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side of the paper only and be of interest to
the public. "Brevity is the soul of wit,"
remember.We will not return rejected manuscript
unless accompanied by postage stamps.The Afro-Americans of Massachusetts
pay taxes on \$9,000,122 worth of
property.The teller of the sub-treasury in San
Francisco is an Afro-American named
A. Dumas Jones. He has held the po-
sition for over nine years.It is not every alderman who can
serve ten years or less at the mag-
nificent salary of about \$90 per year
and retire with a competence.Coon river water without filtering is
a poor man's luxury in Des Moines. It
smelled badly and was full of dirt
nearly all summer, but a "chemist"
said it was not impure.Wall street capitalists are now busily
engaged in taking the \$500,000 in gold
out of the back door of the United
States treasury preparatory to buying
the next bond issue. Great is Democ-
racy.This is the first time the Democratic
party has had entire charge of the af-
fairs of the government since 1860.
The two events are worthy of careful
comparison by those Afro-Americans
who want a divided vote.All respectable men and newspapers
have ceased to make war on Miss Ida
B. Wells and Frederick Douglass, and
are doing all in their power to relieve
the suffering of colored citizens at the
hands of southern rebels and Democ-
rats."To him that hath shall be given;
he shall have abundance, but he that
hath not it shall be taken away that
which he seemeth to have." The fore-
going will be offered in committee
of the whole at the next meeting of the
city council.The operation of lynch law and mob
violence is spreading rapidly. The past
week several white men have been
taken from prison and summarily dealt
with by mobs. If it is not stopped it
will soon know no section or race.
Mob rule is working out its own des-
tiny.The city council is very generous this
year and has given away some of the
city's real estate and now the street
railway company wants a baggage
privilege. Of course it wanted it for
the "better accommodation of the dear
people," not for its own remuneration.
Give them a ninety-nine year grant.A friend of this paper says it is "too
young to die." Don't worry or lose any
sleep about this paper. The men who
started this paper had visible means of
support before they started, and at no
time in their lives were they fed by the
hand of charity. They have always
been willing to do honest labor for
their existence.Mr. Gompers, ex-president of the
Federation of Labor, received a salary
of \$5,000 per annum and \$100 for each
lecture he delivered. The colored men
and women who are organizing anti-
lynching societies do not receive a
dollar. But they do occasionally re-
ceive something for their lectures. The
members of the Federation of Labor do
not question Mr. Gompers' fidelity to
the cause of labor.Appeal: DuBis, an Afro-American
who was one of the commencement or-
ators at Harvard, class of '90, has been
elected professor of ancient languages
at Wilberforce University, Ohio. He
took honors at the high school in Mas-
sachusetts, took the Fisk University
course at Nashville, Tenn., then went
to Harvard, where he tutored, lectured
and won prizes, and so got through.
He has just returned from the famous
Berlin University, where he earned the
Ph. D.The editor of the Davenport Demo-
crat, Tillinghast, in a recent search for
noted Davenporters found a man by
the name of John H. Warricks, who is
now 72 years of age. He is a barber
and has the honor of having such
great men as Henry Clay, Booth, the
famous actor, was an acquaintance of
Edgar Allan Poe, the mysterious yet
famous author of Poe's "Raven," to-
gether with many other noted Ameri-
cans. Mr. Warricks is cultured and
dignified.Savannah Tribune: The election
laws of South Carolina have been in ef-

fect for the past twelve years, and after the defeat of Senator Butler for re-election by ex-Governor Tillman, he just found out that they are unconstitutional, and is taking steps to have them tested. Butler claims that these laws were enacted for the purpose of "keeping the Negro down." It is truly said that whatever a man sows he will eventually reap; thus the Tillmanites are making Butler and his gang swallow some of the dose that have been given to our people in that state, since these laws were in effect.

Make a resolution and keep it, to support some Negro journal for 1895. Patriots talk and act.

The investigating committees of the world should come to America. The atrocities in Armenia are insufficient.

The best paid and highest salaried men of the Afro-American persuasion, as a rule, do not take a Negro journal and pay for it. They are looking for "free dolings" most of the time.

Laws passed for the disenfranchisement of the Negroes of the south have turned about and operated against the whites. Lynch law is now condemning "white brutes" as well as "black brutes." History repeats itself.

If colored men and women, laborers, professional men and ministers want the Afro-Americans to enter into new lines of business the first duty is to support the colored men's newspapers of the country. These papers are the pioneers of progress.

