

The Farm and the Fireside.

AGRICULTURAL BUBBLES.

Whoever is familiar with the agricultural history of the last half-century knows how to laugh well at the credulity of poor human nature. As we recall those feverish speculations in Merino sheep, in Rohan potatoes, in Morus multicaulis, in Shanghai hens, and in various other phantasms which, during successive years, the "universal Yankee nation" has been gulled, we are convinced that the earth-hunt bubbles as the water-bath, and these were of them!

But, unfortunately, these are not all of them. The last agricultural bubble has but just burst when we find another expanding before us in the shape of an exotic export of marvelous reputation. Forgetting the sad experiences of the past, our ears and our purses are captivated by the captivating story of a Dioscorea batata.

Yet we ought to be wiser now than ever before, for there is everything in the agricultural experience to which we have alluded, calculated to instruct and benefit all those gentlemen who till the soil, whether they till for the fun of it or for the fruit of it. If they will only remember the past they will act prudently in the present.

The Batata fever, which is just beginning to spread in our rural districts, calls to mind the extraordinary Merino-sheep fever which made our fathers crazy, and which ought to have been a child's play to the speculators of our time.

It first broke out in 1815. In the summer of that year a half-dozen sheep from Andalusia, in Spain, were imported into Boston. They were immediately invested with a mysterious character. It was said that their fleeces were of the finest texture, and that the introduction of the breed into this country would enable our woolen manufacturers to compete successfully with the finest European fabrics.

A certain barber happening in at a store, a clerk, who wished to play the barber a trick, offered him a bottle of bear's oil. The latter did not want it; but being over-urged, took it and paid for it.

On his opening it, in his shop, the oil was found to be lamp oil, with a very rank smell. Nothing was said of the shaver which the clerk had practiced, and the barber shaver, along with the oil, until the matter had time to be forgotten.

A few evenings since the clerk went into the barber's shop to be shaved preparatory to a ball. After the harvest of the thick beard which was reaped, the clerk straightened himself up and exclaimed, "Now slap on the oil!"

A good handful was poured out, "slapped on," and rubbed in. A second handful, but he could not rub it in, the clerk "squeezed it out," and left it on the chair as if he had been shot, at the same time giving utterance to sundry expletives, coming under the cognizance of the statute against profane swearing. The barber assured the enraged customer that he had put bear's oil on his head, and from the very bottle he had sold him.

It was poor oil, it was the clerk's fault. There was nothing in it, and the matter was settled by referring this and the matter to the clerk, who, in the meantime, had paid for the oil, and a champagne for the clerk's expense.

The clerk went to the ball, but the rank lamp oil stuck to his hair, and the squalls of those who came near him, showed that the barber was wickid when he champagne'd him.

Moral.—Honesty is the best policy; and lamp oil is by no means the best thing to make the course of pleasure a smooth one.

Milk Clean.—In some careful experiments made by Dr. Anderson, the quantity of cream obtained from the first drawn cup of milk was in every case much smaller than the last drawn; and those between afforded less of the cream than the first, and the beginning or the end. The quantity of cream obtained from the last drawn cup from some cows, exceeds that from the first in the proportion of sixteen to one.

But the Rohan potato mania, which seized upon our farmers twenty years ago, comes a little nearer in character to the Batata species of epidemics. The Rohan originated on the Swiss border of France. The first account we have of it is in a letter written by Prince Charles de Rohan, General April 24, 1804, and published in the French agricultural journals of that period.

It is a potato, which is not all dead berry, and potato, and tulip mania, and has just recovered from the heu fever, when we begin to be excited by another agricultural marvel. The Dioscorea batata, of Chinese origin, is now stealing upon our credulity.

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BUSINESS CARDS.

William W. Wheaton, M. D. ELECTRIC PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Respectsfully offers his services to all who prefer the "Reformed Practice" to the old Bleeding, Blistering and Colicem Plan. Jackson Susquehanna Co. Pa.

A. Bunnell. ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW. Office over S. West's Drug Store, Susquehanna Depot, Pa.

Keeler & Stoddard. DEALERS IN BOOTS & SHOES, Leather & Findings on Main St., first door below Sealer's Hotel, Montrose, Jan. 1, 1856.

William H. Jessup. ATTORNEY AT LAW & NOTARY PUBLIC. Office on Public Square, Montrose.

W. Singleton. C. N. now being found at the new stand on the corner of Oregon and Chestnut streets, in the building recently occupied by Wittenberg & Co., where he is fittingly repairing with dispatch, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Guns, and every description of Machinery, Wheel cutters, Gun and Watch materials supplied to the trade.

Dr. H. Smith. SURGEON DENTIST, Montrose, Pa., at Sealer's Hotel, Mondays and Tuesdays of each week.

Miller & Fowler. ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW, and Solicitors in Chancery. Office No. 44 Clarke Street, Chicago, Ill.

