

A BLIND GENIUS

The Work of Vidal, One of the Most Sculptors of France. St. Louis Republican. Vidal, the blind sculptor, is one of the wonders of the French capital. He has been blind since his twenty-first year. We can easily understand how a blind farmer would cultivate the ground with the plow, spade and hoe. How he would feel around the tender plants and gently loosen the dirt from the roots...

Evaporation. Then followed a simple problem in domestic economy. "Why should we let fresh air into our rooms?" "Because," was the reply, "if we did not we should get our beds all grise and nasty, but if we let fresh air in our beds, it makes them fresh, and then they are made up again." Encouraged by the good sense, if not by the sound grammar, at this response, the teacher then asked for an account of Columbus. It was promptly forthcoming. "Columbus was a very good man, and he wanted to discover America, he and his men found it a very nice place, and some of them are there to this very day." This was no doubt a little wanting in historical accuracy, but the spirit of the boy's subsequent reply to the request for "A description of the battle of Waterloo" left little ground to complain on that score. "The battle of Waterloo, the night, was fought about 20 miles from Brussels, it rained all night before; the battle began at about half past 11. The French were drawn up on a valley, and the English on another, there was a small hollow between. All the guns of both sides were there, and they could not get the cartridges out. The French kept firing all day, but the English made squares and stood the charge, until they saw the caps of the muskets. The French were completely routed. It was very hard for the English to stand the charge all day and not move. The battle was fought in 1815. Really this is quite as graphic and not a bit less trustworthy than Napoleon's official bulletin of the Battle of "Mont St. Jean."

FARM NOTES. The desire shown by many farmers to learn better and more businesslike methods of farming is one of the most hopeful signs of the times. There is no other occupation in which so much progress is being made. In most branches of so-called business, the chief study is either how to escape the effect of ruinous competition, or to make up great combinations of capital which will be able to bring ruinous competition to all others in that particular line of trade. In farming progress is along legitimate lines and for legitimate objects. Northwest Agriculturist.

Mortgages and indebtedness, especially in case of farms, is by no means an evidence of approaching insolvency. In almost all the states the mortgage on the farm represents purchase money. Many farmers continue to buy "the land next to them," all their lives, and perhaps always have a mortgage out on more or less of their land. In the new sections nearly every farm is mortgaged; but that proves nothing. The parties owning these farms may be deeply in debt, but nevertheless they are better off than before they bought a farm on deferred payments. Elevator and Grain Trade.

The extensive irrigation of the future, covering wide plains with a network of canals, must depend upon important engineering works to store the waters of the streams near their heads in the mountain ranges by the construction of immense reservoirs. These works will be too costly for combination of settlers or local corporations to undertake; and it would not be wise to entrust their construction to gigantic corporations, which, by controlling the water would control the land and the people living upon the land. In arid regions, the values are not so much in the land as in the water, and the water should forever remain the property of the public. The people must use the agency of their state or national government to build great reservoirs on the main canals, leading from the mountains to the sea.

THE SPICE OF LIFE. THE LAST FEET OF SHERMAN. The last feet of Sherman, left crawling alone. All his weary companions are dead up and down the line. No more to be killed, no more to fight. To some, a faint hope, or a faint light, the poor day.

It's a great thing to be a poor man. Why, inability to buy an opera box is also a clear saving of about \$5000. Quevedo—Hello, Gesner! What are you doing here? Gesner—I've left Rhode Island for good. When one can't stretch one's legs without getting one's feet wet, it's time to make a change.

Reward of virtue: "Waiter, that man came in after I did, and yet he has had his roast goose, and I have nothing." "Oh, yes, sir; but then he always gets very cross if we don't serve him at once." Station master—Come come, my good man! You mustn't walk on the track. Tramp (disgusted)—The conductor says I can't ride and you say I can't walk. What's your blasted old head here for, anyway.

JAPANESE BAZAAR STORE. Mrs. Nancy Westfall, wife of the well known Chinese contractor Jim Westfall, has opened a Japanese bazaar store in the brick next door to C. H. Spencer's. It is filled with all kinds of Japanese wares and novelties, including parasols, fans, canes, ladies wear, souvenirs, etc. All goods sold very cheap.

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