It is a gross outrage that has been perpetrated upon the colored laborers of New Orleans by the white stevedores and crewmen. When these lawless whites prevent their colored competitors from obtaining employment, they ought to be given to understand at once that there is a power superior to their own, and that the colored man's right to labor will be protected at every hazard. The white foreigners may, if they please, refuse to work alongside the colored natives; but they must never be permitted to interfere with them, violently or otherwise. The prejudices of race must never be allowed to go so far as to prevent any one race in this country from earning a living. The mayor of New Orleans and the governor of Louisiana are bound by their constitutional oath to prevent the outlavery of the honest and industrious Negroes.

HONESTY A WARRIOR'S SHIELD.

Four-fifths of the audience that listened to the eloquent address of Hon. Frederick Douglass, when he was in this city a short time ago, was composed of white men and women. Men and women in all walks of life were glad of the opportunity to pay to hear a man who has devoted a long life to the cause of his race. The fact that an admission fee was charged did not lessen the value of the lecture or the truth of his statements. From here he went to the city of Atlantic, Iowa, where there are not ten people of color. The citizens there sent to Des Moines for some of our colored singers to come there and assist them in entertaining Hon. Frederick Douglass. They did not treat him as a stranger, but as a friend. They gladly paid him his price. The Boston lecture bureau has made several contracts with him. The North American Review and other leading magazines and periodicals have paid him for articles from his pen. He resigned his position as minister to Hayti because Secretary of State Blaine insulted him and through him every Afro-American in the United States. The position was worth about \$5,000. The Hon. Frederick Douglass established a paper at Rochester, N. Y., in 1846, with this motto: "Devoted to the Rights of All Mankind, Without Distinction of Color, Class or Clime." It was a fearless and thoroughly honest paper and at no time and under no circumstances did he forget that he owed a duty to the race, of which he was a member. He is as fearless to-day as he was then. No one believes that Mr. Douglass is perfect, but all the world has said, "This is a man." His life is interwoven with the history of the country, and yet there are men vain enough to attempt to detract from his illustrious career. He has a career that has not been equaled from beginning to ending by any American citizen. The colored men who are heaping abuse and vile vituperation on Mr. Douglass and Miss Wells should not forget that they are in a similar position to that occupied by Samson and are pulling down the posts of the temple upon themselves as well as others.

A Very Good Reason.

Proud Mother, exhibiting her son's drawings—Don't you think, Mrs. Smoeltalk, that Tom has talent?

Mrs. S.—He has, indeed. But, Tommy, dear, why did you draw my picture with my mouth wide open?

Tom—Because pa said you never close it.—Truth.

In Chicago.

Mrs. Ozone—Can't you get a move on that horse, driver? I'm afraid I'll be late for the wedding.

Driver—Niver moind, mum! Even if we miss the wedding we will be sure to get there in time for the divorce.

—Texas Siftings.

OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NOTES.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Messrs. Walter Lewis and D. Detwiler, of Keosauqua, were in the city last week shaking hands with old acquaintances. They were on their way home from St. Louis. Mr. Detwiler is an agent for the Iowa Steam Laundry and the Ottumwa Dye Works.

Mrs. Josie Meadows went to Albion last Tuesday to spend Christmas with her parents. She returned home Friday and reports a nice time.

Mrs. Jennie Hamilton is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. B. Carter and Daisy B. Johnson went to Oskaloosa Tuesday to be present at the cantata of "Queen Esther." They returned Wednesday and report a fine time.

Z. Taylor met with a serious accident last Friday, while on his wagon. He was unloading a box of sawdust when his hold broke and he fell backwards out of the wagon, alighting on his head and shoulders, inflicting a serious wound and fracturing his head. He was taken home unconscious and remained so for several hours. A physician was called at once and examined him. Fortunately no bones were fractured. At this writing he is much improved and will probably be around again in a few days.

Mrs. Dora Taylor, who has been visiting in this city the past week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. Owens, returned to her home in Galesburg, Wednesday. Mrs. Taylor is a very pleasant lady and one of high culture. She made many friends while in this city.

The drama given at the Second Baptist church Tuesday evening entitled "The Sleeping Beauty" was a novel affair. The participants, though young, acquitted themselves nicely and showed that they had been under the care of a skillful trainer. The attendance was large. It was a pronounced success, both socially and financially.

