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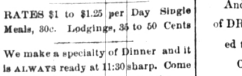

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I HAVE just purchased a new and imp oved Victor Clover mill and am ready to fill all orders for hulling at above place, guaranteeing perfect satisfaction in every case. Try me. I run by steam. WILL HUGHES.
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WOOD-CH PPERS WANTED.—I want some men to chop 200 cords of wood. Address H. H. CASTLE,
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FOR SALE CHEAP—A FIRST CLASS VICTOR Clover Huller in good shape. For particulars call on or address, James Shain, Birmingham, Mich. tf

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TWO MARES, ONE WITH FOAL, AND THE other exposed; also regular peddler's wag on with harness. All can be seen at Eliz. Johnson's, in Troy. For particulars call on Abram Smith, Birmingham, Mich. 29-tf

FOR SALE CHEAP.—One nine-year-old horse, George mare and five months old Statesman colt. 3 single harnesses, 1 set one-horse bobs, 1 3-spring wagon, one set butcher's tools. The above will be sold cheap apply to WILLIAM BROWN,
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Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a suffering and crying child with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on the earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle.

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Bushels of good cider apples for which I will pay 16 cts. per bushel at my mill 1 1-2 miles north of Birmingham on the gravel road.

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25-9.

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Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Rubber-boots, Rubbers, for Ladies, ¿Gents and Children.¿

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Suits from 7 to 20 Dollars

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☞ Our trade in this line is constantly increasing and we are every day adding to our Stock. When wanting Goods in this line come and get our prices which are less than Pontiac prices.

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We are selling cheaper than any house in the County. Crackers, best Taylor three pounds for 20 cents. Granulated Sugar 10 cts. per pound.

ALL GROCERIES CHEAP.

Crockery and Glassware.

Handled Cups and Saucers 50 cts. Cups and Saucers no handle 45 cents. Wash Bowls and Pitchers, 95 cents per Set. You should see our ware and prices before you buy your Crockery or Glassware.

Do You want a Clock?

YES! we keep clocks and sell lots of them. Come and see our styles and prices. Baskets! Market baskets, Corn baskets, Clothes baskets of all descriptions. Sugar boxes and Flour pails. Bird cages. Flower pots in great variety. Fine assortment of Mirrors from 10 cts. to $4.50.

Come and see our Force Pumps! Splendid for washing Buggies, cleaning windows and extinguishing fires;—only

TWO DOLLARS.

Guns, Revolvers, Wads, and Ammunition.

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J. R. CORSON & SON,

Birmingham, Mich.

HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE

You will please notice date after your name on paper and wrapper; this tells you when your Subscription expires. If your time is out please call and settle.

Ladies, get the lunch-box filled for the Friday evening party.

Everyone who buys a ticket is sure of a lunch, Friday eve., Nov. 17th.

John Pound has another announcement in this issue. It is important.

Ladies red flannel wrappers $1.50; merino wrappers 50 cts. at Mrs. Furman's.

Louie Goodman has had a severe bout of the fever, but is now convalescent.

What does this mean? Not a colored candidate was elected on any ticket in Wayne county.

Mr. John Adsley brought us in some very nice winter radishes that were beauties. Thanks!

Ladies flannel, quilted and felt skirts from 50 cts. up; also children's wrappers at Mrs Furman's.

See advertisement of Dr. Sozinskey's great book, "Care and Culture of Children," in another column.

MARRIED.—In Southfield, Wednesday, Nov. 8th, Wm. J. Purdy to Miss Amanda Cooper. No cards, no cake.

C. R. Hulbert, painter at Royal Oak, has just finished painting the M. E Church in a very creditable manner.

Geo. Ford visited Oakley, Mich., lately, to attend the funeral of a relative, Mary Wright, at the above place.

Mrs. Caroline Utter recently visited her daughter Mamie, at Albion, and is now visiting relatives in Pleasant Valley, near Milford.

John Irving has been very ill the past week, but his case is now considered more favorable by Dr. Post who is attending him.

Miss Jennie Taylor has gone to meet her full — —; in other words, she has gone to be married, and we wish her good luck and success.

