

How to Make a Good Bed.

I have a bed that will (with good usage) last a life-time. It is merely a tick, the same as for straw, or husks, with openings in the upper side to insert the hand for stirring, and filled with cut paper. Now, reader, do not throw aside the paper with disgust, but, if for nothing but curiosity, finish the article, it will do no harm; possibly you may be induced to make one. The work of cutting the paper is not such a long job as you would think. Take any kind of clean paper (except straw wrappings) and fold it, or roll, so that it can be cut with one clip of the shears, and then cut it; you need not be particular as to the width, although the narrower it is cut the better it is. These clippings are like little curls or rings of paper, and lie almost as light as feathers, and after using the bed they will not break up and grow fine and dusty; but are clean and can be stirred as light as when first used. I have heard people who have slept on them say, "they were the best beds they ever slept on." I prefer them to feathers or common mattresses; hair mattresses are nicer, of course, but few of us farmer's wives can afford to buy them; whereas, the paper bed we can have without cost, except the work, and in that, the smallest child you have, who can use a pair of shears, will help you, and if not kept busy too long at a time, will think it but play. The same material makes nice pillows for lounges, chair cushions, cradle ticks, etc. I have a box to keep waste paper in, which is out of the way, and at the same time handier than the rag-bag; and when it is full I cut them into another box, and put them into the tick. I use the same ticks that I have used for straw; wash them and sew up the openings, so they are just large enough for the hand to pass through readily; three openings are sufficient.—*Cincinnati Times.*

The Question of Men's Rights in Milwaukee.

And now there is another war, says the *Mining Journal*, over the question whether a man has any rights which a woman is bound to respect. A worthy citizen of Milwaukee concluded to paint his house, and accordingly secured an artist with pot and brush, who mounted a ladder and commenced operations. The hired girl, at the same time, concluded to water the grass, got out the garden hose and went at it. She was a nervous girl, and something gave her such a start that she was unable to control the nozzle, which turned in her hand, and peared about four barrels of pure Lake Superior water, from the bottom of the lake and just off the ice, into the face and down the back of the man on the ladder. With a wild whoop of despair he flung up his hands, the ladder, paint, man and all came tumbling to the ground in one heap, knocking down the girl and daubing both plentifully with the contents of the paint-pot. As soon as the painter could remove the mixture of paint, dirt, water, and hired girl from his person, he started frantically off to get a warrant for the arrest of the cause of his trouble, and the courts of justice will soon be called upon to decide whether a man can peaceably pursue his avocation without being got into some infernal scrape by a woman.

GOOD BUSINESS RESPECTS.—We have conversed recently upon business prospects with a large number of gentlemen who represent different branches of commerce, including manufacturers, traders, bankers and speculators. It is singular to note the unanimity of opinion which they express upon the probable revival of trade at an early day. This belief is based mainly upon the conviction that our crops are to be large, and that the demand abroad will be great. The fact is well known that stocks of all kinds of merchandise in the hands of retailers are quite limited, and it is safe from such a condition of affairs to anticipate that retailers must replenish to meet the demand which will spring up when consumers commence to purchase.—*Boston Journal, July 23d.*

Mr. Mills, Southside school superintendent, makes out examination questions for teachers in a way peculiar to himself, winding up every question with "If so, why?" or, "If not, why not?" One of the

teachers tells this story about him: She says she boarded once at the same place where his "girl" boarded. One night he came, rang the bell, and asked the servant, "Is Miss— in, and if so, why? Is she engaged, and how?" Then he went in, and the little tattle tale, listening at the keyhole, heard him say, "My darling, do you love me? If not, why not?" After a while—"Give a synopsis of your employment during the week. Analyze thoroughly and completely the state of your sentiments towards me." When he left, after kissing her, he remarked, "Be prepared on next Sunday, at half-past two p.m., to state accurately and concisely, when, where and by whom, and under what circumstances our marriage shall be performed."—*Indianapolis Sentinel.*