Revival meetings are now going on at the Christian Tabernacle, conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. Lomax, assisted by Rev. L. J. Jackson.

Rev. Rhinehart returned to his charge at Boone Monday, after a week's visit with his family.

Mrs. W. E. Watts returned home Monday after a pleasant visit with relatives in Bloomington. Miss Mary Court, her sister, came home with her. She will remain over Sunday.

The Sunday school of the Second Baptist church is in a prosperous condition. Last Sunday the attendance was large and a great interest was manifested. The Hon. J. P. Woods, most beautifully addressed the school, which seemed to inspire them with greater zeal for the cause.

S. J. Brown, of Iowa State University, came home last Sunday evening to see his father, who was quite sick. He remained only a few days. He left Monday for Oskaloosa, where he will be taking part in the cantata. It will be remembered that we said some time ago Joe would make a brilliant mark at the University. We have been told that he has already won high honor in the school. Give him a chance and he will be a success.

John Brannan, of Anxusae, Mo., is visiting in the city, the guest of Mr. John Henderson. He will return home Saturday.

James Hamilton is making some improvements on his house by building on a two story addition, which adds greatly to the looks of the building.

Mrs. Kate Bradley met with quite an accident on last Tuesday evening. As she was passing along a narrow pass-way, she slipped and fell into a sewer about seven feet deep. She was considerably bruised which caused her to take to her bed for several days she is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Anderson Scott entertained Rev. Jackson Rev. Lomax and their home on New Year's day. It was a most enjoyable occasion. The Hon. C. T. Taylor, recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia, arrived in the city last Thursday, to spend a few days with his friends and relatives. Mr. Taylor is a fluent speaker, well informed and social in all his ways. He met the mock congress and address the body most beautifully. He paid a high compliment to the organization, said it was just what was needed all over this country. He said that was the best way to get our cause before the public. He left Monday for Indianapolis, Ind.

KEOKUK ITEMS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

The funeral of Mrs. Martin Bland was held at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin last Wednesday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. H. S. Hartley, whose text was: "For truly my trust is in Thee."—Psalm, 84, verse. The floral offerings were very beautiful.

The Rev. Mr. Long, of Milwaukee, was in the city last week in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Bland.

We notice in the Keokuk papers that mention is made of a remembrance paid Dr. Hartley by the reverend prelate of the Old Catholic church at the celebration of solemn pontifical mass by his eminence on Christmas day.

Mrs. John White, of Burlington, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Tom Yeiser. Miss Lucy McClelland, of Ft. Madison, is in the city visiting Miss Katie Hill. Dave Jones, of Burlington, is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yeiser.

Mrs. Jessie Johnson entertained a large number of her friends at her residence, 1308 High street, in honor of Miss Lillie Carson, of Wapello, Mrs. Ada White, of Burlington, Miss Lucy McClelland, of Ft. Madison, and Miss G. Robins n. of Canton. Those present were: Mrs. and Mrs. C. C. Bannister, Mr. and Mrs. W. Yeiser, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. W. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hoskins, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. A. Triplett, Mrs. Ada White, of Burlington, Misses Lillie Carson, of Wapello; Lucy McClelland, of Fort Madison; G. Robinson, of Canton; Maggie Fields, Minnie Fields, Anna Fields, Minnie Scott, Mamie Wright, Katie Hill, Ophelia Jackson, Mamie Jackson, Messrs. F. B. Bland, Dave Jones, O. H. Bland, J. S. Haley, Milton Bland, Lewis Wilson, Leon Bland, W. E. Johnson, W. W. Field, and Bartha Anderson. This was one of the most swell affairs of the season and reflects great credit

to the hostess, Miss Johnson. Dancing and other amusements were indulged in up to the wee sma' hours of the morning.

Mrs. W. W. Shortridge entertained quite a number of her lady friends at a 2 o'clock dinner last Friday in honor of Mrs. Ada White, of Burlington; Miss Lucy McClelland, of Ft. Madison; Miss Lillie Carson, of Wapello, and Miss G. Robins n. of Canton.

Mr. C. W. Williams entertained quite a number of his friends at his home, 420 North Twelfth street.

