thousand dollars; so I supposed he was going to pay me then.'

to pay me the money." "Just so."

"Had you the note with you?"

supposed I had not the note with me, opened the back door, and shouted at I this season; is thrifty, well rooted, and cannot or he would pay it. I told him to the top of her voice "Come 'round fail to give the best of latinfaction. These seedcome in the next day and I would here to the back do r!" have it ready-that was yesterday. When I came to look for the note it hunted the house all over." "You told Bryce so."

ed through it."

note, and intends to cheat you out of damned if I'll move again until the workmanike manner. obtained fraudulent possession of the the amount." He never paid me," he replied

firmly. Then he has fraudulently obtainboards with you?"

he would not do anything of that single sentence relieved us: "Them's kind."

Annie earnestly.

How else could Bryce obtain the have been kept busy. The widdowdoes he come home at night?"

goes out in the evening.' "But, father, he did not come home tleman divined our wishes, and said: went to Bryce's. He had to stay in Them two fellers in the parlor never

"How did he get in?" "He has a night key." "I must see Chandler," said I. Mr. Wallace; "I will go for him."

In a few moments he returned with the young man, Chandler, who in the conversation I had with him, In response to a question on the point in response to a question on the point manifested a very lively interest in the solution of the mystery, and professed himself ready to do anything wass. Last Sunday night, there were to forward my views. "When did you return to the house

on Thursday night?"

"About twelve." "Twelve!" said Annie; "it was not more than ten when I heard you." "The clock struck twelve as I turned the corner of the street," replied

Chandler, positively.
"I certainly heard some one in the front room at ten," said Annie, looking with astonishment at those a-

I. "How did you get in?"

ed at Annie, and said: "On arriving at the door I found I had lost my night key. At that moment a watchman happened along, and I told him my situation. He the endearments of one's sisters." exknew me, and taking a ladder from claimed Mary. "The endearments of an unfinished house opposite, placed some other fellow's sister," replied it against one of the second story John. gindows and I entered in that way."
Good. Now, who was it that was

heard in the parlor of ten, unless it | Coming to grief-meeting trouble was Bryce or one of his accomplices? half way. He must have taken the key from A prickly pair-a porcuping and a your pocket, Mr. Chandler, and sto- hedgehog. Except that he indulged too freely len the note from the secretary. At

well and when he was sober he did a lawyer's letter-"demanded against bies kindly, but not cordial-ly. you." &e -which was immediately He was a hatter by trade, and by sent to Mr. Brice. Cautioning the industry and thrift he had secured parties not to speak of the affair, I

Bryce came. "Well, sir, what have you to say The mortgage was almost due at plied, poking over my papers and ap-

"Paid it," he said short as pie crust. man of an empty one. "Have you?" said I looking him

"What do you mean, sir?"

"I mean what I say. Pay or take looked like an honest man I should

Souse in which we live, but it is all said he. "I have the note in my pos- men of full age were obliged to mar-

session.' "Where did you get it?" "I got it when I paid she-"

"When you feloniously entered the from the bank, and lent it to Mr. house of John Wallace, on Thursday on, and inflicted on them every mark of infamy and disgrace, dragging of infamy and disgrace, dragging note from the secretary."

time to waste. Will you pay or go los, for a duke, which was graduated The BEST is the CHEAPEST

too strong for his denial, and he drew unmarried nephews at all times, but his check on the spot for twenty-one he might do a good thing for the "Indeed! But the note will prove hundred dollars, and after begging heavy war debt by laying a revenue that he has not paid it. Of course me not to mention the affair, he ad capitum tax on them just now.

I cashed the check and hastened to Wallace's house. The reader may "I suppose he has, or he could not judge with what satisfaction he received it, and how rejoiced was Annie and her lover. Waltace insisted "He is positive that he never re- that I should take one hundre , dolceived the money. The mortgage, lars for my trouble; but I was magnanimous enough to keep only twen-"Very singular! Was your fath- ty. Wallace signed the pledge, and was ever after a temperate man. He

I besitated to use the unpleasant died a few years ago, leaving a handword which must have grated harsh- some property to Chandler and his wife, the marriage between him and occurred.

COURTING IN NEBRASKA.

