

New York Graphic: People who make ado over the frequency of modern suits for breach of promise may feel reconciled to those unpleasantness when they learn that in the middle age if a lady's lover deserted her and married another, and she could produce evidence of a pre-contract, however clandestine the espousals might have been, she stood a good chance of having the marriage pronounced void, and the children—if there were any—declared illegitimate. There are numerous cases of this sort in the old English records. The ecclesiastical law regarded betrothal as virtually marriage, and a subsequent marriage of one of the parties with another person was bigamy. It is very easy to see into what confusion the old usages would land us. There has been a marked progress in the right direction, and it only needs a uniformity of marriage and divorce laws throughout the Union to make the existing statutes essentially satisfactory.

A Hartford spider caught the hind leg of a mouse in one of the fibres of his web, and continued to wind his web with such rapidity that in a few moments the hind legs of the mouse were held firmly, while the mouse scratched the ground with his fore legs in effectual attempts to escape. The gentleman in whose cellar these proceedings took place found the spider and mouse in the position above described, called in some friends to observe the positions, and then left the mouse to his fate. On going into the cellar the next day, he found that by some process of engineering the spider had raised the mouse an inch from the floor. The mouse was very weak, and had discontinued struggling. On the next day some accident occurred to the fibres, and the mouse fell to the floor, where he was left for the spider to feast upon at his leisure, as a reward for his ingenuity.

Such incidents as the following are still common in stage-coach traveling in California: The coach contained eight men and four women, all unarmed. When the coach reached a part of the road lined by a thick growth of brush, into which it is impossible to turn a loaded wagon or even a light one, two men sprang up and commanded the driver to stop and throw out the express boxes. Both men wore white cloths under their hats, one end being thrown up over the front of the hat and the other, with eye-holes, covering the face. One man, with a double-barrelled shot gun, aimed at the driver, and the other at the body of the coach where the passengers mostly were. After a short parley two boxes of treasure were thrown out and the driver was compelled to drive on, the shot gun covering him until he was hidden by a turn in the road.

The New York Herald speaking of the new loan, concludes in this wise; We congratulate our people on the steady advance of our credit in the money markets of the world. It shows that in spite of the wrangles and dissensions in our politics we are marching steadily ahead, and although one great party talks about 'reform' and corruption and would change every department of the Government in the interest of 'purity' we are enabled to redeem bonds which bear six per cent interest and find abundant purchasers for new ones at four and a half. This reduction of the interest on our debt from six per cent to four and a half, is one of the triumphs of Grant's administration and will be remembered to the President's credit long after the distractions of the hour are forgotten.

At a political meeting in Maine, Gen. Thomas W. Conway, of New York, a gallant officer during the rebellion, made the following statement in reference to Gov. Tilden:

I was authorized by the Governor of New York to organize a second battalion of the Ninth New York Volunteers. The necessary expense had to be provided by subscription. John Van Buren, James T. Brady, and Mayor Havemeyer contributed liberally, with Geo. Opydyke, William Curtis Noyes, and other Republicans. John Van Buren and Mr. Brady urged me to go and see Samuel J. Tilden. I went to Tilden, who said he would rather give money to bring back the soldiers than to send any more into the South.

A Clergyman said the other day that modern young ladies were not daughters of Shem and Ham; but daughters of Hem and Sham—compounds of plain sewing and make-believe.

"So," said a lady recently to a merchant, "your pretty daughter has married a rich husband." "Well," slowly replied the father, "I believe she has married a rich man, but I understand he is a very poor husband."

A society is being organized in London for the purpose of stocking uninhabited islands with pigs and rabbits, so that shipwrecked sailors who happen to reach such spots may find an abundance of food awaiting them.

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A Philadelphia paper says the Centennial will close \$3,000,000 in debt.

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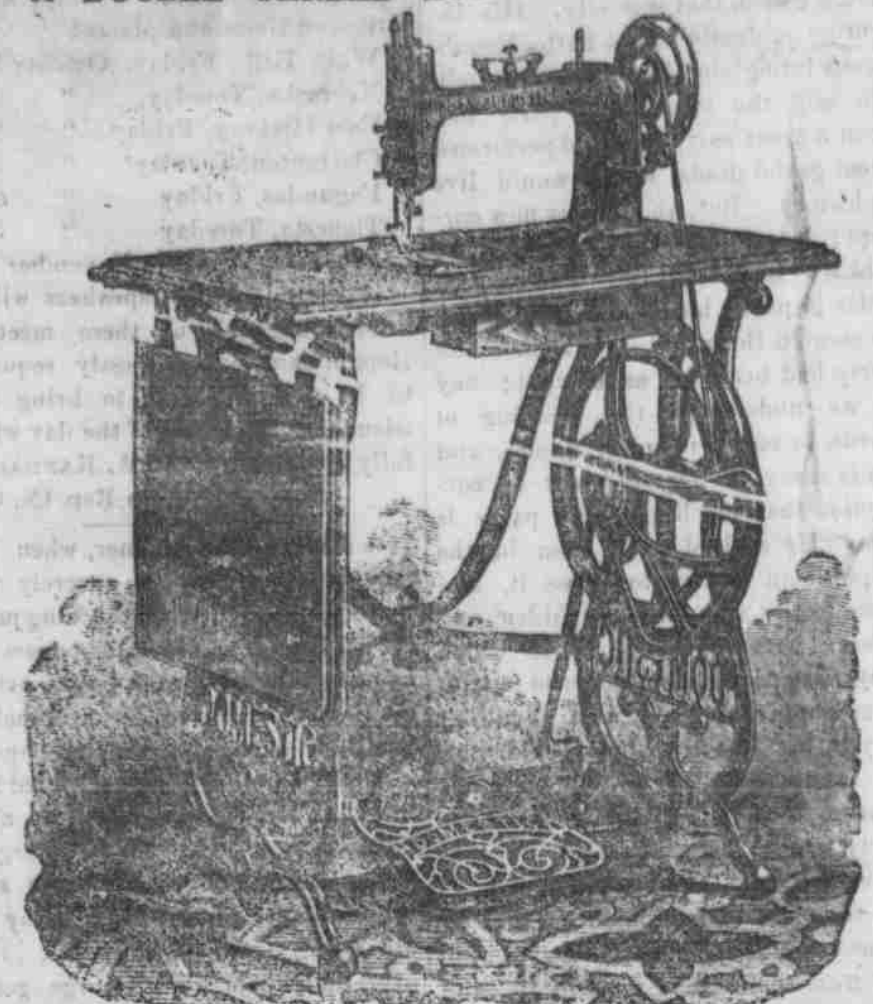
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