The art of farming needs fresh supplies of youthful blood, warmed with energy, and hope, and ambition, to rejuvenate its customs, traditions, and ancient methods. As men grow old, they are little inclined to experiment, to try new things, or to change their habits; if they have been successful, they decline any addition to their routine knowledge; if unsuccessful they put in a plea of "too old to learn." Farming, as a trade or manufacture, is largely in the hands of men advanced in life, and, as a whole, is more stationary than any other branch of business. If, by some combination, the experience, prudence and caution of the father could be united with the ambition, push and activity of the son, a decided advance might be expected in farming. The best talent of the family seldom stays on the farm; youth receives no encouragement; the boy is classed with the hired help; he finds nothing for his brain to feed upon, nothing to arouse his pride, nothing to fire his inventive genius, nothing to satisfy his longing desire to step up higher; hence he early seeks a home in some city or manufacturing village, where the demand for brains is more pronounced, and where the prizes of Full Iron Frame, life are distributed in open competition. Soon the boy, whose father, but a few years before, doubted his busiling to the village butcher, stands at the head of some mercantile house whose weekly sales are thousands. How that boy's financial shrewdness and business ability was needed on the farm he left! The youngster, whose budding intellect was nipped by the chill frost of parental sternness and indifference, is heard from in after life one of the most celebrated makers, at the very low price of \$250, \$275 or \$500, according to style of case, or with four round corners and full agraffe for \$50, and guarantee them in every respect equal to any Piano made of similar style, or no sale. The "Mendelssohn" Piano is manufactured from the very best materials, and by the most skilled and finished workmen. The manufacture is conducted by one of the most experienced Piano manufacture is conducted by ness capacity, in even selling a yearceptions were sadly needed on the home farm. The lad who pleaded in vain to be allowed to lay out a stone wall, a culvert or a lane, unwillingly turns his back on the scenes of childhood, yet the near future lays the world tribute to his scientific skill in suspension bridge or acqueduct. How easily this engineer could double the value of the ancestral acres by drainage and proper construction of roads and buildings. Farmers, think of this: the very

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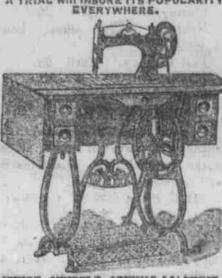
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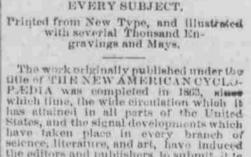
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