#### NEBRASKA BROWN FRONTS.

#### BY PROF. J. D. BUTLER.

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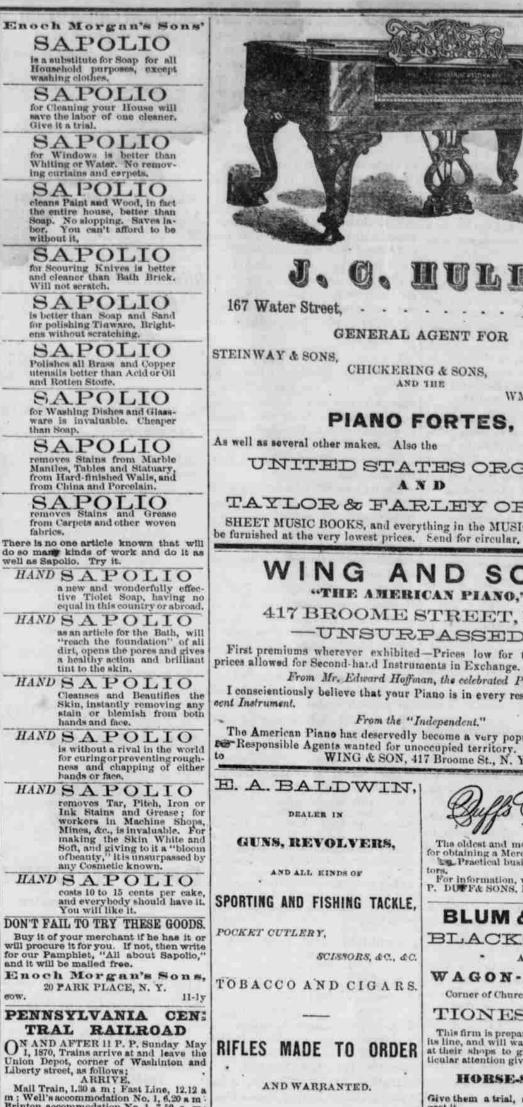
The last United States census of Nebraska farms showed one acre of woodland for every three under tillage. Nevertheless a large portion of that State is timberless. South of the Platte River lumber for buildings is chiefly obtained from Chicago or the Mississippi River, via the railroad running westward from Burlington. But such lumber is expensive, one-third more so than in New England, and many a pioneer has no money, or next to none. How then can a poor man obtain a house? He can build a sod house himself, incurring no expense whatever except for a door and window, which he can buy ready made for \$4 at any railroad station.

\$4 at any railroad station. The sod-house builder finds his ma-teral ready to his hand, in every fur-row of the virgin prairie his plow turns up. The sods, compacted by the tramp of buffalces and bound to-gether by the roots of the "devil's shoe-string" and every other vegetable product, form better bricks than the Hebrews could have furnished Pharaoh even before he denied them straw. Out of this prairie quarry about nine days labor of one man suffices to complete a sod-house fifteen feet square on the inside,-a dwelling warmer in winter and cooler in summer than any frame house. I have seen such an abode nine years old, yet still in good repair. Many dwellers in houses of this sort have assured me that they have suffered nothing from dampness, even when they had no floors, no ceilings no plastering nor paper hangings. But all these four additions soon garnish the original simplicity of many sodhouses.

The very roofs of sod-houses are often made of sods supported by poles, which the settler can cut along the banks of every water course. But if he lives near no stream he must buy at least rafters, and perhaps boards and shingles for covering his house top. Sod roofs are warmer, lumber roofs are less likely to leak. This novel style of architecture is increasingly popular and prevalent in Central Nebraska. A majority of the dwellings on the homesteads in Saline and York counties, along the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad as it pushes west from Lincoln, are sod-houses. No doubt those in other counties are so too. So are the inhabitants of many among 4,000 buyers of railroad land of the Burlington and Missouri River

Railroad Company. In a week's ride just now through the sod-house region,—while calling at many doors and entering not a few, -I have found no man, no woman, no child, home-sick for the land they came from. On the other hand, all were full of heart and hope, --assured that by becoming landlords they were about to become lords of the land. As the Homestead Bill give them free farms, so the sods give them free houses; and they are doubtful which is the better boon. The railroad lands above mentioned

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"Do you know that I came near sell-ing my boots the other day ?" asked a gentleman of his sweetheart. "How so?" "I had them half-soled, my dear."

Probably the most recent Americanism is that constructed by an Illinois paper, which says that Edwin Booth will "tragediate" in a certain town.

"That the cholera should attack that good Mr. Johnson and miss them Pithole City railroad robbers," says Mrs. Boffin, "puts me all out of conceit of politics."

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An old lady describes a genius as 'a man what knows more'n he can find out, and spills vituals on his clothes."

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