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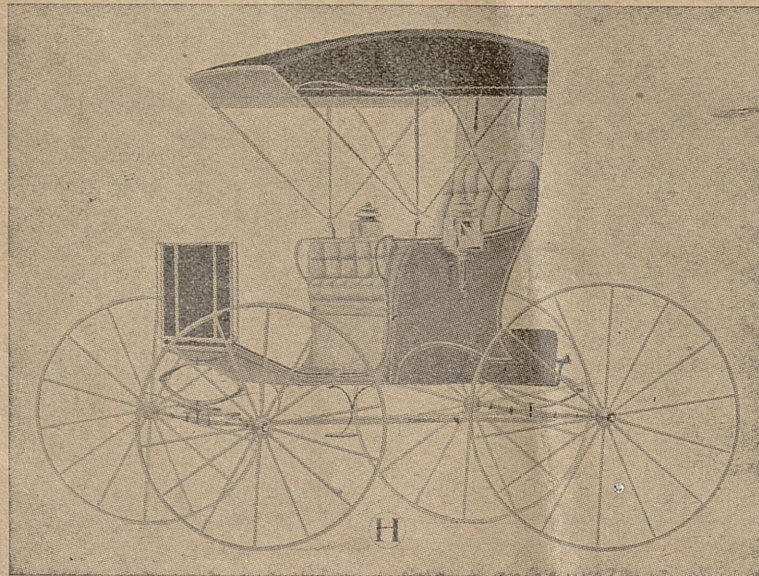
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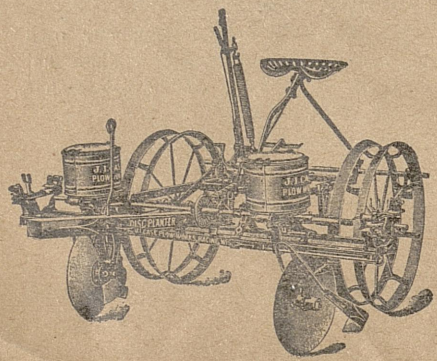


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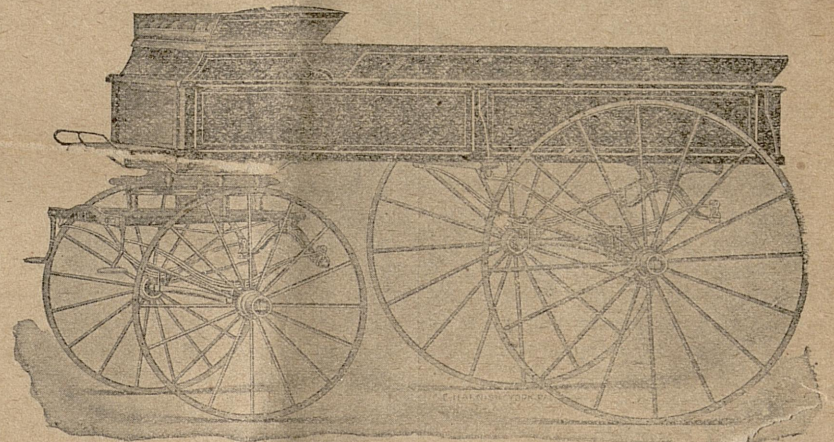
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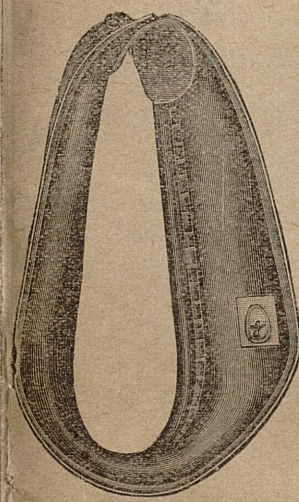
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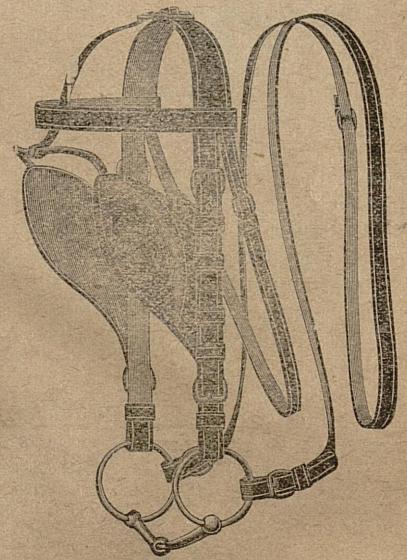