A correspondent writes the follow-"I do not see how Bryce could have per: A heavy dose of girls, none of you kicking me for, sir? I was only obtained the note, unless he paid the your homepathic prescriptions, is money. Where did your father keep what Nebraska needs. A party of us were duck hunting the other day on the Missouri bottoms. Night over- assailed gazed after him in mute took us before we were aware of it, and we were obliged to seek lodging at he first dwelling we could find. It was a small one-story structure of three rooms, and occupied by a family of six-father, mother, daught r rupted by the entrance of Wallace, and three sons. The sons were all J. J. GOSPER. unmarried, and from the calls that were made afterwards, we judge the o daughter was unmarried also. We Combined Sheller and Grinder, hadn't been in the house five min-"She has told you about it, I sup- utes when some kind of a vehicle drove up, and two young men were ushered into the parlor. Straightway the mother and daughter held a whis- POLAND CHINA HOG. thousand dollars was a large sum for pered consultation, which closed with him to accumulate in his little business. The loss of it would make the future look like a desert to him. It men callers had been to tea, as they staid in the parlor with "sweet six-

Scarcely had we taken our seats at the table when a howl from the dogs outdoors announced another comer. GRAY WILLOW TIES. Be seemed to avoid the front door, office-it was only the day before yes-terday-to tell him not to forget to was just sitting to supper. The mothhave the money for me to-morrow, was just sitting to supper. The moth-He took me into his back office, and er rose to answer the summons, when as I sat there he said he would get we were surprised by the daughter the money ready the next day. He opening the parlor door and rushing forward with. "Don't git up, moth-

in, Sim; how do you do?' And Jim entered in response to the cheery salutation. He made himself "What does the clerk say about it?" as comfortable as possible till we had "He says Mr. Bryce remarked, finished supper, when another whis- ONE AND TWO YEARS, 8 TO 15 INCHES AT when he sent him, that he was going pered consultation proved that the parlor is as full as it ort to be,' whispered by miss, in response to "And when George came in he some motherly suggestion. The old ONE AND TWO YEARS, 4 TO 8, INCHES, AT went into the front office again and gentleman solved the question by intook the money. Then he came to viting us into the kitchen to smoke. me again, and did not offer to pay me It was evident that Jim didn't smoke for he remained in the sitting-room. Two to five feet, AT\$1.00 PERTHOUSAND, We should have doubtless enjoyed a "No; now I remember, he said he quiet eigar, had not the old lady opened the back door, and shouled at THIS stock has made a remarkably fine growth

It was another young man, and we fancied he looked as if he had come When I came to look for the note it could not be found. Annie and I have in the parior one in the sitting-room.

And are equally assafe to transplant as the high priced "NURSERY GROWN," and they make in the parior one in the sitting-room. in the parlor, one in the sitting-room and one in the kitchen. What should "I did. He laughed and showed be done? The courting business was me his note, with his signature cross- geting hot! There was another talk beed over with ink, and a hole punchevident their devices had been ex- trees, &c. I will contract to put up "It is plain, Mr. Wallace, that he hausted. The old gentleman was paid you the money, as alleged, or has called into the corner. He settled the question by a whisper: "I'll be 1.0WEST RATES, and in the most approved and

settin'-room is full?" Into the sitting-room went number four and we smoked. It was full ten minutes before the next disturbers and one year old ed possession of the note. What sort came, and they entered the kitchen APPLE TREES CHEAP! of a person is this Chandler, who We looked auxiously at the host. Samples of Maple, Elm and Willow Ties sent boards with you?" "A fine young man, Bless you, Taking his pipe from his mouth, a

"I am sure he would not," repeated And we "stuck" and smoked on.
For the next half hour the girl must note but through him? What time ers had certainly a third of her time. It was 9 o'clock. We wished to go to "Always at tea time. He never bed, and the only bed we had discovered was in the parlor. The old gen-

leave afore midnight, and the widowers allus stay all night. And that ain'the worst of it. Dan 'll be here at ten o'clock; I and the boys allus "No harm in seeing him," added sleep in the hay-stack Friday nights. Yer welcome to that !"

The parlor, sitting-room and kitchen fail, we retreated to the hay-stack. the old gentleman said that "Friday nights it's purty bad, but Sunday its

ten on 'em, and the girl is getting more and more partickiler, The GET FROM DEALERS YOU more she gets the more she wants!" On the hay-stack, with a stiff breeze driving away the mosquitoes. we heard Dan drive up. One of the last remarks of the old man before we GETSQMETHING THAT WILL fell asleep was, "Yes, gentleman, courtin's hot in Nebraska." And we believed him.

