

Tattling.

In all the black catalogues of vice which unhappily debase the sons and daughters of Adam, tattling well nigh holds the pre-eminence. It is the meanest, the most detestable of all habits, and when once contracted, clings, as it were, with the tenacity of a demon. In view of its depravity, and of the many fearful vices following in its train the Lord commanded Moses to "speak unto the congregation of Israel and say unto them: Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among the people." And in the sacred psalm it is written, "Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off." The rabid dog, let loose in a community to bite whatever man or beast he meets, is not as dangerous as the tattler. The dog kills only the individual bitten, while the tattler's venom poisons madly and fatally the whole community. He goes to his neighbors, and listens attentively; hears, perhaps, something said that may be used to the disparagement, possibly ruin, of another, which he drinks down with the avidity with which the thirsty soper does the fiery fluid, and then goes forth with venomous tongue to disseminate suspicion, distrust and rankling hate, where before was the shade of neighborly love and confiding trust.

Thus the peace of society is marred often disrupted, confidence destroyed; friends made foes, discord and strife created, and all the elements of the father of lies used to destroy all that is lovely and good report. In the sacred scriptures it is written, "Behold we put bits in the horse's mouth that they may obey us, and we turn about their whole body." Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts to do great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth; and the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. So is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature.

For of every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind; but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. The tattle may well be compared to the viper in the fable, that, warmed and brought to life by the care of its kind-hearted benefactor turned and stung him to the heart.

Cheap Gates.

A writer in the *Rural Home* says: "I have just made gates to replace some old fashioned pairs of bars that I am heartily tired of opening and shutting. They are cheap, durable and very easily made. Each gate is twelve feet in length by four feet in height. Five boards four inches wide are used, beside batten and braces. Battens should be placed on both sides, making three thicknesses to nail through. It does not take more than thirty-three feet of boards, worth perhaps sixty cents, to make each gate. Add to that ten cents for nails, and the value of one hour of your time, and you will have the whole expense. A gate of this kind will outlast a framed one costing \$4, and as no hinges are used, that expense is saved also. It is held in position by means of a stake driven in the ground four or five inches from the post; not in a straight line, but a little more than the thickness of the gate toward the driveway so when opened the gate can be turned half way around and be parallel with the drive way. It is kept a few inches from the ground by a strip, nailed to both stake and post, on which one end rests when shut, and on which it slides half its length and then swings round as on a pivot when opened. The strip is usually placed under the second board, in a space arranged for it, by cutting away two of the battens. This strip takes the place of hinges.

It may not be always true economically that honesty is the best policy, yet the balance-sheet of the Northfield Bank robbers shows that rascality with them did not pay. The total assets of the venture were 50 cents; expenditures, property abandoned in flight, \$1,000, three men killed, three prisoners with an excellent prospect of being hung, and two in the woods yet to hear from, but so invested that escape is almost impossible.

The census takers of the Young Men's Christian Association of Jersey City, report that there are "thirty-five saloons to each church in that city." Why a church should have so many saloons is something we can't understand. We should think tea would suffice the largest church in the city.—*Norristown Herald.*

"What a blessing it is," said a hard-working Chicago Emerald to a *Journal* man, "that night never comes on till late in the day, when a man is tired and can't work any more, at all, at all."

The rifles used at Creedmore have a recoiling power of forty pounds. Kick one of the marksmen a two pound kick even, and he'd get mad in a minute.

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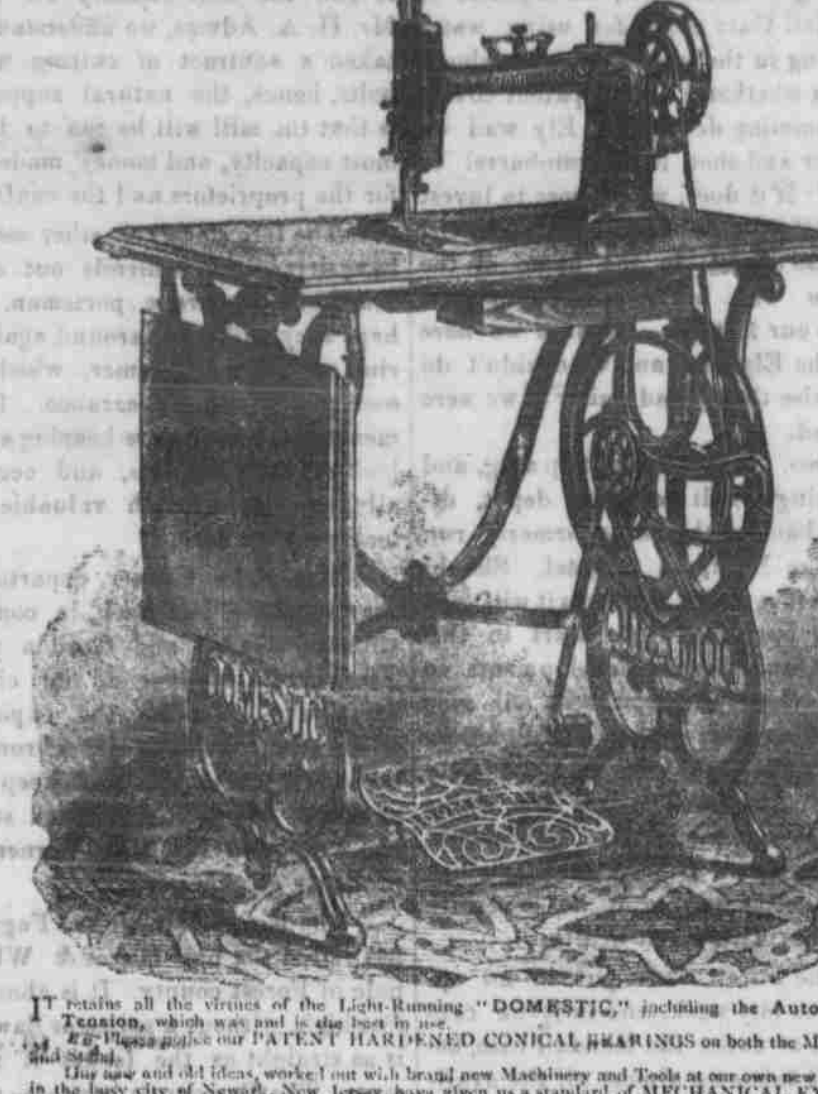
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