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From the Cultivator.

A LOOKING-GLASS.

J. BUEL, Esq —

Dear Sir—When I was a boy, I can well remember how I used to be induced to wash my smutty face, by having a looking glass held before my eyes. For the same purpose, I have extracted the following picture of a farmer,' from the writings of that most eccentric and excellent writer, Samuel Slick,' in the hopes that it any of your readers should happen to see any part of himself therein, that he will improve by the view. Here it is.

"* * * That critter, when he built that wreck of a house (they call 'em a half house here,) intended to add as much more to it some of these days, and accordingly put his chumbley outside to serve the new part as well as the old. He has been too 'busy' ever since, you see, to remove the backing put there the first fall, to keep the frost out of the cellar, and consequently it has rotted the sills off, and the house has fell away from the crumbley, and he has had to prop it up with great sticks of timber, to keep it from coming down on his head a'together. All the winders are boarded up but one, and that might as well be, for little light can penetrate them old hats and red flannel petticoats. Look at the barn, its broken back roof has let the gable ends fall in where they stand staring at each other as if they would like to come closer together (and no doubt they soon will,) to consult what best to be done to give them *standing* in the world. Now look at the stock; there's your improved short horns.' Them dirty looking, half starved geese, and them drag gle-tailed fowls that are so poor the foxes would be ashamed to steel' them—that lame Indian-raised pig is good eatin' exercise out of a pen, that's so weak he can't cut his own throat—that old cow ruminating there with her eyes shut, and looking for all the world as tho' she was contemplating her latter end—(and with good reason too) and that other reddish yellow long wooled varmint, with his hocks higher than his belly, that looks as it he had come to her funeral, and which by way of distinction, his owner calls a horse—is all the stock.' I guess that this *farmer* supports upon a hundred acres of as *good* natural soil as ever laid out door. Now there's a specimen of 'Native Stock.' I reckon he'll migrate to a warmer climate soon, for you see while he was writing to finish that thing you see the hen's roosting on, that he calls a sled, he's had to burn up all the fence round the house, but there's no danger of cattle breaking into his fields, and his old mulley has taint now to steal around among the neighbors fields o' nights looking for an open gate or bars to snatch a mouthful now and then. For it you was to mow that meadow with a razor and rake it with a fine tooth comb, you couldn't get enough to winter a grasshopper. 'Spose we drive up to the door and have a word of chat with Nick Bradshaw, and see if he is as promising as outside appearances indicate.

'Observing us from the only light of glass remaining in the window, Nick *lifted the door* and laying it aside, emerged from the kitchen parlor and smoke house, to reconnoitre. He was a tall, well built, athletic man, of great personal strength and surprising activity, who looked like a careless good natured fellow, fond of talking, and from the appearance of the little black pipe which stuck in one corner of his mouth, equally so of smoking; and as he appeared to fancy us to be candidates, no doubt he was already enjoying in prospective the neighboring tap room. Just look at em—Happy critter—his hat crown has lost the top out, and the rim hangs like the bail of a bucket. His trowsers and jacket show clearly that he has had clothes of other colors in other days The untan'd mocasin on one foot, which contrasts with the old shoe on the other, shows him a friend to domestic manufactures: and his beard is no bad match for the wooly horse yonder. See the waggish independent sort of a look the critter has, with his hat on one side and hands in his breeches pockets, contemplating the beauties of his farm. You may talk a bout patience and fortitude, philosophy and christain resignation, and all that sort of thing till your tired, but—ah, here he comes 'Morning, Mr. Bradshaw—how's all home to day?' 'Right comfortable,' (mark that—comfort in such a place,) 'I give thanks—come, light an come in. I'm sorry can't feed your hoss—but the fact is, tan't bin no use to try to raise no crops, late years, for body don't git half paid for their labor, these hard times. I raised a nice bunch o potatoes last year, and as I couldn't get nothing worth while for 'em in the fall, I tho't I'de keep 'em till spring. But as frost set in, while I was down town 'lection time, the boys didn't fix up the old cellar door, and this infernal cold winter freze 'em all. It's them what you smell now, and I've just been telling the old woman that we must turn too and carry them out of the cellar, 'fore long they'll make some of us sick like enough—for there's no telling what may happen to a body late years. And if the next legislator don't do something for us, the Lord knows but the whole country will starve, for it seems as tho' the land now a days won't raise nothing. It's actually *run out*.' Why, I should think by the look of things around your neighbor Horton's that his land produced pretty well.' Why, yes—and it's a miracle too, how he gits it—for every body round here said, when he took up that track, it was the poorest in the town. There are some folks that think he has dealings with the 'black art,' for it does seem as tho' the more he work'd his land, the better it got.'

