Stick to Your Trade.

It is almost axiomatic that nine-tenths of the failures in the past few years have been the result of dabbling in outside affairs. Discoursing upon this text, Peck's Sun very facetiously says: There could not be more truth crowded into a few lines than is contained in the above. As a general thing when you hear of the failure of a man in business you can set it down that he has been dabbling in something he knew nothing about, and has sunk the money needed in his legitimate business. The merchant, even in a country village, who attends strictly to business, may in time lay by a snug little sum, but as soon as he commences to speculate in land, or even trade horses, he is liable at any time to hear something drop on account of taking the money needed in his business for speculative purposes. The farmer who works hard all summer, sows and reaps a good harvest, and puts the proceeds of the sale of his wheat into his pants pocket and goes to speculating in pork, may eventually find a mortgage plastered down over his property that it will take years of frugal industry to remove. You hear of the failure of a merchant engaged in trade and in nine cases out of ten you can trace the cause to the fact that he had a few thousand dollars invested in wheat when the price tumbled and the bottom fell out of his scheme for making a little money by outside speculation. A merchant may be all right, and level-headed in his trade, he can weigh out codfish and sugar, or drive a sharp bargain in buying a load of green hides or a ton of butter, but when he has a few thousand dollars invested in wheat, or pork, or lumber, and the price takes a drop, he loses his head and is laid out colder than a mackerel. The papers in the northwestern part of the state recently related the circumstances of how a minister came to grief through speculation. He was a real nice man, and as a minister, stood high in the estimation of his friends, but when he got the idea that his salary was too small, and that he would invest a portion of it in a little outside speculation, and thus make a few thousands for a rainy day, there never was a minister more sadly left. Lack of business tact, and knowledge in the ways of the world of traffic led him to make wild speculative deals, and soon the reaction set in. He could preach eloquently, and hardly a Sunday passed but what he garnered unto the fold a fresh lot of souls, but when it came to garnering unto his pocket, even a little margin on a pork deal, he missed his calculation, and lost all he had, and considerable more than he ought to, as shown by the bills which came in from around town, which he had neglected while investing his loose change in speculative schemes. "Every man to his trade." It is nearly as true as it is ancient. There are instances, of course, where men have left their grocery in the furrow and took up speculation, and struck it rich, or wherein ministers have beat their hymnbooks into railroad stocks, and made a fortune at one stroke, but these instances are scarce—very scarce. The cashier of a bank, or treasurer of a state, who lays awake nights fixing up schemes for making a million, dealing in "futures," or holding a hundred thousand dollars worth of butter and eggs, for a rise, are forever coming to grief, while the man in a regular position, who sells fifty cents on every dollar of their salary in an old stocking, and don't try to beat the "faro" banks, or own the fastest horses on the earth, get to the front and become solid men. There are men enough to do all the speculating there is any necessity for doing; men who have become hardened in the business, and who lose or make thousands without a blush or a twitch of the muscles. These men don't as a general thing, lose their heads, and make bad breaks. They are accustomed to the business, and the rest of mankind should be content to let them buy all the stocks and bonds, and wheat, and pork, and make or lose, just as it happens; they enjoy excitement that would turn some men's hair gray in forty-eight hours, and the business and professional men should be content to let them enjoy it. There are thousands of men bucking against fate, trying to make a fortune by speculation, who, if they had ten millions worth of the best stocks or bonds in the world, would, in the shortest possible time, if they persisted in speculating, be laid out, financially, so flat they would be obliged to work a free lunch route.

Advance at Your Peril.

Peck's Sun.

"Well, I was beat out of a splendid evening's engagement, Sunday night," said the cigarette smoking young man, the young man with the well balanced mind, if parting his hair in the middle balances his mind. It was Monday evening, and he was unburdening himself to the drug clerk.

"What was the trouble," said the drug clerk, as he took a bottle of perfumery and squirted some in his hair, and on his vest. "Did some other fellow get to the girl's house ahead of you?"

"No, but I was stood off. You see, I went to the house, and the servant let me in, and I was seated in the parlor. My girl came in the room, with woe depicted on every feature. She stood with her head down, her hands clasped in front of her, so tight that the blood stopped circulating in her fingers, and she seemed utterly crushed; It made me sick at heart to look at her, and I knew something dreadful had happened. I got up and started toward her, to take her in my arms, let her head rest on my bosom, and help her bear the burden that was evidently killing her, but before I had advanced two steps she held up her hand and shouted, 'Back, back! Advance another step at your peril!' I stopped and tried to find out what was the matter, but she would not speak. Finally I started for her again, but she held up her hands again and said, 'Go, leave me!' I am not strong. Go, and to-morrow I will write you all.' Well I went. Any gentleman would, under the circumstances, and all night I dreamed that she was dying, and this morning I went by her house to see if there was crape on the door. I tell you, Pills, I have suffered more in the last eighteen hours than man ever suffered before. I could see her laid out, and the hearse in front of the house, and everything was as plain to me as though it had actually occurred. I have shadowed the postoffice all day, and I just got this note, explaining it."

