By Destre.

If I might do one deed of good, One little deed before I die, Or think one noble thought that should Hereafter net forgotten lie, I would not murmur though I must Be lost in death's unnumbered dust.

That flimsy wing that wafts the seed Upon the careles- wind to earth. Of its short life has only need To find the germ fit place for birth; For one swift mement of delight It whirls, then withers out of sight, -F. W. Bourd llon.

A Mation's Strength.

What builds a nation's pillars high. And its foundations strong? What makes it mighty to defy The foes that round it throng?

Not gold, but only men can make A people great and strong; Men who for Truth and Honor's sake Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep, Who dare while others fly : They build a Nation's pillars deep. And lift them to the sky.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson. EARM. ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Treatment of House Plants.

Every two weeks all winter I take a either dry or leached, plaster, lime, salt and such other substances as would not handful of tobacco stems and steep them by pouring boiling water over be wasted by exposure to the atmosthem; then, when the tes cools enough phere, may be applied to grass as a top to bear the hand, I pour it over the dressing at any time of year. The plants. Sometimes the leaves wilt for a sooner they are applied the sooner the few moments, and then straighten out, grass will be benefited, if benefited at and have that bright, fresh look they all, but those substances which waste by have in summer, after a shower. Then exposure to the weathar, if spread on I weaken the tea a little more, and wet the surface, should be applied directly the ground in the pots, and I have no previous to the growing season, for if red spider or green flies-Rural New they lie exposed for a long time, while the plants remain dormant, some loss Yorker.

nine quarts per day.

must result.

Potate Kot.

The fertilizers referred to above are Mr. Francis Gerry Fairchild writes in both subject to loss and waste if spread the Scientific American, that a "bland broadcast on the surface of grass land, solution of carbolic acid in common and for this reason we do not recomwhale oil or kerosene is the scientific mand their use for top dressing grass at remedy for the rot. The best way to any season, unless they are composted use it would, I think, be to dip the potato, just before planting, in the soluwith sufficient quantities of loam or tion, which is very inexpensive and very dried muck to absorb and retain the easily obtained. I may add that my ammonia, which will be evolved during experiments convince me that carbolic the process of decomposition. Again, acid in this bland solution in no way in the use of such fertilizers much deimpairs the germinal activity of the pends upon the kind of weather that tuber: but, by way of certainty, let me follows their application. If wet weather recommend to your farmer readers to follows immediately, and continues until first try the experiment on a few hills the salts are dissolved and mingled with this spring, and, if successful, to adopt the soll within reach of the routs of the it as a remedy for the blight." grass, applications of any kind of good fertilizers will give much better results Sowing Tumothy and Clover. than if they are spread during a long My practice is to harrow the wheat continued drought. As a general thing, three times in the spring. We go over rules which apply to the application of the wheat both ways with the harrows. barnyard manure as a top dressing, will and then sow the clover seed and tollow apply equally well to the use of comwith the harrows to cover the seed. If mercial fertilizes, provided the fertilizers the ground is very hard, the harrows do are what is claimed for them. Lot break up the crust sufficiently to Our experiments in top dressing grass afford a good covering for the seed, and lands, during the past - few years, have if dry weather follows, we have a poor not given us full confidence in the prac-"catch" on these hard spots. I have my tice, except upon damp soils and such doubts as to which is the better plan, but more until the following day. as are difficult to plow. We have always I am inclined to think that so far as found stable manure beneficial wherever securing a good catch of timothy and it has been spread, but have not always clover is concerned, it is better to give been satisfied that it has been used in up the idea of harrowing winter wheat the most economical manner. As the in the spring, and to sow timothy seed season is getting late if the case were in the tall, and clover seed very early in our own, we should make a compost of spring. It depends very much on the such fertilizers as we wish to apply, soil and season. The harrowing helps using several times the bulk of absorbthe wheat and kills a good many weeds, ents to one part of fertilizer, and let it and on a sandy loam the harrow leaves remain in a pile till toward winter, shova good seed bed for the clover, and if eling it over occasionally to assist dewe are favored with a few showers, we composition, and then we should apply are pretty sure of a good catch of clover. a portion this fall and the remainder -American Agriculturist. next spring, and note the results. If the Hens Eating Eggs-A Cure. fertilizers should be well decomposed Having heard the question asked how material, we should expect to see but to cure hens from eating eggs, and havslight difference in the results, whether

