

Correspondence.

A Change—The Present Storm—The Virginia Fire—The Salt Lake Fire—Worms—Communing Violence—Best Business—Are Women Really So?

SALT LAKE CITY,
Oct. 28th, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

Our uncommonly fine Fall has come to a close. Now we have a wintry change in the weather. So late as yesterday the dust on the streets was very unpleasant. In consequence of the drouth and the traffic much of it had become so fine as to be almost impalpable, but not quite so, for the agitation of passing teams would fill the air with it, so that one could scarcely see. This dustiness is one of the bad features of this climate, and is destructive to clothing and exceedingly annoying to eyes, mouth, throat, and lungs. If it is conducive to health, it certainly is not to pleasure.

This last storm came along in the old-fashioned way for this locality. There was a struggle of the elements from cool and cloudy Saturday till rainy Wednesday night before the storm really broke over our devoted heads. If it continues according to the old fashioned rule, it may last, off and on, from one to three weeks. It was needed, for the roads were bad, and the dust almost insufferable, and trees and buildings were "pugged up" with it. Now the dust is laid and trees and roofs are washed clean.

What a dreadful dispensation was that Virginia fire! An overwhelming present catastrophe. A calamity most sudden and grievous. Thousands of people, many of tender sex, age and condition, in an hour deprived of house and home, at the beginning of the most inclement season of the year! Now's the time for the heart that can feel for another. There is a good opportunity for the exhibition of a little pure religion and undefiled, which, according to the apostle, consists in visiting the widow and the fatherless, or for the matter of that anybody else, in affliction. If one cannot visit them personally, it may be possible to do it by the proxy of a little welcome material aid.

To-night we have a big blaze in our own city, and the property between Mr. Jennings' old house and warehouse and the White House hotel, goes down. The stillness of the atmosphere and the dampness from the falling snow are favorable to putting out the fire, or it is hard to guess where the end will be. The firemen work nobly to restrict the sweep of the conflagration and save adjoining buildings. Won't people building hereafter avoid the use of so much combustible material? One would think they would, especially in raising structures so closely connected with others. To build so many flimsy lumber houses jammed so close together comes very near to the nature of a crime.

Mr. Plant has an affecting piece of poetry in the News about worms. He is a great foe to worms, he is death on them, and they flee before his persistent medicinal attacks. If it is agreeable I should like to suggest to him that there is a worm which he has not vanquished yet, perhaps has not attacked it, and that is the apple worm, for it remains master of the situation. It is a foeman worthy of his steel, or of his potions. If he can and will wage successful war against that, and exterminate it on the botanical system, he will be worthy of a gold medal and everybody's thanks. Let him cast the apple worm out.

All's well that ends well, says the proverb, which I am not disposed to dispute to-day. But I hardly approve of that commutation of rapine-guiltiness by marriage of the parties. Rapine is fraud by force, and whitewashing the offence by marriage is simply giving a man that which he has forcibly appropriated to his own use. Where the appropriation is not forced, but made by mutual consent of the parties, it is not "rapine," and then marriage might well end the affair and no more be said about it. But where actual and evident rapine exists, and the innocent are forcefully defrauded and done hateful violence to, it is like offering a premium to such diabolical ruffianism and criminality to seek to commute the penalty by marriage of the parties. Were such

a policy to become common, all that a villain would have to do if he was ambitious to have a girl would be to forcibly seize and violate her, and then make it up by marrying her, which in many cases would be adding supreme insult to irreparable injury.

It seems to me that the stove sellers and tinner have the best business now. They are as busy as bees, and they are not quite so anxious to see customers as they were in the Summer. They claim they are overrun with work and are likely to be till Christmas. They ought to be thankful, which I have no doubt they are, notwithstanding, for it is not everybody who has more work than he can do just now. Rather there are many people who would be glad if they had a good deal more than they have.

Are women really the weaker sex? They will trudge through mud, slush, and snow, with their feet clad in thin frail booties, that would give a man his death were he to wear them under similar circumstances.