Mrs. G. C. Bannister entertained a few of her lady friends at a 5 o'clock tea Tuesday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Lily Carson, of Wapello. Those present were: Mesdames Emma Tobean, Wm. Shortridge, A. J. Fields, Fred Fields, Tom Weiser, Geo. Ashby, Hugh Hopkins, Misses Lucy McClelland, of Ft. Madison; G. Robinson, of Canton; Ophelia Jackson, Mamie Jackson, Jessie Johnson, Katie Hill, Lillie Smith, Maggie Fields, Minnie Fields, Bertha Goens.

OSKALOOSA NOTES.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Samuel Hall, of Washington, Iowa, visited his son, Mose Hall, a few days this week.

Billy Mitchell, the 110 pound pugilist, is matched to fight any man of the same weight in the state of Iowa. Billy is quite clever and of late has showed great science in sport athletic sport.

Mrs. Mose Hall entertained a small number of her friends at tea last Saturday evening.

Mason Jackson returned to his home in Taylor county, Missouri, this week, after a holiday visit with friends and relatives in this city.

Mrs. Daisy Jackson, of Ottumwa, was in the city Sunday to attend the cantata.

Will Chism, of What Cheer, after a week's visit with his brother, returned home Saturday.

Herbert Wright, Walter Miller and John Lewis attended the grand ball at Muehlnock last week. Oh! What a cold drive.

Mrs. Anna Good, Mrs. Dora Lucas and Mrs. Helen Blackwell, of Grinnell, came down to see the beautiful Queen Esther.

Mrs. B. J. Holmes and her mother, Mrs. J. W. Holmes, after a very enjoyable visit with Oskaloosa people, returned home Wednesday.

Misses Anna Brown and Phoebe Allen entertained fourteen of their most intimate friends at dinner New Year's day.

Mrs. B. J. Holmes and her mother, Mrs. Lee, of Des Moines, were in the city. The cantata played in Eddyville, Iowa, Jan. 2, 1895, to a large house. Many Oskaloosa people went along to see the play. A city paper comments on the unanimous judgment of the large house that greeted the cantata of "Queen Esther" Tuesday evening is, that no better local performance was ever given here—and that in every part it was a musical treat reflecting the highest credit upon the actors, dialogues and songs were given by the young people and a hoop drill by eight little boys and girls was quite pretty.

Christmas seemed to have stirred up quite a number of our Sioux City people. It can be safely said we are still alive.

Mrs. F. W. Adams entertained a few of her lady friends at her pleasant little hair-dressing parlors Christmas day.

Mrs. I. F. Ross and Mrs. Mary Wright, of Morning Side, entertained Hon. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hackley entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mills and family. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Early held a family reunion composed of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young, Miss Edith Watkins and Messrs. Charles and Henry Watkins. Miss Maude Poindester is improving slowly.

Mrs. C. Mills has been on the sick list. Charlie Carter is home from Norfolk, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan have gone to Higginsville, Mo., to visit.

Mrs. A. E. Baker and Mrs. Lettie Hurd have returned to their homes at Yankton, S. D.

A watch meeting was held at the A. M. E. church Monday evening. Revival meetings also start this week.

Mrs. J. G. Coates spent her Christmas hunting, returning gameless.

BYSTANDER on sale at Geo. Washington's fruit stand, corner of Fourth and Pierce streets; also by the agent.

We are glad to see Miss Ada Parsons and Master Tom Roberts out again.

Rev. P. F. Matthews will give a Philadelphia chicken salad supper in the near future.

MUCHAKINOCK ITEMS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Coleman have been paying a visit to their daughter in Sterling, Ill., have returned and reported a good time.

Miss C. L. Thomas, principal of our school, is visiting her mother and father at Albion.

Rev. W. J. Bennett is in the city. It seems more to him like home sweet home than elsewhere. We welcome him.

Work is very dull. Quite a number of our miners will have to seek work elsewhere.

It should be the duty of every person to lay something by for rainy days, for we know not what our lot is to be.

The Christmas tree at the Union Valley Baptist church was grand. There were some splendid recitations, among whom we shall give the names of one or two. Miss Georgia Wright and Mrs. E. W. Lewis who held the audience spell bound with their lovely duet. All of the little ones spoke well, and they merit the highest praise.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cranks January 1st, one of the grandest entertainments of the season was given. The chief amusements were parlor games and music. H. Chap-
man favored the guests

choice selections, Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata in F and when the clock chimed the hour of twelve, a table which would have graced a queen, loaded with all the delicate viands of the season, after which the guests returned to their homes, declaring Christmas had just begun.

