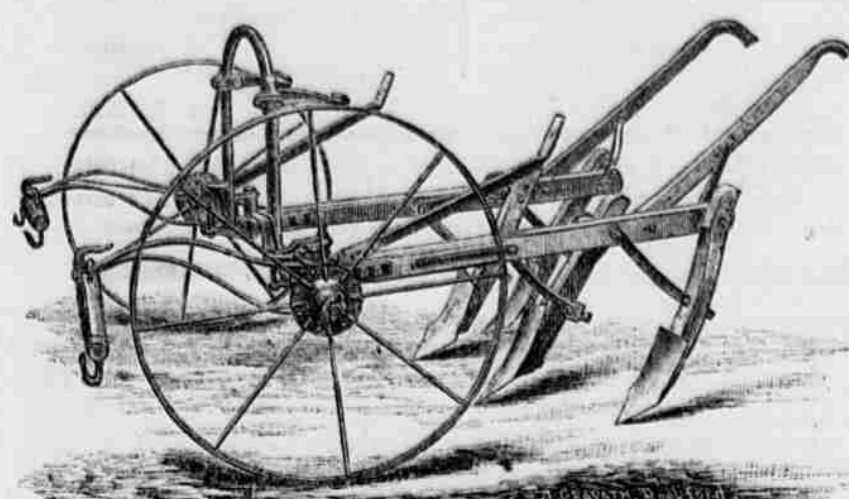


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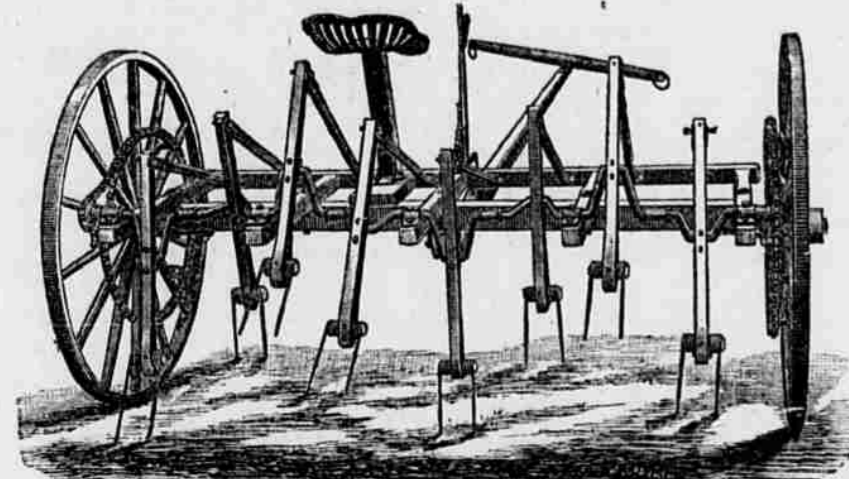
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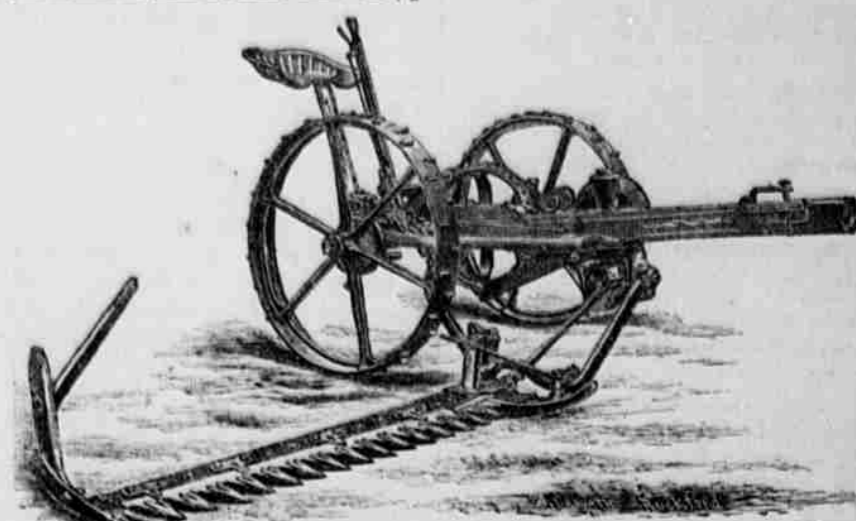
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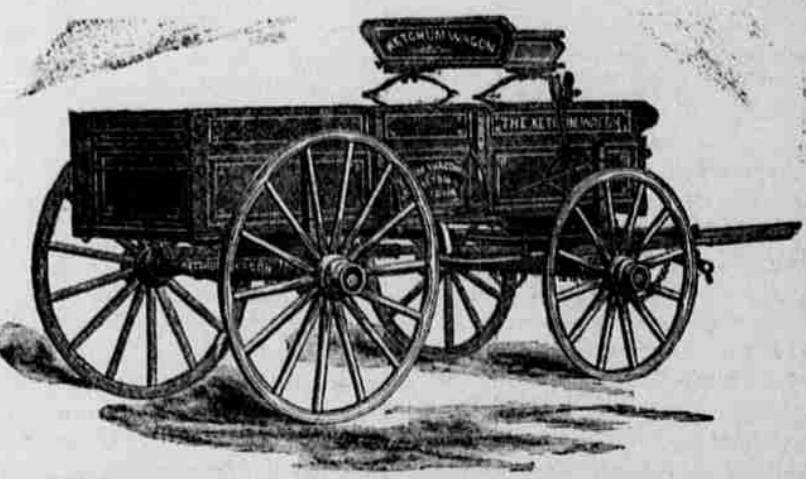
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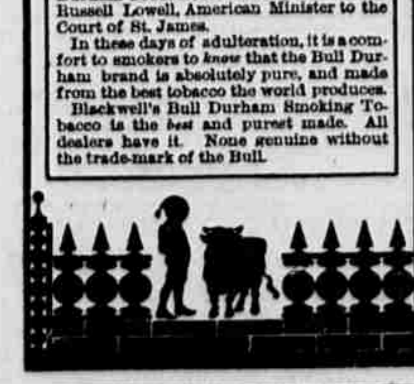
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Tasker's gifted daughter, Anne, in her sketch of Alfred Thompson, in *Harper's Weekly*, tells of her visit to the great poet. She found him smoking Blackwell's Bull Durham Tobacco, sent him by Hon. James Russell Lowell, American Minister to the Court of St. James.

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**COUNCIL BLUFFS.**  
 ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

The following deeds were filed for record in the recorder's office, January 29, reported for the Bee by P. J. McMahon, real estate agent:

