

BREVITIES.

The Iuka Gazette gives a sketch of Judge Lovering, of Jacinto, Miss., formerly of Indiana, as follows:

"His head is about as large as a coon's, and recedes so rapidly from the root of his nose that if a stream of water were poured perpendicularly upon his brow, more of it would run off the back of his head than off his face. His organs of intellect, if he ever had any, have vacated and taken up their abode in the posterior part of his brain, which makes the cerebellum appear like a market basket hung to the back of his head. His teeth seem to be all gone, and his gums close up to keep his chin out of danger. His nose looks like the butt end of a blood boat, and his eyes look like augur holes in a muskmelon rind."

Not many years ago a young man was tried as first tenor at the Bordeaux Theatre, but he failed to satisfy the audience, and at the fall of the curtain there was a terrific uproar. In the midst of it the unfortunate man came forward, very pale, and after confronting the storm of hisses, said, imploringly: "Ladies and gentlemen, I see the post of first tenor is above my strength, but will you give me a few weeks' trial as second tenor? I promise I will do my best." Here he broke down from emotion, and the French, always generous, gave him three rounds of applause to signify their assent. The young man has since become one of the principal singers of the Grand Opera.

Some years ago Barzun made an attempt to lay violent hands upon one of the most interesting memorials of Byron which yet remain within the classic precincts of Newstead. The withered tree, on whose trunk Byron, on the occasion of his last visit, cut his own name and that of his sister Augusta, is still preserved in the principal avenue. Mrs Hawthorne relates that Barzun, with an effrontery which he certainly never surpassed, requested Col. Wildman, the then proprietor of Newstead, to sell the tree to him for £500. The Colonel's reply was that he would not take £5,000 for it, and the showman, for making such a proposition, deserved to be horsewhipped.

When the Emperor Napoleon, after his recent illness, rode out for the first time in the environs of Saint Cloud, a little boy came running up to his carriage, holding up in his hands a petition, which the Emperor's Adjutant took from the little fellow and presented to His Majesty. It was the request of the boy's mother, a poor widow, for the payment of a claim which the Minister of Finance had rejected for informality. While the Emperor unfolded and read the petition the little boy looked intently at him. Finally the Emperor raised his eyes, and the little boy exclaimed: "Will mother get that money?" "My son," replied the Emperor, "tell your mother that I shall look into this matter. I cannot now say whether she will get the money." "What!" cried the little boy, angrily and with flashing eyes; "you bad Emperor, you always make promises and never keep them!" So saying, he turned his back on His Majesty and ran away.

Old Dr. Cooper, of South Carolina, used to say to his students: "Don't be afraid of a little dirt, young gentlemen. What is dirt? Why, nothing at all offensive, when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon the dirty grease spot on your coat, and it undergoes a chemical change and becomes soap; now rub it with a little water and it disappears, it is neither grease, soap, water, nor dirt. That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt is worth your notice as student of chemistry. Analyse it! Analyse it! It will all separate into very clean elements. Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So after all, you were kissing dirt—particularly if she whitened her skin with chalk of Fuller's earth. There is no telling what is earth. Though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Pearl-powder, I think, is made of bismuth—nothing but dirt."

An incident sufficiently amusing of itself, but by no means a laughing matter to the person concerned, occurred a short time ago in Cork, Ireland. At an early hour a gentleman, closely connected with the shipping trade, went, according to custom, to bathe in the river, at the lower end of Navigation Wall. He had with him a Newfoundland dog, which he left on the bank in charge of his apparel while he plunged into the cool element and enjoyed his matutinal dip. Having, as Mr. Tupper has it, "breasted through the tangle of the wavelet a cloud-like fold," he came to land, and set about dressing. Every man's experience will tell him that, in such a situation, is the first article of attire a gentleman in all situations habitually dons. But though the Captain's coat, vest, boots and other rigging were intact, his underwhiskers had disappeared, and with them the perfidious animal to whose care they had been entrusted. A glance at the distance explained the mystery, for scudding out of sight, at top speed, with the waistband athwart his jaws, and the legs dangling limply on either flank, he beheld the blackguard quadruped. He called and whistled, but in vain; the dog had gone on for a lark, and in another moment was out of sight. There was nothing to do but to utilize the remaining garments, which the unfortunate gentleman speedily put himself inside, and in this hybrid condition, took refuge, in one of the sheds, where he remained, half-starved with cold until a vehicle was sent down by a friendly passer-by, in which he was enabled to go home, where, on his arrival, he found "Pon-to" had safely brought the garment, greatly to the discomfort of the household, whose apprehensions were naturally excited by the occurrence. It remains to be seen whether the Captain will continue to pay the tax for an animal given to practical joking of so personal and unpleasant a character.

