Too Much Imagination.

A recent story in the Chicago *Ledger* reminds a correspondent of the Second Vermont Volunteers of the following:

Our officers had given us strict orders against foraging. Colonel Randall and Captain Whiting, of Company H, were especially severe. In spite of orders the boys used to pick up young pigs, abundant in that vicinity, and work them up into "possum stews." The Captain chanced to discover that the boys' game of which their stews were made was contraband, and he at once confiscated a fine stew and had the owners arrested.

Now the Captain was a great lover of poker, and he and his set regarded themselves with poker and the soldiers stew. The boys resolved to get even. In the natural order this event happened twice. The second time it was essentially varied, as follows:

Four puppies had been procured. Three of them were killed, their bodies buried and heads left outside just back of the tent. After the officer's set had got the well seasoned stew disposed of, the little puppy remaining alive was left at the officers' tent, and began to whine. They investigated the whining at once and found the little fellow with a card to his neck, upon which was inscribed: 'You have eaten my three brothers; now eat me. (Signed) JEFF DAVIS.

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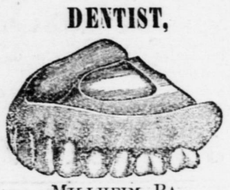

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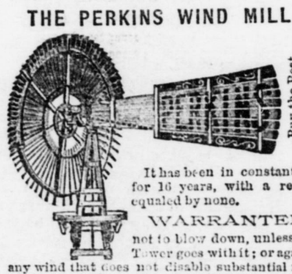

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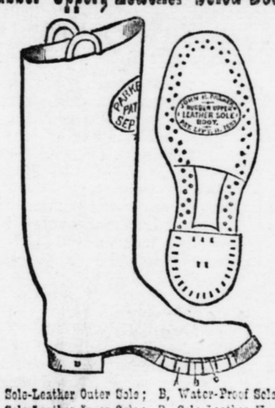

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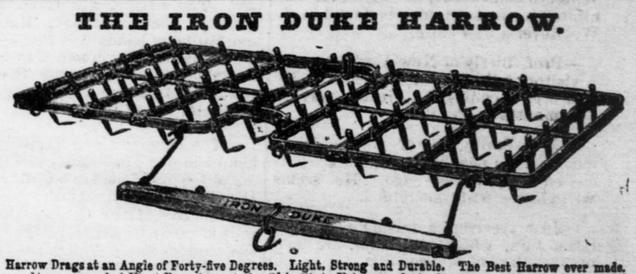

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