"Good heavens, she is not dead," said the drug clerk, as he pounded some herbs in a mortar.

"No, she is alive, but I don't know what she meant by telling me she was not strong, last light. She writes me that she had been eating onions, for a cold. That was the reason she told me to advance one step at my peril. Why, I would have discounted them onions. I had been drinking beer and eating limberg cheese all the afternoon with the boys, at the poker rooms, and onions wouldn't have made a first payment on me. Just think what an evening I missed by this confounded superstition about onions. Have a cigarette, Pills," and the young man with the well balanced mind pulled out a case and treated his friend, and they sat and smoked in silence, until a woman came in after a bottle of castor oil.

A Wisconsin farmer who stored ten barrels of kerosene in a barn with 100 tons of hay went in with a lantern to see that all was safe. He has not been since. No insurance.—New York Commercial.

Antiquity of Certain Tools, Etc.

Awls.—Knight's Mechanical Directory thus describes the awl: A pointed, piercing instrument in common use and of great antiquity. It is evidently older than the needle, which has not yet surpassed its use, though it has supplanted it in ordinary sewing. The hides which covered the osier framework of the coracle of the ancient Briton, and the birch bark which covers the canoe frame of the Chippewa Indian, were and are sewed into place by means of an awl, which opens the way for the thong or deer sinew. The awl is referred to in Exodus XXI, 6, and Deuteronomy XV, 17 where a Hebrew servant who refused to leave his master when his sixth year of bondage was completed, was brought to the doorpost and his ear bored through with an awl, after which he became a slave for life. The Egyptian awl of the time of Thothmes III., contemporary of Moses, is shown in a Theban tomb. The pointed instrument was placed in an early spherical handle, differs from a needle in this, that one is attached to fit the palm of the hand. An awl has an handle and is retracted while the other passes through the article and carries the thread which is attached to it.

Ancient Saws.—A frame saw is shown in a painting at Herculaneum: The sawyers are at each end, one standing and the other sitting. The bench to which the timber is secured by clamps is supported by four-legged stools. The saw blade is strained in the middle; the teeth stand perpendicularly to the plane of the frame. Frame saws were common in Egypt many centuries previous to this time.

The Flint Knife.—Flint was used very early as a cutting instrument by the nations so fortunate as to possess it. A sort of a saw, which passed for a knife, consisted of flakes of flint inserted in wooden handles and secured by bitumen or by lastings of gut or sinews. Obsidian was used in the same way. The South Sea islanders had no flint or obsidian, and used shell, splinters of bamboo and flakes of tortoise shell.

The Oldest Stove.—There has sprung up a rivalry in the oldest stove line. First it was stated that the oldest stove probably in the United States is the one that warms the halls of the Virginia capitol in Richmond. It was made in England and sent to Richmond in 1770, and warmed the house of burgesses for sixty years before it was removed to its present location, where it has remained for thirty years." Next comes a correspondent who recalls that, "at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, a stove was exhibited in the Pennsylvania Educational building, cast at Cornwall furnace, Lebanon county, in 1713, 67 years before the one in Virginia. And in 1845 there was one cast about the same date (and I believe in the Cornwall furnace also,) in a school house near Funkstown, Md., in regular use, as I was informed by those who saw it with me at the time—that is, in 1845.

Thurlow Weed's Modesty.

Albany Press.

Governor Morgan made some allusion to the unassuming and simple deportment of Mr. Weed "a man of such extraordinary power and influence." Some years before, while a resident of Albany, Mr. Weed had been asked to be the candidate for the office of mayor of the city at a time when there could be no doubt of his election. But he declined the honor. The committee then called and urged his acceptance, but he would not hear of it. It seemed to be an important crisis, perhaps, to his party, and a third earnest application was made to overcome his scruples.

"No, gentlemen," he replied, "I cannot consent. Indeed, if you could only know what a very poor mayor I should prove to be, I am sure you would not urge me."

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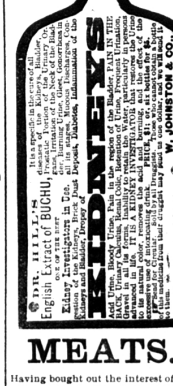

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