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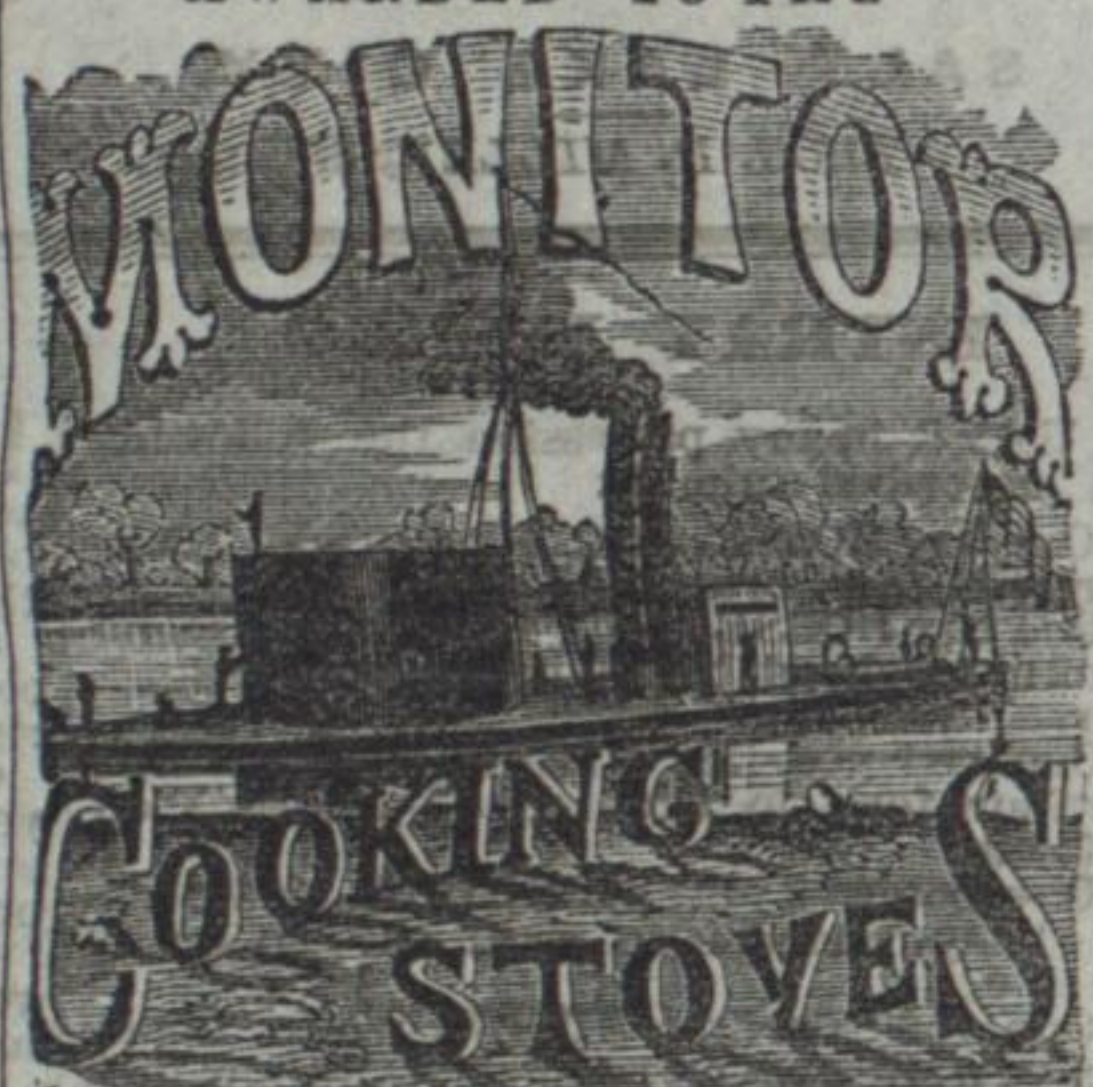