Everybody loves to read THE BYSTANDER. We wish to have it circulated largely among our friends.

The G. W. W. moved into their new home, 420 North Twelfth street.

OLD HUNDRED FACES.

NEWTON NOTES.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Rev. M. I. Gordon, assisted by Miss Lottie Green will give a grand concert about February 22.

The festival given in the church Thursday evening was in every way a success. Another one will be given Friday evening, January 11.

Our young men's quartette, which we think is second to none in the state, rendered several choice selections at the entertainment given by the firemen Christmas night. Great credit is also due their instructor, Miss Lottie Green.

Miss Ella Walden, who has been ill, is much improved.

Mr. J. W. Lewis will be in our city next Sunday, the guest of Jason Green and family.

The debt which has for so long been a burden to the members of the A. M. E. church, has at last been paid through the kindness of the several churches of Newton.

Mrs. James Dixon, one of the most highly respected young men of Muchakinoek, will soon visit our city. We predict he will be royally entertained.

Misses Eldora and Lottie Green, who were the only persons in our burg that made calls New Year's day, by the rich, at active yet modest manner in which they were costumed, caused many complimentary remarks to be made.

Mrs. James Hall entertained her most intimate friends at dinner New Year's day in honor of her husband, who has just arrived in the city. Miss Clara Miller also entertained Miss Mayes, Mrs. Welton and Mary Janett Hale at dinner the same day.

We wonder why one of our young la is so positive that there is no place like Des Moines for a pleasant visit and the other is just as positive that there is no place like Muchakinoek.

I. X. L.

BURLINGTON BUDGET.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mrs. H. Cooper, of Chicago, is visiting relatives in the city.

The remains of Mr. Robert Early were carried to Laulvil, Mo., for burial, accompanied by his wife and brother, Harvey Early.

Mr. Harvey Early is on the sick list. John Ivy and Harry Bolden have opened up a barber shop. We wish them success.

The A. M. E. church had watch meeting Monday night and quite a number were present, to the old year out and the new year in. After the services were over, the stewards served hot coffee and cake.

Miss Lula Plight is visiting friends in the city.

Ada White and Mrs. Wilson have been visiting in Keokuk.

Miss Washington and Mrs. Martin spent the holidays with their mother. The Hyacinthian Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Tiggs last Wednesday evening and quite a nice time was had. Addresses, solos and a debate were the pleasures of the evening. Debate. Resolved: "That fire is more destructive than water." The affirmative side won. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. Ivy.

W. H. SHACKELFORD.

BOONE IN BRIEF.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Little Roy was buried from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown. Rev. Wood officiated.

Mrs. Harris, of Luther, was visiting in the city Saturday.

Miss Hattie Anthony has returned from Chicago.

Watch meeting was held at the church.

The "Sons of Allen," a new organization, holds meetings every Thursday.

SOUTHERN PEOPLE WILL SOLVE IT.

From the Chicago Herald (Dem.)

The following is an extract from a special edition of the above named paper, showing special inducements and reasons for attending the Cotton Exposition at Atlanta, Ga. The extract is only excelled by those from the pen of Negro traitors:

The good people on both sides of the Atlantic who have undertaken the task of putting a stop to lynch law in the south have very little or nothing of the conditions which have made its application imperative. To understand it they would have to live in the south for a time, with southern environments and use the same amount of industry they now expending upon matters which do not concern them in an honest and intelligent inquiry into the facts. They would soon learn that there are times when even lynch law falls short of meeting the requirements. Any man who imagines his wife, daughter, sister or sweetheart, or the wife, daughter, sister or sweetheart of his neighbor in the fendish embrace of a lecherous and murderous black devil, can judge for himself whether or not he would be prepared to join a lynching party. People who shed tears over the fate of the Armenians at the hands of Kurds and Bashi Bazuks must remember that the people of the south have to protect themselves against savages as ugly as cruel and ferocious, restraining influence of the rope since the war classed African barbarism would have subjugated white civilization in Dixie.

Seeley Goes to Jail.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Seeley, the National Shoe and Leather bank book-keeper, was taken to the Kings county penitentiary yesterday. He will be set to work chair making.

MISS STEVENSON'S COMFORTABLE.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 4.—Vice-President Stevenson returned to Washington yesterday. Miss Stevenson's condition, though not hopeful, is comfortable.

IN FASHION'S GLASS.