Are women really the cleaner sex? They will march through the streets with six inches or a foot of skirt trailing in the dust, mud, or worse nastiness, but you never see men draggle their coat tails in any such way. How is it? Which sex manifests the more delicacy in this matter?

RAMBLER.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

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Oct. 29th, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

The exhibition of pyrotechnics last evening was grand, verging on the sublime. Surely those gentlemen put up those "tinder-boxes" expressly for exhibition, and all must surely acknowledge that they succeeded most admirably. I have seen quite a number of such sights, one in particular. I shall always remember it, having, while exerting myself strenuously on the engines, had three ribs broken. I was carried home on a stretcher, had a doctor's bill to pay for my pains, and not one "thank you, sir." That was quite sufficient. But seriously, if men will persist in these follies, why not, as gas tar is now cheap and abundant, soak every rafter, shingle, and piece of lumber composing these cheap shells, so as to do the business more quickly and make sure work?—uppose the slums back of the Elephant, and north, yeelp Commercial, were to go, and then of course, all the business portions of the city.

But now to business. If you must build of wood, why not, like sensible men, render all your material fire proof, so that it cannot by any possibility burn. This can be done and cheaply too. Material is abundant, cheap, and easily applied. There are no bad effects, quite the reverse, why not do it to all shingle coverings, etc? Thus prepared they could at most only smoulder, and incendiaryism, to a great extent, would be checked. Prof. Barfoot, or any other scientist, could give all information as to process, etc. Yours, &c.,
O. B. SERVER.

A novelty in journalism is the publication by a paper at Boulogne-sur-Mer, a French watering place, of a list of all marriageable ladies newly arrived. Young and old are both mentioned.

A Titusville philosopher is cudgeling his ounce of brains in an attempt to understand why a woman can fall in love with a man who has a cork leg. Somebody ought to inform him at once that in nine cases out of ten a cork leg is much the most intelligent and incorruptible part of a man, and that there is now and then a woman who comprehends the fact.

