

THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

It's worn-out acres fallow lie, Unpruned the orchard stands For they've tended them long since Have gone to other lands— One to the prairies of the west, And one across the sea;

The elm boughs tap the skylight dim As, in the days ago, They tapped to waken merrily The little folk at dawn.

And in the cradle, vacant long, Four downy fledglings peep And cackle close. They'll dream of wings And twitter in their sleep

O life and love that were of yore! O old old house bereft! To thee but memory's treasured store

THE LAST FOUR LEAGUES. I. IT was a Sunday in Santa Rosalia. The rainy season was on in Cuba, and low rumbling thunder had been heard all the afternoon.

One little cottage stood by the roadside, some distance apart from the others. It was the home of the Moncodos.

"My God! Rafael, you are wounded, my boy—" "It is no matter; I can still ride. The battle of Saratoga is raging. I am on my way to Colonel Pena. He does not know of it. We need him and his cavalry.

Matches Made From Paper. The days of the old-fashioned wood-matched are said to be numbered. Matches are to be made of paper.

German Jurists. In Germany, when the vote of the jury stands six against six, a prisoner is acquitted.

After a man has accumulated as much as \$5,000 it is perfectly proper for his wife to refer to the "grounds" surrounding their home, instead of the "yard."

PORTO RICO'S FAIR MAIDENS.

Love-Making is Somewhat Difficult Down at San Juan. Augusto Ortiz, of San Juan, Porto Rico, said to a Baltimore Sun reporter: "San Juan is a pretty town, with lots of colors and a gay people."

Not even when an hour later the tropical storm broke in all its fury around her did she hesitate. Lightning striking the tall "palma reals" caused Linda many times to shy and almost bolt the road.

GIANT ELEPHANT'S TUSK. Brought Out of Interior of German East Africa, and Weighs 241 Pounds. A gigantic elephant's tusk has been brought from the interior of German East Africa.

PLANETARY MOVEMENTS. True Theory Advanced by Ancient Philosopher Pythagoras. In the course of time, as scientific men began to give anything like scientific attention to the movements of the heavenly bodies, the planets or "wanderers," as their name implies, appear to have been regarded sometimes as living beings.

FLIES ARE VERY SHORT-LIVED. Two Weeks Is About the Average of Their Earthly Existence. "Owing to the natural diffidence of flies, not much is known of their family arrangements or how long they live after they get to be old enough to vote."

SERENATED THE JAIL. Ludicrous Error of an Organ-Grinder in St. Paul. A wandering minstrel, who started his wanderings in the neighborhood of Genoa, pushed his hand organ up Fifth street the other afternoon about 5 o'clock.

New War Balloon Invented. An officer in the Austrian army in Vienna has invented balloons which will float both men and horses across a river.

Good Strawberries. The Nick Omer strawberry is a fine grower and carries its fruit on strong stems well up from the ground. It is heavy and large in leaf.

Lime and Acid Phosphate. Much having been said lately about the tests made at the Rhode Island Experiment Station in the use of lime upon certain soils and for various crops, we desire to call attention to the possible danger of using lime with an acid phosphate.

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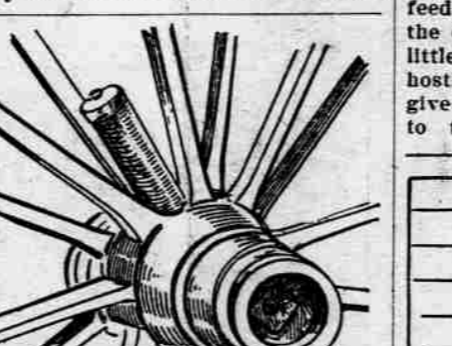
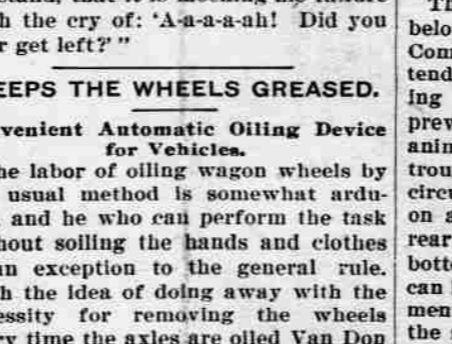
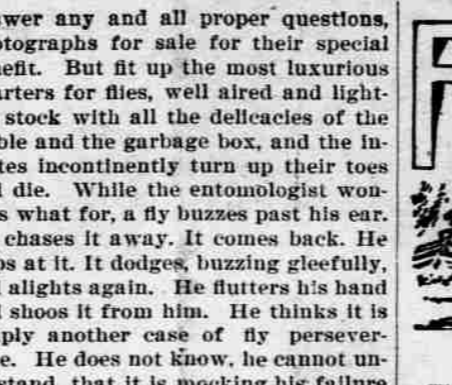
FARMS AND FARMERS GOOD FORTUNE

HOW AN ENTERPRISING FARMER STRUCK IT RICH. Shattered by Disease, Robert White, While Endeavoring to Cure Himself, Made a Fortunate Discovery.

From the Democrat, Shelbyville, Ind. Near Waldron, Shelby, resides Mr. Robert White, one of the best known farmers of the community. He is well situated, and just now has had an unusual share of good fortune.

Prevents Rapid Eating. The feed trough which we illustrate below has been patented by George E. Oates, of Chadwick, N. Y., and is intended to prevent the animals from eating their feed too rapidly, and also to prevent the waste of feed when the animal is inclined to push it out of the trough.

Keeps the Wheels Greased. Convenient Automatic Oiling Device for Vehicles. The labor of oiling wagon wheels by the usual method is somewhat arduous, and he who can perform the task without soiling the hands and clothes is an exception to the general rule.



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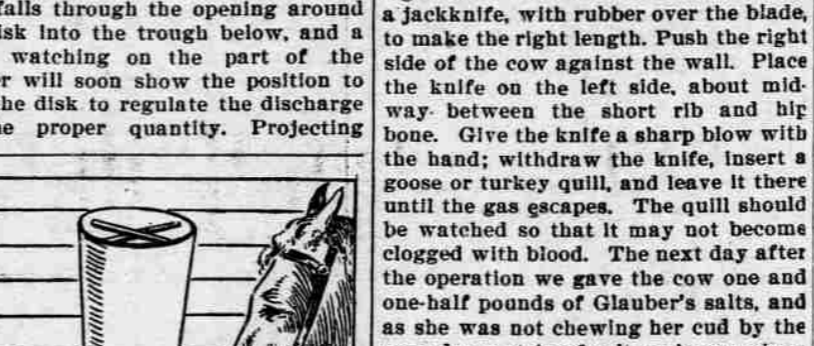
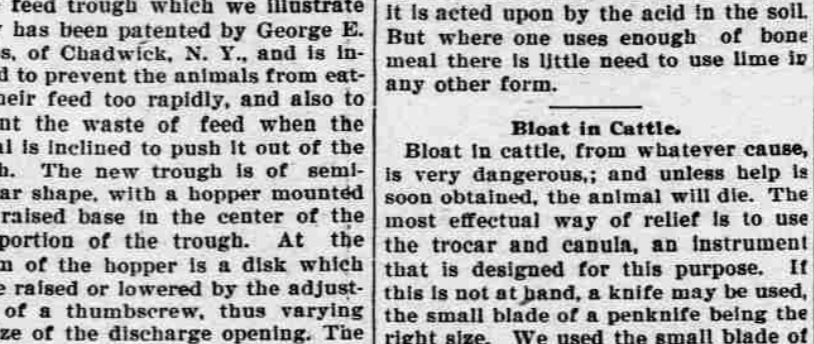
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