Mrs. A Bayley, of Troy, has been in very poor health lately, but was able to greet her many friends at the grange on Saturday evening last.

At Pres. Church, Sunday, Nov19.th, morning services 10:30, a. m.; subject, "The Unpardonable Sin;" evening, 7 p. m., subject, "There is no God."

Any one wanting a set of butcher's tools, a mare and colt, harness etc., can secure a bargain by calling on Wm. Brown, of this place. See advt.

Will Craig, who lives near Franklin, has brought to our table some very large handsome specimens of King of Tompkins Co. apples. They're beauties.

Pay up your little dollar on subscription like a little man and get your little ticket in the Christmas drawing drawing of a $65 sewing machine.

H. Leach's two boys, Jay and Frank, recently returned home, and the first week in, they poured into the family treasury $15, the result of their week's labor.

Grand Oyster Supper and Social Dance at Red Ribbon Hall, Big Beaver, Thursday eve., Nov. 23d. Music by D. Q. B. Bill $1.50. Come one and all.

Abram Smith of this town has a pair of mares, a peddler's wagon and a harness for sale very reasonably. Call on him for particulars. after selling advt.

Mr. Kinney Elwood, of Southfield, is in the dry dock for repairs to his finger which was caught in the teeth of a sausage machine recently. Look out, Kinney!

Mrs. Farrand has moved her notion store on Pierce st., in the rear of D. E. Wilber', store, where she will continue to do all kinds of dress-making at reasonable rates.

Library Hall Lunch Party Friday evening, Nov. 17th. Dancing from 8:30 to 1 o'clock. Bill 50 cts. Reception committee, Mrs. Sherman, Miss Tena Swan, Mr. A. Whitehead.

Prof. W. C. Hewitt will give a lecture at the Baptist Church Dec. 6th, for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society. Subject: Modern Evolution.

MRS. G. F. ALDRICH, Sec'y.

Improved tubular lanterns just received at Whitehead & Mitchell's. Call and see 'em. No more swearing or wasting of matches while lighting your lantern. Two dozen just received.

On Monday morning last, to Mrs. Willis Carter, a girl. The young mother has been in a very critical condition, but is now improving under the careful supervision of Drs. Raynale and Post.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Wm. Bassett, of Southfield, for a very handsome boquet of choice fall flowers which were tastefully arranged as only the artistic taste of the florieulturist could suggest.

The Detroit *News* is whistling "Yankee Doodle" over the vote which the free trade Congressional candidate received in Wayne county. Perhaps at the next election it will sing, "Hark! From the toombs a doleful sound!"

A pleasant social gathering occurred at Mrs. Campbell's last week Wednesday evening in honor of Prof. W. C. Hewitt and his estimable wife. The company were pleasantly entertained with music by Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. Isam Slade and others. Games were played, and all voted the party a success.

Here's a chance for a neat, comfortable home, very cheap. We offer the house, barn and four lots on the corner of Pierce and Fremont streets, belonging to Mrs. Sidney Drake. Owner is anxious to dispose of the property. Call on Whitehead & Mitchell.

An interesting debate at the Lyceum, Monday evening on the question: "Resolved, That Woman should have equal political rights with Man," was decided negatively. That the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots was or was not justifiable, will be finally decided next Monday evening.

The enterprising firm of Merritt & Harris, of Pontiac, have a new ad't this week, and it will pay every one of our readers who are thinking of buying a pair of rubber boots to look it up. This house is headquarters for all kinds of boots, shoes and rubber goods, and will treat you well. Call on 'em when in Pontiac.

Mr. S. R. Winchell, son-in-law of J. R. Corson, has accepted a very lucrative, permanent and responsible position in Boston, for Appleton & Co., the well known book publisher. Meanwhile Mrs. Winchell remains interested in the editorial department of a largely circulated Western Educational Weekly, published at Chicago, Ill.

