

— For what does M. D. stand? Don't exactly know. It represents Doctor of Medicine, Medical Doctor, Mule Driver, Medical Distinction, Mulatto Doctor, Mileage Dividend (for Congressmen), Mine Digger, Military Department or Division, Mischief Doer.

— Dyspepsia is not without its compensations. Mr. Jones, of Wilmington, Del., suffered from it for nearly a year. But it rendered his stomach uninhabitable for a lizard that had dwelt there for ten years, and the reptile crawled out of his mouth one day last week.

— Now it is known what a high-toned affair is. A witness in a divorce case at Muncie, Ind., described the wedding as such. On being asked why he called it high-toned he said he never saw anything tonier than the way in which the groom pitched into his father-in-law and got his nose bit off.

— They do their best down in Texas, poor creatures, though the population is sparse. Mr. A. Wade, of El Paso county, is an example of how they do it. He is the father of 50 children—13 by his first wife, 18 by his second, 10 by his third, 6 by his fourth, and up to present writing, 3 by his fifth.

— Grading out in California, in the San Diego country, must be exciting business. The *World* of San Diego mentions an instance of where the workmen grading for a railway near that city, came upon a colony of tarantulas. These venomous spiders attacked the Irishmen and actually drove the men into the water, the only safe retreat.

— An Irishman was brought into a Police Court of a suburban town in Rhode Island, recently, charged with having been drunk. "Guilty or not guilty?" said the Judge. Looking up cunningly in the Judge's face, the prisoner said: "They both the same price, ain't they, yer honor? Five dollars and costs."

— The clown of a circus exhibiting in a little town in Virginia made an exhortation to his audience, in which he took them to task severely for paying a dollar to see him act the fool, when they stunted their preacher. It had a marked effect. The Christians left, the local preachers got up a revival, and a collection for foreign missions resulted in the sum of four dollars.

— The Wareham *News* man says a former principal of Middleborough Academy, at one time on the approach of a tempest, insulated his chair on four pieces of glass, and as he thought, politely invited a young lady to sit in his lap for safety. To show the popularity of the man of letters, the young lady replied she would rather be struck by lightning.

— It is believed that Stokes could obtain bail at any time and take his proposed trip to Europe, but by advice of counsel, he remains in the Tombs. This advice is given on the ground that he would lose the sympathy he has gained so far, if he was discharged from custody without the consent of a jury. His counsel say that his next trial will result in an acquittal. —N. Y. Graphic.

— A farmer and his wife called at a Detroit photograph gallery to order some photographs of her, and while the operator was getting ready the husband gave the wife a little advice as to how she must act: "Fasten your mind on something," he said, "or else you'll laugh, and spile the job. Think about early days; how your father got in jail, and your mother was an old scolder, and what you'd have been if I hadn't pitied you, just fasten your mind on to that."

— The world will be astonished to learn that the discovery of how to fly has at last been made by a Belgian inventor, who made a highly successful aerial voyage at Brussels the other day. The distance accomplished was the same as that which marked the feat of Darius Green of poetic memory—to wit, a straight line between the perch from whence he flew and the hospitable ground which received him directly underneath. Curiously enough, the Belgians who beheld the triumph were so highly indignant at the result that they fell upon the unhappy voyager and nearly pounded him to death. It is estimated that science in Belgium has been put back a century by the result.

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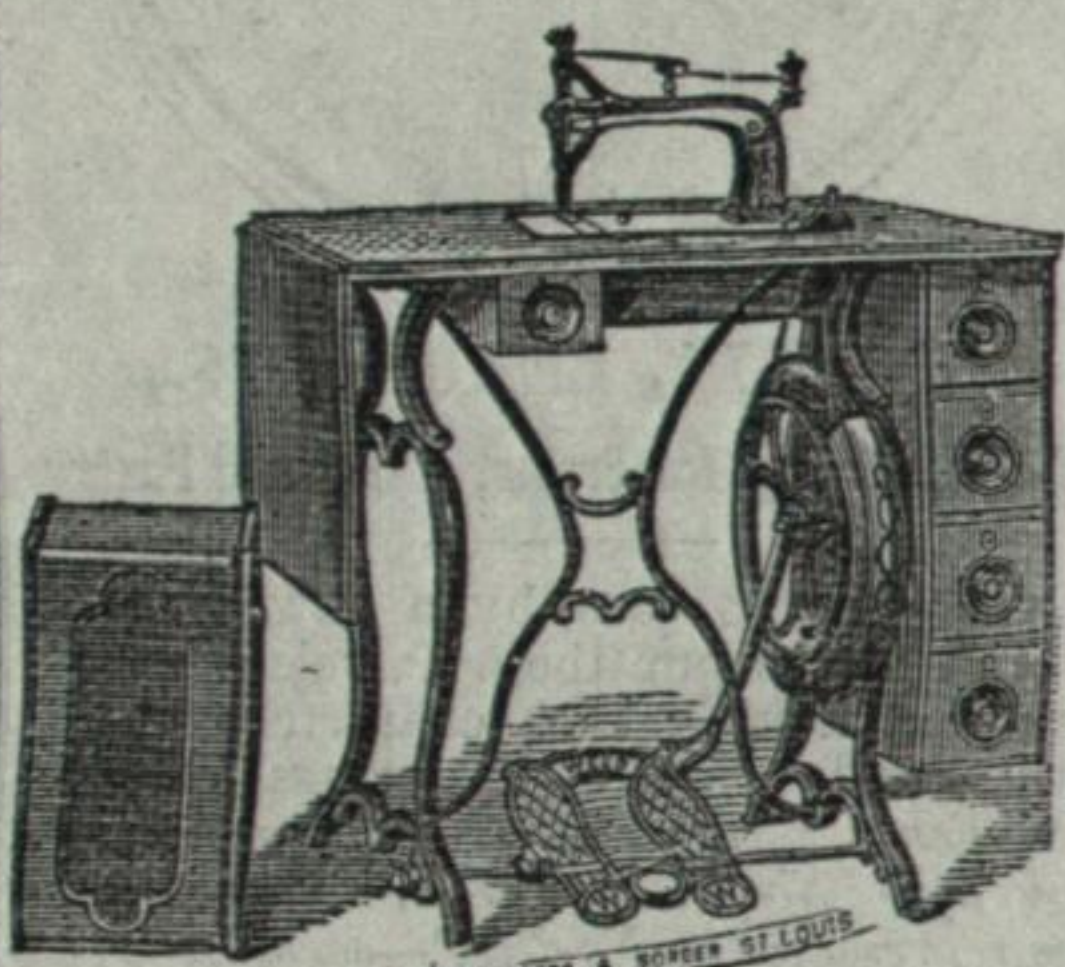
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