An Auger Which Bores Square Holes. To send a verdant youngster in search of a drill wherewith to make a square hole, is one of those time-honored workshop jokes, the freshness and originality of which is perennial with succeeding generations of perpetrators. But the laugh is now over, or at least on the side of the victim; for, incredible as it may appear, this apparent impossibility has been accomplished, and in a way so simple and so easy that any one may prove the fact for himself. As may be supposed, the invention excited more genuine astonishment among the mechanics gathered at the Paris Exposition than any of the other wonders there displayed. There was a constant crowd surrounding the inventor, watching him bore hele after hele square, and puzzling ever the very simplicity of the provokingly simple solution of the prob-

All that is required is an ordinary hand drill-steck. A stationary one with a chuck below for holding the work, the inventor, Mr. Julius Hall, of London, uses; but he says a common brace will answer—"anything, in fact, will do that will properly hold the

The tool itself is the usual form of three square drill, so that it will be seen that no special apparatus at all is required. Clamp or chuck this drill in its holder so that "it will wabble," and you have the whole secret. Instead of making a round hole, as it undoubtedly will if tightly grasped, when loosely held it produces a square one. Why it should act thus is at first to all appearances an impenetrable paradox, and even after the rationale is discovered it scarcely seems quite clear.

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Old Bodkin likes a game of euchre, but he is such as inveterate narrator of pioneer incidents that he often makes it unpleasant for others by trying to play and tell a varn at the same time. The other evening he began a story just as he and three others sat down to play a social game. He said: "It was in 1849 that a family by the name of Gobins emigrated from Greenbrier county, Virginia-cut for dealto the glorious west-shucks, I never could cut anything bigger than a tenspot. There were seven in the family: three girls and four boys. The girls were bright-eyed, resy-cheeked-I pass -graceful gazelles, and two of the boys were big enough to handle their axes and rifles-d'ye turn it down? I'll make it clubs-and could help their father a right smart chance-an ace beats a king every time. Play on a heart-They wound slowly over the Alleghanies, and finally in May '49. erossed the Ohio valley-good enough! Hearts are better'n trumps, but I have not any left-heading straight for Arkinsaw, intending to make that territory-hold on! You don't play that on us, my partner trumped the last trick -their future home-take it up; best we've got, lead partner, according to J. Hoyle-They got away out there in the wilderness, and the weather was getting pretty hot- that's it! Now we'll come the cross-lift on 'em! Play on that bower! One evening they stopped near where a spring gushed up -that makes us a couple more! Dog my picture if it wouldn't be a good joke if we could skunk 'em the first game. They thought it would be a good place to camp, and the old man unhitched his horse-well, well, what a foolish play was that of mine; it give 'em one on our deal-and one of the boys ran SIGN, CARRIAGE and ORNAto the spring to get a drink-pass-it was one of the hot springs-play, Cap., don't be so undecided-and when he touched his lips to the water-that's our trick-he bounced up and yelled to the old man-whose ace is that? eh? I'll salivate it with a trump-yelled to the old man 'hitch up and drive on next to H Boeck's. dad! Hell's not half a mile from here! How did you come by these points?
Seems to me you're good counters if can't play much. Well sir, it had the effect to-diamonds? havn't any; pass -change the old man's opinion of Arkansaw, and-what led? Spades. Have a little one—he started across the wilds HARNESS for Oregon." Thus old Bodkin continued the same

utes with their rifles, and the old woman a raving maniac. And yet the story was not more than half c mpleted when the party walked off on the narrator. The camels are becoming scarce in the

narative through thirteen games, and

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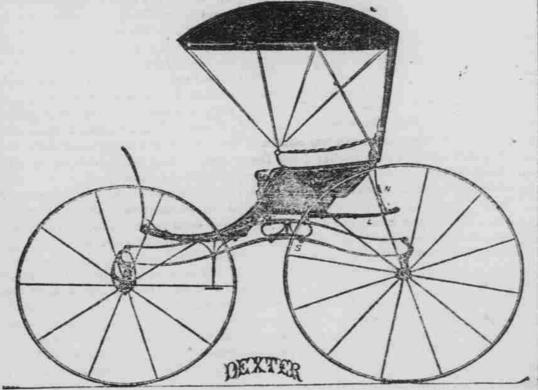
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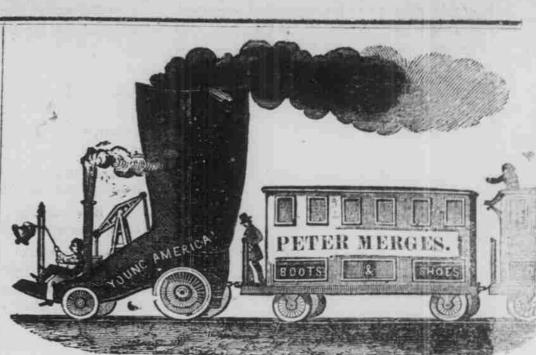
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