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My dear Mr. Redd:—

Will you permit me to take issue with you on your "Know-Nothing" editorial of last week. Were you an old maid you would not claim to be an antediluvian. I was raised on a contiguous farm, and my mind is clear as a bell about things religious and political in Fayette county for full fifty years. My knowledge goes back through my father, for some twenty years, when you and your older brothers shot black birds in his grove and I was not born. You were boys and my father admired you, because you were kin to Oliver Frazier, who had the broadness to advocate the appointment to a lucrative position of a German-French Catholic over a Scotch Presbyterian in those Know-Nothing days.

Know-Nothings had only the shibboleth "America for Americans," forgetting that old Americans were "foreigners," and that every able-bodied man of right instincts was a valuable asset. There has not been a day in seventy years at least when a Catholic was not as safe on the streets of Lexington as in his mother's arms. I refer you to the roster of Fayette county men who were held in the highest esteem before the "Bloody Monday" of Louisville and who were aliens of many nationalities. A German Jew was our foremost citizen. I refer you also to Father Badin's memoirs. His Lexington experiences, which one so kindly and graciously told, date before the visit of La Fayette.

The only anti-Catholic organization that Lexington ever had was the A. P. A., and their point was that the numerous Catholics all about the country would be "torches," in the event of war with any power of that creed, and the unthinking had faith in that belief. They entirely forgot that family fights, and war within political and religious compose of especial venom. I am glad that during the Civil War, for instance, you were in Missouri and I in Kentucky, for we both know what

brothers in blood and religion will do when they get stirred up. Most Catholics turned out en masse to fight the Spanish arose in the fact that a majority of the officers and mariners of the Maine were of that faith, and the blowing up of that ship was treachery of brother to brother and bad faith among nations. Was there ever a regiment in any war, all of one faith, all property holders or the sons of such, fighting their co-religionists? I refer you to the 69th New York which Lexington so grandly entertained.

My dear sir, we do not agree about Know-nothingism, A. P. A'ism, night riding, toll-house burning or plant-bed scraping. Things will live or die dependent on the amount of truth in them. The two first died beautifully. Men built roads, got the return of their money in enhanced value of their property, and when dividends were paid on the stock, and a tribute upon travel, then the shout of the freedom of the King's highway brought monarchy, arson and murder, but free roads. The levy of a trust has brought about exactly the same state of affairs. I comment to you a reading of the Scriptures—about bees and ants—and an invasion of hive and hill and a remembrance of tea and taxation. I wish to recall to you the utterance of an Irishman on that side—"Resistance to tyranny is service to God," and this undying sentence of another on this, "Is life so dear or peace so sweet, etc." and then you may read clearly the sequel of the present troubles.

X. Y. Z.

He who undertakes to choose his own way in life "takes his life in his hand"—runs a tremendous risk. Let God choose for you, both in the larger purposes of life and in its minor steps. There is no risk in risking all with One who is infinite in wisdom and love and power.

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RETALIATION BEGINS.

Herald Editorial.

According to dispatches from Frankfort, members of the American Society of Equity have received letters warning them not to raise corn, or wheat, or any other grain, with the threat that if they disobey this warning their cattle will be poisoned, or their residences and barns burned. Some of these letters have been given to the Adjutant General and will be turned over to the Postoffice Department, that the State and Federal authorities may endeavor to discover and bring to punishment their authors.