'Now, here was a mystery—but an easy explanation of Mr. Slick soon solved the matter at last to my mind. The fact is, says Mr. Slick, a great deal of the country is *run out*. And if it warnt for the bays, marshes, seaweed, salt and and what not, they've got here in such quantities, and a few Horton's to enjoy it, the whole country would *run out* and dwindle away to just such a good natured good-for-nothing do nothing fellows as this Nick Bradshaw, and his wrong boss and worthless sheep, and reckless farm, and comfortless house, it indeed such a great waste of land ploughing is worthy the name of a farm.

'Now, by way of contrast to all this, do you see that neat little cottage looking house on yonder farm-do want to be right there where you see those beautiful stone trees. The house is on fire—that is a real fact. That's what I call natural—and no bad sales by an orchard of best grafted fruit, flower garden in front, that the gallant and a most grand sarce garden just over there, where it runs the wash of the buildings, nicely shaded by a fine bunch of shrubbery. Then see them excellent big barns—and by gosh, their contents they costs as thick as moles. Fine flowers, honeysuckles and rose bushes, shows what sort of a family lives there just as plain as thaas shows which way the wind blows.'

'Them gulls, ain't 'em really racing round in ecstacy and kicking their heels and feet exposed in thin ships to the wind, and their honor to a tucker pretty. No—take my word for it, when you see gulls busy a our such things, keep them busy and when folks are busy about their own business, they've no time to get into mischief. It keeps them healthy, too and as cheerful as larks. I'm a mind will 'light here, and view this citizen's improvement, and we shall be welcomed to a real substantial breakfast, that would be worthy to be taken as a pattern by any farmer's wife in America.

'We were met at the door by Mr. Horton, who greeted us cordially with the warm salutation of an old acquaintance and expressed the satisfaction he felt to see his hospitable, for the honor of my visit. He was a plain, healthy, fine looking man about fifty, dressed as a farmer should be, with the stamp of 'HOME PUN,' legible upon every garment, not forgetting a very handsome silk handkerchief, the work throughout of his oldest daughter. The room into which we were ushered, bore the same stamp of neatness and comfort that the outside appearance indicated. A substantial homemade carpet covered the floor, and a well filled book-case and writing desk, were in the right place, among the contents of which, I observed several Agricultural periodicals. I was particularly struck with the scrupulously neat and appropriate attire of the wife and two intelligent interesting daughters, that were busily engaged in the morning operations of the dairy. After partaking of an excellent breakfast Mr Horton invited us to walk over his farm, which tho' small, was every part in such a fine state of cultivation, that he did not even express a fear of starving, unless the legislature did something, to keep the land from running out.'

'We bade adieu to this happy family, and proceeded on our journey fully impressed with the contrast between a good and bad farmer and for my own part, perfectly satisfied with the manner that Mr. Slick had taken to impress it on the city upon my own mind.

