

send their sons thither. The influence

from beyond the Atlantic. Not one sixth of the population of Nebraska were born within its limits. More than twenty-five thousand homesteaders and pre-endoars have filed claims in the land-office at Lincoln, a capital not yet six years old :-- and within the last three years, about three thousand settlers have bought farms on the land grant to the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad -on ten years' credit and six per cent. interest, and, on contracts made since 1872, no installment of the principal due till the begining of the fifth year

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with nature alone for a moment. Then he takes up the seed and a hee, and a line and two pegs, and starts for the garden. And then she puts on that awful bonnet, and brings up the rear with a long handled rake and a pocket full of be aw and patunia seed and dahlin bulbs. While he is planting the coru she stands on the cucumber hills, and rakes over the seed-

pan. Then she puts the rake handle over her shoulder, and the rake teetla into his hair, and walks over the other beds. He don't find the squash seeds until she moves, and then he digs them out of the earth with his thumb. She plants the beet seed herself, putting about two feet of carth and sod upon them. Then she takes advantage of his absorption in other matters, and puts them down in another place. The beans she conseals in the earth wherever she can find a place, and puts the bulbs in the cucumber hills. Then she tips over the seed-pan again, and apologizes and steps on two of the best tomato plants and says, 'Oh my !' which in no way resembles what he says. About this time she discovers a better place for the petunin seed, but baving forgotten where she last put them, she proceeds to find them, and within an incredible brief space of time, succeeds in unearthing pretty much everything that has been put down. After con-fusing things so, there is no earthly possibility of ever unraveling them again, she says the son is killing her, and goes over to the fence and stands four hours, telling the woman next door about an annu of here who was confind to her hed for eleven years, and had eight doctors from the city, but nothing would give her any relief un. til an old lady-but you have heard it before. The next day a man comes to his office to get the pay for a pat-ent seed sower which his wife has ordered, and he no more than gets away before the patentee of a new lawn-mower comes in with an order for ten dollars, and he in turn is followed by a corn sheller man, and the miserable gardener starts for home to head off the robbers, and finds his wife at the gate with his own hat on, and just about to close a bargain with a smoothfacel individual fer a two hundred dollar mowing machine, and a pearlhandled, ivery-mounted hay-cutter. He first knocks the agricultural im-plement agent on the head, and then drags the miserable woman, into the house, and, locking the door, gives himself up to his emotions.

A SCALDING JOKE.

There is a lawyer in San Francisco who, for the accomodation of his clients. has a speaking tube leading from the main entrance of his building to his office, which is just up a few flights. For several days past a smart young man named Swarts has amused himself by culting for the lawyer through the pipe, and then profanely ordering ing him to set out on an expedition to Tartarus. For some time this fun was taken in good part by the legal expounder of the new code until the fine humor of the joke was no longer apparent. Accordingly, one afternoon, the disciple of Blackstone provided himself with a tenkettle of water, heated to about 210 degrees. Fahrenheit, and waited alouside the pipe. Pretty soon the old familiar sound came up through the pipe, "Say, cap, how's tricks ?"

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And Jones then bought him a wagon and tents,

And loaded his corn, and his women, and truck.

To get there and get him a little land.

But Brown moved out on the old Jones farm.

And he rolled up his breeches and bared his arm,

And picked all the rocks from off'n the ground,

And sowed his corn and wheat in the land.

Something broke loose.

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And he rooted it up and plowed it down, man sway and quiver, as if the ma

Five years glid by, and Brown, one day, (Who had got so fat that he wouldn't weigh)

ful rapidity. Then they saw its right foot suddenly projected, and, with a volocity and momentum terrible to Was a sitting down, sorter lazily. stock of a first-class Grocery House, which | To the grandest dianer you ever di When one the children jumped on his knee Eliphslet behind. And says, "Yan's Jones, which you bo't his land." And there was Jones, standing out at the fence. Aud he hadn't no wagon, nor mules, nor tents,

was to start it.

But it didn't start.

Something must be wrong. Elipha let's heart stood still at the thought of failure. He nervously examined the vitals of the image, and they seemed to be all right .- What could the matter be? Eliphalet was almost wild. He went around to the front of it ; and that instant there was a sudden whizzing sound among the wheels.

Eliphalet stood with his back to it. The spectators saw the clock-work

chinery was running down with fear-

LINCOLN. Nebraska, 1873. The West draws new settlers into its capacious bosom by its fertility, its free homesteads, and its infinite demand for labor, whether skilled or unskilled. It also drives them to take shelter under its wings by competition New England ence raised her own bread-stuffs, but she has long ceased so to do. The produce of richer and cheaper lands competed with her farmers, till it proved more than a match for their skill and energy. Many of

them then turned to manufacturers, but a still larger number were hence driven west. They made their own sum of the chesp acres there, and enlisted in the ranks of the agricultural army which had vanquished them.

MAIN MPRING.

BY PROF. J. D. BUTLER.