A Real " Miss Flite,"

which has not nitrogen enough to make For some months past the office of the it a first-class food, finds, in Hungarian chief of police of San Francisco, says grass, a friend that has more of that the Chronicle, has been honored by the material than the law, as laid down by daily visits of a half-witted female. Prof. Atwater, allows good fodder to whose singular habits and eccentric cosneed; but, by putting their nitrogen tume have become so well known to the into a common purse and then dividing frequenters of the police office that she equally, they can both stand in the preshas failed latterly to excite more than ence of clover which has been considpassing interest. She is invariably ered both king and queen of fodder. attired in a brown dress, with great Some experiments in feeding todder startling, golden stripes, which impress corn this season satisfied me that the the spectator with the conviction that same law which governs the time for

very important lesson. Fodder corn,

her body is in a constant wriggle. The cutting rye, oats and grass, to get the dress has a long trail, which she gathers most milk, governs green corn. When up in her arm in a curious manner when in leaf and before it tassels, is the time walking. She wears a low silk hat, to cut to have the cows give the most which was once a "plug," but has been milk from what they will eat of it. A truncated, the incision being concealed lot of cows that averaged eight quarts a uy a profusion of variegated flowers of day on sweet corn fodder, tasseled and every description, from which depends silked, when fed on gourd seed corn in a white veil. Her hands are always enleaf, not tasseled, though it stood six veloped in white gloves. Her grievfeet high-other conditions, as far as I ances are numerous and extraordinary. know, being equal-gave an average of She always carries a huge package of formidable looking documents, which Spring or Fail Top-Dressing.

conclusively prove that she was de-Fertilizers, like potash, wood ashes, spoiled by designing relatives of a fortune of \$3,000,000, and which she invariably holds clutched in her hand as if she momentarily apticipated their loss. about the police station, a detective who entertains an excited opinion of his shrewdness, was greatly interested in the woman's case, and busied himself during a month in endeavoring to substantiate that which, to his great chagrin, ultimately turned out to be a chimera. Latterly she become quite intimate with the eccentric counselor Clarke at the police office, who humors her fancies

and accords her the utmost sympathy. He is energetically engaged in working up her case against her enemies, and in a short time hopes to have the whole "caboodle of 'em," as he elegantly expresses himself to the aggrieved woman, incarcerated in jail and the immense fortune restored to its rightful owner. afternoon, and are considered treats by those who are present. Her coming is

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applied in late tall or early spring. We have studied this subject with n little interest for the past few years, but are yet somewhat unsettled as to the most practical course to pursue.--N. E. Farmer.

An Earthquake.

Miggs insisted upon trying if one of the blocks in the Kimbal House pavement was as long as himself, but Jones, who was trying to get him home, remonstrated :

"Oh, come along, old boy; what's the matter with you, anyhow? "Did you read zer papers 'is morin'?

"Yes I did," replied Jones. "Read all 'bout zat (hic) earsequake

at Memphis, ch?" "Yes, but it wasen't much." "Wuzn't, eh? (hic) 'member zat zyk-

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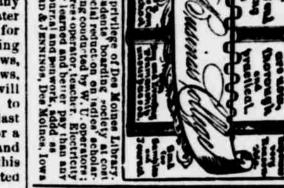
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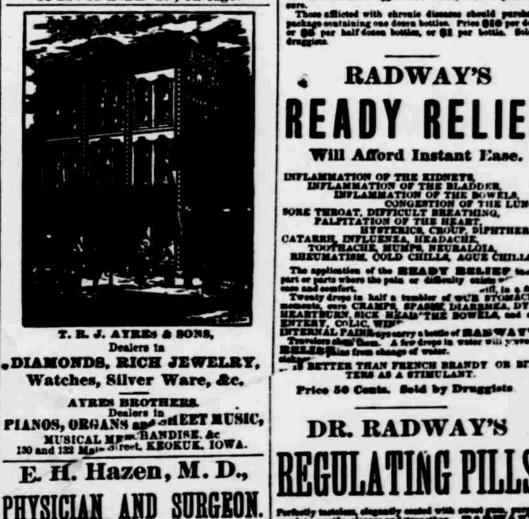


