be was a splendid business man, ad a long head on his shoulders, an eye on the nickles, was fond of the fair sor, but when they came to speak of his writing accomplishments, they shook their heads among themselves quietly said "Awful ! positively terrible. Looks as it the pigs had been rooting around in it," etc.

This merchant was a splendid fel-low, but then with his other accomplishments he thought he was a great -in fact a self made man. It was bad for him. All truly great men write wretched hands. Look at Deacon Richard Smith, Colonel Forney, Sam. Bowles, Eli Perkias, Sergeant. Bates, Gail Hamilton, Dr. Mary Walker, and a bost of other great literary lights.

This merchant's handwriting looked like a picnic in a thunder storm. We saw one of his letters yesterday. On the first page could be seen where the lightning had preformed a quadruple summersault and gone tearing the second page and along its tortuous winding course could be seen the rival armies of the East.

On the third page the storm must have been at its height. In the south corner was outlined a dripping umbrella with ten people under it, while in the center swimming around stumps were pound cakes, sandwiches, nap-kins, and lunch baskets. The fourth and last page apparently was struck by a three-cornered bolt of chain light-ning, that doubled and twisted itself into more shapes in one second than seventy-two boys with a simultaneous attack of cucumber colic could in three days. It spread in one hundred and ten directions and the signature looked like a war map cut bins. A good joke is related at this merwere pound cakes, sandwiches, nap-

A good joke is related at this mer-chant's expense. Some of his friends secured a letter of his that was written to a Boston house. The business head and signature were cut off and the merchant was then requested to read

it. He picked the letter up, studied it awhile, threw it down in disgust and despairingly said that no decent man could read such beastly scrawling. "The man that wrote that," continued he, "must have had a miserable education, and should go to school a year or two" "Perhaps," said one of his friends, smilingly, "this will assist you," at the same time holding the cut portions of the letter in place. A blank look came into the merhant's face, then he looked up, and thundered out "Hang it, any child can read that; plain as a circus poster; it's a latter I wrote to King & Co., of Boston." He set em up for the boys that night.

Following a Trail.

One of the most remarkable features of uncivilized life is the power the sav-All wanting Fruit Farms, especiall adages show of tracking men and beasts over immense distances. Many trav- is an established success and pays large elers have spoken of this as something almost miraculous, yet it is often the result of careful observation of well otabl known sigus; and we have here before us a collection of very common sense hints on the subject. In countries like ours every trace of foot-print or wheel track on roads and paths is soon obliterated or hopelessly confused; but it is otherwise in the wilderness, where neither man nor beast can conceal his track. In Kaffirland, when cattle are stolen, if their foot-prints are traced to a village, the herdsman is held responsible for them, unless he can show the same track going out. A wagon track in a new country is practically indelible. "More especially," says our author, "this is the case if a fire sweeps over the plain immediately after, or if a wag in passes during or after a prairie fire. We have known a fellowtraveler recognize in this manner the tracks his wagon has made seven years before, the lines of charred stumps crushed short down remaining to indicate the passage of the wheels, though all other impressions had been obliterated by the rank annual growth of grass fully twelve fect high." Sometimes the original soil being disturbed, a new vegetation will spring up along the wagon track, and thus mark out the road for miles. Even on hard rock a man's bare foot will leave the dust caked together by perspiration, so that a practiced eye will see it ; and even if there is no track, a stone will be disturbed here and there, the side of the pebble which has there, the side of the pebble which has long lain next the ground being turned up.—*Chambers' Journal*, their attention to fruits and market gard-ening, have grown rizh. 'The soil is loam, varying from sandy to clayey, and surface gently undulating, intersected with small "Talk about mysterious disappenrances," jeered a Chicago hotel keeper recently, "why, I have them from my house every week by the dozen." "Does no friend ever comp ground inquiring for the lost ?" asked a stranger standing by. "Friend-inquiring ?" echoed the landlord. And patting on his own breast, he continued : "The only friend I ever see inquiring and mourning over these mysteriously missing is the man who stands right here before you."

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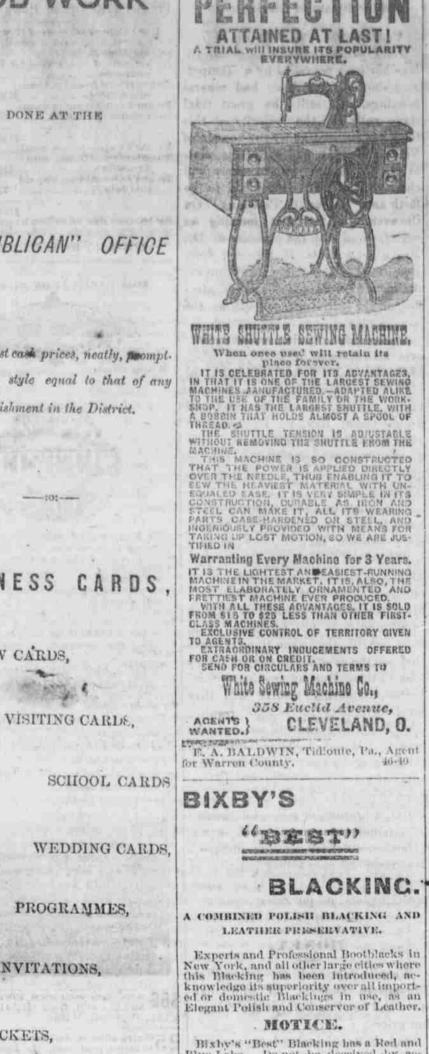
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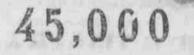
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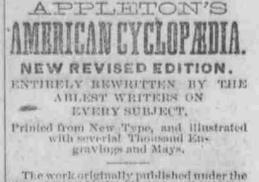
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