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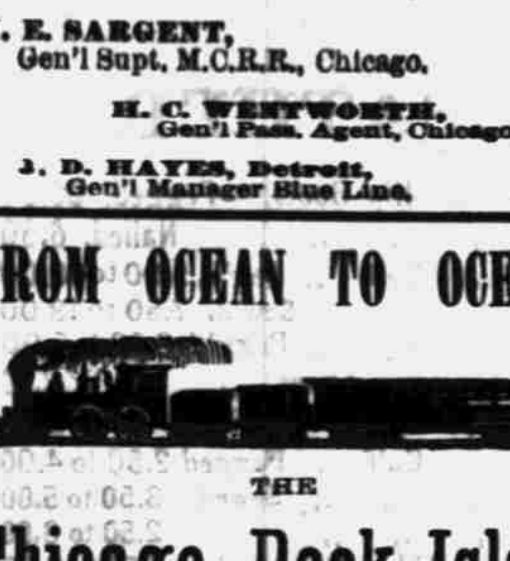
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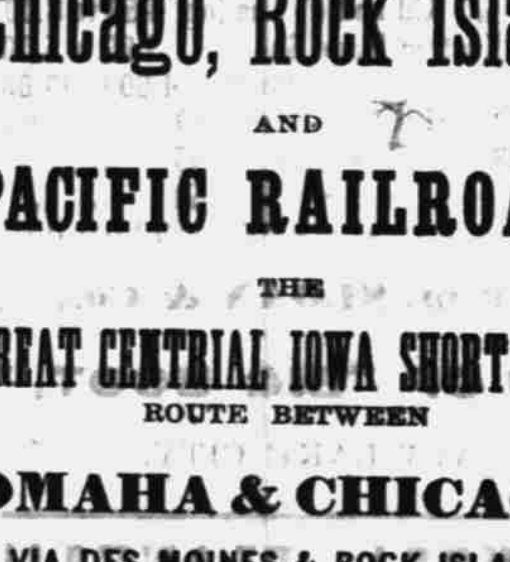
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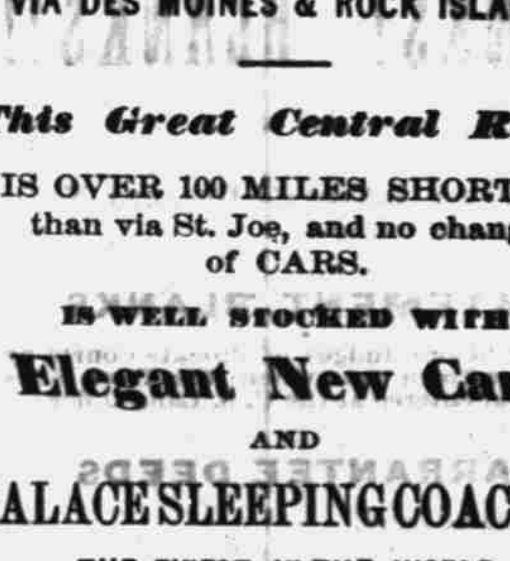
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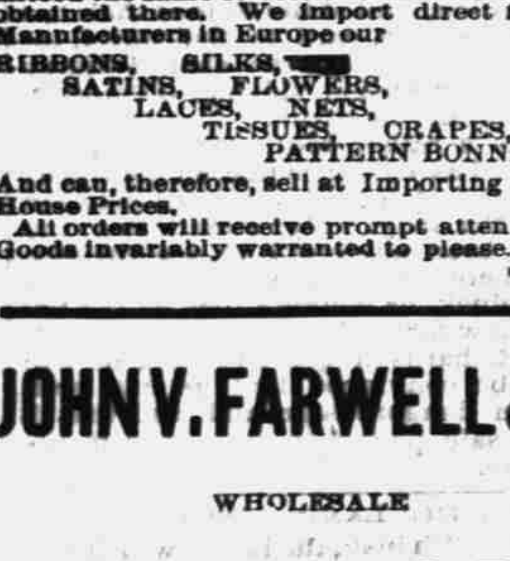
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