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Wood Violets.

BY ADELAIDE STOUT. One day the tiny purple violet Grew weary of its vest

Of one soft color, and when the wood Violes Came on their daily quest

For perfume, said the noisier where it hid, "I heard it murmuring low

Of other flowers with their rainbow tints, And beauty all around.

The Queen of Fairies heard the violet, And, answering its prayer,

She gave the rich and parti-colored vest That makes the "Fanny" fair.

She took her purple darning from the loom, Made moist and dark and sweet,

And planted it in the garden's cultured ground The white, soft quivering feet.

And lo! the Fanny hath its Royal Robe, And hath its heart of gold!

But is it sweet as "The Wood Violet" When all its wealth is hid?

General and Personal. A Friend in Need—The baker.

An "utter" fraud—The counterfeiter. The Spitzdog remains unannihilated.

The person who says envelope is dangerous. Reno will fly to join Valentine Baker in Furky.

Tweed wishes he could commence life over again. Baltimore has shipped forty tons of sassafras during the last three months.

War clouds in Europe are generally brought about by the reigning Powers. Now is the time to rake up old tin pans from the back yard and let them to dogs' tails.

Hampton has deep brown eyes.—Exchange. And Chamberlain has a pair of black ones.

There isn't a single bar-room in Clay County, Texas. What a howling wilderness it must be!

Dr. Slade is reported hard up. He begins to find that the way of the transgressor is hard.

A Baltimore man flattened his bullet against the forehead of another Baltimore man whom he was trying to kill.

Did you ever hear of a woman with a brick in her hat?—[Inquiring Ex. No; but we have heard of women with factories in their bonnets.

Linguists are urging that people stop saying "depo" and use the more proper word "station."

There are three hundred thousand bar-maids in Great Britain. Now we know the mission of schooper-du-ou-woman.

A Philadelphia schoolmistress punished an orphan. Uchih's mother punished schoolmistress, and is now in jail.

The rumor that the Indians prepare to renew hostilities at "the first grass" is in reality a canard of "the first water."

All the young men who attend church on the sidewalk in front of the edifice, practice time in common meet her. They meet her as she rolls out.

There is a lamentable dearth of news just now in our rural exchanges. We ascribe it principally, however, to the fact that the cat-fishes are biting well.

Dull Knife is among the Sioux Chiefs who are coming in to surrender. A chap with that name wouldn't "cut stick," you know, under any circumstances.

If a man reaches into your berth and steals your cash in the sleeping car within the boundaries of Iowa, the railroad will have to hand back the equivalent.

The season of the year when a girl can fool a fellow, by making him hold yarn on his hands while she winds it off on a ball, is passed. Let her try ice cream.

In view of this great hotel destruction, and not a responsible officer-escape, the question, "Is civilization a failure?" doesn't sound half as much like a joke as it did.

Mercenary people are wishing that war would break out between Russia and Turkey, never thinking of the mouth-distorting words that will ravage the newspaper world.

During the review of the Sunday School lesson at Burlington last Sunday the question was asked, "What became of Elijah?" and the entire congregation were identified by a small shrill voice, that piped out with extreme unction, "He went to heaven like a house afire you bet." All bets were declared off and the congregation sung a hymn.

HERNIMAN'S herd of tame buffalo cows on the South Platte numbering twenty two have given birth since March 17th to eighteen calves, not one of which has died, or caved as though it wanted to. Some of the cheese and butter manufactured from the milk of this herd, and put upon the Sidney market compares favorably with the Orange and Geesee county, New York manufacture. A stock diaryman from Peoria, Ill., is in Sidney and negotiated for a portion of the herd to take home with him.

Tame Buffaloes? Well chase the wild antelope over the plain And milk the tame "Butler" over and over again.

What Came in a Potato.

A friend of ours received a day or two ago through the post office from Olympia, Washington Territory, a roundish, irregular sort of package, which on examination proved to contain a large potato.

Further investigation showed that the potato had been cut in two and the inside scooped out, and in the cavity were found flowers and leaves, which, as he learned by a note previously received, had been picked in a garden in the open air on the 26th day of December.

The flowers, pansies, geraniums, and others, were as fresh and bright as if they had been gathered within an hour; though their journey across the continent had occupied fifteen days. Olympia is in about the latitude of Quebec, though its winter climate is not more severe than that of Memphis.—Worcester Spy.

