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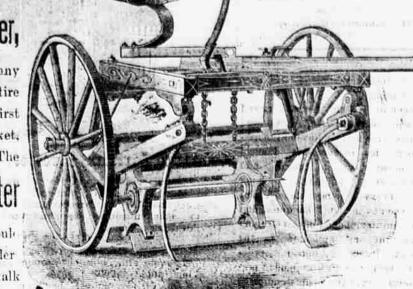
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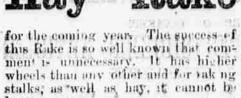
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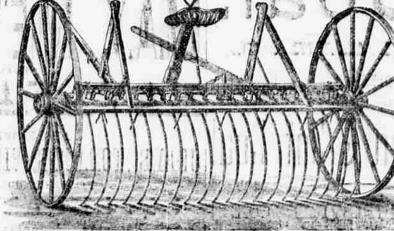
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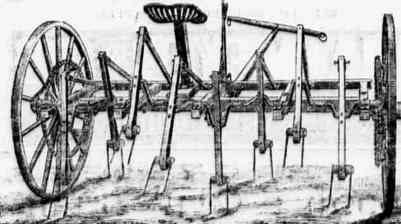




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RICHMOND, (Va.). November 10, 1883. han 100,000 men. The fare to-day is \$4. the most poetic piece of work now, to oh! the large beauty of the landscape as her side, while the child in her lap toys with the necklace at her throat and looks you glide out of Washington city across up lovingly in the mother's great, sad the broad, tranquil Potomac; the stately face. And then from under the folds of edifice on Arlington heights (Lee's home); the lion's skin and under where she sits the stupendous dome of the Federal the stupendous dome of the Federal death, coming out of the darkness, sud-Capitol fading away like a cloud as you den, swift or slow, but always still, certain

place, too, of George Washington. You great, tender story; half of the 'Hiad, indeed? Ah, if you could but see her say are glad to get out of the depot. Decent enough it is except for the heaps of knock-kneed, bow-degged, and altogether gone-to-pieces colored men, tumbling and years. It will take him years yet to compare the piece is of th hobbling, falling, fighting, brawling in a plete it. There is nothing in all America to match this; nothing, I think, in all the brick edifice. But its presence, the Europe now in process of completion that insolent presence of this depot in the can compete with it, and this is the old heart of our c untry's capital, is such au confederate capital. impertinence that you get mad at the sight of it and remain so till you get out worthy, because the subject is less worthy. of sight of it.

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it, that is all they desire.

fully will find his feet set solidly on the with these two gentlest of gentlemen, stepping-stone to the presidency of these in almost the last place in which you United States. This railroad company, would expect to find inspired artists, I which carries congressmen free, of course, has set up a little marble eagle above the spot in this depot where General Garfield was shot. A little brass star—it was plated with silver—marks the spot where the president fell when shot. It is a good advertisement for the com-

And now, with Arlington Heights fading away on the right and the dome of the may cost him \$50,000 more.

Capitol rounding its huge shoulders in the rear, let us dash on through dull and carpet dealers, lose \$45,000. Loss on gish, dirty, stream, narrow enough for a boy to pitch a stone across it, and as yellow, most of the time, as the tail-stream thought on reading the achievements of General Buruside there that this was a river of some importance. Fredericks-burg has never been rebuilt. But up the river a little way from the dirty surroundings of the railroad you see a good many church spires still pointing up through the oaks and magnolias. You see earthworks up and down the river and dim outlines of the great mine linsco are still

"How many men did Burnside really lose here!" I asked of an ex-confederate general, who showed me about in his

"I wenty-five thousand at least." "And Leet" "Not 200."

"Heavens! but this is not history."

AN OLD SOLDIER S STORY. The gray old soldier drew up under an oak, lazily and meditatively tapped the top of a red pokeberry bush which towered above the other weeds in the fence corner, with his long ragged whip, and said: "Do you remember the conversation of Napoleon and his generals after one of his great battles, when one of his marshals seemed to show some concern as to what history would say?" I shook my head and he went on as he lazily whipped the perries till they ran blood. "Well, sah, Napoleon said, sharply, 'What is history, gentlemen, what is history?' One perries. One marshal answered this and one answered that, but the Little Corporal lifted his finger, and wagging it in the face of his five great generals, said, very firmly and very truly, 'Gentlemen, history is fiction agreed upon." The old soldier stopped whipping the berries in the fence corner and we rode on over the grassy little ridges and shallow ditches a good distance in silence. He was fighting over this old battle-field once more. I was looking down from the side of the buggy place monthly. or whatever I might see to take away with me as mementoes of the place. But I saw nothing nothing but weeds, little pebbles in the yellow sand, tall pokeberries towering in the corners of the old Virginis worm fence, a few black pigs and now and then an indolent old colored man, loating barefooted and ragged as an oldtime prophet, plodding down the dusty As we neared the central pari of the city we saw a pile of these people thrown up together, head and heals in the fence corner, asleep—thrown there, hungry and helpless, by the cow-catcher of progress.

