

THE SILK INDUSTRY IN AMERICA

To most of the children of the present generation in Massachusetts the silk cocoonery would be a novel sight; but there are many older persons who remember the time when numerous farmers and several enterprising clergymen throughout the State had a few silkworms in their houses or barns, whose care was sometimes entrusted to women and children of the family.

Such a revival took place some fifty years ago. It extended over all the Eastern and Middle States. Congress even was affected by it, and appointed a committee to report on the culture of the mulberry with reference to the silk industry. In 1831 appropriated \$600 for the publication and distribution of a manual on silk, which was prepared by Jonathan H. Cobb, of Dedham, who was one of the most earnest silk culturists in the State. We are reminded of the enthusiasm which was then in vogue in the State when he was made the author of the report of the legislative committee that were "satisfied beyond a doubt that we have power to produce and manufacture silk in this commonwealth to an immense extent, and that no difficulty is to be encountered either in soil or climate."

The result of many experiments in silk culture in this country has been to prove that as fine a quality of silk can be raised in the United States as in any part of the world. But it has also as positively proven that the silk cannot be raised here and reeled as cheaply as the raw silk can be imported from China and Japan. It may be done in "Ultimate America," but with the present relations of labor and capital it cannot easily be done now. Silk raising must preferably be confined to countries where there is a dense population. In the feeding season it requires an immense amount of labor, which comes at a time when the farmer is feeding his silkworms, anything like the wages that are given for work in our mills, would not pay any more than it would to set men to feeding chickens. Wherever the experiment of raising silkworms on a large scale has been tried, it has failed. They are too liable to get diseased. They do better in isolated communities or families. The only way in which silk raising can be carried on without loss in this country is for each farmer, where the climate will permit, to raise a moderate quantity of cocoons yearly, sending them to large filatures, where they may be successfully reeled. Years ago, raising silkworms was done in the family where the silk was raised. It is now, fortunately, a separate branch of the business. Even in China and Japan this has come to be the case. The large filatures, with improved machinery, doing the work better than it could be done at home.—Atlantic Monthly.

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A California justice, in a moment of anger, said that the lawyers in a case on trial before him were no better than horse thieves. They apologized and fined himself \$10 for contempt of court.

A soldier of a cavalry regiment was brought up for stealing his comrade's liquor ration. He was an Irishman, and his defence was unique. "I'd be sorry indeed, surr, to be called a thief. I put the liquor in the same bottle, and mine was at the bottom, and he was obliged to drink his to get at my own!"

A negro family on Galveston avenue are everlastingly quarrelling and disturbing the neighbors. A gentleman living close by met the wife and said to her: "You are always kicking up a row. Why is there no harmony in your house?" "Dat's jess what I was reeling was done in the family where dar ain't no hominy in de house, no no meat, and de beacons all eat up, and mead bar'l is empty. He is de only thing in de house wat's full all de time."

"Str" and "SRT."—Many of the agricultural journals are sorely troubled to know whether a hen sits or sets. If some editor of dignity would set a hen on the nest, and the little editors would let her set, it would be well for the world. Now a man, or woman either can set a hen although they cannot sit her; neither can they set her on, although the old hen might sit on them by the hour if they would allow it. A man cannot set on the wash bench, but he could set the basin on it, and neither the basin nor the grammarians would object. He could sit on a dog's tail, if the dog were willing; or he might set his foot on it. But if he should set on the sofa-said tail, or sit his foot there, the grammarians as well as the dog would let him. And yet, strange as it may seem, the man might set the tail and the dog sit down, and neither be assailed by the dog or the grammarians.

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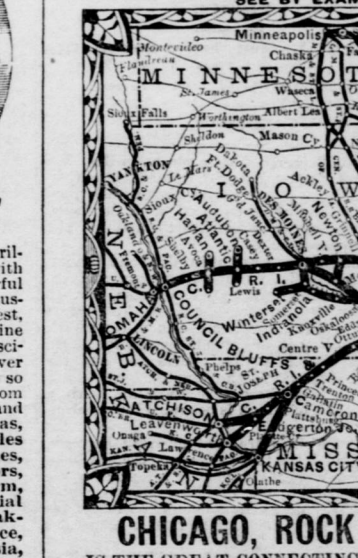
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