

### A Hundred Years Ago.

One hundred and ten years ago there was not a single white man in what is now Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana or Illinois. Then, what is now the most flourishing part of the United States was as little known as the country in the heart of Africa itself. It was not till 1776 that Boone left his home in North Carolina to become the first settler in Kentucky. And the first pioneers of Ohio did not settle till twenty years later still. A hundred years ago Canada belonged to France, and Washington was a modest Virginian Colonel, and the United States the most loyal part of the British Empire, and scarcely a speck on the political horizon indicated the struggle that in a score of years was to lay the foundation of the greatest Republic of the world.

A hundred years ago there were but four small peeps in American steam engines had not been imagined, and locomotives, and steam-boats, and railroads, and steamships, and postal cars, and friction matches, and revolvers, and percussion caps, and breech-loading guns, and stoves, and furnaces, and gas for dwellings, and india-rubber shoes, Spaulding's glue, and sewing machines, and asphaltic coal, and photographs, and chrome painting, and kerosene oil, and the safety-lamp, and the compound blow pipe, and fire schools, and spring mattresses, and wood engravings, and Brussels carpets, and lever watches, and greenbacks, and cotton and woolen factories, in anything like the present meaning of these terms, were utterly unknown. A hundred years ago the spinning wheel was in almost every family, and clothing was spun and woven and made up in the household, and the printing press was a cumbersome machine, worked by hand and a nail, or a brick, or a knife, or a pair of scissors, or shears, or a razor, or a woven pair of stockings, or an ax, or a hoe, or a shovel, or a lock, or a key, or a plate of glass of any size, was not made in what is now the United States. Even in 1790, there were only seventy-five post offices in the country, and the whole extent of our post office routes was less than nineteen hundred miles. Cheap postage was unheard of, and had any one suggested the transmission of messages with lightning speed he would have been thought utterly insane. The microscope on one hand and the telescope on the other, were in their infancy as instruments of science, and geology, and chemistry were almost unknown. In a word, it is true, that to the century past have been allotted mere improvements, in their bearing upon the comfort and happiness of mankind, than to any other which has elapsed since the creation of the world. With all these improvements within the century, who would allow such narrow and contracted views as to object to a suitable Centennial Celebration of the marvelous progress of the age.—*Bellino's American*.

### Commerce of the World.

France exports wines, brandies, silks, furniture, jewelry, clocks, watches, paper, perfume and fancy goods generally.

Prussia exports linens, woollen, fine, articles of iron, copper and brass, indigo, wax, hams, musical instruments, tobacco, wine and porcelain.

Germany exports wool, woollen goods, linens rags, corn, timber, iron, lead, tin, flax, hemp, wine, was, tallow and cattle.

Austria exports minerals, silk, thread, glass, wax, tar, nut gall, wine, honey and mathematical instruments.

England exports cottons, woollens, glass, hardware, earthenware, cutlery, iron, metallic wares, salt, coal, watches, tin, silks and linens.

Spain exports wines, brandies, iron, fresh and dried fruits, quicksilver, sulphur, salt, cork, saffron, anchovies and woollens.

China exports tea, rhubarb, musk, ginger, borax, zinc, silks, cassia, filigree work, ivory ware, lacquered ware and porcelain.

Brazil exports coffee, indigo, sugar, rice, lilies, dried meats, tallow, gold, diamonds and other stones, gums, mahogany and India rubber.

West India exports sugar, molasses, rum, tobacco, fresh fruits and preserves, wax, ginger and other spices.

East India exports cloves, nutmegs, mace, pepper, rice, indigo, gold dust, camphor, benzine, sulphur, ivory, rattan, sandal wood, zinc, and nuts.

United States exports principally agricultural produce, tobacco, cotton, flour, provisions of all kinds, lumber and turpentine.

Mrs. H. B. Stowe is about to commence yet another story, under the title of *We and our Neighbors*, illustrating the temperance agitation.

### Greasing Buggies and Wagons.

Greasing buggies and wagons is of more importance than some imagine. Many a wheel is ruined by oiling to plentifully. A well made wheel will endure constant wear from ten to twenty years, if care is taken to use the right kind and proper amount of oil; but if this will not be attended to, the wheel will be used up in five or six years, or it may be sooner. Lard should never be used on a wagon, for it will penetrate the hub and work its way around the tenons of the spokes and spoil the wheel. Castor oil is a good material for use on iron axes; just oil enough should be applied to a spindle to give it a light coating; this is better than more, for the surplus put on will work out of the ends, and will be forced by the shoulder and nut into the hub, around the outside of the boxes. To oil the axlebox, first wipe the spindles clean with a cloth wet with turpentine, if it doesn't wipe without it. On a buggy or carriage, wipe an clean off the back and front ends of the hubs, and then apply a very small quantity of castor-oil, or more especially prepared lubricator, near the shoulder's point.

A New Bedford paper tell a story about a shopkeeper, who advised a lady customer to buy two mohair stockings instead of one, as the article was becoming scarce. He said that the man whom he hired to hunt moths had only caught two within a fortnight.

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