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MONDAY.

A BORE.

A person called at this Community a day or two since with a model of a new patent hay-fork, which he desired to exhibit to us. We politely informed him that it would be of no object to do so as we already had a hay-fork which was satisfactory, and we could not possibly be induced to engage in the manufacture of hay-forks for sale : besides we were quite busy, and had no time to examine his model. But nothing we said appeared in the least to discourage him. He would not take "No" for answer, and was evidently determined that the Community should in some way become practically interested in his patent invention ; and we were forced to appear rude to him, and turn to other matters, even in his presence. Finally, he went away, and we congratulated ourselves that we were delivered of his presence and conversation ; but, no—he soon returned with model in hand, and was about to expatiate thereon, when he received a rebuke so positive as to induce him to beat a speedy retreat. It is not sufficient to say that this person was a bore. He was a bad case of mercan-

tile priapism, and really intended to commit a rape upon us. Such an example may serve a good purpose as a contrast to the true spirit of a tradesman, which is modest and courteous, and never forgets the golden rule.

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BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS.

The subject of repairing the roads was before the Board. It was thought that the work necessary to be done now, could be accomplished without hiring help. Mr. Clark was appointed to furnish teams, and Mr. Kinsley to furnish help.

The question of straightening the road near the Red School-house was left to a committee.

Mr. Burt was appointed to attend to such repairs as are necessary on the Willow Place dyke.

Mr. Wilson has inquired if we would sell him a plot of land in the rear of his garden, so that he could extend it down to our pond. The project was not favored. Mr. Thomas also wishes to buy a lot of land.

Mr. Noyes's inspiration, and the spirit of harmony and brotherly love in our business, was confessed.

Several parties went riding yesterday, and others to ramble in the Park.

The pleasant spring weather attracts people out to the fields, and makes excursions popular. Mr. Hamilton referred to the matter last evening, and thought the

family should guard against the tendency to scatteration and pleasure-seeking that is apt to come in at this season. The meeting was taken up with testimony and confessions of Christ.

Mr. Knowles's sickness has been quite serious, but it is believed that he is slowly rallying, although he is not able to leave his bed ; he has been removed to the back parlor where he receives every kindly attention.

G. D. A. left to-day on his trip to Buffalo.

Mr. Thayer cut the first asparagus of the season yesterday—about 10 lbs.

Our term of warm weather closed yesterday apparently. This morning it is cool and cloudy, with prospect of rain.

E. H. writes from the silk-factory as follows :

“ The time of our sojourn here grows shorter every day, and it will be but a little while before we shall see our Oneida home once more. You may calculate on seeing us in five or six weeks at the farthest, I think.—H. and I think we have thoroughly mastered the art of winding, and next week one of us will begin spooling, and the other something else. There are several things to be learned yet, but nothing that will require near the time that the winding has taken. Our work goes off first-rate and we enjoy it much, especially now as we begin to see our way through so soon.

“ Our surroundings here are very wild and romantic, and we enjoy strolling off among the hills and valleys,

where the charming little brooks are making their way under the tall trees and bushes. It seems to me that I never enjoyed a spring as I do this one—perhaps it is because we have so few other outward things here to attract our attention.”

METEOROLOGICAL.

April 21.

6 A. M. Mercury 63 deg. Some rain early in the morning.

12 M. Mercury 75 deg. Cloudy.

6 P. M. Mercury 67 deg.

April 22.

6 A. M. Mercury 53 deg. Cloudy sunrise.

12 M. Mercury 66 deg. Clear.

6 P. M. Mercury 60 deg.