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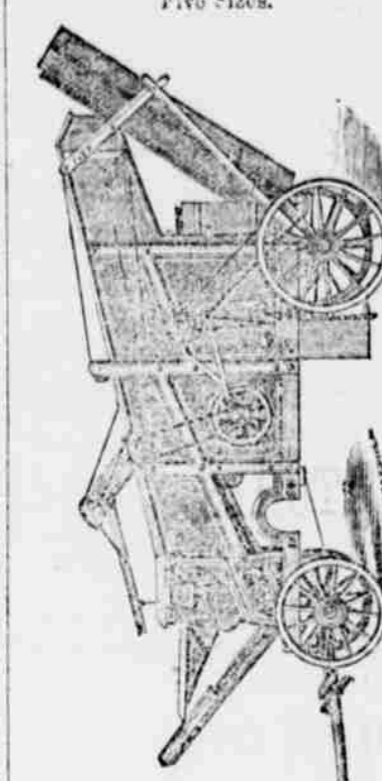
Facts About Shoeing Horses. A writer in the New York Herald states some facts about how horses should be shod, which are worthy the consideration of blacksmiths, and farmers as well:

Most of the horse-shoers of the country prepare the foot, fit a shoe, and secure it to the hoof in the same manner that a wood butcher fits a shoe to an old ox-led. The mechanism of a horse's hoof is one of the most wonderful and ingenious structures that can be found in all the works of the Creator. Beneath and in the rear of every hoof there is a frog, which is a tough and elastic pad for preventing injury to the animal whenever he plants his foot suddenly on any hard substance. Large rolls or cylinders of inflammation are placed beneath railroad cars to prevent injury to any part of the car or cargo with which it is loaded. The frog beneath the foot of a horse is designed to subserve a similar purpose. But the manner in which most horses are shod lifts them up, as it were, on short stilts, so that the frog cannot perform its appropriate functions; it is kept carefully at the young horse when he is training or running, it will be perceived that every foot is brought to ground in such a manner that the frog receives the powerful blow. By this means all injury to the animal is prevented. Science teaches us to prevent the frog to lay flat and expand downward. But most blacksmiths seem to think that the all-wise Creator made a great mistake when he formed the hoofs of horses. Hence they fill the frog with red-hot burning irons, with edged tools, and with any other appliance that will enable them to remove the extraneous excrescences. Illustrations in this issue will show you that the frog is not a mere cushion beneath their own heels, and allow the bare bones to rest on a plate of iron inside of their own hoofs and shoes.

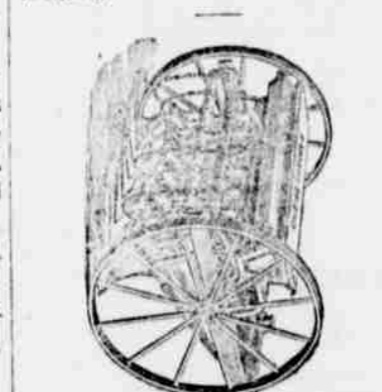
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