HENRY CLAY'S BIRTHPLACE.

1t is called Ashland, this birthplace of Henry Clay, because it is an ashen land. Bald, barren and white, not much unlike the sagebrush land of Nevada; but for the little pine and oak trees which stand in the stead of our sage it might look exactly like the plains, and this only a few miles from Richmond. We have dashed down through full fifty miles of this bar ren and impoverished kind of bare land since leaving the fertile tributaries of the higher Petomac. Below us a little way is the fearful corduroy road of dead Here at this spot the trees fairly tremoled from the roar of cannon shot during the dreanful seven days fight, in the Wil-derness. Ashland is a desolate place private residences, a few stores, stables and he all-present, inseparable, helpless crowd of disheartened and hopeless colored people; but, of course, back and away from the road where they are at work they are happy enough.

ART IN RICHMOND, As the hospitality of Virginia people

is proverbial, I need not enlarge here on that. I could not, indeed, without talking too much of myself. But as we have been accustomed to look upon this capital of the perished capital of the confederacy as the paradise of the duelist, the sent of war in the south, and a great tobacco centar, I earnestly beg to call attention to two great—very great—works of art now in process of completion here. Think of in process of completion here. Think of a man who has spent his best years in Rome, famous in Europe, famous all over the world in fact, settling down here Richmond is by rail to-day 116 nules dis- traditions and using an observation, who ant from Washington city. Twenty years recumberst statue of General Lee was go it was as distant as eternity to more recently unveiled at Lexington, is doing It once cost hundreds of millions to get world has seen for a long time. The wife there. The fast mail makes the distance of Troy's here, weaving her web and easily in four hours now. It cost as thinking sailly of the possible fates of many years twice two decades ago. And, war, has let her right hand fall heavily at

disappear down the Potomac toward the -cuts the half-finished web from her burial place, and still further on the birth. hand. Do you not see in th's dim outlines years. It will take him years yet to com-

"CUSTER'S LAST CHARGE,"

There is another work here, not so

It is a picture by Evans on a 10x15-foot, canvas of "Custer's Last , Charge." You see, this railroad company asked course, any man who chooses to permission only to temporarily enter this battle scene for his subject can do so. I know it is a thrilling theme and one that beautiful city and set down and receive stirs the blood, this battle work; but beassengers till they could look about and fore I would celebrate any war event buy a suitable place for a depot. Well, having got this much permission, they sat down to stay and they built this substantial brick and gray-stone structure as if are perpetuated, if not inspired, I am free they owned the city. But, perhaps, as to say that Mr. Evans' picture is almost they own congress, or a large majority of masters of Paris to come here and serve through the war, he got lessons while And now permit me to make this campaigning, fighting, bleeding on the prophecy right here that some day soon, field, that few artists ever receive and not ten years hence, the people of these United States will rise up and take all this and all similar lands back from these battle, as seen through the smoke of war thieving, grasping roads. The first great in which God veils men's pitiful butcher man who moves in this matter success- ica of each other. In these two studios,

> to leave you for the present. JOAQUIN MILLER.

Losses by Fire. New YORK, November 30. - Congratu

lations are general to-day that the fire in the Windsor theatre was discovered after the performance. Stevens, lessee, places his individual loss at about \$20,000, part ly insured. Interruption of engagements may cost him \$50,000 more,

grass-grown Alexandria to Fredericksburg | building, \$20,000. The other losses are on the low, sandy banks of the narrow about \$55,000, distributed among a num-Rappahannock. This is a crooked, slug-gish, dirty, stream, narrow enough for a Boston, November 30.—The latest estimates place the loss on the burned woolen mills in Saxonia at \$300,000. of a miner's sluice. One would have Mills, machinery and stock insured at

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