Sugar Used in the United States. The people of this country are noted for importing or buying of other nations, enormous quantities of goods, costing immense sums in gold, that might as well be made at home.

Sugar is one of these. The amount of this article yearly used is truly enormous. Hard times were last year more than 1,000,000 tons, upwards of 2,000,000,000 pounds, costing at 8 cents, more than \$160,000,000 in gold, besides an equal quantity of molasses and syrup, was imported from abroad, exclusive of the small amount made in Louisiana.

This year a real or pretended scarcity in all the sugar producing regions of the world, makes the price much higher than usual. The sources of making sugar in this country are without limit. All the maples, especially the soft sugar maple, yield floods of sap ready to be boiled into sugar or syrup, that now runs to waste all over the country, but little being utilized. The butternut also gives a very superior quality. This tree is said to be the sole dependence of the Creoleans for both sugar and syrup. Indian corn also gives it, first as cane juice in the stalk, before the formation of ears, and afterwards as grape sugar in the mature grain, in quantities only limited by the demand. The beet, containing 7 to 9 per cent, according to the season, has been profitably used in California the past year, and might undoubtedly be used east of the Rocky Mountains.

The United States ought to export, instead of importing, both sugar and syrup. Wagon to Hayes. [Wald's Speech Recalling Hayes' Nominations at Cincinnati.]

"Gen. Hayes has ever been a sound republican, never wavering from his course when others have fallen and always abetting the cause of republicanism: spending his fortunes, and his power, and his strength to promote its interests; an undeviating republican in whom there was never any mistrust. He stood by the republican party in the blackest hour of our peril. He stood by it in council and in peace, and he stood by our guns in war, and we intend to stand by him as he stood by us."

[New York Times, April 23.] JEFFERSON, O. April 9. Mr. U. H. Painter, Washington, D. C. DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 5th was duly received. You ask whether I remember what I said in favor of President Hayes in my endeavor to procure his nomination at the Cincinnati convention. I do remember it, after what has since transpired, with indignation and a bitterness of soul that I never felt before. You know with what untiring zeal I labored for the nomination of the slaves of the South, and to procure justice for them before and during the time I was in congress, and I supposed Gov. Hayes was in full accord with me on this subject; but I have been deceived, and betrayed, and even humiliated by the course he has taken, to a degree that I have not language to express. During the first month of his administration we find him closeted with two of the worst and most malignant enemies of the colored race that can be found in all that slave-cursed region, and there consulting with these malefactors how best he can put these colored people under the iron heel of their most bitter enemies, and reduce them to a condition infinitely worse than before they were made free. I feel that to have emancipated these people and then to have them oppressed would be a crime as infamous as to have reduced them to slavery when they were free, and Hayes wishes to do this to him who had, at the hazards of their lives, given him the votes without which he never could have had power to do this terrible injustice. No doubt he meditates the destruction of the party that elected him. A contemplation of all this fills me with amazement and inexplicable indignation. My only consolation is that history informs me that better men than I ever pretended to be have in like manner been deceived. Some have attempted to excuse him by saying that he means well, but hell is paved with just such good intentions. Truly yours, B. F. WADE.

Early Days in Omaha. Mr. Sorenson, of the Bee, has written a very pleasant, readable book about the early days of Omaha. It tells all about Hanson's Legislature, Jones' Post Office, the old residents who lived in Iowa and voted in Nebraska and lots of other things too numerous to mention and too good to be left unread by anybody interested in the short past of Nebraska.

To Cass Co. people at this day how queer this reads. "Several bands of Sioux and other northern Indians had been in the habit of roaming at will through sections of the Territory, particularly that portion known as Saunders County."

No Indians there now, only tribe known are Greenbackers, Ed. Hall, chief Mogul.

This must have been about the time when Joe Brown and a lot of Platts-mouth chaps went out to hunt Indians, and a certain Judge, when about to at-

Fancy Cattle.

The Short-Horn Sale at Durban Farm Near Jacksonville, Ill., a Grand Success. April 20.—At the sale of thoroughbred short-horned cattle, to-day on Durban farm, six miles east of this city, by the administrators of the estate of Judge Stevens Dunlop, very satisfactory prices were obtained.

