

— *Appleton's Journal* is afraid that culture is making originality afraid of itself.

— "An aggregation of mortgages near Lake Michigan," is what a St. Louis paper calls Chicago.

— Hill County, Texas, claims to have had a shower of manna. What the State needs more is a shower of woman, ah!

— John Selman, of Springfield, Illinois, died from the bite of a spider. His wife held it by the handle and whacked him over the head.

— The Des Moines dramatic club is discussing what Desdemona meant when she exclaimed, "Would that heaven had made me such a man."

— Four hundred pensioners of the United States are resident in other countries and receive their pensions by bills of exchange.

— In a recent letter on prison discipline, Miss Florence Nightingale says: "For crimes accompanied with violence, especially with violence toward women and children, I would whip."

— A Lafayette man drew his money from the savings bank and invested it in a pair of horses and a carriage, his idea being that if we are all going to chaos he's not going to foot it.

— The polite clerks at a watch and jewelry establishment were somewhat startled the other day by an individual inquiring if he "couldn't have his initials engraved on his watch case."

— A large number of ladies in Springfield, Massachusetts, have been poisoned while gathering forest leaves this Fall. One physician has twenty cases of poisoning by alder leaves.

— Off and on—the man who gets off, may get off, but he can't hope to reach the superlative; while the man who gets on, we are told, may get honor, and, by possibility, honest.

— Kate Field says that if she were a man she'd marry a French woman or none at all. Kate need not demur about ifs and buts, if she can find a Frenchman willing to have her for better or worse.

— Fort Yuma used to be called the hottest place in North America. It has been excelled this season by Fort Mohave, higher up the Colorado, where for many days the mercury rose in the shade to 122 degrees.

— In Golden, Colorado, an editor wrote some advice to a newly married friend, and was foolish enough to print it. After his wife had looked over a proof of the "advice," the editor felt compelled to add this postscript: "Have your hair cut close to the skin."

— "How, now?" said a friend to Jones, finding him looking unusually cheerful and sprightly notwithstanding the fact that he had been up pretty nearly all night. "You don't seem to be affected by the crisis." And Jones merely remarked, "No such thing; it's a boy."

— A learned man, one Dr. Marini, has been exhibiting at Vienna an invention for petrifying dead people so completely that they are just like marble, and can be planned and polished and wrought into any desirable form. This will enable people to carve their dead friends into mantle ornaments, or other souvenirs, or use them for tomb stones at their own graves.

— At the Texas Republican State Convention, recently held at Dallas, one Judge McCowan introduced himself as follows: "I am Judge McCowan, the old he bar of the Brazos bottom, the father of twenty-four children born in lawful wedlock, and the grandfather of forty-six grandchildren."

— The *Territorial Enterprise* says: "A gentleman, dating his letter at White Pigeon, St. Joseph county, Michigan, writes to us to know, 'How would a man da in your town who ken tech the French Tung?' First-rate—if there is anything we are fond of it is 'tung,' particularly a la mode Francois."

— An inscription on a mural tablet, recently put up in a rural church, is amusing. It ends—

"He was neglected by his doctor,  
Treated cruel by his nurse;  
His brother robbed his widow;  
That makes the matter worse."

— An anthropomorphic son of Ethiopia, entered Station 3, at Boston, an evening or two ago, to complain of a colored brother who had broken a chair into splinters over his head. Upon an insinuation regarding the absence of marks on his cranium, he indignantly answered, "No! e didn't make no marks, but he smashed the chair all ter pieces, and de chair b'longed ter me."

— A Sitka correspondent thus describes Alaska scenery: "Take one big mountain covered with trees from the base nearly to the summit, with an undergrowth of brush, briars, and moss almost impassable—multiply the one by ten thousand, and you have Alaska. There is a terrible sameness. One singular feature of this mass of forest is the absence of birds. I have seen but one robin in Sitka."

— Scene—Parlor of a fashionable residence in New York—Jenkins on the eve of departure for the African diamond mines, making his adieux to Miss Mary. Mr. J., hastily—"Work, Miss Mary, work? Ah, I don't mean to work." Miss Mary—"Then how do you expect to get your fortune?" Mr. J.—"Oh, I should knock out some fellow's brains, and run off with his diamonds." Miss Mary (crushingly)—"Then you would make a fatal mistake. You should run off with the brains." (Collapse of Jenkins.)

— Paris is undoubtedly a good place for lazy men to get wive. An intelligent Frenchman states that there are as many women in that city who support their husbands as there are men who support their wives.

