

BUYING A COW.

Deacon Smith's wagon stopped one morning before Widow Jones' door, and he gave the usual country sign that he wanted something in the house by dropping the reins and sitting double with his elbows on his knees. Out tripped the widow, lively as a cricket, with a tremendous black ribbon on her snow-white cap. "Good morning" was said on both sides, and the widow, waited for what was further to be said.

"Well, Ma'am Jones, perhaps you don't want to sell one of your cows now for nothing, anyway, do you?"

"Well, there, Mister Smith, you couldn't have spoken my mind better. A poor lone woman like me does not know what to do with so many creatures and should be glad to trade if we can fix it."

So they adjourned to the meadow. Deacon Smith looked at roan—then at the widow—at Brindle—then at the widow—at the Downing cow—then at the widow—and so through the whole fowly. The same call was made every day for a week, but the deacon could not decide which cow he wanted. At length on Saturday, when the Widow Jones was in a hurry to get through her baking for Sunday—and had "ever so much to do in the house," as all farmers' wives and widows have on Saturday—she was a little impatient. Deacon Smith was as irascible as ever.

"That 'ere Downing cow is a pretty creature," said he, "but"—he stopped to glance at the widow's face, and then walked around her—not the widow—but the cow.

"The Downing cow I knew before the late Mr. Jones bought her." Here he sighed at the illusion to the late Mr. Jones; she sighed, and both looked at each other. It was a highly interesting moment.

"Old Roan is a faithful old milch, and so is Brindle—but I have known better." A long stare succeeded his speech—the pause was getting awkward—and at last Mrs. Jones broke out:

"Law! Mr. Smith, if I'm the cow you want, do say so!"

The intentions of the deacon and the widow were published next day.

A cool young gent, all of the modern days, entered a menagerie with a cigar in his mouth, when the proprietor politely requested the visitor not to teach the other monkeys bad habits. The young man proved himself equal to the occasion by producing his cigar case and saying, "Try one."

"I'm a Philadelphia Alderman, said a stout, pompous little man, as he approached the turnstile on the opening day. "Oh, that's no matter," answered the gate-keeper, "that don't include you. Pay your fifty cents, and you can go in just the same as the rest."

A bad spell.—"Thomas, spell weather, said a school-master to one of his pupils. "W-i-c-a-t-h-i-o-u-r, weather." "Well, Thomas, you may sit down," said the teacher. "I think this is the worst spell of weather we have had since Christmas."

There is still another serious objection to silver money. A man can't stand on his head without the "quarters" and "halves" rolling out of his pockets. Women can't either unless they have lids on their pockets.

Mr. Killsmith advertises in a St. Louis paper for a situation. We should think, though, that a gentleman with such a name as he would find plenty to keep him busy all his lifetime.

A Milwaukee man made three unsuccessful attempts to blow his brains out, and then his wife told him: "Don't try it again, John; you haven't got any." He goes about saying he owes his life to that woman.

The other day a Black Hills stage-driver undertook to horsewhip his passengers into getting out and pushing up hill, but the gold-seekers held a coroner's inquest and found that he died of pneumonia.

A celebrated poet advertised that he would supply "lines for any occasion." A fisherman sought him soon after, and wanted "a line strong enough to catch a porpoise."

An Irishman being asked why he left his country for America, replied, "It wasn't for want; I had plenty of that at home."

A revivalist grocer displays the sign: "Hold the Fort—see eggs for twenty-five cents." He must be a lay-man.

A Michigan man died last week from rheumatism of the tongue. It's a disease from which women are exempt.

The Prussian Minister of Finance has quarrelled with Bismarck and will "step down and out."

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A typographical error—an ignorant youth attempting to learn the printing trade.

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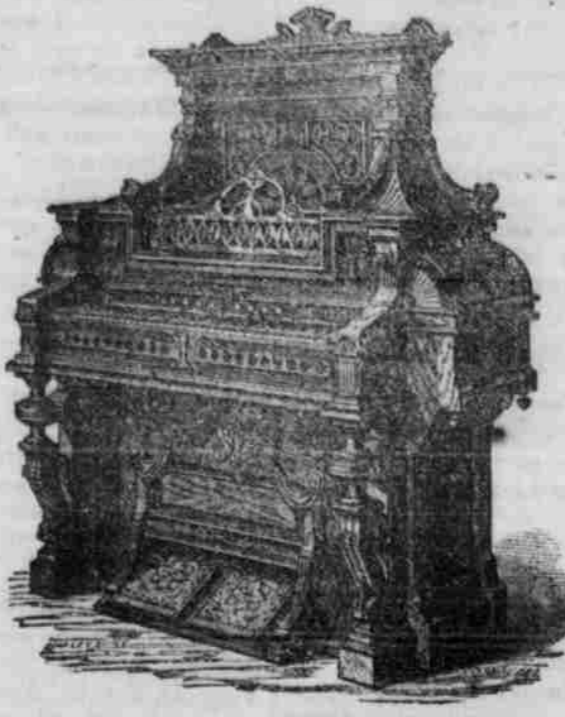
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