

Bret Harta's vein in literature is still worked in the Rocky mountain press, and sometimes with a good deal of success, as in this little article from the Gold Hill News: Blinkenberry got a letter from his brother in the east, and handed it to his wife to read, as the campaign has inflamed his eyes painfully. Among other things, the good lady read: "You would not know dad now, Brutus; the old boy's hair is as white as snow, and he is so deaf that conversation with him is quite impossible. He gives all his time to reading and playing checkers. He was 75, day before yesterday, and you will be glad to hear that he has stopped drinking." "There, Brutus; there's an example for you. Your father has given up the vice of the wine cup; there's an example!"

"Yes, Marlar," said Blinkenberry, with a flial tear in his worn eyes; eyes, Marlar, so it is; just wait till I'm 75, and I'll discount the old man." Ten minutes afterward, when Blinkenberry chafed his eye at the Fashion saloon, his friends observed five streaks of red upon his graceless cheek.

It is worth while to contrast the showing of Philadelphia with the records of other World's Fairs. The London exhibition of 1861 was a financial success; that is to say, the subscribers to the guarantee fund were not called upon to make good their conditional promises, but the capital, which was in the form of subscriptions, and not of stock, was absorbed except \$186,000. The New York exhibition of 1853 "exhausted the capital receipts and two loans." The Paris exhibition of 1855, a Government project, sunk \$5,000,000. The London exhibition of 1862 entailed a deficit of £12,000, paid from the guarantee fund. For the Paris exhibition of 1867 a profit was claimed of \$600,000 on an expenditure of \$4,000,000, of which the Government paid \$2,500,000. The Vienna exhibition lost \$9,000,000. In attendance the Philadelphia exhibition is surpassed only by that of Paris in 1867.

It takes a touch of adversity to show whether a man is a man at all, just as it needs the touch of frost to bring out the glories of the trees. Even on a dark day in October, how royally the woods flame out! Under what glorious banners they march to meet the winter! What unmatched splendors, rich as sunset skies, tender as the rainbow, shine out over the whole earth! Those splendors are the treasures that the trees were silently laying up when the summer's sun flooded them all day long. And shall a man in his time of prosperity, lay up no store of sunshine in his inner self, whereby, when darker days come on, he shall be luminous with courage and good cheer.

An agent for the sale of some household article attempted to mount the steps of a house recently, but a dog came around the corner and took half a yard of cloth from the back of his coat. The man was gliding out when the owner of the house came and asked: "Did doze dog bite you?" "He didn't bite me, but he ruined my coat," was the reply. "My good friend, excuse doze dog if he didn't bite you. He is a young dog now, but by and by he shall take bolt of some agents and eat der bones out of them. He bites a coat now, but he shall soon do better!"

A pretty widow, whose husband has been dead several years, received a beautiful bouquet the other day. This man that sent it had been flying around her with an earnestness worthy of a dry-goods clerk, and it was with extra delight he saw her pass his store that evening with the bouquet of flowers in hand.

"Am so pleased to see you with them," said he, and a thousand little cupid's dimples in his smile.

"Yes," she replied, "it was very kind in you; I always knew you liked him; I am taking them to his grave."

"I suppose you didn't observe the fast yesterday?" remarked a good Chicago deacon to a brother in the church this week, the morning after the day appointed. "Yes, I did," replied the brother. "I thought you once told me you didn't believe in fasting?" "Well, I don't usually," answered the brother "but you see I happened to get nothing to eat, and seeing as I had to fast anyhow, I thought I'd count it in." Then the old deacon moved off mumbling to himself: "That's the way with some Christians; they always want credit for being good, even when forced to it."

Lorenz Dow was an odd creature, yet he knew a thing or two. Preaching in a village in Connecticut notorious for its gossip and mischief makers, he said: "If the devil can only secure a couple of run-about mischief-making women in a village, then he goes to sleep, for two such agencies can beat the devil any day at raising disturbance and sowing discord, and a village had better have the itch, the measles and the dysentery all at once than have one such gossip in its borders."

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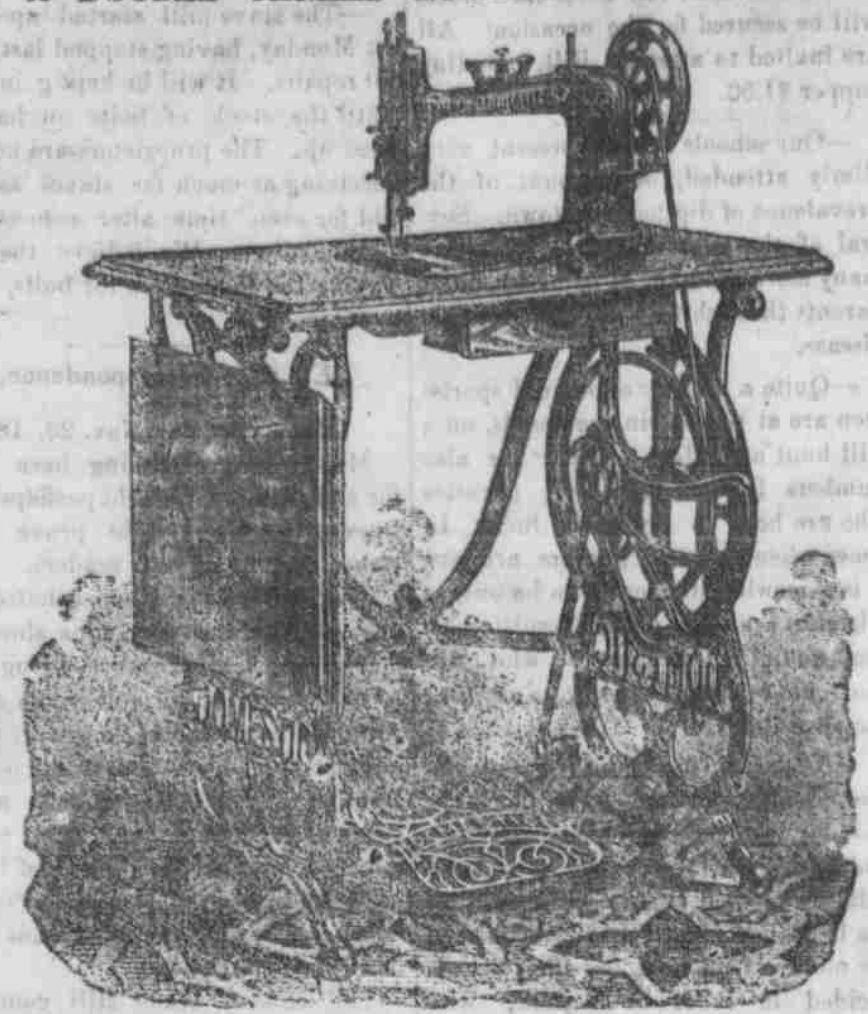
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