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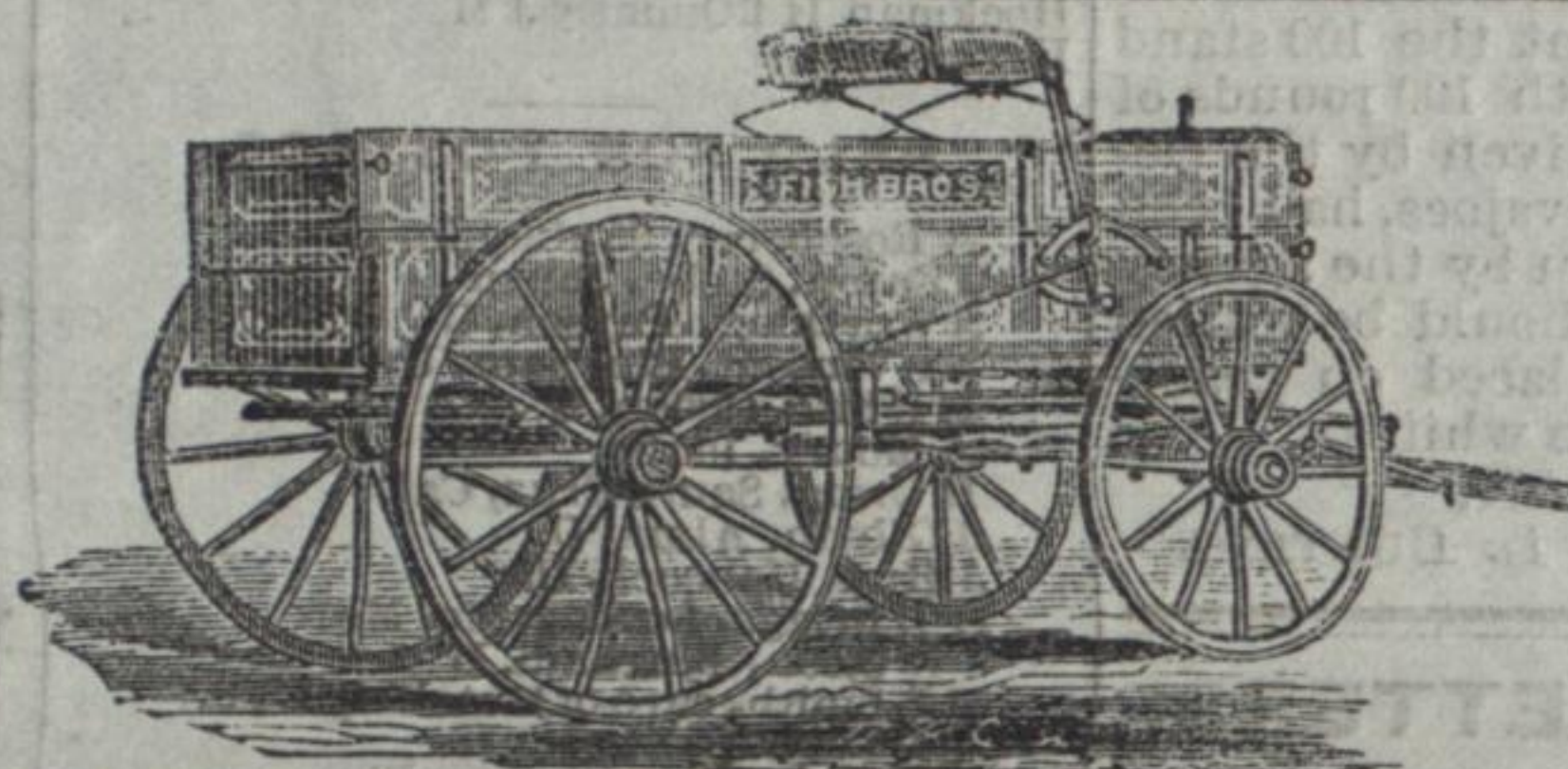
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