The auction sale of Isaac Mabee, last week, was largely attended, and Prof. W. H. Camp, the most successful auctioneer in the state, surpassed even his own expectations. Everything went at a good round price. The farm brought $3805, or $95.12½ per acre, which is a good figure, and Bert Kelly the happy owner. Bert has a splendid farm now. Good!

"I can give a joke or take a joke as well as any man," said an irate republican, as he rose from his sick bed the day after election, "but when I am sick on my back with election returns and Jim Beattie, the undertaker, comes under my window and sings, 'I'm waiting, my darling for thee!' it is a little more than I can stand."

Chicago, Nov. 1, 1882.

The New York Weekly *Tribune* says in regard to the Noyes Dictionary Holder, manufactured by L. W. Noyes, 90 West Monroe St., Chicago: "We know of but one satisfactory Holder; that, however is so good that a second is not needed." Mr. Noyes sends to all applicants a handsome illustrated circular. Prices reduced.

Horace Lord has again resumed his milk business in place of Rev. R. Bird who has resigned. We heard one good lady bemoaning brother Bird's last change because, said the careful house wife "there were enough minnows in the milk Mr. Bird brought us to to eat all the flies that fell into the milk pitcher," and she had seen them "jump clear out of the milk after the festive house fly."

GRAND CONCERT.—At National Hall Wednesday evening, Nov. 22d, 1882, given by J. Rainey's class of singers, numbering 25 or upwards. His singers in Birmingham will be assisted by the scholars from Pontiac and Detroit, and we will have a good concert. See the programme the last of this week. Every dollar paid for the concert will be kindly furnished by W Huntington, Agt. for Courier & McCheney, Detroit.

The town board of Troy seem to have made a blunder in the recent election, which, if the election returns from that township are thrown out will defeat Sammy Smith for Pres. Com. Mr. Sherwood for Treasurer, the only white spots in the otherwise gloomy blackness of the Republican county ticket. The votes in the afternoon were voted into a box already half full of last spring's township tickets which they had neglected to empty out.

Some lady ought to secure at once the agency for the book advertised in another column, "The Care and Culture of Children." It is one of the books which no mother can afford to be without. It treats, in simple language, of the causes, symptoms and home treatment of every disease to which children are liable, and deals with their mental training up to mature manhood and womanhood. Like all books in the "Household Series," published by the same house, it is a practical and helpful book.

We have bought out the stock of furniture which we have been handling for J. H. Voorheis, of Pontiac, and have added nearly twice as much to our stock of furniture rooms over our store are now crammed full with a large and varied stock of rich and plain furniture, to which we will constantly add as our needs require. When in need of anything in the line of furniture give us a call, and remember that with each and every dollar's worth of goods of any kind we give a ticket which entitles the holder to a chance in our Christmas drawing of a $65 sewing machine.

The next day after election it only cost five cents to get a democrat shaved, while the opposite party had to pay twenty-five on account of the extreme amount lengthwise of facial area. Whitehead, the Senior, took the result very hard, his fine defeat almost separated his soul from his lengthened frame. The sad expression the morbid sinfulness and crossness, his crusty manner, kicking the poor pussy cat, whipping the dog and damning everything in general, only showed half how bad he felt to be on the losing side. While Mitchell—well, he acted (to use Whitehead's expression) "just like a darned fool," and the Sr. comforts himself by soliloquizing: "Well, after I've been defeated 24 years in succession all the same like Mitchell, perhaps I can can stand it better. Mrs. Whitehead has gone visiting for a month till Allmeron can calm down his anger at defeat.

It would seem as if the very "Old Nick" himself was to pay last week. We held our forms open to the last minute for election news, and then had to go to press without it; for when Whitehead got the news of the grand and sweeping demo-green-fusion victory, he dropped the telephone ear-trumpet which had whispered the doleful news of "Be-gol-e, our next governor is a democrat," and went to bed, and it took two doctors three days to bring him out of it. Consequent to the general topsy-turvy condition of affairs, several errors crept into our columns, which made it extremely lively for us in the few succeeding days after the issue. For example, we gave Frank Hollister's baby credit for being four year's old, when the blessed little innocent had gazed on this vale of republican discomfiture hardly as many weeks. The other errors can be easily seen, and we will just say, be patient, and when the republican majority rolls up in gigantic numbers two years hence, Whitehead will probably print the paper in beautiful gilt letters a foot high.