SEASONABLE APPAREL FOR
WOMAN'S WEAR.Styles and Patterns Now in Use by the
Up-to-date Dames and Damsels of the
Smart Centers—Hints for the House-
hold.

NEW MATERIAL
In hat construction is a very soft calf skin. It is more soft and delicate than the ordinary article, and well suited for use in combination with velvets and felts.

The latter give the brims while the new skins are generally put in one respect, since the quantity of one and the size of the other go on increasing.

Still, out steel is appearing in a great many of the ornaments into which jet ordinarily enters. Buckles and brooches of it are especially handsome, but jet is on hand in equally brilliant forms, and in many others in which steel does not figure. Cocks, plumes and ostrich feathers are abundant, the latter being found waving over and about most of the picturesque models. While many of them tower above the crowns, straight up or at varying angles, they are at times arranged to add but little to the height. This method of garniture is very tastefully illustrated in this picture. Here a cluster of seven rich plumes spread from a starting point on the hat's left side, being held by a knot of velvet in fashionable corse shade. The hat itself is of black velvet, with a shirred crown ornamented by a jet square in the center, and a wide wired brim covered with a fancy black felt band.

Fancy braids of silk and felt interwoven with chenille cord are one of the characteristic features of current millinery. Sometimes used for entire

French Toilet Jacket.

Puzzled Girl.

J. M. M. is perplexed as to the proper course to take. She has been receiving the attentions of a young man for about two years. She has been away

either side. Moire bows are also perched on the shoulders. The sleeve is a puff of crepe de Chine and reaches to the elbow. Peeping out from the center of its folds is a yellow lace jabot. The effect is new and very graceful. Other dancing school frocks have ripple skirts of satin, with a short baby waist of accordion plaited chiffon.—New York World.

Night Toilets a Blessing.

If more attention were given the night toilet rest would be better, sleep sweeter and dreams pleasanter. A bath will rout the nightmare, but it should be taken at least two hours after the evening meal in cool water, and with no more rubbing than is needed for drying. The hot bath is good where there is inflammation, as it "draws." Cold water is stimulating, and the reaction may induce wakefulness. Ordinarily the cool dip will cool the blood, be tonic enough to arrest wasting tissue, and prepare the body for refreshing sleep.

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The so-called agencies for the promotion of matrimony are still one of the chief sources of income of the divorce lawyers.

The detailed reports of our warship experiments with torpedoes appear to establish the fact that there will be a fine accident on record before very long, if the experimenting goes on.

The electric light in the room of an Osego county, N. J. juror having gone out, he spent half an hour in a vain effort to relight it with a match. It might be a saving of time if some such simple test as this were introduced in the selection of jurors generally.

A GEORGIA paper objects to the pardon of a wealthy rascal, who is serving out a term in the penitentiary of that state, on the plea of sickness. The habit indulgent prisoners have of pining away until pardoned, then living to a ripe old age begins to look a little thin to this Georgia editor, hence his objections in this particular case.

THERE is clearly something askew about the administration of New York justice. A man who "unlawfully solicited and accepted four baskets of peaches," valued altogether at \$3, has been sentenced to hard labor in Sing Sing for ten years. Boss McKean, who stole \$565,000 from the town of Greenvale, pays a penalty therefor four-and-a-half years imprisonment.

The loan society formed in New York city to lend money to deserving poor people at six per cent has applied to have its capital increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000. It has loaned \$195,040 on the security of household goods and found repayments satisfactory. The business is self-supporting, while it has enabled many worthy families to work through a crisis in their affairs.

It costs very little money to subscribe for a good newspaper, yet there are people who do not read the papers, but send their money to "blind pool" swindlers and go to New York to buy green goods, and are taken in by swindlers that have been exposed again and again. No regular newspaper reader ever expects to get 150 per cent a month on money sent to be invested at the discretion of an unknown firm.

A NEW YORK butcher has given notice that he intends to serve horse meat to his customers. Secretary Morton was called upon to prevent the sale of horse meat but he writes that there is no authority warranting the interference of the United States government in the sale of horse meat. If the New York dudes want to eat horse meat as they do in Paris, why the best thing to do is to allow them to indulge in their horse steak.

The frequency with which eminent men are stricken down by death at public functions can be accounted for only by the intense nervous strain to which they are subjected. Where such startling examples of the ill effects of excitement in combination with repelation are constantly given, is it not high time to consider the wisdom of separating them? Eloquence at the feast is not promotive of either good digestion or faultless circulation.