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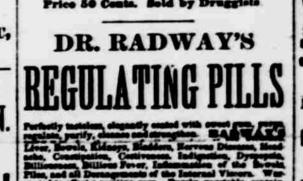
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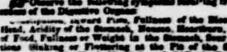
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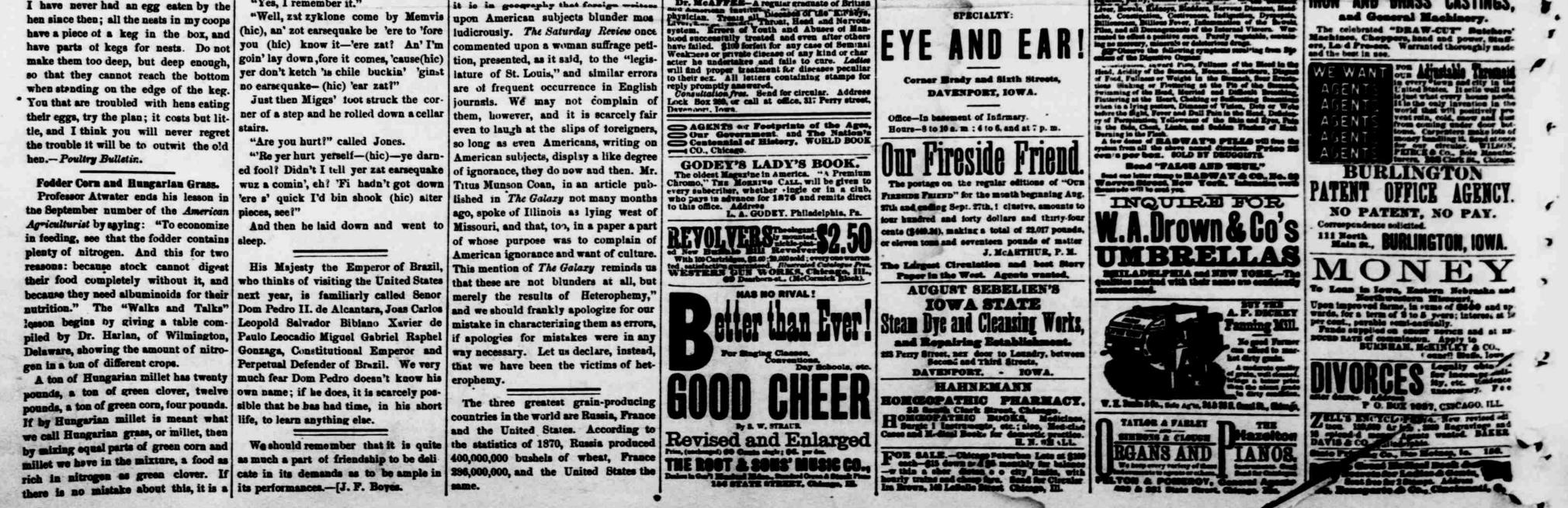
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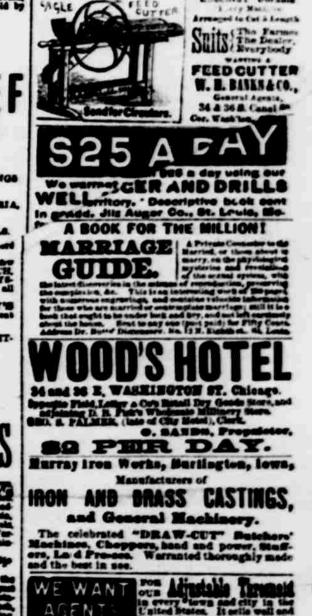
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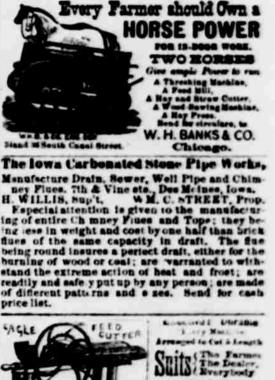
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