Silver Wedding.

J. H. Bowden and wife celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding Nov. 7th, 1882. About forty relatives were present. After a bountiful repast, there was a nice quiet dance.

The following is the list of presents: Silver caster, Art Bowden and J. Smith; pickle caster, Louie Bowden, pickle caster, Devilo Dodge; butter dish, Miss Eva Dodge; butter-dish, Frank Dodge; butter-dish and knife; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bowden; glass butter-dish, Andrew Bowden; sugar bowl, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. White; syrup pitcher and plate, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dodge; teapot, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Wilson; tea-pot, Miss Edith Dodge; two napkin rings, Walter Bowden; two glass goblets, Trot and Jennie Bowden.

Mr. Bowden was born in Pensytuck, Buckingham Co., 1819; came to Michigan in 1815. Mrs. Bowden was born in Jackson Co., Mich.; aged 44.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—At her home in Troy, Oakland Co., Mich., Nov. 1st, 1882, Eliza McCracken, aged 63, years, 7 months and 12 days.

The subject of the above obituary was born at Steeple Drumbo, County of Down, Ireland, March 19, 1819. Her maiden name was Eliza McWilliams. At the age of twenty-two she married John McCracken, and settled near the Knockhill, in her native country, where they lived about seven years. During that time by industry and economy they saved enough to pay their passage to America. They landed in New York City in the spring of 1848, with two children, where they lived for two years. They then removed to Michigan, settling in the township of Royal Oak, Oakland Co., on a new farm, which at the present time is owned by Wm. Truesdale.

On this farm they lived for twenty years, when they sold and bought the farm in Troy where she died. Nearly eleven years ago death took her helpmeet, leaving her on the farm with three small children, the older ones having married and gone out into the world to do for themselves. The loss of her companion, coupled with other trouble and overwork, has caused a gradual failing in her health for the past eight years till she sunk to rest.

She was one of the truest of friends and the most devoted of mothers. She will ever live in the hearts of her children; being one of the few in this world whose hearts pulsated in sympathy with all that sorrowed, she has left a void in the community in which she lived which none can fill.

Last June she began to fail so rapidly that it was plain to all who knew her that death had marked her as his own. She went to various physicians, but none gave her any encouragement. When the time came, after she had talked with her children, seven in number, who were all present at her death-bed, she said, "I am ready!" and soon sunk into a peaceful slumber and died without a struggle. Having full possession of her reasoning faculties, she felt that all was well, for "death was swallowed up in Victory."

J. M.

First Visit to Michigan.

EDITORS ECCENTRIC

Gentlemen:—Though a stranger, allow me through the your paper to state some of the impressions made upon me by my first visit to Michigan.

First, I am very agreeably disappointed in your country, its soil inhabitants, etc. Somehow or other, I got the impression that Michigan was a bleak, dreary country, where the inhabitants, no matter how industrious, could not get a good living, and hence were behind the age; but to my great surprise, I find here a soil up to the average of Ohio soil, and above the average of Pennsylvania; and the country beautiful, and the inhabitants in all respects abreast of the times.

My object in coming to this State, is to visit the United Presbyterian congregations of Detroit Presbytery, in behalf of the endowment of Westminister College, located at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

I have visited Rev. Mr. Gibson's congregations, Troy and Southfield, and I am not only delighted with our people here, but they have responded nobly to the good cause I represented among them. Southfield congregation has contributed $873 to the endowment of the College, and Troy $724, making a total of $1597 in the two congregations.

And as this is the twenty-fifth year since the United Presbyterian Church was organized, in view of God's goodness to us, we are trying to raise a Quarter-Centennial Memorial Fund of $500,000. Each of these congeagations will get credit to this fund for the full amount they have contributed.