Emma L. Bartlett to E. M. Farnsworth, lot 6, block 30, Avoca, \$550.  
 R. H. Woodmansey to M. A. St. Clair, lots 7 and 8, block 12, Macedonia, \$500.  
 E. M. Farnsworth to Mary S. Farnsworth, lot 6, block 30, Avoca, \$350.  
 J. A. Burnison to Wm. Schofield, et al., 1/2, 3/4, 5/8, 3/8, \$2,720.  
 Hoyt Sherman, receiver, to Catharine Carstenon, lots 6, 7 and 8, block 8, Walnut, \$110.  
 J. A. Burnison to John R. Schofield, et al., 1/2, 3/4, 5/8, 3/8, \$2,090.  
 D. S. Mack to Albert Mulke, lot 6, block 8, Mynter's addition, \$300.  
 John H. Russell to W. A. Scott, part n.w. 1/4, 1/4, 7/8, 40, \$80.  
 B. Lombard, Jr., to D. H. Frisbie, lots 1 and 2, block 1, and lots 16, 17 and 18, block 10, Turley's addition, \$100.  
 Henry McCord to Thede Karstena, et al., 1/2, 3/4, 5/8, 3/8, \$2,000.  
 C. H. I. & P. R. Co. to W. B. Newton, et al., 21, 76, 40, \$600.  
 Lincoln Whitney et al. to B. I. H. Mitchell, lot 7, block 9, Macedonia, \$410.  
 Total sales, \$10,000.

