

would have executed them will stand idle. The men who would have been employed in them will be discharged. Supposing this decline to affect one or two great industries, it would soon affect all others. If the iron trade is bad, all the industries which depend on the iron trade are bad; if the industries which depend on the iron trade become bad, then so do those who depend on and wish to sell to those industries. And so by a quick transmission decline is propagated through business. If this were an ordinary time, if the scarcity-price of coal had to be met and cured when most industries were only employed as usual, the inevitable diminution of employment must be terrible, and might be dangerous. But happily the calamity falls on a time of extreme prosperity; all industries, being unusually active, can bear a relaxation of activity with unusual ease. The pain of a diffused decline must always be great, but it is smallest when we begin to descend from the highest prosperity and have far to fall before we reach the worst adversity; and that is our case now. Second—We must economize in production; we must use every way of cheapening the cost of coal which we can. This in ordinary cases would be a much slower process. Mine owners receiving larger profits than usual would be apt to be less careful about expenses than usual. Such is the common course of human nature. But in this case it will not be so. The exactions of labor have stimulated the scarcity, and therefore employers will be incessantly anxious to find and to use labor-saving machines, which will economize the price of the article. In hundreds of cases the consumer has in the end thus been indirectly benefitted by the exactions of labor, though at first they were as hurtful to him as to every one else.—*London Economist.*

BREVITIES.

A New York man challenges the world for championship in snoring.

If you would be loved as a companion, avoid unnecessary criticism upon those with whom you live.

Without adversity, says an old writer, a man hardly knows whether he be honest or not.

There are promises in the Scripture to help weaknesses, but none to overcome our willfulness.

An Alabama farmer laughed himself almost to death "to see a chicken-thief trying to climb a fence with his knees full of buckshot."

"Husband, I don't know where that boy got this bad temper. I am sure not from me." "No, my dear, for I don't find that you have lost any."

Agassiz says that any full grown man can live for ten days by chewing at a pair of boots; and yet there are men who will growl if they don't have mince pie at every meal.

An old Scotch beggar, removing his bonnet, advanced to a clergyman for a bit of charity. After receiving a piece of silver, he said to the clergyman, "Thank ye, sir, O thank ye! I'll gie ye an afternoon's hearing for this one of these days."

The wooden railways in the vicinity of Quebec have attracted some attention. It appears that there are now a hundred miles in operation. The gauge is four feet eight and a half inches. The running time is about sixteen miles per hour, but trains have been run at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. The rails are made of maple, four inches by seven inches, set up edgewise, and notched into the cross ties four inches deep, and held by two wedges down in the notch on the outside of the rail. The ties are eight inches thick, and laid twenty inches apart.

JOHN Y. PHELPS, of New Jersey, thought he saw "a light in the window for him," as he was going home half drunk, and he ran into a lime kiln and was nearly roasted.

A MAN AND WOMAN have died lately in North Falmouth, Mass., from the results of vaccination. The former's arm began to swell in four hours from the time of vaccination, in twenty hours he became delirious, and within a week he died.

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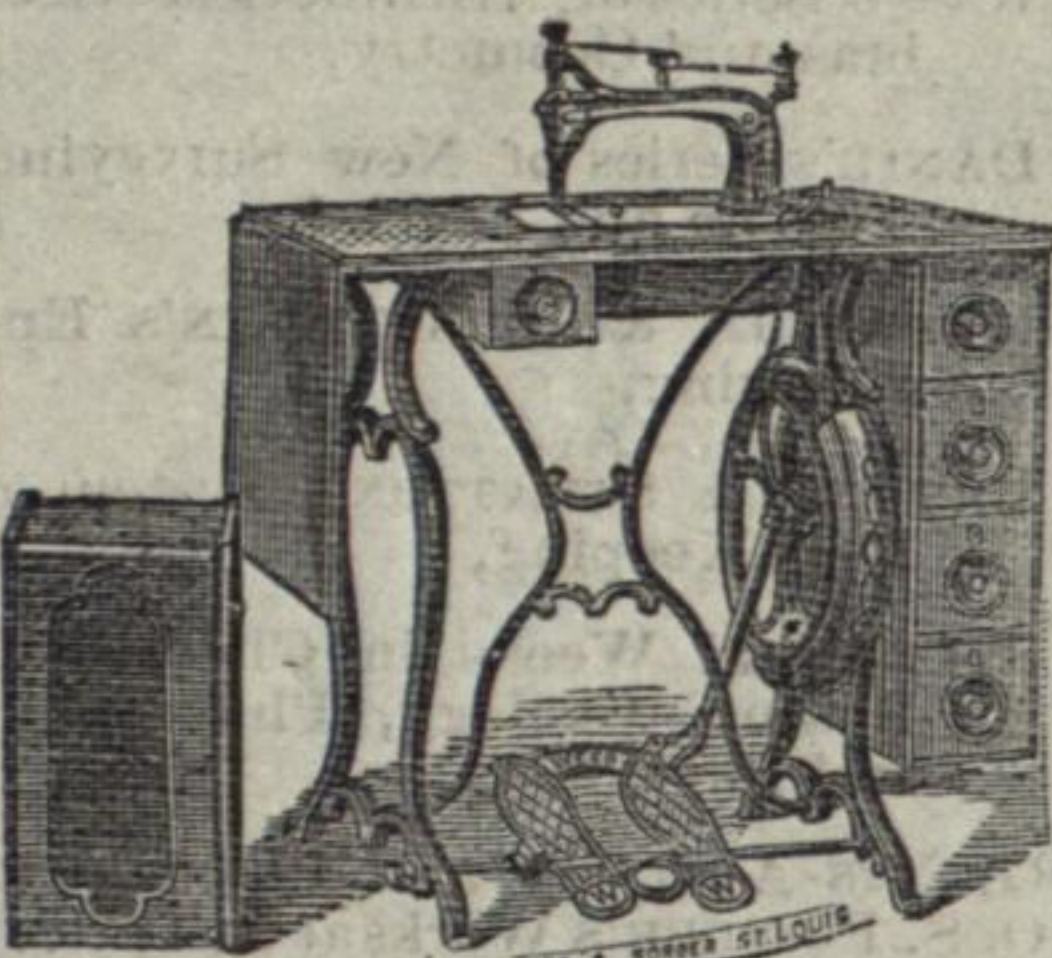
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