If a circulating medium is the similitude of money, they are taxable under the act of Congress at the rate of ten per cent. every time they are issued, and as the officers of the company publicly declared that they were simply cash orders, the collector of internal revenue for the district investigated the subject and decided, upon the statements of the parties issuing them, that they were a circulating medium and assessed the lawful tax upon them. When notified of the tax, which was ten per cent. on some \$60,000, the officers of the company appealed the case to Commissioner Miller, of the internal revenue department, on the ground that the coupons are trade or store orders and not a cash circulating medium. The commissioner refuses to give any information on the subject, but it is known that the appeal is before him, and that he must decide either that they are a cash circulating medium and tax them, or that they are store orders and declare that they are not taxable. In view of the political prominence given to the store order question in several Pennsylvania contests, including governor and congressmen, it excites general interest in Washington political circles.

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With a brush that has but little handle remaining, he manages somehow to stir up a lot of lather from soap that would raise a blister on the bottom of a boy's foot in dog days, with which he coats his face till nothing but his eyes and the back of his head are visible. With a cob dipped in warm water he goes over the stubble with a vigor that makes the flesh creep, until he feels that all the reas onable precautions for comfort in the subsequent operation have been taken.

suspiciously over the top of his glasses, he runs his thumb along the edge, fails to draw blood as he had hoped, and then with a sigh like leaving a town in a hurry, he grabs himself by the nose, shuts his eyes, and gives a scrape that makes his hair stand on end as a bunch of beard seems to come out by the roots.

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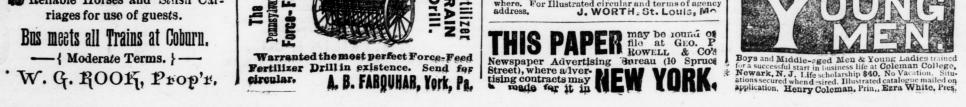
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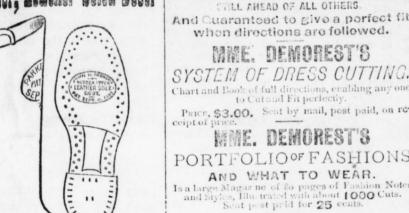
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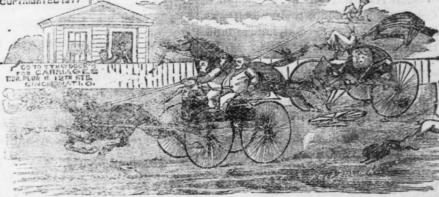
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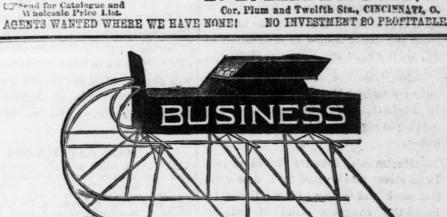
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