— They have a clergyman at Evanston, Ill., who is bound to become popular. At the laying of a corner-stone for a new church recently, he said: "If boys and girls do their sparring at church, I say amen to it. I have a daughter whom I cherish as the apple of my eye. When she is of suitable age I had rather she should be courted in the house of God than in a theatre."

— It is related of a Scottish lady, in a remote part of the highlands, noted for her profuse liberality, that being sometimes overburdened with habitual "sorners," when any of them outstaid his welcome she would take occasion to say to him at the morning meal, with an arch look at the rest of the company: "Maik' a good breakfast, Mr. —, while you're about it; ye dinna ken whaur ye'll get your dinner." The hint was usually taken, and the "sorner" departed.

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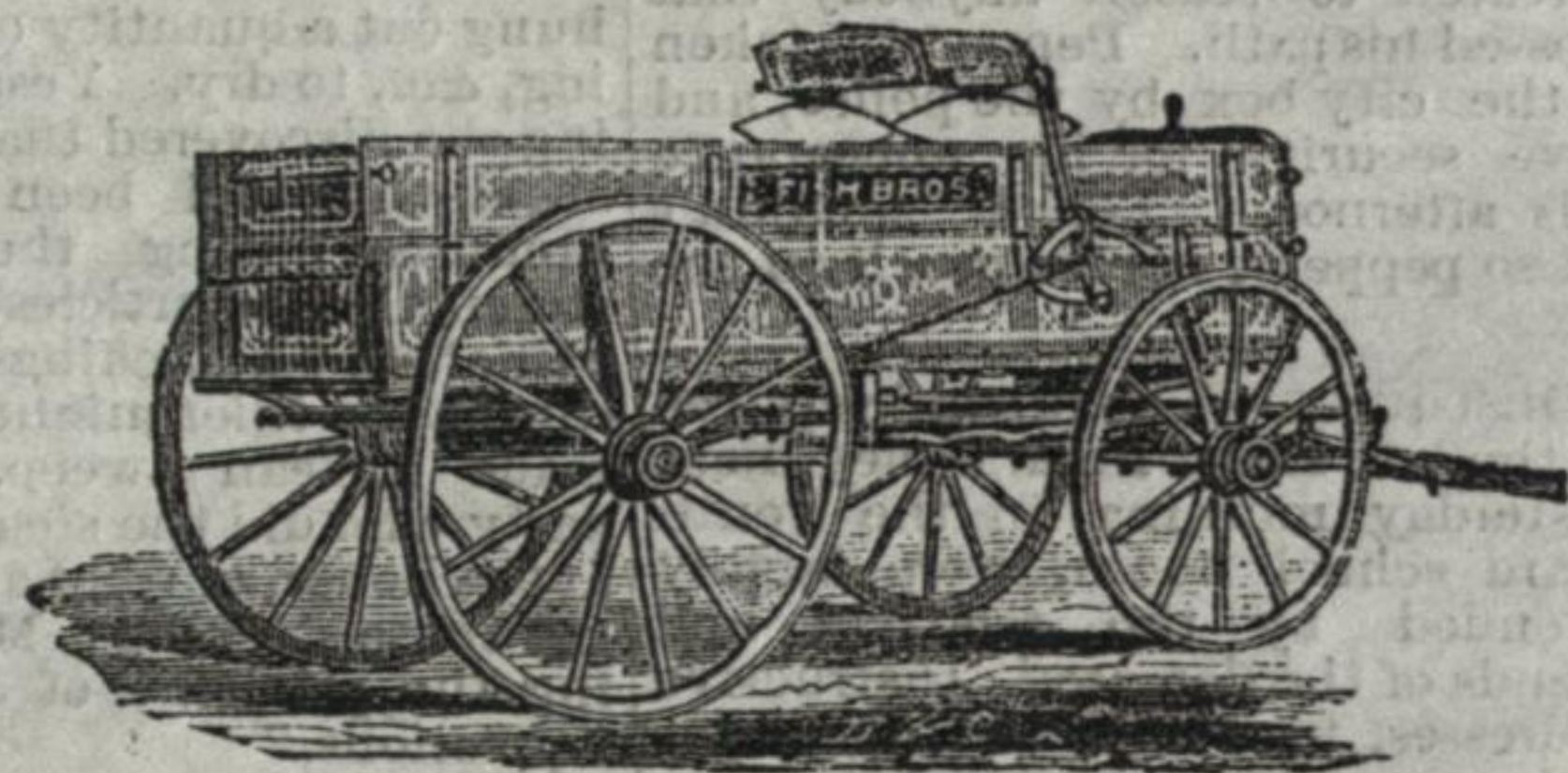
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