Thomas Ingstrom. DEALER IN DRY GOODS, Groceries, Clothing, Crockett, Boots and Shoes, &c., Susquehanna Depot, Pa.

Bentley & Fitch. ATTORNEYS AT LAW, AND BOUNTY LAND AGENTS, Montrose, Pa.

John Groves. FASHIONABLE TAILOR, Shop under Sealer's Hotel, Main Street, Montrose, Pa.

D. H. Hinds. LIVERY AND EXCHANGE STABLE. Office in the rear of the Hotel, Montrose, Pa.

W. Colston. DEALER IN IRON, Copper, and Sheet Iron Ware, Lockwood, near Great Bend Depot, December 4.

L. P. Hinds. ATTORNEY AT LAW, Susquehanna, Pa. Office on Main Street, one door east of Leitch's.

Frazier & Case. ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW. Office on Tappan Street, one door East of Post's Store, Montrose, Pa.

Albert Chamberlain. ATTORNEY AT LAW, and Justice of the Peace; over J. L. Post & Co's Store, Montrose.

Wm. H. Jessup. ATTORNEY AT LAW, and COMMISSIONER of Deeds, for the State of New York, will attend to all business entrusted to him with promptness and fidelity. Office on Public Square, occupied by Hon. Wm. Jessup.

Abel Turrell. DEALER IN DRY GOODS, Groceries, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Dye-stuffs, Groceries, Dr. Goods, Hardware, Sewing-machines, Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, Silver Spoons, Spectacles, Musical Instruments, Penknives, Pencils, Pens, Perfumery, Mirrors, Stationery, Brushes, Shoes, Yankee Notions, &c.

B. R. Lyons & Co. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN Dry Goods, Groceries, Salt, Flour, and Hardware, Lockwood, Pa.

F. B. Chandler. DEALER IN DRY GOODS, Groceries, Clothing, Hardware, Lumber, and Stationery, &c., Public Avenue, Montrose, Pa.

L. L. Post & Co. DEALERS IN DRY GOODS, Groceries, Crockett, Hardware, Lumber, Flour, &c., corner of Tappan Street and Public Avenue, Montrose, Pa.

J. Lyons & Son. DEALERS IN DRY GOODS, Groceries, Hardware, Crockett, Stationery, Groceries, Books, &c.; also, carry on the Book Binding business—Public Avenue, Montrose, Pa.

Bentley & Read. DEALERS IN DRY GOODS, Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Groceries, Hardware, Crockett, Iron, Clocks, Watches, Musical Instruments, Penknives, &c.—Foot of Public Avenue, Montrose.

Sayre, Bentley & Perkins. MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN all kinds of Carriages, Stoves, Agricultural Implements, &c. Office at Sayre's Store, Public Avenue; Manufactory at the Eagle Foundry, Foot of Cherry Street, Montrose, Pa.

Look Here.

ABEL TURRELL. Has just received from New York, a full and desirable stock of New Goods.

Comprising a first rate assortment of Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Medical Instruments, Paints, Oils, Dye-stuffs, China, Glass, and Earthen Ware, (a good variety of Crockery, Britannia Ware, Japaned and Plated Tin Ware, Silver and all other kinds of Goods, Silver Teapots, Butter Knives, &c. All sorts of Lamps, a good variety of Wood and Gilt Frame Mirrors, Wall and Window Paper, Stationery, Sewing Machines, Washboards, Burning Fluid, Tallow Sticks and Spicery Candles, Hides and other Whips, Varieties, Window Glass, &c. A first rate variety of Jewelry, Perfumery, and Fancy Goods, such as Gold Chains, Gold Pens, Violins, Flutes, Pipes, Accordions, Violin and Violoncello Strings, &c. The largest assortment of Pocket Knives in Susquehanna County, and best quality in market. (Shut, Buttons, Pistols, (Single and Double Barrel), Revolvers, &c.

In short, the Physician, the Invalid, the House-keeper, the Farmer, the Mechanic, the Manufacturer, the Professional Man, the Soldier, the Sailor, the Young and the Old, the Rich and the Poor, the Beautiful and the Ugly, the Gay and the Fashionable, and all the rest of the people, will find something to suit their every-day wants at Turrell's.

Change of Time. DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WYOMING RAILROAD. WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

On and after Thursday, Dec. 6th, 1855, the Mail Passenger Train will depart from Scranton at 11:00 A. M. for Great Bend at 2:10 P. M., for the N. Y. & E. R. R. Passengers taking this train will arrive in Buffalo at 10:30 P. M., and in New York at 10:50 P. M.

Returning, will arrive at Great Bend at 7 P. M., and at Scranton at 5:50 P. M. The Freight Accommodation Train, with passenger car attached will leave Scranton at 7 P. M., for Great Bend at 10:30 P. M., and for Buffalo at 11:30 P. M. The Freight Train will leave Scranton at 7 P. M., for Buffalo at 11:30 P. M., and for New York at 10:50 P. M.

