

One of those toll-hardened, true-hearted chaps often read of in romance made his appearance on the Campus Martius yesterday, and his sympathies were at once aroused by the sight of three or four old men standing around with their backs to him and waiting for work.

"I'll be hanged if it isn't touching," he replied when they told him that they hadn't had any work for a month. "How would you like some oysters?"

They smacked their lips by way of reply, and he gathered up a crowd of eight, marched them to a restaurant and ordered oyster stews for each one.

"It just does my soul good to see them eat!" he said to the owner of the place as the eight got to work.

"Yes; it's a beautiful sight," was the reply.

"It makes me feel good in here," continued the stranger, laying his hand on his heart.

"A good deed brings its own reward," was the soft answer of the restaurateur as he calculated his profits.

"I can't rest here. I must do further good," said the big-hearted stranger, and he rushed out and brought in three negroes, a chimney-sweep, two boys, and an old woman, and ordered more oysters.

The fifteen people went for oyster soup in a manner to amaze, and their guardian nudged the restaurateur in the ribs and said:

"See the little lambs! Oh, that I could feed the poor of all America!"

"You are a good man, and heaven will reward you," replied the proprietor, as he filled the dishes up again.

The stranger said he wanted to bring just five more, so as to say that he had fed an even score, and he rushed out after them, while the restaurateur sent after more oysters and crackers. The stranger didn't return.—He was last seen climbing into a farmer's sleigh on State street and guiding his team to the west. The 15 in the restaurant licked their plates clean and departed in joyful procession, and the last one had passed out before the man who furnished the soup had got through waiting for the return of the big-hearted stranger. There were oaths and slang phrases and watchwords and expressions, delivered in the purest of English, but what mattered it to the fifteen soup devourers.—*Detroit Press.*

**The Black Hills.**

No portion of the far West will attract more emigration next Spring than the Black Hills. Indeed, travel for that region has already begun, one hundred teams having lately left Cheyenne. To the thousands of idle men in the older States, the prospect of suddenly acquiring a fortune is certainly very attractive. A party of forty is organizing in Allentown, and there are, no doubt, many others in various parts of the country. Of the existence of gold in the Black Hills there is no question. Of the \$745,000 received at the Denver Mint in 1876 about \$60,000 came from the new digging. Men should not, however, start on the long journey without careful deliberation. The fatigue of the march, the dangers of the frontier, the uncertainty of finding treasures, the hardships of a mining life, the scarcity of employment, poverty and starvation, must all be taken into account. No one should give up steady employment, at any rate, to enter on what may be a wild goose chase. Thousands suffered great hardships last year among these black hills, and their experience will in all probability be repeated during the coming season.—*Phila. Press.*

**Curious History of a State.**

The territory now known as the State of Wisconsin was claimed by France on the ground of discovery by its missionaries and teachers in 1690, who governed it until they ceded it to Great Britain. It was held by the British nation until 1782, when she ceded all her possessions northeast of the Ohio to the United States. Wisconsin was then thrown under the Territorial Government of Ohio by the ordinance of 1787. On the 4th of July, 1800, the Indian Territory was organized, and it was attached to that Territory until April 18th, 1818, when Illinois became a State. It was then attached to the Territory of Wisconsin, July 4, 1836; so that Wisconsin was governed by the King of France ninety-three years; by the King of Great Britain twenty years; by the state of Virginia one year; by the Territory of Ohio sixteen years; by the Indian Territory nine years; by Illinois Territory nine years, and by Michigan Territory eighteen years. She continued a Territory of the United States nearly twelve years, when, on the 13th of March, 1848, she became the thirtieth State of the Union.

A healthy old fellow that is not a fool is the happiest creature living. It is at that time of life only when men enjoy their faculties with pleasure and satisfaction. It is then we have nothing to manage, as the phrase is; we speak the downright truth, and whether the rest of the world will give us the privilege or not, we have little to ask of them, and can take it.—*Seale.*

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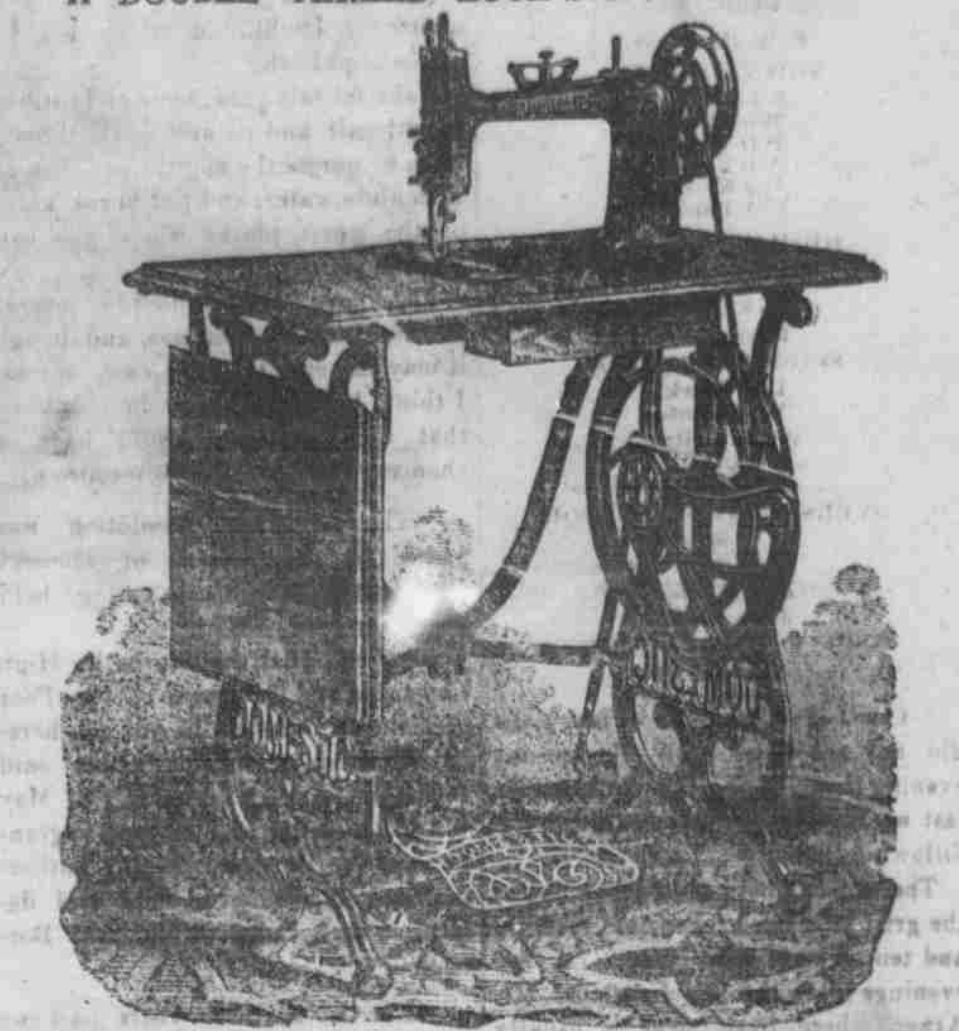
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