

DRUMMED TO SLEEP.

An Ohio Woman Who Marches Into the Land of Nod to the Rattapan.

Among the queer people in this part of the world, says the Findlay (O.) correspondent of the St. Louis Republic, is Mrs. Ann Shaffer, familiarly known as "Aunt Ann." She lives on a farm with her husband about ten miles from this city, is almost seventy years old, and in full possession of all her faculties. Her chief peculiarity—for she has a number—is that she cannot sleep unless her husband beats a drum in front of the house for at least an hour; and summer and winter, night after night, the roll of old Jacob Shaffer's drum can be heard by the neighbors for miles around, as he leads the charge which his wife is making into dreamland. He has a snare drum which he made for himself, during the early years of the war, and as he was incapacitated from going into the army by reason of physical disabilities, he did what he could for the country by acting as the drummer for a company of "Home Guards" that drilled in the neighborhood.

It was during this period that his wife first developed her strange mania. Being of a highly nervous temperament, and much wrought up over the war, she could not sleep at night unless her husband was awake. As he was not permitted to sleep until his wife had first journeyed into the realms of slumber, he put in the time practising on his drum. In this way "Aunt Ann" grew into the habit of falling into sleep to the systematic music of the drum, and soon it became a necessity. She could not sleep without its soothing sound, and thus the years have gone on every night the same. About 8 o'clock Uncle Jacob gets out his drum and goes to work as if he was leading the charge on a battery, and then gradually drops into slower and more soothing music until at the end of an hour's steady beating he feels convinced that his wife is sound asleep. Then he puts aside his sleep-producer and joins the partner of his joys and sorrows on her excursion into slumberland.

This peculiarity of Mrs. Shaffer is now so old a thing that it no longer excites comment from any one but strangers. The old couple have but one child, a daughter, who is married and lives in Indiana. A year or two ago Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer paid her a visit, and took the drum along, and it is said that they created a great sensation in the quiet neighborhood in which the daughter lives the first night or two after they arrived through this cradle of the old lady. The neighbors heard someone beating the long roll on the drum and other starting measures, and imagined a new war had suddenly broken out, and that the call to arms had come. There was much excitement until the matter was explained, and then the Hoosiers who were getting ready "to put down rebellion again," quieted themselves and accepted the situation.

The Shaffers have a nice farm, and are in good circumstances, and barring this drum peculiarity, are quiet people and good neighbors, both husband and wife belonging to the church.

Personal and Pertinent.

Whenever a friend of Wm. D. Howells the novelist, marries, he receives as a wedding present from the novelist a copy of "Their Wedding Journey" bound in white velvet.

Roswell G. Horr, the funny man of Michigan, who has been appointed Consul at Valparaiso, wanted to be Minister to Mexico. It is sad to see a stump orator up a stump.

A publishing house in London has offered William E. Gladstone a large sum if he will write a political romance. He has again proved that he is a grand old man by refusing.

Warner Miller the wounded martyr, who still lies deserted outside the breastworks, solemnly asserts that he is "not out of politics." He says that he will take the stump as usual when his party calls for his services.

Gen. Boulanger has been compelled to confine his diet to fruits and cereals. He is allowed to drink milk, but is rigorously denied wine. His complexion is very pale and he looks far from well. He is now obliged to pay more attention to his own constitution than to that of France.

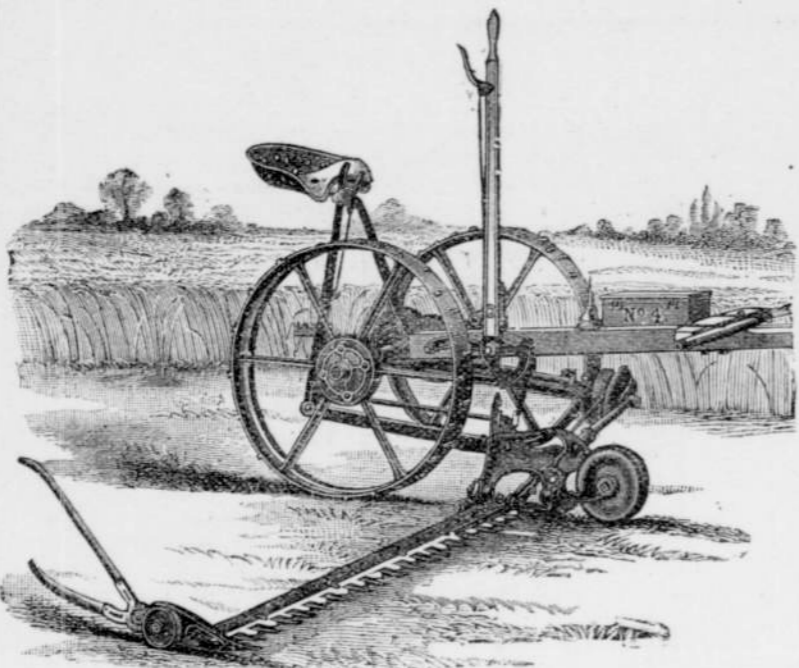
Even so able a writer as George Ticknor Curtis writes about "that bourne whence no traveller returns." William Shakespeare spoke of "that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveller returns." People who try to improve on Shakespeare usually find themselves overtaxed.

Just About the Size of It.