THE PUBLIC. The subscriber would tender his thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon him this far.

DR. J. ASHER & CO. Wholesale and Retail Dealers in ready made Clothing, also dealers in Cloths, Silks, &c.

NEW ADVERTISEMENT. G. F. Fordham, E. A. Smith & Co., would respectfully inform the public that they have purchased the interest in the Store and Harness business of A. & E. Baldwin.

GIFT ENTERPRISE. 500 PACKAGES. Of Goods in lots at \$2-\$3-\$4-\$5-\$6-\$7-\$8-\$9-\$10 and 25 Cts. to \$100.

New Goods, Cheap for Cash. C. W. MOTT has just received another lot of New Goods, such as Calicoes, Brags, Delaines, De Laines, &c.

THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN. PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY MORNING, at MONTROSE, PA., at \$1.50 PER ANNUM, IN ADVANCE.

Rates of Advertising. One square (12 lines or less) one week, \$1.00. One square one month, \$2.50. One square three months, \$6.00. One square six months, \$10.00. One square one year, \$18.00.

Banking House. POST, COOPER & CO. HENRY-DRINKER. WM. DUNTING COOPER. ISAAC L. POST.

Fire! Fire! Fire! The undersigned has been appointed an agent of the State of New York, to receive and collect the duties on the importation of foreign goods.

Wanted. Butter, Eggs, Hams, Lard, Socks, in fact all kinds of Country Produce in exchange for goods at Cash Prices. C. W. MOTT. Montrose, June 15, 1855.

Wanted at this Office. POTATOES, SCRIPION. The undersigned has for sale a large quantity of Potatoes, Wheat, Corn, and most kinds of Produce.

Denton's Vegetable Healing Balm. The undersigned has for sale a large quantity of Denton's Vegetable Healing Balm, for the cure of all kinds of skin diseases.

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RHYMES FOR THE TIMES.

ONE more a bright new year, With its blessings and its cheer, We have gladly welcomed here.

Pray give yourselves the pleasure, At your earliest hour of leisure, Of securing such a treasure.

As Deans, the "Man of Faces," With a sunlight pencil traces, With a steady pen, places In his neatly finished cases!

Do not till to-morrow! Wait not for some and furrow Which come with age and sorrow!

But go let the artist take you, Ere you'll get your glow forsake you, And a copy true'll make you.

The places where this can be done to perfection (No doubt you have been there before) Is in the city of Montrose, at the direction of At Oh! Fellow's Hall, second floor.

WATCH AND CLOCK MAKING BUSINESS. BENTLEY & READ with pleasure inform their friends and the public that they have again commenced the repairing of Watches, Clocks, and Jewellery.

MR. HIGGINBOTHAM, of New York, and late of Syracuse, and to highly has been recommended by some of the first business men in this county.

Public notice is hereby given that S. A. WOODRUFF, of New York, has a large stock of Watches, Clocks, and Jewellery, which he will sell at a low price.

NOTICE. We will again say to our customers that we are extremely anxious to see and receive from you so many little articles to quite a sum, and we are in need of it now.

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NEW ESTABLISHMENT. Shawl & Dress Goods Emporium. For the Fall of 1855. The undersigned would inform his friends and the public that he has just received a large quantity of Shawl and Dress Goods.

ATTENTION AT HOME! The undersigned would respectfully inform the public that he has opened a store at Buffalo, where he is keeping constantly on hand a good and well selected assortment of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Crockett, and all kinds of household articles.

War! War in the Crimea. 10,000 Volunteers wanted! to buy (Trenton) in any way to suit, that are continually arriving by express and kept on hand in the city of Buffalo.

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EAGLE FOUNDRY.

SAYRE, BENTLEY & PERKINS having purchased of Wm. & Co. the Eagle Foundry, are now prepared to fill orders for all kinds of work in their line with skill and dispatch.

We have purchased the exclusive right to manufacture and sell in this county, Wayne, Wyoming, Bradford, Rich's Patent Iron Steam Pumps. The Pumps are made of iron, excepting the handles. It is celebrated for its easy draught, being dismounted easier than any now in use, while its strength and durability are greater.

MACHINERY. All kinds manufactured and repaired by experienced mechanics. Steam Engines, Gearing for Mills, Shingle Machines, &c. &c.

Among the Stoves we manufacture, are the Keystone Cooking Stove, Rough and Ready, Patent Queen, Premium, and other kinds, all arranged for burning wood or coal. Also, Self-Regulating, Parlor, and Chamber Stoves, &c. &c.

PATENT MEDICINES. A large variety of Medicines at Turrell's. Among the great variety of Medicines at Turrell's, are the celebrated Family Remedies, Cherry Pectoral, and other kinds of Medicines.

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