**IOWA NEWS.**

Pattersonville is to have a steam grist mill.

The artesian well hole at Sanborn is now down 250 feet.

The bonded indebtedness of Plymouth county is \$25,000.

Logan's partially-finished opera house is to be used as a skating rink until spring.

The Harrison county fair will be held this year on September 30, and October 1 and 2.

A Cedar Rapids family which has been on the poor list is found to be worth about \$5,000.

The capacity of the Burlington electric light plant is forty lamps. Twenty-eight have been contracted.

The brick veneer of the Catholic church at Marcus is cracking badly. The foundation of the building was laid on top of the ground.

E. D. Rand, of Burlington, has built a tower to his residence, upon which will be placed three electric lamps, the same to brilliantly illuminate his beautiful lawn.

Hon. John D. Bush, of Dubuque, the other day removed a mortgage from the house of a man who agreed to abstain for

five years from the use of intoxicating liquors.

The Fairfield Ledger pronounces Gov. Sherman's pardon of John W. Gregg, signed from that city in 1874 to the Fort Madison penitentiary, a mistake. The Ledger says he is one of the worst criminals ever sent from that county.

The following card, dated Sibley, January 21, has been sent out for publication: Mark McGuire left his home, ten miles from Sibley, about noon to day. He is supposed to be insane. Age 36 years; blue eyes, dark brown hair tinged with gray, sandy moustache, sunken eyes, dressed with black suit of clothes, no overcoat, dark soft hat, checked shirt, was mounted on a roan horse, scarred in face, tips of ears off. A suitable reward will be given for any information leading to his recovery. Write or telegraph H. Heil, or W. L. Parker.

Fairfield has made a contract with Mr. George B. Inman, of New York, to erect water works for that place at an estimated cost of \$53,000. The city will issue \$25,000 in bonds, which Inman takes at 90 cents, and the balance of the cost is to be paid out of water rents. The city is to pay \$1,000 per annum for a superintendent, and \$50 per annum for 30 hydrants. When the proceeds redeem the works from debt they are to be turned over to the city.

Goughs, Colts, and Sore-Throat yield readily to B. H. Douglas & Son's Capsicum Cough Drops.

**Prices of Pearls.**

Although a pearl weighing one grain is worth only about one-eighth of the price of a diamond of the same weight, said Jeweler J. H. Johnston, "it is very easy to spend a large amount of money for pearl jewelry. There is now in this city a pearl necklace worth \$100,000. I have seen another worth \$23,000, and one was recently sold for \$30,000. These large prices are caused by the difficulty of obtaining particular sizes and colors that may be wanted. The most expensive collection of pearls on record is that owned by the Countess of Dudley in England, which is far more valuable than the celebrated pearls belonging to Queen. The countess has a coronet of pearls. The top is composed of pear-shaped pearls. There is a very large one in the center, and the others are graduated in size down to the smallest. In order to get these pear-shaped pearls in the requisite sizes and colors the jewelers were obliged to buy such an enormous quantity of pearls that when the famous necklace was completed with earrings, bracelets, brooch and finger rings to match, the jewelers had \$500,000 worth of odd pearls left! A pair of matched pear-shaped pearls weighing 110 grains was recently sold in San Francisco for \$6,000. I sold one pair of off color craggy and gibbous pearls for \$350, and have one pair worth \$1,800.

"When the Princess Royal of England married Frederick William of Prussia she received a necklace of thirty-two pearls, costing \$93,000. In 1789 the French government possessed pearls valued at \$70,000. Two of these were pear-shaped and were valued at \$55,800.

