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MEDICINAL-A PURGATIVE.

Our noble water-wheel lagged wearily yesterday afternoon. Water had leaked and spattered into the inside of it, till it was thickly coated, and a mass of mingled ice, snow and water, "slosh," in school-boy vernacular, kept sliding, slopping and tumbling about in it. By 4. 30 P. M. the crisis came. The gate was shut down—the wheel blocked—and blacksmiths, trap-men and machinists, armed with shovels and hammers, went into it and cleaned it out. At 5. P. M. water-wheel was again on its way with a lighter (stomach.)

SHOE-SHOP ITEM.

I went to Syracuse a few days since, taking with me my man Hillis, for the purpose of purchasing a Sewing-machine for the Shop.—We had the good luck to buy a \$75.00 one, No. 2, Singers, for \$60.00. The man that sold the Machine remarked: "your folks all have a remarkable faculty to buy cheap, and sell for a good price."

We have long been in need of a Machine, and we are thankful to get a good one—it works to a charm, and will be a great help to the Shoe-shop, and quite a relief to Mrs. Higgins, our binder.

L. V. V.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 5, 1867.

I am 34 years of age and unmarried. I think I muld-like to join your Community. I would like to hear from you and have the necessary information, and know whether you would receive me. I have had a good College education, and have been engaged in teaching as you will see by my card. My family is well known here. I should of course work in common with others. Will you please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience. I am familiar with the general principles of your Society. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, Yours very respectfully,

MELVILLE MALCOM.

Dear Friends:—I wish to ask your forgiveness for my past conduct. I feel that I have done you a great wrong, but still you receive me back, and give me another chance to become a true Community woman. I will improve that chance by a thorough conversion of my heart. My object in coming back, was to give my heart to God, and I knew I never could become a true christian in the wild, giddy world. I confess Christ my helper. My case is open for public criticism.

Mr. Hall and Clark have been out together two days, with their own horse and sleigh, the latter selling plow-castings, and Mr. Hall as usual selling silk. Mr. C. sold about \$100 worth of the castings, and Mr. H. not far from \$100 worth of silk, besides receiving one small order of sixteen dollars, for Bags.

Music has been composed by E. P. Inslee and set to Mr. Pitt's song, "The Pacific Railroad." It was sung in the Hall, a few evenings since; Solo by Abram, chorus by three young men with piano accompaniment. The effect was quite thrilling.

Our people have bought 100 hemlock logs in Verona swamp, two miles below Oneida depot, and the teamsters are at the present time, engaged in drawing them.

Both Mr. Porter's children attend our school.— They commenced when they were boarding with us, and our people consented after they moved, to let them remain.

Received yesterday two trap orders, one from Failing and Hatt, Portland, Oregon, amounting to \$460, the other from Netherland & Co., Louisville, Ky., amounting to \$87, all large traps.

The weather still continues warm, though we have cold nights, and the snow on that account does not melt so rapidly, as it otherwise would. Yesterday's temperature-

34 A. M., 31. 12 M., 34. 6 P. M., 34. Mean 29.

