

SAND WILL DO IT.

I observed a locomotive in the railroad yard one day. It was waiting in the roundhouse where the locomotives stay. It was panting for the journey, it was cooled and fully manned, and it had a box the fireman was filling full of sand.

THE DEBUT OF DAN'L WEBSTER.

"I guess you can get the old roof shingled now," most any old time," cried Homer Tidd. He hopped in at the kitchen door. A blast of icy wind followed him.

rated with a fringe of plump turkeys. One window held a glowing mountain of fruit and vegetables arranged by some one with a keen eye to color—monstrous pumpkins, splendid purple cabbage, rosy apples and russet pears, green and purple grapes, snowy stalks of celery, and corn ears yellow as sunshine.

Two days before Thanksgiving, Homer, in his blue overalls and faded sweater, was busy at work. The gray of dawn was just creeping into the east while the boy went burrying through his chores.

ingly, "good old Dan'l, come an' see me." The boy slid cautiously along to where a step ladder stood. "Dan'l," he called, "wouldn't you like to come home, Dan'l?"

On Thanksgiving afternoon the Colonial Theater, the best vaudeville house in the city, held a throng that had lined well and was happy enough to appreciate any sort of fun.

a stately plump hen. Gettysburg stepped to the center of the stage. "How many kernels of corn have I thrown you, Getty?" he asked.

It takes the money to run a newspaper. —St. John (Kan.) News. What an exaggeration, what a whopper! It has been disproved a thousand times; it is a case of airy fancy.

Saw the Battle of Waterloo. Living on the last of her many years under the roof of a married daughter there dwells in Norwich, Eng., a "grand old woman" of 95—the last living eye-witness of the battle of Waterloo.

There is gradually dawning a belief that plant growth is more or less of a chemical process that may be accelerated or retarded by the application of the proper reagents, generally in the form of fertilizers, and that the ultimate growth is usually far in excess of the value of the material applied.

Curious Condemnations. It is said that Oyama weighs about 300 pounds. A strang fish is on exhibition at Seattle, Wash. It is six feet long and is half animal and half vegetable, as a seed grew out of its body.

Why Convicts Wear Stripes. "Did you ever stop to think about the origin of the stripes we use in our prisons?" said a man with an eye for the curious.