This is the natural result of the campaign of intimidation inaugurated by the night riders to prevent any tobacco being raised this year. We predicted last October such a result. When it did not come in the past six weeks we hoped, we almost believed it would not come at all and that there would be no spirit of retaliation shown, no further outrages committed. But that hope was premature. The developments of the past few days indicate there is going to be in certain counties of the Blue Grass further outrages, with a spirit of unrest, anxiety, and alarm prevalent among those few who attempt to raise tobacco and those who are thought to be responsible for the unlawful methods used to prevent others from raising tobacco. If we are right in our forecast of the future the late summer and fall will witness more and greater outrages than have been already committed. Then will be the time when the privations of those who have not raised tobacco through fear will be the greatest and their resentment bitterest against those whom they will hold responsible.

The only protection any citizen has from such outrages as are threatened is the enforcement of the law, the certainty of punishment of any crime. The conditions are improving rapidly in Southwestern Kentucky. Numerous indictments have been found and some verdicts rendered against those who participate in the

crimes committed there. But so far there have been no indictments returned in any of the Blue Grass counties. The incendiaries who burned the barns in Woodford and Scott, the miscreants who poisoned cattle in Fayette, the participants in the outrages in Bracken and Mason and Harrison still ride free. Now every one must realize that his only safeguard from the possibility of losing his cattle or having his house burned is that it be demonstrated that all criminals are brought to the bar of justice and convicted.

There is a sner, sounder, more wholesome public opinion being rapidly formed. If the public officials, whose duty it is to ferret out and punish crime, will act vigorously and private citizens who have knowledge of the perpetrators of such crimes will act dutifully and fearlessly, we may escape the dangers which loom up in the not distant future. But if they fail to bring to punishment those who have already committed crimes, we gravely fear our predictions of last October will be but a faint description of what really happens.

SHADY SIDE OF LIFE.

We have been in this county a long while, and never had a bird's-eye-view of the shady side of man's life until we served on the Grand Jury and then every crime known to man, from idle talk to murder has a thorough investigation by twelve men sworn to secrecy.

If it were not for that we would lay before our readers a picture, so dark that you might expect at any moment, what happened to the antediluvians.

They ate, they drank, married and were given in marriage when the floods came and destroyed the whole earth and only eight souls were saved, or what happened in the day of Lot, when Sodom and Gomarrath were destroyed, "they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded. And fire and brimstone was rained down from Heaven and destroyed them all.

Even thus shall it be in the days when the Son of Man is revealed. Therefore set your houses in order before the revelation takes place.

A FAIR DEAL.

It is best to take with a pinch of allowance a statement from a discharged employee.

If a fellow blows before he is blown, because things are radically wrong, then ordinarily his evidence will pass current with the Jury, but when he is blown and turns tell-tale-til, he generally gets what the tell-tale-til always got at school, a punishment for his pains.

Right here the law is defective, and puts a premium on a perjurer or self-confessed murderer who admits that he is partly to the crime and swears the life of an innocent man away, when he turns state evidence to save his own miserable life. And yet there are some jurors who are so prejudiced against a cause that they will believe this self-confessed villain. Public opinion should be so great that it would make this prisoner do as Judas Iscariot did, go out and hang himself.

THE BORDER-LINE PATHWAY.

The path of righteousness lies along the border line of two worlds, earth and Heaven. Therefore, Christian, do not start out expecting to have an easy time of it. The tides of evil and good meet in this border-line pathway, and roll up against each other with tremendous power, but, thank God, they part company at Heaven's gateway. The unseen force in the Lord's staff is greater than the strongest and most elaborate equipment of the enemy. The path of righteousness is the path of victory. Cross after cross may have to be pulverized and laid beneath our feet. When Christ trod this path He and His cross were inseparable. So it may be with us but He entered the gate without a cross and so shall we.

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