

HONESTY AND DISHONESTY.

THE *American Architect and Building News* has the following to say concerning the honesty of American workmen and mechanics—

"Honest men need no watching, and I would here avail myself of the opportunity to say a word in favor of the American workmen. For many years I have been in constant intercourse with them, employed hundreds in all the different branches connected with the building trade; and although there are shirks and lazybones in every community, as well as those who are dishonest and half taught, they are the exception and not the rule. The many are industrious and honest. This matter of honesty I have often tested. In the course of a long practice I have frequently had to make extensive repairs in furnished houses, unoccupied for the time, and which of necessity had to be open to the workmen, with no one ever there but the foremen—houses in which books are left on the shelves, bric-a-brac on the mantels, and glass and china in the pantry—and I take pleasure in saying that I have never known the confidence reposed in the mechanic abused."

Now the secret is revealed. There has been of late years so much dishonesty, amounting to absolute swindling and thievery, among the politicians and office holders in these United States, that the people had begun to wonder where all the honesty had gone. It was not generally known that the workmen and mechanics had monopolized it. But according to the above extract, it seems that they possess in abundance what the politicians and officeholders so woefully lack. Well, let us rejoice that the honesty of human nature has not gone clean out of the country.

The Bravo Death Case.

The key of the "Belham mystery," which is now undergoing its second investigation, is supposed to be that the rich, happy and high-spirited young barrister, Mr. Bravo, was poisoned by a woman who had reason to think that his further existence might be prejudicial to her interests. I scarcely think that this theory can be substantiated, although it may. The known facts of the case, however, are sufficiently queer. Twenty-five years ago or thereabouts, a Mr. Bravo, a rich India merchant, married a widow lady who had a son aged four years. Mr. Bravo, who seems to be a most estimable person, soon conceived a great affection for this boy, which was returned on the part of the lad. The step-father educated him, made a companion and friend of him, and supplied him liberally with money. Upon attaining his majority the young man assumed the name of Bravo, and in due course, after finishing his examination, became a barrister of the Inner Temple. A few months ago he met a beautiful young widow—Mrs. Ricardo—whose husband had suddenly died, leaving her a considerable fortune and a handsome country seat in Surrey. Mr. Bravo fell in love with her, and despite the opposition of his mother, who did not like the lady, he married her. They went to live at the lady's house in Surrey, and seemed very happy. But there were two skeletons in the family closet. The husband had a mistress, with whom he parted at his marriage, but with whom he kept up a correspondence, and the wife, it seems, had had a lover before her first marriage, of whom both her husbands had been jealous. All the same, Mr. Bravo was happy, or seemed to be so, and some letters written by him to his stepfather and mother a few days before his death, bubbled over with fun and merriment. On the 18th of April last he was suddenly taken ill after dinner; he displayed all the symptoms of suffering from a violent irritant poison, and he died two days afterward. A post-mortem examination disclosed the fact that he had been poisoned by antimony. The inquest was a hurried one, and the verdict pronounced was chiefly based upon the evidence given by Mrs. Cox—Mrs. Bravo's duenna or companion. She led the jury to believe that Mr. Bravo had poisoned himself. But suspicion was aroused; the friends of the deceased suspected foul play, and after much difficulty a second inquest was ordered, and it is now

going on. What will come of it would be rash to predict.—*London Correspondence New York Graphic.*

THE WALLAPAI INDIANS. — Messrs Imus and McClure, stock men, came in from Willow Grove on Saturday last. Mr. Imus informs us that the Wallapais have been killing his calves; and A. T. Jones says that when he was at Free's wash, some cattle came in there with arrows sticking into them. There is no doubt but that the Indians are compelled by hunger to these acts, and it is a disgrace to government that such should be the case. The efficient support the Wallapais gave Gen. Crook during the Apache war saved to government large sums of money and the lives of many men, and now the very Indians who fought with the troops to subdue the Apaches are left to shift for themselves. It is, to say the least, a strange policy that feeds and gives presents to Indians on the war path and makes no proper provision for those who have shown themselves willing and eager to assist in maintaining peace. If the Wallapais were on the war path they would have plenty of Howards and Colvers to give them encouragement and sympathy; but so long as they are peaceable their appeals for help will not be listened to, and they will go hungry until their "friends" see a chance to make money out of them.—*Wallapais (Arizona) Enterprise, Aug. 4.*

—The New York *Herald* says Commodore Vanderbilt has been busy for half a century in making money, and now he is sick he is inquiring of his pastor, Dr. Deems, into the first principles of religion.

