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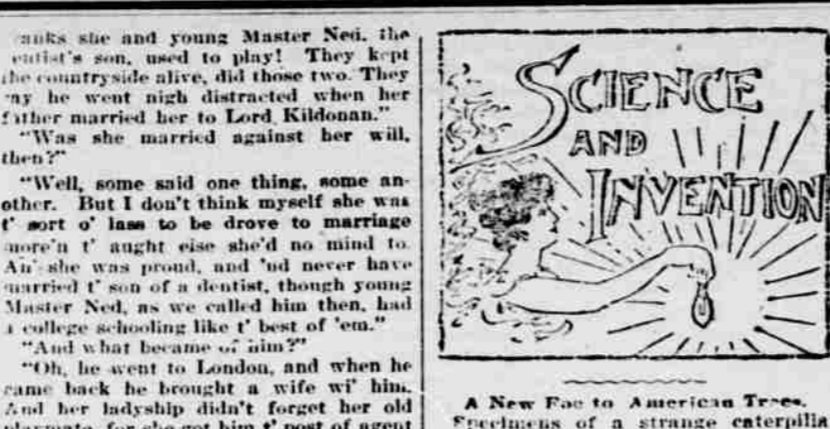
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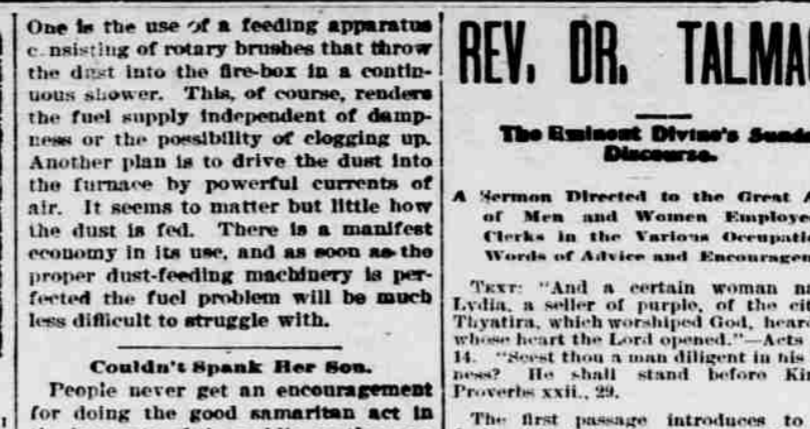
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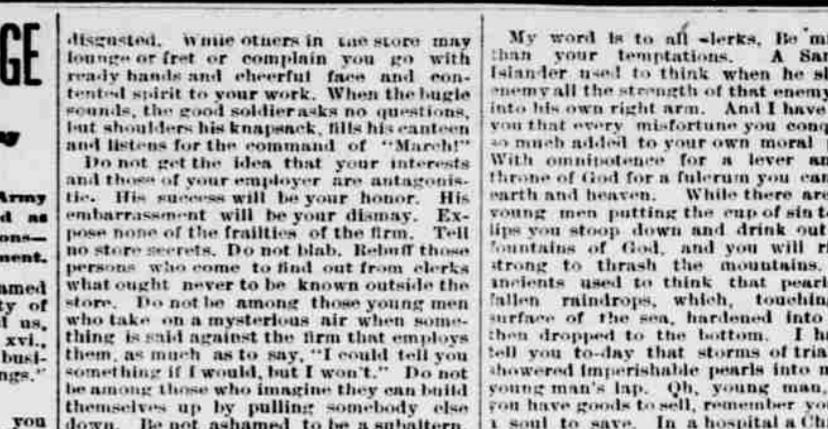
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REV. DR. PALMAGE. The Emigrant's Duty Discussed. A Sermon Directed to the Great Army of Men and Women Employed as Clerks in the Various Occupations. Words of Advice and Encouragement.

One of the uses of a feeding apparatus consisting of rotary brushes that throw the dust into the fire-box in a continuous stream. This of course renders the fuel supply independent of dampness or the possibility of clogging up. Another plan is to drive the dust into the furnace by powerful currents of air. It seems to matter but little how the dust is fed. There is a manifest necessity for the use of a dust-feeding apparatus. The fuel problem will be much less difficult to struggle with.

Science and Invention. A New Fan to American Trees. The first of a series of papers published in the interests of the public, as the man decided who offered to assist a distracted woman and ameliorate the sufferings of a lot of respectable people on a suburban farm.

Myrtle Island in Billiton. Sumatra and Borneo, has long been famous for its rich tin mines, which are controlled by the Dutch Government. In describing the geology of Billiton before the Royal Academy of Sciences in Amsterdam recently, Mr. Verbeek gave an account of the mysterious "glass balls of Billiton," which are found among some of the tin ore deposits. They are round, with smooth surfaces. Similar balls are occasionally found in Borneo and Java, as well as in Australia. Mr. Verbeek thinks they cannot be artificial, and there are no volcanoes near enough to support the theory that they are the result of volcanic action.

Natural Lightning-Rods. The tall Londoner tower has a reputation in some parts of Europe as a kind of natural lightning-rod. In Switzerland recently made by Dr. Hess in the Canton of Lucerne, the tower of the St. Gallen church is said to be a natural lightning-rod. It is 100 feet high and is made of stone. The tower is said to be a natural lightning-rod because it is so tall and so pointed. It is said to be a natural lightning-rod because it is so tall and so pointed. It is said to be a natural lightning-rod because it is so tall and so pointed.

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