"The black pearls bring very high prices

at present, but genuine pearls may be bought that are white, pink or gray. The peculiar color which is called pearl is a sort of transparent drab. There is at present a greater demand for pearls, as there is, in fact, for all kinds of jewelry, than has been known for a long time. The plentifulness of imitations does not appear to destroy the value of the genuine article. Some ideas of the increased value of pearls may be gathered from two estimates made more than 100 years apart. One was made in 1761 by David Jeffries, of London, and the other in 1867 by Mr. H. Emanuel of London. The following is the table:

Weight	Value	Weight	Value
100 grains	\$150	100 grains	\$3,000
500 grains	\$750	500 grains	\$15,000
1000 grains	\$1,500	1000 grains	\$30,000
2000 grains	\$3,000	2000 grains	\$60,000
3000 grains	\$4,500	3000 grains	\$90,000
4000 grains	\$6,000	4000 grains	\$120,000
5000 grains	\$7,500	5000 grains	\$150,000
6000 grains	\$9,000	6000 grains	\$180,000
7000 grains	\$10,500	7000 grains	\$210,000
8000 grains	\$12,000	8000 grains	\$240,000
9000 grains	\$13,500	9000 grains	\$270,000
10000 grains	\$15,000	10000 grains	\$300,000

"The estimate made by Jeffries included pearls at 100 grains, one of which he valued at \$125. The diseased pearls are not pear shaped, and are not of the same color all the way through. One of the pearl curiosities is a pearl adhering to the shell. Pearls are often found in oysters and clams that have been cooked. A clam pearl is of a chocolate color."

If you have failed to receive benefit from other preparations, try Hood's Sarsaparilla; it's the strongest, the purest, the best, the cheapest.

**An Arkansas Proposal.**

Arkansas Traveller.

"Can I have a few words with you, sir?" asked young Arthur Gregg, entering a richly carpeted office and addressing Col. Bibbey.

"I suppose you can," the colonel replied, nervously turning on his revolving chair and glancing at Arthur in a way so devoid of interest that the young man inwardly wished he had not sought an interview with the crusty old fellow.

"I will not detain you long, for I know that your time is well occupied."

"It was well occupied," said the colonel. "Whether or not it is well occupied."

"Your sarcasm, colonel, is lost on me. You could not doubt spend your time more profitably than by talking to me."

"No doubt," the colonel assented.

"I am glad to see," said the young man, bowing, "that there are subjects on which we agree, and since you have unwittingly led me, step by step, to the very threshold of the subjects in which above all others I desire your concurrence, I will at once open the door. I think that I would make an admirable son-in-law. Do you agree with me?"

"I do. You would undoubtedly make a good son-in-law of a donkey."

"Ah, I see. Then, pray, allow me to ask your daughter's hand in marriage."

The colonel glared at the young man for a moment, and replied: "If impudence were wit, then I would regard you as capable of taking care of a wife."

"And if arrogance were generosity, then would I have had no hesitation in approaching you."

"Ah, you are quite equal to an emer-

gency. Do you love my daughter with a truth and depth of devotion which in future shall ever prevent any other love from arising to the surface; do you think that in after years, when your ambition has elevated you to the height of a longed-for eminence, that your love will be strong enough to keep pace with your advancement, and lift my child step by step as you yourself are lifted?"

"I do," solemnly said the young man, inclining his head in reverence.

"My daughter is loving, but not ambitious. In her life affection will be everything. Will you ever speak cross to her?"

"Never."

"What assurance have I?"

"This sir!" and the young man drew a bottle from his side pocket.

"What have we here? Kentucky?"

"Kentucky,"

"Ah," said the colonel, as he took the bottle. "Here's looking at you!"

"Drink hearty," the young man replied, and, taking the bottle, he held it up and added: "Here's to the hair of your head."

The marriage was solemnly celebrated, and the young man, who is a horse doctor, has begun to ascend the ladder of ambition.

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