—A sixteen year old Eton youth recently swam from Bray Lock to Windsor Bridge, five and a quarter miles, in an hour and twenty-five minutes.

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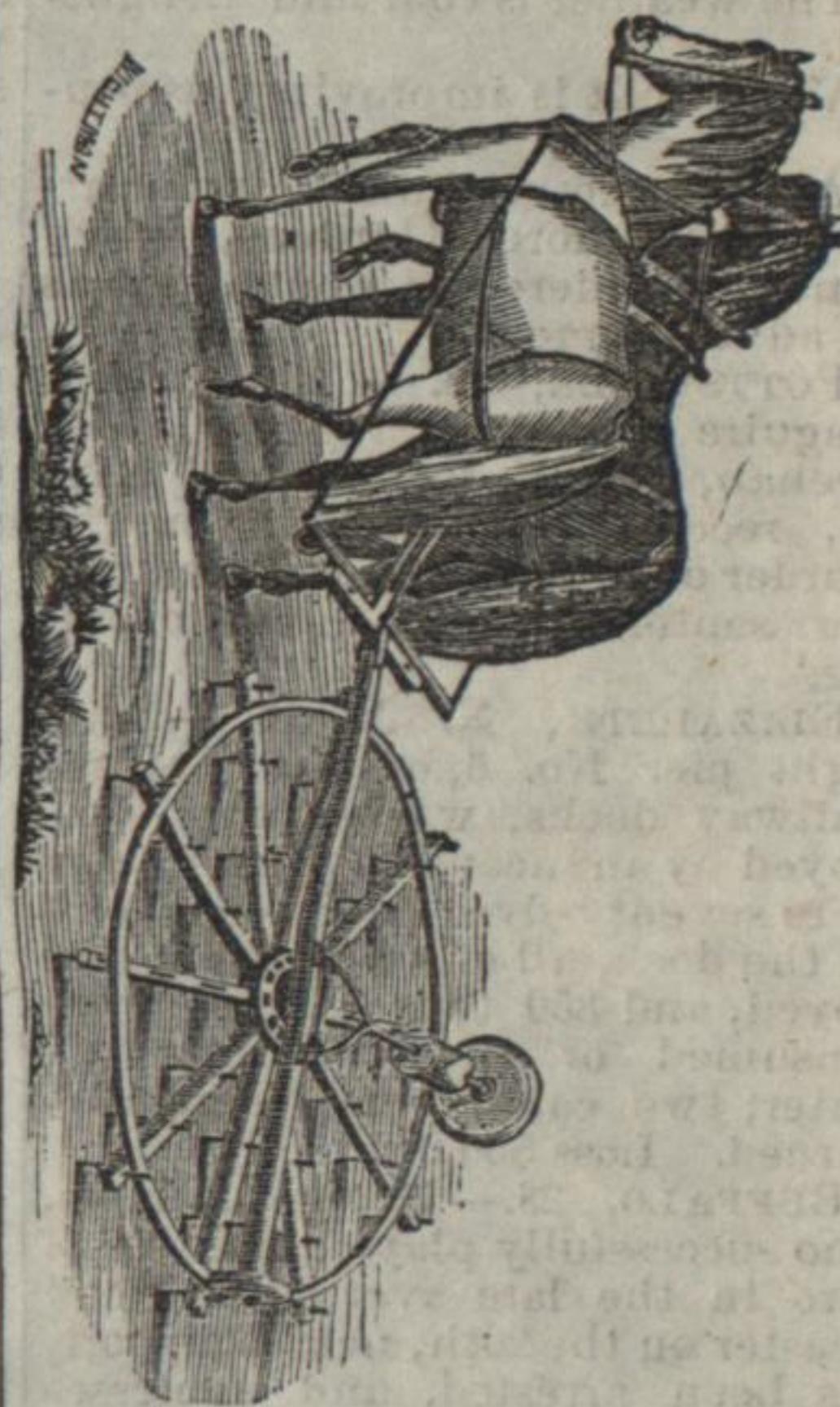
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