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Poetical.

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PRAISE.

Full instead of garbled sermons—Elegance of thought and style...

Practise what you preach. You would lead in ways of truth, teaching them the temptations...

Miscellaneous.

SELF-MADE MEN.

It is quite idle to speak of men who distinguish themselves as wanting in education...

Kissing the Bride.

An exchange tells a story of a country party thus: A staid young rustic, who was known as a formidable operator in a frock coat...

All were Missouri Equivocals.

A legislator, whose "bright home" is in the State of Missouri, is in the Missouri Legislature...

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Potato Culture.

This is the period, by which the early planting of potatoes should be through...

For a general crop, there is no better potato, if so good, than the several varieties of the Mercer...

We notice that the French Blue Potatoes are now introduced with loud sounding trumpets...

There is still much diversity of opinion as to the best seed to plant—whether it should be large, medium, or small white potatoes...

It is a well known fact, that the best seed to plant is that which has been raised by the farmer...

The onion requires a very rich soil and thorough culture to secure a good crop...

The Ladies' Association, through whose energies and influence so much of the Mount Vernon Fund has been raised, have been considerably aided by their organ...

The American people are well aware of the fact that the great monument to the memory of Washington, which, for so many years, was in a state of construction...

President Pierce. The following is a letter from ex-President Pierce, who, with his amiable and excellent lady, has been for some time traveling in Europe...

It was pleasant to find her letters and papers from home awaiting our arrival. My satisfaction, however, in reading the papers was somewhat marred by certain paragraphs...

It would be more difficult, as I believe I have said to you in the enclosed, to convey to you an adequate idea of the extent to which I have enjoyed the repose which, for the first time in twenty-five years, it has been my privilege to command...

The question, "Why printers did not succeed as well as brewers?" was answered: "Because printers work for the week and brewers for the stomach, and while twenty men have stomachs, but one has brains..."

The individual who tried to clear his conscience of a dimnitive, is now endeavoring to raise his spirit with yeast. If he fails in his endeavor, it is his deliberate intention to blow out his brains with the belows...

A farmer said to a barber that he ought to reduce his price, now that corn was cheap. "No, sir," says the barber, "for when corn is low, farmers make such long faces, that I have twice the ground to go over..."

The world is full of people, who, making by accident and outward appearance a comparison of themselves and others, always desire in favor of their own merit, and seek accordingly...

There is a young man in Vermont, who feeds his geese on iron filings, and gathers steel pens from their wings...

When does a man rob his wife? When he looks her dress.

Execution.

Pleasant M. Mask, who murdered a young lady at Holly Springs, Miss., was executed on Friday. There were about 4,000 persons present at the scene.

Every wooden leg that takes the place of a lost in battle, is a stump speech against war.

A drunken Dutchman by the name of Oat, staggering through the streets one day, was asked if he was the man that slew his brother. "No," said he, "I was the one that got slewed."