An Elmira man is happy now. He did not love his wife, and she sweet-"We're getting at something," said ened her coffee with laudanum. The man secured the proceeds of an insu-The young man smiled, as he glanc- rance policy, and then rec vered heavy damages from the druggist who sold the poison.

"What substitute can there be for

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The drunkard's favorite geometrical figure-the rye-tangle. Gravity is no more evidence of wisdom than a paper collar is of a

An occulist charged a man \$1,000 for taking out an eye. The patient

pick-pecket said when he robbed a

"What are you looking so sharply at that elephant for?" To see if 1 there seemed to be no possibility of The rascal quailed. I saw that he can discover the key-hole to his

The height of Sabbatarianism-

Praced at a window in a summer night, Attracting all the insects of the air To come and singe their pretty winglets Those who are out butt their heads against

the pane, And those within butt to get out again. The Roman censor frequently imposed taxes on unmarried men, and ry, unless mentally or physically disqualified. The Spartan women, at certain games, laid hold of all the old bachelors they could get their hands them around their altars and hand-"You have no proof," said he grasp-ing a chair for support. ling them very roughly. In 1696, the English parliament laid a tax on "That is my lookout. I have no bachelors over 26 years of age, of £12 down to 1s, for a common man. Un-He saw that the evidence I had was cle Sam has been very lenient to his

Here is a wild tale from the Memphis Appeal: "A strong man falleth. He visiteth a faro bank-he loseth his all. As the gray dawn approached he walked sad and dejected down one of our principal streets. He waxeth wroth, and the more he thought of his foolishness the more wroth he became. He approached an APPLE SEEDLINGS, ROOT GRAFTS, unsuspecting man, who, with his foot propped up on a door step, stooping over, was quietly tying his shoe. The victim of faro saw the breach: Here was an object on which to vent "Mr. Bryce says father was not Annie having taken place shortly at- his spleen, regardless of the conse- Pams, Pears, Charles, Grapes, Respisates, Blackberries quite right when he paid him, but ter the above-narrated circumstances quences. He loosened his femer and its attachments, and the whole of the and other small fruits. Farmers, by meta carpels of his right foot went gether, can get their trees at wholesale rates. thundering into shoe-tyer's rear. A pause, S. T. recovered himself and ing from Nebraska to a Syracuse pa- gazed upon his opponent. "What are always tying your shoe," and on went the trate loser at faro, while the amazement, "I suppose I do wrong some people by tying that shoe so much." Philosophers are not all

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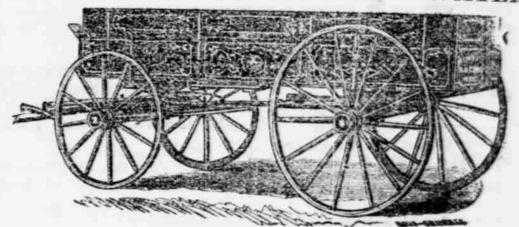
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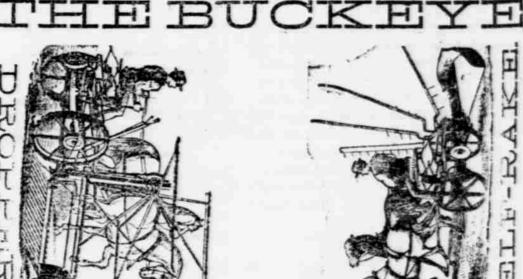


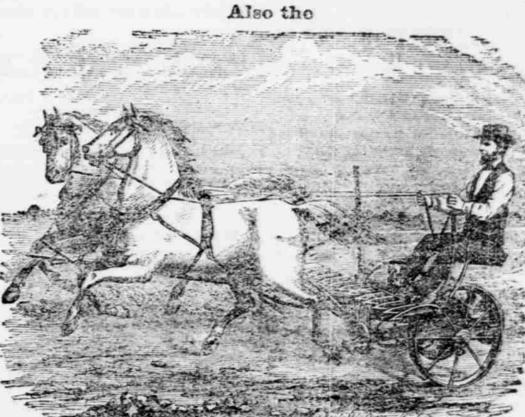
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