







Miscellaneous.

SIGNS OF RAIN.

The "Signs of Rain" were addressed by the celebrated Dr. Jenner to a friend.

INVENTOR OF SEWING MACHINES.

In Cornhill, Boston, thirty years ago, there was a shop for the manufacture and repair of nautical instruments, and philosophical apparatus, kept by Ari Davis.

In the year 1839, two men in Boston—one a mechanic and the other a capitalist—were striving to produce a knitting machine, which proved to be a task beyond their strength.

When the inventor was at his wit's end, his capitalist brought the machine to the shop of Ari Davis, to see if that eccentric genius could suggest the solution of the difficulty.

Among the workmen who stood by and listened to the conversation was a young man from the country, a new hand, named Elias Howe, then twenty years old.

The spirit of invention, as all mechanics know, is exceedingly contagious. One man in a shop who invents something that proves successful, will give the mania to half his companions.

One day in 1844, the thought flashed upon him, it is necessary that a machine should imitate the performance of the hand.

neighborhood, intending to remain until he was twenty-one. A kind of inherited lameness rendered the hand of a farmer's boy distressing to him, and after trying it for a year, he returned to his father's house, and resumed his place in the mills, where he continued until he was sixteen.

One of his young friends, returning from Lowell about this time, gave him such a pleasing description of that famous town, that he was on fire to go thither. In 1835, with his parents' reluctant consent, he went to Lowell, and obtained a learner's place in a large manufactory of cotton machinery.

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In our notice of Mr. Willard's address at the recent annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society, we were surprised to find so little in English dairy farming which could be adopted here to advantage.

At a twenty-one, being still a journeyman machinist, earning nine dollars a week, he married; and, in time, children came with inconvenient frequency. Nine dollars is a fixed quantity, or rather, it was then; and the addition of three little mouths to be fed from it and three little backs to be clothed by it, converted the frugal father into a thoughtful and plodding citizen.

It was the pressure of poverty and this extreme fatigue that caused him, about the year 1843, to set about the work of inventing the machine which he had heard four years before would be an "independent fortune" to the inventor.

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progress. It may be noted, however, that the ratio has steadily increased during the past year, both companies striving for the greater number of miles. Sanguine men, who have watched these operations closely, predict that the entire gap will be filled within two years.

We sometimes hear a man object to planting orchards or gardens, because the prime of his life is past, and he thinks he may not live to eat the fruit of his labor.

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IRON-CLADS AT FORT FISHER. A person who was in Fort Fisher during the bombardment, tells the following story in an English magazine.

"O! the agony of despair, to see ball and shell falling harmless from those turrets of iron, or rolling, like pellets, along the low decks, whilst the gallant defenders of Fort Fisher were falling in sheaves within a fortnight, have defied the efforts of any navy; a work, as Porter says, 'stronger than anything Sebastian could boast of.'"

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A Berkshire grave-yard has this epitaph: "Here lies the body of Mary Hawley, who died of severe Providence and cholera morbus."

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