'Mr. Slick seemed wrapped in contemplation of the scenes of the morning for a long time At length he broke forth in one of his happy strains. 'The fame of this country, 'Squire, and indeed of all America, is having TOO MUCH LAND—they *run over* more ground than they can cultivate, & crop the land year after year, without manure, till it is no wonder that *it's run out*.' A very large portion of land in America has been 'run out,' by repeated grain crops, and bad husbandry, and a great portion of this great country is in a fair way to be ruined. The two Carolinas and Virginny are covered with places that are 'run out,' and are given up as ruined, and there are whole gy site too many such places all over New England, and a great many other states. We hav'nt the surplus of wheat that we used to have, in the United States, and it'll never be so plenty while there are so many Nick Bradshaw,s in the country.

'The fact is this,' Squire, education is deucedly neglected. True, we have a site of schools and colleges, but they an't the right kind. The same Nick Bradshaw has been clean through one on 'em, and twas there that he larnt that infernal lazy habit of drinking and smoking, that has been the ruin of him ever since. I would'nt give an old fashioned swing tail clock, to have my son go to college where he could'nt work enough to arn his own living and larn how to work it right to.

'It actilly frightens me, when I think how the land is worked an skinned till they take the gizard out on't, when it might be growing better every day. Thousands of acres every year are turned into barrens, while an everlasting stream of our folks are streaking it off to the new country,' where about half on 'em after wading about among the tadpoles to catch catfish enough to live on a year or two, acutly strike themselves to death with that ever lasting cuss of all new countries, the fever and ague. It's a melancholy fact, 'Squire, tho' our people don't seem to be sensible of it, but you nor I may not live to see it, but it lies a heavy load on posterity's bones for another hundred years, and if this goes on for another hundred years, as it has for the last among the farmers, we'll be a nation of paupers. Talk about the Legislature doing some long, I'd wish you was to have to do. Just a great piece o guide boards, and mail 'em up over every Legislature, church, and school house on in America, with these words on 'em in great letters, 'THE SOIL HAS TO AMERICA BY CONSENT CURSED WITHOUT MANURE, WILL YOU CEASE and I'd have em also, provide means to learn every child how to read it cause there's no use to try to larn the old ones they're so set in their ways. They're in the constant stretch with the Devil they have, and at the same trying to get more, without improving any on't. Yes, yes, yes, *for ought I larn* is the ruin of us all.

'Although you will find a thousand more good things among the writings of 'The Clockmaker,' I hope you will not look for *literal* copy of the foregoing.—And if ever this meets the eye of the writer of the Sayings and doings of Samuel Slick,' I beg him to excuse me for the liberty I have taken with his own language. I remain your agriculture friend.

SOLON ROBINSON.

Lake C. H. Fa. October 12, 1838.

LAKE COTTY HOUSE, Fa. } March 20 1839. }

To the Editor of the Franklin Farmer:

VALUABLE DISCOVERY. Dear Sir: In your paper of the 24 inst. is a cure for the poll evil in its incipient state. Here is a cure for it in its worst state:

When the swelling breaks, or if it has been sometime a running sore, it will have a pipe or tube from which the matter discharges: it to this crowd a lump of pelitish or potash, as big as you can with your finger. Three such applications will cure the worst case of poll evil or fistula that ever I saw. So much for horses.

In the human family, the worst cases of cholera morbus, dysentery, bloody flux, &c. that I ever saw, I have repeatedly cured in a few minutes, or hours by a strong tea made of the bark of the sweet gum: taken green from the tree I best: steep a handful in a pint of water until the liquor is like good coffee: drink it clear or sweetened with loaf sugar, or add a glass of good brandy if the attact is very severe.

If not infallible, it is remarkable in its effects, and well worth being known and tried in every family.

Your friend

SOLON ROBINSON.

We can add our own testimony to the value of the sweet gum: for having experienced amazing and speedy relief from its use in a violent case of dysentery which refused to yield to the usual remedies. We have also seen, in the last few years, its wonderful influence in [illegible] cases. We have [illegible] made from the bark with green ginger, and have discovered no [illegible] once in the effects both being [illegible]

[Franklin Farmer.

