

Flashes of Fun.

—“I aim to tell the truth.” “Yes,” interrupted an acquaintance “but you are a very bad shot.”

—“Ah,” said Jehokus, taking his friend’s baby, “he has got his mother’s eyes—and my hair,” he added, as the infant prodigy grabbed him by the foretop.

—“What are chilled plows, papa?” asked the little son of an agricultural professor. “Oh, my son,” was the wise reply, “they are plows that have stood out in the furrow all Winter.”

—“My dear,” said Mr. Henpeck to his wife, after they had a few domestic remarks, “I wish you would do as Mr. Gladstone has done.” Bah, with your Mr. Gladstone,” she replied angrily. “What has Mr. Gladstone done?” “He has made some concessions in his home rule plan for the sake of harmony.”

—A wag who is often merry over his personal plainness tells this story of himself: “I went to a chemist the other day for a dose of morphine for a sick friend. The assistant objected to give it to me without a prescription, evidently fearing that I intended to commit suicide. ‘Pshaw!’ said I, ‘do I look like a man who would kill himself?’ Gazing steadily at me for a moment, he replied: ‘I don’t know. It seems to me if I looked like you I should be greatly tempted to kill myself.’”

—A husband who had been out shooting, but had not been successful, rather than return home empty-handed, stepped into a shop and purchased a hare. “There, my ducky,” said he to his wife on reaching home, “you see I am not so awkward with the gun after all.” “Let me see.” “Isn’t he a fine fellow?” “My dear,” said his wife, as she carried the hare to her nostrils and put it down with a grimace, “you were quite right in killing him today; to-morrow it would have been too late.”

—Dr. Holmes says that on “horseback a man’s system becomes clarified, because his liver goes up and down like the handle of a churn.” Dr. Holmes is half right—just about half right. If he should ever get on a native Dakota pony that had inherited a bad disposition he would be surprised to find himself climbing up toward the blue vault of heaven making frantic efforts to clutch his liver, which would be going on ahead of him like the handle of a churn that had tried to agitate a couple of gallons of nitroglycerine. —*Estelline Bell.*

—Talking about busy men who leave their homes early and get back after dark and never see their children, a man of that sort was hurrying away one morning when he found his little boy had got up before him and was playing on the sidewalk. He told the child to go in. Child wouldn’t go. Pa spanked him and went to business. Child went in howling. The mother said: “What’s the matter?” “Man hit me,” blubbered the youngster. “What man?” “That man that stays here on Sundays.”

IN BEAUTOWN “SASSIETY.”

Mrs. Malaprop has been heard from again. She reads the daily newspapers, and takes great interest in the news of the day. This, to a caller, anent the recent troubles in the Northwest:

—“I declare I don’t know what the country is coming to. The Knights of labor, with their strikes, were bad enough, but the Chicago socialists and anchorites are positively dreadful!”

—“Now that you’ve got your ten per cent. increase, John you must be more liberal with your allowance for household expenses. I want a new teakettle and the boiler needs—”

—“Can’t afford it’ Mollie; I am only getting living wages now, and you must wait until I can declare a dividend.”

—“Then you refuse to arbitrate?”

—“There’s nothing to arbitrate. I can’t—”

—“Very well! I shall order a strike at once. The kitchen fire shall be drawn this noon, and if you dare bring another woman into this house to cook as much as a kettle of mush I’ll smash the cook stove to smithereens. Come, children, we must begin to boycott your father immediately.” —*Boston Record.*

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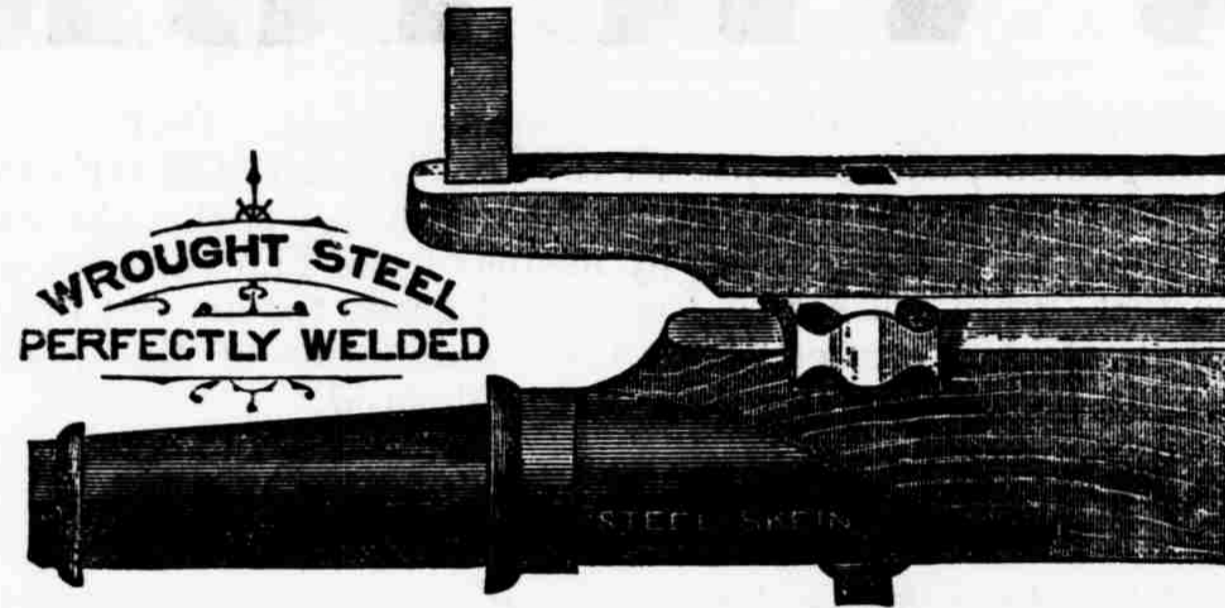
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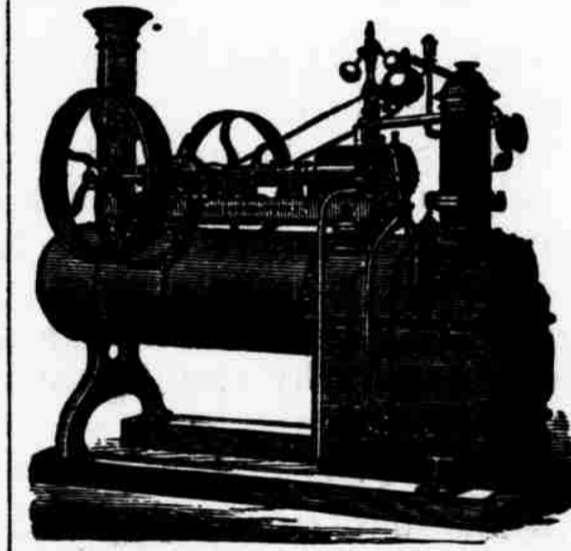
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