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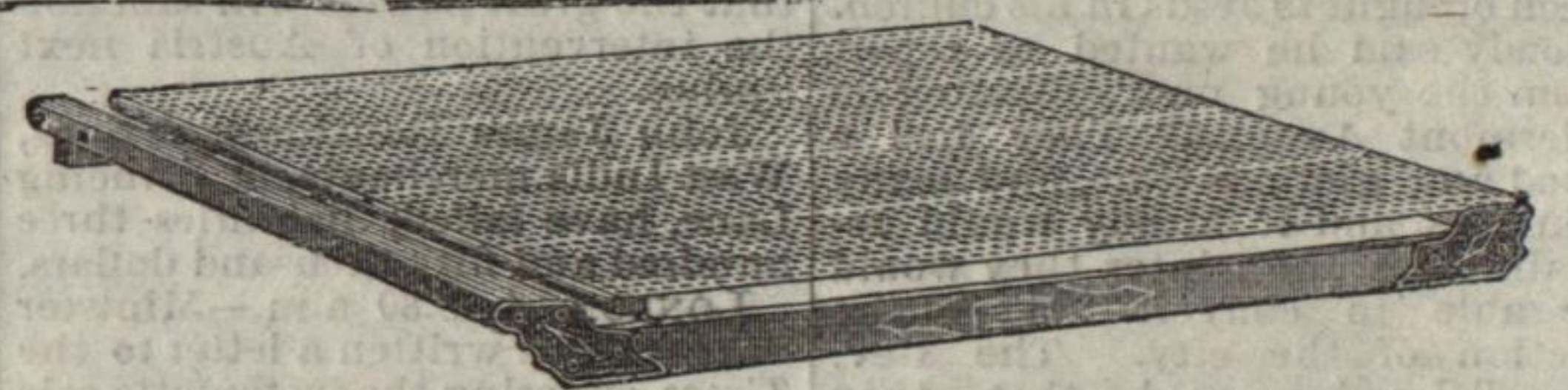
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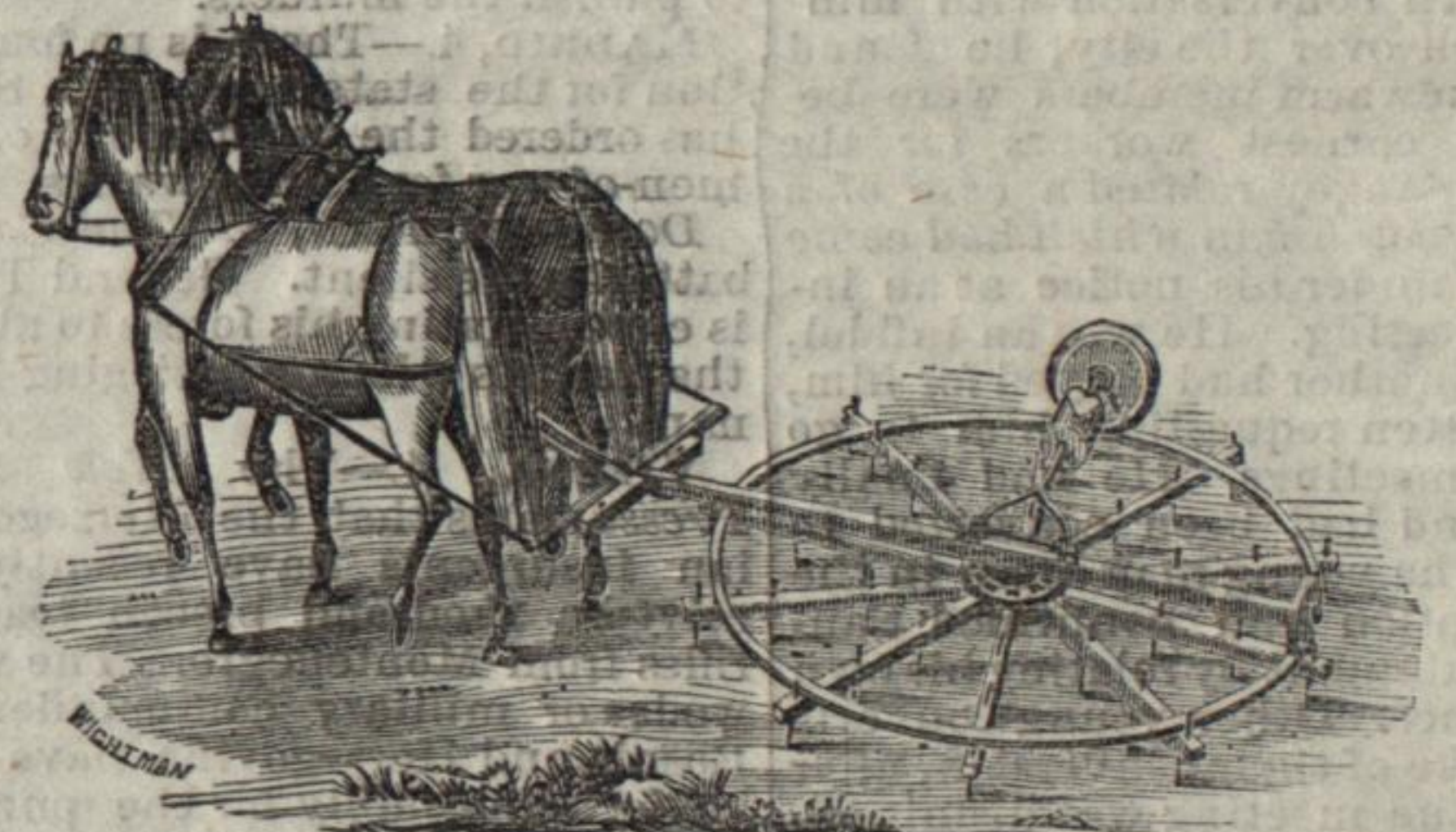
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