

A Little Horse Talk.
There is probably not one man in a hundred, who, if asked whether he could take proper care of a horse, would say "no!" The prevailing impression with most people is, that caring for a horse is not any more difficult than seeing to the wants of a pet dog. The magnitude of this error is particularly illustrated in the large cities, as well as in the country. We only learn to know to what degree of perfection this faithful animal may be brought, when we find him in the hands of those who thoroughly understand his nature, and whose love for the animal and proper sense of humanity, prompt them to apply their knowledge in practice.

Capital in Farming.
We resume this subject touched upon a few days ago, that there is no mistake so common or more injurious than that of supposing the more land a man holds the greater must be his profits, for profits do not arise from land itself, but from the manner of using it. The best soil may be made unproductive by bad management, and the worst may be rendered more profitable by the opposite course; but without sufficient capital no land can be properly cultivated. At the same time there is nothing to which capital can be applied with greater certainty of a fair return for a liberal expenditure when correctly employed, than in land.

The First White Native of Chicago.
Burlington, (Kan.) has recently lost an old and respected citizen, who bore the proud distinction of being the first white child born on the site of Chicago. Sixty-four years ago, before Chicago was a respectable trading post, General John H. Whistler opened his eyes for the first time within the honored precincts of Old Fort Dearborn, where his father, Colonel William Whistler, was then stationed in command. General Whistler's impressions of the bogs and muck beds of the embryonic city were not favorable, and at an early day he emigrated further west, and has always lived in the frontier settlements. The General has been much astonished in the present time, when he frequently regretted that he did not invest in swamp or two when Chicago real estate was remarkable, most of all, as the nurturing place of mosquito swarms.—General Whistler was elected in 1858 by the State Legislature as Brigadier General of the Southern Kansas Militia, a position he has ever since occupied.

An Incident.
On the 15th of April, 1865, on his way to his office, Jay Cooke heard the rumor of President Lincoln's assassination, and had it confirmed by the dispatches displayed on the bulletin board. He went to his office, stunned by the news, as every one was, but his immediate alarm was how the intelligence, being sent abroad would affect the financial safety of the country. If a momentary panic ensued here our bonds would come back to us from Europe in shreds, and their value would be next to nothing. It was a moment when universal ruin impended over the nation. Recognizing the dangers of the situation, what Jay Cooke did was to announce at once to every agent of his house at home and abroad. "Bar all the bonds of the government that are offered you at yesterday's closing quotations." His instructions were obeyed, and simultaneously with the receipt of the announcement of Mr. Lincoln's death, there was received throughout Europe the intelligence, "American securities remain firm." At the close of that eventful day Jay Cooke held between sixty and seventy millions of United States bonds, and though treason had done its worst, had removed in an instant the President of the Republic and its Secretary of State, its credit was unharmed, unrepugnant, and all because one man was wise and brave and great enough to risk all for his country.

An Incident of the Panic.
But one woman succeeded in fairly melting one of the bank directors. She was a young woman, not particularly pretty perhaps, but she had tears in her eyes, and \$50 dollars in the bank. She rushed frantically to one of the directors, and asked him if she could not draw her money from the bank. "I am very sorry, madam," said he, "but I can't help you to it just now." "But I must have it immediately," she returned passionately. "It's all I have in the world." "Well, my dear madam, you must have patience as well as the rest." "But mine is an urgent case, and I can't wait, because—"

Writing by Machinery.
A writing machine on trial at Washington, D. C., is thus described: The machine is about the same size as an ordinary sewing machine, and can be worked by a child who can spell as easily as by a grown person. It consists of a series of forty-two keys, which are attached to steel hammers, and each of these represents a letter, a figure or a punctuation mark. The keys are arranged in four rows, like the keys of an organ, and are operated on precisely the same principle. The hammers are arranged in a circle, and when the key is pressed the corresponding letter moves to the centre, receding again immediately when the pressure is removed. A space key is provided, by means of which the spaces between words are made. Mr. Washburn, of St. Francisco, patented an improvement on the machine, and he contemplates the use of printer's ink. In the original the color is taken from a prepared ribbon, which is between the hammer and the paper. At the end of each line the machine is adjusted for the next line by means of a treadle, which is worked by the feet of the operator. By this machine three times as much can be written as an ordinary man can write.

An Arabian Narrative.
An Arabian fable narrates that an evil genius became enamored of the beautiful daughter of a bashaw of Bagdad. Finding her affections engaged, and that she would not listen to another wooer, the genius resolved to revenge himself upon the maiden by mastering the soul of her lover. Having done so, he told her that he would remove the malignant possession only on conditions that she would give him her heart. She promised. The lover was restored, and the wicked spirit demanded the fulfillment of her word. She answered, "I will yield you my heart if I had it, but I have it not. One cannot give what one does not have. It is another's keeping; it belongs to the man I surrender it. Ask him for it. If he will surrender it, my compact shall be preserved. If he refuse, you have no redress, for you cannot possess the same soul, and your allegiance to Amaloun compels you to abide by any convenient you may make with mortals." The genius saw that he was foiled, and, roaring with impotent rage, disappeared.

Freezing will not Kill Cured Corn.
I wish in this to correct the erroneous idea, going the rounds of the press, that it is popularly supposed that a temperature of four degrees below zero will kill the germ of corn. This is not so; my corn was exposed to twenty-two degrees below zero last winter and every kernel grew. The trouble generally comes in autumn. The farmer delays husking his corn till a cold rain comes on, ending with a snow storm and a freeze. The corn not yet thoroughly cured in the shock, is first saturated by the rain and then frozen and the germ is killed. Corn husked and thoroughly cured before cold weather comes on may be carried to the North Pole and brought back and planted, and I will warrant it to grow.

How much are these fearful blubs a quart? asked a maiden of a Danbury grocer one morning. He stared at her a moment, recovering himself, said: "Oh, then in years! Eight cents."

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