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An Example of Useful Ingenuity.

I find, in the *Cavilator*, an account of the invention of "Atkins' Automatic Reaper." J. Atkins was a millwright, having from his boyhood devoted himself closely to his trade. An injury was received by a fall, so that he has since been confined to his bed, unable to sit up more than two or three minutes at a time. He had no practical knowledge of grain cutting. It was about ten years after receiving his serious injury, that he saw the first Reaper, which was brought into the neighborhood, and he examined it—it's life! it was not at work—two or three minutes only, from his bed. A farmer present, knowing Mr. Atkins' inventive skill, told him, "If you could only attach Reapers to that, it would make your fortune." Being a son of poverty as well as of affliction, and his friends being poor, the remark awakened thought and determination. Various plans were successively formed and abandoned, without trial further than a small model, until he struck out an arrangement wholly new. Having mentally studied the details, he ascertained by mathematical calculation (before making any part of his model) the size, movement and effect of each separate piece; and when the model was completed and put together, every movement corresponded to the calculation with the utmost nicety. Inventors usually make an imperfect model, and afterwards alter and add indefinitely; but this appears to have been perfectly matured before any portion of it was constructed. The full-sized machine is scarcely a variation from the original model; and so correct were Mr. Atkins' arrangements, that in every case where the mechanics deviated from his plan, failure was the result—his wishes had to be followed in every particular.

coffee for the Times.

The following excellent Receipts I copy from the *Almanac*:

1. To one pound of the best unburned Coffee, add three pounds of cleaned Rye, previously washed, scalded, and dried; burn the whole carefully, and grind fine as wanted for use. The Rye will add "body" to the fluid, and afford as much nourishment, as an equal weight of coffee grains.

2. To one quarter pound of Coffee, add two quarts of Wheat, combined. The wheat is boiled about twenty minutes in water, and then placed in a pan and browned the same as coffee.

W. L. L.

Facts for the Times.

WORDS WITH THE BANK ON—Of all the watchwords of the war, none are so good as the following from Gen. Grant's reply to Buckner's request for a "negotiation" of terms of surrender: "I will accept no terms but unconditional, immediate surrender. I propose to move immediately upon your works." Now that is perfectly beautiful. It was just the thing to say to Buckner. It is just the thing to say to the Rebel Chiefs generally.

SILLY.—Scarcely have the Rebels been driven from the soil of Kentucky, before its Legislature begins to enact schemes of "compromise." We should think that that State has had enough of such measures. The timidity of Kentucky politicians did much toward putting the Rebellion on its feet, and similar timidity at this time can only serve to aid the traitors. We have had enough of political literature. Steel and muscle must be the argument now.

All accounts agree that the captured Rebels freely admit their failings. First, they are disappointed as to the valor of Northern troops. Second, they doubt the ability of their political leaders to establish and conduct a government.

The Constitution requires the President and Congress to secure to all the States "a Republican form of Government." Let them regard their oaths, and in so doing do good to their country and their kind.

Three prisoners taken at Falling Waters, just returned from Richmond, were before the Committee on the Conduct of the War, and testified that they were confined there under guard on a hill at Winchester from the 4th to the 18th July; the Rebels had over thirteen thousand troops there. The prisoners waited and watched for weeks for Gen. Patterson to attack, when they expected to escape. The Rebels commenced to retreat on the 15th, and an attack any time would have caused a precipitate retreat.

A meeting of the cotton and tobacco planters was held at the City Hall, Richmond, on Wednesday night, to take into consideration the voluntary destruction of the cotton and tobacco crops, in view of the fact that the enemy's efforts were mainly directed towards robbing the South of the accumulation of those two great staples. Speeches were made, and a committee was appointed to prepare business for an adjourned meeting, to take place Thursday evening.

Charles J. Faulkner, late Minister to France and to Port Lafayette, in a public meeting near Martinsburg, Va., confessed that the Confederacy was a failure, and that the war was conducted with an unnecessary waste of life and property. He is a moderate "Confederate," who only plunged into rebellion because his State—Virginia—did.

At a late election in Bland county, on the south line of Tennessee, the vote cast was 200 for Union, and 13 for Secession. A fight occurred in the next county on the Mississippi side, between a Union gunboat and three Rebel regiments, the latter being repulsed. The Rebels have a very wholesome dislike to these gubots.

One mail from the Yankees at Port Royal, South Carolina, brought 50,000 letters—probably, more than the whole State ever sent in one day before.

The repairs on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad are proceeding rapidly. The Rebels have carried off about forty miles of iron and cross-ties.

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