I see in a local paper that my young friend B has "accepted a position" with X & Co., a hardware firm doing business in a neighboring town. I also hear from a neighbor that D, another young friend, has "hired out" to a farmer in an adjoining township. I learn that B receives \$22 a month and boards himself, and D receives \$18 per month and board. B has "accepted a position," which fact is chronicled in the local paper, and commented upon by his friends, who regard him as a lucky fellow with a brilliant future open to him. D has merely "hired out," which fact is not chronicled anywhere, or commented upon by a dozen people, all told. No brilliant future is open to him; he is not a lucky fellow; he delves among the dirt. If he places \$100 in the bank at the end of eight months, and his wages are raised to \$20, nobody will make any fuss about it. If at the end of two years he has \$300 to his credit, he will be looked upon as a sober, steady hand. If B's salary is raised to \$30 at the end of eight months, congratulations will pour in upon him. If at the end of two years he still retains his position and is out of debt, he will be regarded as a very promising young business man, and his salary may be increased to \$50, out of which he can, if economical, save \$10 per month. Young man, if you want to be somebody go to town and "accept a position." If you want to lay up something substantial for the future, go to the country and "hire out."—*Rural New Yorker.*

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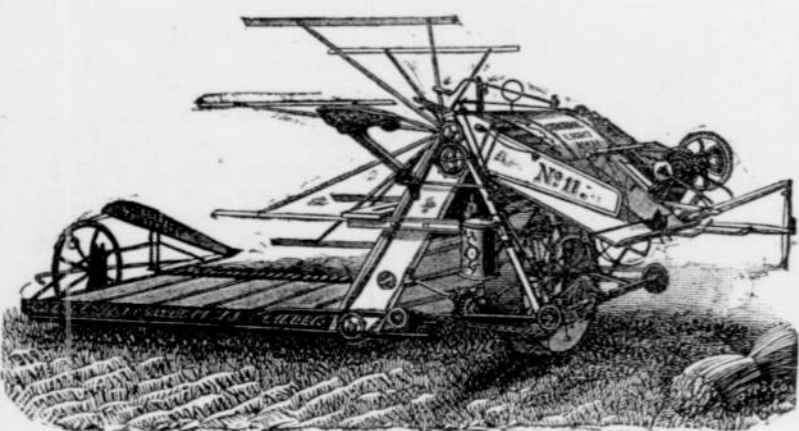
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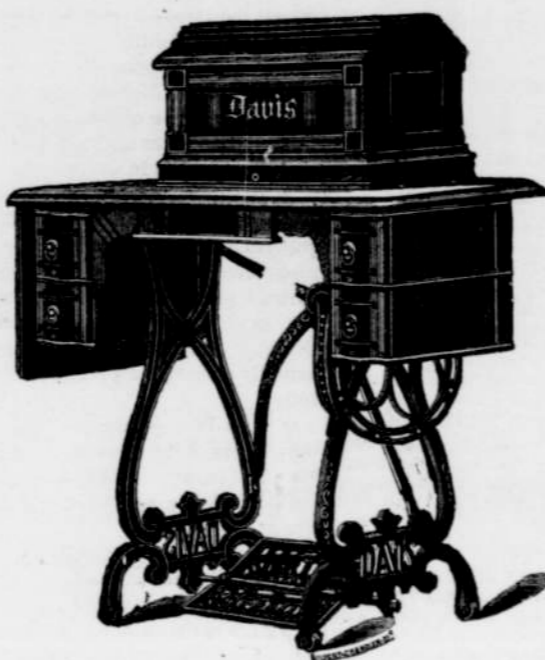
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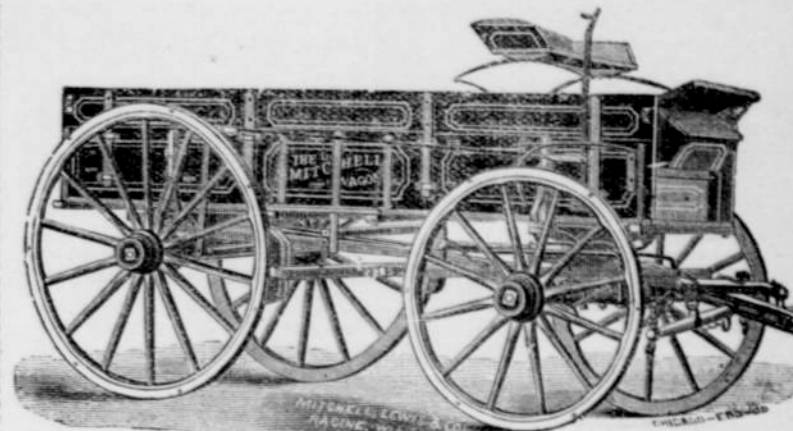
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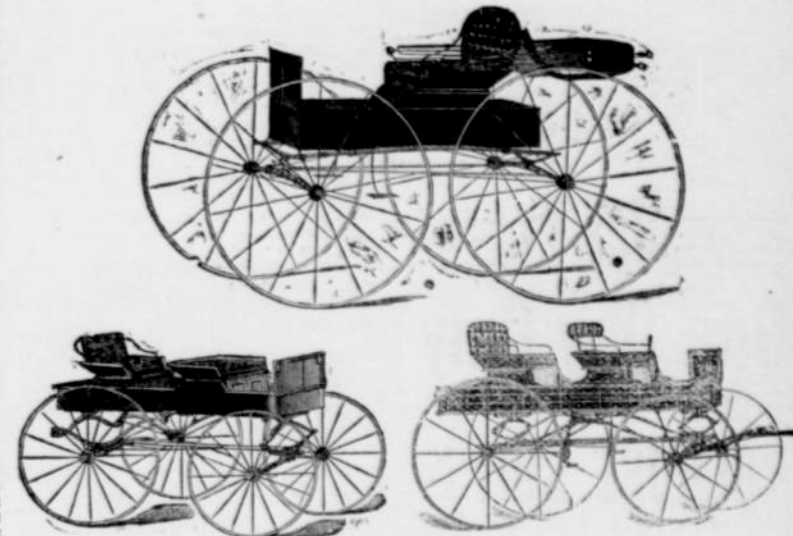
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