We are glad to see these congregations so happily settled. Mr. Gibson is doing a good work here. They seem to be prospering both temporally and spiritually; and dwelling in peace and love. We are glad to hear some of the leading ones talk of raising Mr. Gibson's salary to $1,000. This is but a matter of simple justice: no man, pastor and people will feel the better for it.

I shall certainly go away from this community having good impressions of Troy and Southfield congregations, and wishing them God's richest blessings, both temporal and spiritual.

W. A. CAMPBELL.

Birmingham, Mich., Nov. 10, '82.

A BRACE OF WEDDINGS.

THEY ARE OF THE WOODEN PERSUASION, AND MR. AND MRS. MYRON BUSH, OF BLOOMFIELD, AND MR AND MRS. JEROME ALDRICH, OF TROY, ARE THE HAPPY COUPLES.

A large and jovial company of friends and relatives gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bush on Wednesday evening of last week to celebrate the fifth anniversary of their wedding day. A bountiful repast was spread, which did ample justice to the culinary training of the happy young hostess, a fact which the hungry guests did their best to give substantial evidence of, by the way they made way with the good things of the feast The happy gathering broke up at about midnight, and the crowd departed, wishing the host and hostess many more anniversaries of their wedding day.

The following is a list of presents which the guests left behind them:

Extension table, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wooster; wash-stand, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wooster; wash-stand, Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnston; box paper, Ben Converse; bracket, Emma Adams; knives and forks, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wooster; fancy plates, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Daniels; wash-bowl and pitcher, Mary Wooster, clothes-pins, Miss Rainey; pail, Mrs. L. Converse; wash-tub, Mr. and Mrs. E. James; salt-dithes, Edgar and Rhoda Dansels; pail, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Converse.

MR. AND MRS. JEROME ALDRICH CELEBRATED THEIR WOODEN WEDDING BY HOLDING AT THEIR RESIDENCE IN TROY, ON SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 4TH.

About eighty guests were present, and the spirit of conviviality seemed to be uppermost in the mind of every one, and why not? Here was spread such a feast as hungry mortals never sat down to, and "eat, drink and be merry," was the watchword of the night, and Messrs. Perkins and Brooks furnished soul-inspiring music for those who chose to dance.

After doing ample justice to the bountiful repast, the dance was continued. "Joy was undisturbed," and the flying feet of the happy dancers chased the gladsome hours away until the near approach of midnight warned them to disperse, and they bid their entertainers a fond farewell, leaving with them earnest wishes for many returns of the day, the following handsome presents:

Mrs. J. Darmstaetter, of Detroit, a very handsome oedstead; Mrs. Bertha Bailey, Misses Gusta and Hattie Brant, a commode; Wm. Worth and wife and Louisa Hammon, a centre table; Mrs. Son Leonard and wife, camp-rocker; Harry Wattles and wife, camp-chair; Mr. and Mrs. G. Goff, of Utica, sewing chair; Mr. and Mrs. C. Gibson, sewing chair; Mr. and Mrs. H. Bitner, child's rocker; Mr. and Mrs. F. Becker, of Rochester, child's rocker; Mrs. Wm. Darmstaetter, of Detroit, high chair; Miss Minnie Bingham, standard willow work-basket; Miss Emma Vokes, ebony bracket; Herman Darmstaetter, of Detroit, bible-stand; Mrs. D. Sayles and son, of Birmingham, clothes-basket; Miss Cora Gibson, towel rack; Charlie Brant, carpet sweeper; Mrs. M. Fickerwirth, Detroit, ebony music-case; Mrs. Wm. Lamb, standard spiral work-basket; Mr. Wm. Lamb, wash-tub and board; Mrs Tieneken, Rochester, combined mirror and comb-case; Frank Schlaack, knife-basket; C. H. Aldrich and wife, letter-holder. Mrs. J. Aldrich, paper-holder; Mrs. Schlaack, card receiver; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clements, Detroit, Japanese handkerchief-box; Geo. Harris, hat-rack; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Schlaack, coffee-mill; J. Aldrich, spade; Charles Burr, of Utica, scoop-shovel; J. Pearsall, bushel basket; Mrs. P. Brant, $5, cash; Grandma Genrich, $2, cash. Jerome presented his wife with a nice new wringer.