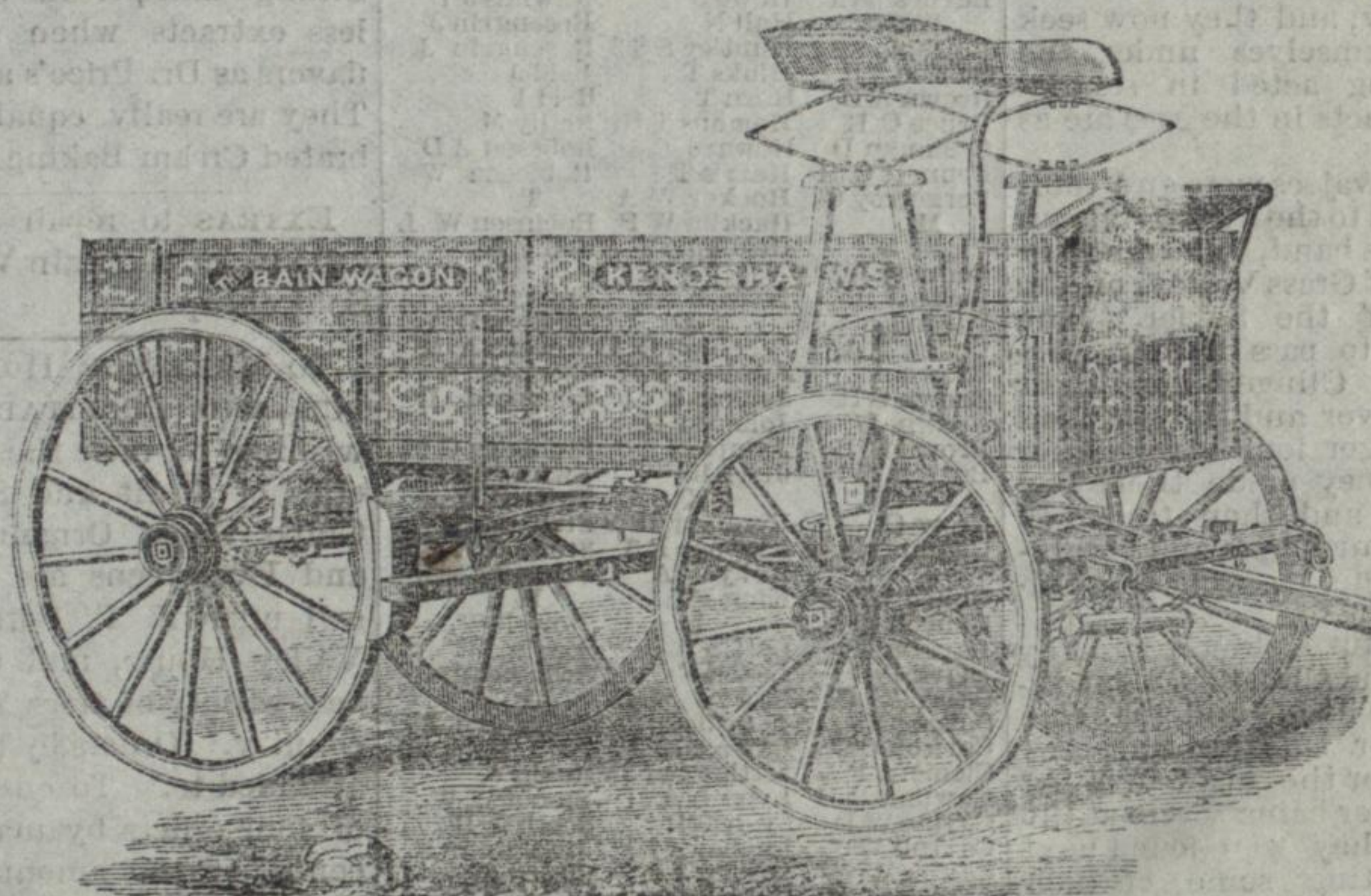
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