HOW TO RELIEVE CHOKED CATTLE.—It will be recollected by the constant readers of the Telegraph, that some months since, John Conant, of this village, published an article in the Telegraph addressed to farmers, making known a method for relieving cattle choked with potatoes, or other substances. The object of this paragraph is to call attention to the subject again, and to add my own testimony in favor of the remedy. A few mornings since, one of my cows was choked with a potatoe. Living but a short distance from my friend Conant, the author of the article alluded to, I sent for his assistance, as I had never witnessed the operation. He came with a quantity of gunpowder, took about as much as would be necessary to charge a common fowling-piece two or three times, inclosed it in paper, somewhat after the manner of preparing a cartridge, and while I held the cow's head up, he with his hand, thrust the preparation down her throat, as far as convenient. I held her head up a moment, until she had broken and swallowed the charge, which soon produced bearing, but the first trial did not succeed. After waiting a few minutes, we repeated the process, which succeeded admirably, and the poor, distressed animal was relieved at once. She raised the potatoe, chewed and swallowed it. Let whoever has occasion, try the experiment.

Vermont Telegraph.

RAMROD'S ESSENTIAL TINCTURE OF GRIDIRON OR, NATURE'S GRAND RESTORATIVE.

Dr. Simeon Ramrod, by scrutinous and chemical analization of vegetable substances, has recently discovered that Gridirons contain a subtle, invigorating fluid, sympathetically allied to the nerves of *magnetic* fluid of the human body, which being shortly extracted and properly prepared becomes a specific and infallible remedy, for almost every complaint of mind and body to which human nature has been subject since the flood—It is found also to have a powerful effect upon the brute creation, and even vegetable substances, to be a wonderful restorative, to the exhausted energies of age, and to impart new vigor and life to the [illegible] It is universally admitted by [illegible] that it would be [illegible] *Rose of Sharon* [illegible] proved beneficial, it would be but to give a description of the diseases to which men, women and children are subject, the following are but a few out of a thousand and *hundreds* of certificates which have been, or may be produced as a testimony of the truth of it, viz:

The subscriber has long been afflicted with the hookworm, to such a degree that nearly all his teeth had to be drawn out, and by an unjust sentence, he also underwent the [illegible] but both his ears cut off. By applying a little of the *Tincture of Gridiron* to his head his teeth were restored, and his head was so fully supplied with hair as that part of ears as he could boast of the day he was born.

JOHN EARWIG

Not long since, riding on the highway my horse stumbled and fell, and so fatigued himself as to be unable to proceed a *league* of a plot of the *Tincture of Gridiron* in the neighborhood, and suddenly found myself at the end of my journey, without further trouble.

J. STEELWELL.

Riding out the the other day, I accidentally fell into a ditch, and broke my legs, my arms, and my neck. Obtaining a bottle of the *Tincture of Gridiron*, I immediately recovered, and have never been near a ditch since, not for a desire to approach one.

TOM TUMBLE.

Walking, not long since, near the machinery of a mill I was caught, and entangled between two cogwheels, and every bone in my body broken to pieces—A phial of *Ramrod's Tincture of Gridiron*, being thrown into the pond, I found myself restored, and as whole and sound as a roach.

DICK WHEELRIG.

NOTE—Gridirons taken in their natural state, and, particularly, taken whole are by skilful chemists the most dreaded extremely dangerous. For the recent discovery, of a mode of preparing the Tincture from them places them in the first rank of Vegetable plants.

Destroyer of Comic Bills. Each bottle is stopped with a gimblet, and sealed with [illegible] Ramrod's Tincture of Gridiron. To be sold (only) by [illegible] in Frying Pan Alley, at the sign of the Barbecue, who always sells true to his own name.

S. RAMROD.

RAIL RIDING.

The [illegible] scene of [illegible] near Tallahassee, Florida, [illegible] Judge Lynch—

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