DRAYTON PLAINS.

Yes! we are alive yet, although we had two close calls. One was being black-guarded nearly to death by the crazy green-back-democrats; and the other was nearly laughing ourself into fits over "Kelly's" three toed roosters. Expect the front toes represent the bride and groom marching on, and the back toe, the party that is left in the rear.

Oh! how glad we are that this "cruel war" is over, and now it may be that a man may be honest, even if he was a candidate. At any rate, the papers say let him alone.

Miss Nettie Lesallie is teaching our school, and boarding at George Deman's.

Dan Judd is still on the hunt, in Dakota; while Oliver Osman, Had Covert, Loring and George Richmond are in the North woods, hunting.

John W. Birge and Cal Lindeman went up in the North Branch country, and bought up a fine drove of cattle to stall feed. This is enterprise.

Our old friend John W. Beardsley, of Sashabaw, has sold his farm. He and his wife were the first settlers in Independence, and settled on this farm. Their son Townsend, captain in the 22nd Infantry, was the first white child born in that town. Infirmity induced this old couple to sell and go to Detroit to live with their daughters.

Royal Oak.

Whew! Charley.

Splendid roads just now!

Waters Lee has been seriously sick with inflammatory rheumatism.

Can get mittened down here for a Schilling, eh! Will? Just our luck.

Yes, we have a paint shop. Bring on your cutters and carriages and have them shined up.

The M. E. and Lutheran Churches of this place are being repainted.

Misses Eva and Rhoda Starr are sojourning at Fenton.

Mr. C. Sparks and wife, from Rhode Island, visited two weeks at C. Schilling's.

Mrs. Osterhout, from Minnesota, is visiting her brother, Hubbard Hall.

The M. E. people are building a fine and commodious parsonage. They intend to have it ready for occupancy in a short time.

The Ladies Aid society gave a dinner to the hungry voters last Tuesday, and realized about $30.

Once more we encounter the smiling phiz of Charles Felker behind the counter of Jacob Erb. ANON.

West Bloomfield.

"Have you heard from New York?" is what almost everybody asks.

Joseph Langdon interviewed a cut-tin-box one day last week, and three fingers and a half is the result.

You mustn't speak to the young ladies; for if you do their fellows will walk up and make jelly of you.

A Vexed Clergyman.

Even the patience of Job would become exhausted were he a preacher and endeavoring to interest his audience while they were keeping up an incessant coughing, making it impossible for him to be heard. Yet, how very easy can all this be avoided by simply using Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Trial Bottles given away at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

THE BLACK MAN.

Everybody knows him. When any one speaks of Smithers, they say, "He is awful slack." That is, he neglects his duty and his business. I know him well, and have known him for twenty-five years. He is a farmer on a small scale, and has a small family which come up or are whipped up as father and mother think advisable. You visit his farm and you will see a portion of his fence in a dilapidated condition, his barn doors off the hinges, his hens and chickens are around in the garden picking at the cabbage and tomatoes, and a lean pig is in one corner, rooting up the potato hills, and some stray geese are splashing in a filthy pool in front of his yard, enjoying themselves with their goose jabber and enthusiastic squalls. Just out there is a lean, saucy looking cur, gnawing away on a last year's bone, and entertaining the passers-by with his growls, yelps and snarls. The old Thomas, a regular old feline who knows about as much as any of the family, is gazing, half awake and half asleep, at that hungry cur, and wishing that he could have a piece of that bone or a piece of that cur, it is immaterial which.

Smithers makes many promises which he never fulfills, and seldom, unless he is frequently dunned, pays a debt. He has owed debts ever since he was of age, and of course bears a dun as coolly as an old mule does the scolding of his master. He is indifferent about what is going on. An earthquake scarcely disturbs his equanimity, and a railroad never does unless it runs over one of his cattle, and then he boils over, and is death on railroads.

I don't know what will become of him hereafter. I am of the opinion, however, that he will be omitted at the roll call, for he will be so awful slack that he will not be on hand in time. W. C. H.

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