The herd of twenty-five bulls, cows and heifers, averaged \$243 each. The cows alone averaged \$357. Col. J. W. Judy, of Tallula, the great short-horn auctioneer, conducted the sale. About 400 people were present, including all the prominent stock raisers in this and adjoining counties, and several from Missouri. The principal purchasers were John Potts & Sons, Jacksonville, seven cows and heifers, \$2,645; J. H. Spears, Tallula, three head, \$735; T. C. Raley, Arrow Rock, Mo., three cows, \$345, and one bull \$300; Joseph Lovvner, Table Grove, Ill., one heifer, \$180; John Morris, Chillicothe, Mo., one heifer, \$163; E. M. Rees & Son, Franklin, two head, \$290; P. D. Richardson, Jacksonville, one heifer, \$100.—Globe Democrat.

DITCH DITCH DITCH! Buy no machines. Be deceived by no pretended preventives to keep grasshoppers off trees. There is just one way to catch and destroy young hoppers, Ditch, Ditch, Ditch. All other ways are frauds. This is the way to do it. Plow a deep furrow where you want your ditch; rake out the loose dirt with a weeding fork; put down another furrow; rake out the loose dirt again; shave down the inside till it overhangs a little; spade down pits in the bottom of your ditch every twenty feet, make them the size of a spade-blade square and twenty inches deep; watch the young hoppers get into your ditch, and unanimously move along it till they strike a pit. In they go headlong and hold each other down till you put on a spadeful of dirt and stamp it down with various energy. The general services may be conducted continually till the last annual for exports. No other plan can hold a candle to this, to all of which your correspondent pledges his life, his sacred honor and forty acres of corn.

If any idiotic cuss is determined to put on style and use machinery, he may use Nixie's Patent Grasshopper extirminator—to be used in connection with a pit four or five feet deep and three feet square. Get two log chains and hook them together. Get enough gunny sacks to make a sieve the length of your chain and fasten the chain on as sinker. Put a stick at each end and a man to each stick. Drag your sieve over the ground patiently and carefully and land your haul in the pit mentioned above, do this and kick machine peddlers off the premises, and you shall reap your rewards.

Northern Nebraska Rail Roads. The West Point Republican has a very encouraging article about the prospects of new railroads in northern Nebraska. It says the contract for building the C. C. & B. H. (Covington, Columbus & Black Hills) R. R. some 70 miles further has been let. This takes the road from Ponca, the present terminus, to O'Neill City in Holt Co. It has been urged against this road, says the Republican, that it is a narrow gauge road, and can never amount to anything, but when the Oregon Columbia & Snake River R. R. reaches Virginia City on a three ft. gauge it will find the locomotive "Daotachi" of the C. C. & B. H. R. standing ready waiting for the last spike to be driven, on hand to take passengers to the Pacific on the narrow gauge, thus making another band of iron encircling the continent.

The Maple Valley road is also contracted for to Mapleton and is being pushed to completion. There is no doubt but that it will be continued to Onawa, Iowa, and thence to the Mo. river at Deatur, Bart Co., Neb., and then it is only a matter of a summer or so before a connection with the U. P. will be made at Columbus.

We hope all these fine projects may be realized. Northern Nebraska is a fine country, and needs the development of more railroads and more people.

FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Never give up a weeding rose bush till you have tried watering it two or three times a week with soot tea.

Make the concoction with boiling water, from soot taken from the chimney or stove in which wood is burned. When cold, water the bush with it.

When it is used up, pour boiling hot water on the soot a second time. From bushes treated in this way will often send out thrifty shoots, the leaves will become large and thick, the blossoms will greatly improve in size and be more richly tinted than before.—D. H. Jacques.

TO CURE CHILDREN CHOLERA.—An exchange says: If you want chickens to get well of the cholera in two days, get good clear water and put in a bucket of any kind; then get white oak bark (that from an old tree is the best), put it in the water and let it steep until the water is of a copper color, and then pour it in your drinking vessels or fountain, and not let the fowls drink any other water. Give them the usual feed, and a cure will be effected in a short time. I have tried this for five years, and it has never failed.

Treatment of Girls. How many unhappy girls have paid dearly for the early bringing up of their young husbands, who after their first plour of love had passed, treat their wives as they were allowed to treat their sister, and as they saw their fathers treat their mothers—carelessly disrespectfully, with a total want of that considerate tenderness which is worth all the passionate love in the world. This, though they may muster outside as excellent husbands, never do any thing really bad, and possessing many good and attractive qualities yet contriving somehow to quietly break the poor woman's heart, or harden it into that passive acceptance of pain, which is more fatal to married