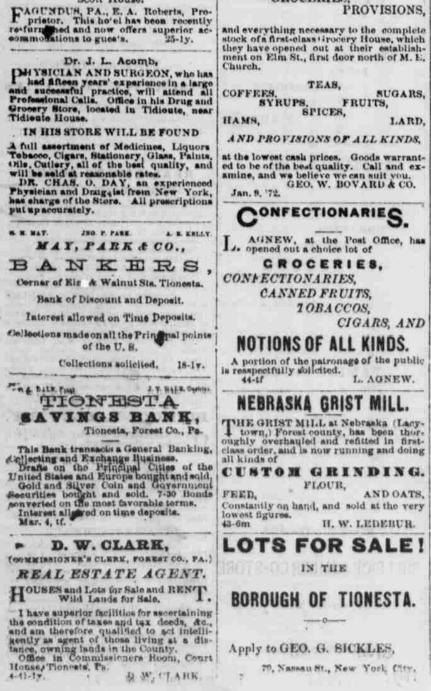
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Thus the West is constantly acting on the East with an increasing wright. and that of a larger and louger level. Here is one secret of its rapid growth.

It is forty years since the brst white families entered Iowa. But no more than oue-third of its present popula-tion were born within its limits; two thirds have come in.

Of twelve hundred thousand to-day, about one-half were born in some more eastern State. Foreign contries being further than the Atlantic slope, from the West have hitherto felt its influence less-but even they were long since driven as well as drawn to

exerted upon them has been of the same nature with that which has brought Westward so many from our own East. Hence one-sixth of the population of Iswa has come into it



For he had left Texas afoot, and ceme To Georgia to see if he couldn't get some Employment, and he was looking as hum-Ble as if he had never owned any land.

But Brown he asked him in, and he sot Him down to his victuals, smoking hot, And when he had filled himself and the floor,

Brown looked at him sharp and rose and swore

That "whether men's land was rich or poor, rear. There was more in the man than there was in the land. "

KICKED BY CLOCK-WORK.

Eliphalet Perkins was one of the cutest men in all Swamptown. He was a blacksmith, carpenter, locksmith and jeweler by trade, and also did something now and then at horse doctoring and pulling teeth. He was a jack-at-all-trades, and master of them all. A natural born genius was Eliph-alet Perkins, and nothing short of it. Now Eliphalot took his own calibre. so to speak, and decided that he was capable of doing something-something in the inventive way that would startle the world right out of its senses. Then he sat down deliberately to decide what he should do. It must he something excessively novel, that was certain, to commence with. What should it be?

"I've got it !" shouted Eliphalet, after a long thinking spell ; "I'll

ate the iron pedal struck

Such a kick had never been known in the world's history.

It lifted the recipient about four feet in the air. and when he came down it had another ready for him. The spell-bound crowd, in horrified amazement, saw the machine ad vance down the street, kicking the unfortunate Perkins with the precision and violence of a walking beam. No sooner did his feet touch the ground than the out-flying right foot of the clock-work man caught him on the same spot. Thus the infernal machine marched on and out of the village. kicking Eliphalet before it, and the awe-stroken crowd chasing it far in the

"There'-a-screw-loose-in-the -cussed-thing's-right-leg," jerked out Perkins, as he was bounced from their sight and hearing. It took six miles to run the clock

work down, and overy foot of that dis tance was twelve inches of solid agony for Perkins. When he was able to leave the house again, three months afterwards, he seized an ax and smashed the clock-work man past the possibility of reconstruction.

A WOMAN OF COURAGE.

The little suburban village of Bustleton, near Philadelphia, last Friday witnessed a rusaway, followed by acts our citizens. The stage coach from Smithfield to Frankford, in passing

-and then only one-seventh. The Westward tidal wave was never so strong as to-day-but it will be stronger te-morrow. The stronger it grows the more strength it has to grew stronger. Nor can it fall to. wax still more mighty till so many of the European millions have migrated than the density of population and the rate of wages shall have become well nigh equalized on both aides of the Atlantic.

THE PLEASURES OF BORTICUATURE.

The Danbury News says :

"We suppose there is a time that comes to every man when he feels he should like to have a garden. If he takes such notion he will tell his with of it. This is the first mistake he makes, and the ground thus lost is never fully recovered. She draws her chair up to his, and lays one hand on his knee, and purses up her lips into a whistle of expectation-the vixen-and tells about her mother's garden, and how nice it is to have vegeof bravery and presence of mind on the part of a lady who, with her hus-band, says the Press, is well known to plan the things he self. And so she ing, and she will go right out and plan the things he self. And so she does. He takes his spade, and works himself into a perspiration, and she through Bustleton, drew up at the Bustleton hotel, kept by Mr. Robert Murray. There were three ladies and at the worms, and loses her shee ; after a long thinking spell; "I'll make a clock work man that will walk and run like a human being. That would bring me fame, and would be a big card for a side-show at a cir-cus or fair." Immediately Eliphalet, his brain surcharged with the great ides, brought all the force of his inventive

"Tricks-is better now-I guess he'll get well," responded the lawyer, reaching out after the teakettle. "What's been the matter with him ?"

"He got burnt."

- "How ?"
- "I'll tell you in a minute."
- "Oh, you go to Hades."

The lawyer had finished his last sentence and then let a quart of scalding water down the pipe. Swartz had his mouth over it concluding his objurgation, and when the water struck it he was somewhat susprised. Wator was not apt to surprise him, but hot was an unexpected movelty.

The man above poured in water for about a minute and then looked out of the window. The smart young man was getting along the sidewalk at a pretty live gate, having evidently just got up from a sitting posture. He was trying to yell "Police," but couldn't articulate with much success. About half an hour afterward he found himself able to speak, and in-quired, "Did, that boller explosion hurt anybody ?"

The printers of Geneva are on a strike, and a queer one it is. they find no fault with their pay or their