It has been determined to disband all the Indian companies in the regular army except those at Fort Sill in the Indian territory. It has been found that the Indians when separated from their wives do not render good service, being discontented and given to deserting. At Fort Sill, however, there is a large Indian settlement where the wives of the soldiers can live. Consequently the Indians stationed there are contented and render good service.

RUSSIA and Great Britain are to be left to settle the Armenian business between them. This was inevitable from the first. The former would, doubtless, be willing to call it square if Turkey would surrender Constantinople and the Balkan equities. Great Britain would be content with a railroad route to the Persian gulf. Each would oppose the other, and so, beyond making a few threats at the Turk, neither is likely to do very much for the Armenian Christians.

LET us suppose that Japan takes possession of China and establishes a strong and enlightened government. The new Japanese empire would then have a population of 400,000,000. The introduction of universal military service would give Japan an army of 40,000,000 men. Gordon has proved that the Chinaman can be made an excellent soldier. An army of 40,000,000 Chinamen well disciplined, well armed, and offered by Japanese, would be irresistible even by the combined world in arms.

MR. ASTOR pursued his tramp out of purely patriotic motives, and now that the tramp is convicted on charge of unlawful entry we assume that our free institutions are secure to us for a while longer. The line must, of course, be drawn between free institutions and free beds on Fifth avenue.

SCIENTISTS have solved the puzzling problem of why a falling cat always rights on its feet. They should next take up the equally puzzling problem of why a descending cat scuttles always falls to light on the cat.

GENERAL BOOTH is one Englishman who has crossed this continent without making a rude, ill-mannered criticism of the American people. General Booth appreciates the fact that he is a visitor and he has the good sense to understand the common courtesy due from guest to host.

SPEAKING of the wonderful progress of medical science, a boy has just died at Mount Holly, New York, and the medical experts are at loggerheads over the question whether death was due to hydrophobia or cigarettes!

SELECTED HAWKEYE MENTION

HIS MIND WAS BLANK.

Wait. H. Butler Found at Indianapolis Sound and Well.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Wait. H. Butler, the Iowa ex-congressman whose mysterious disappearance from Oelwein has caused so much speculation as to his probable fate, was seen by the Chicago Herald correspondent here in the flesh, and ready and anxious to set at rest the many rumors concerning him. He presents a splendid physique, and is the very personification of health and strength, but admits there is one blank in his life which he cannot fill—the period covered by the time when he left the Oelwein normal college until he arrived in this city, almost without money, without a change of clothing and minus his watch and chain and a Knights of Pythias charm, which he says he always carried. He is reluctant to admit that at any time he has not been mentally right, but says he has no memory of anything that transpired after he left the normal college at Oelwein on the Thursday, he thinks, before Thanksgiving. He says that when he reached this city he immediately wrote his wife at West Union, where she was, that he would return as soon as he had money to pay his way home. He says that he had no idea there would be any uneasiness felt for him, and that he charged his wife not to say anything of his being in the city or that he had heard from him.

DES MOINES, Jan. 2.—Wait. Butler has been offered the position of district manager for northwestern Iowa of a leading life insurance company. He telegraphed he was on his way home and would report later.

BOLD HOLDUP.

Thieves Get Nearly a Thousand Dollars.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Jan. 3.—A bold hold-up and robbery has been committed here. R. C. Matlock, manager of the telephone exchange, started out to make the quarterly collections and was on his way to the office after completing his day's work. Near the river mill, near the Milwaukee yards, he was suddenly confronted by two negroes who drew revolvers and commanded him to "hold up," which he did. While one of them kept him covered with the guns, the other went through his pockets and secured \$983 in money and checks. Of this, as near as can be estimated, \$490 or \$500 was in currency. After leaving him they returned and compelled him to take off his overcoat which they took, together with a valuable gold watch and chain. Then giving him a punch in the side they disappeared up through the yards. Owing to the darkness and his fright Matlock is unable to give an accurate description of the men. The police have absolutely no clue and it is probable they will never be captured.

MULCT LAW.

How a Bellave Saloonkeeper Got Around the Law.

CLINTON, Jan. 3.—A saloon-keeper at Bellevue, in Jackson county, has taken a novel method of getting around that clause in the mulct law which says that no saloon shall be conducted within 200 feet of a church. Matthew Prinnell runs a saloon at that place, and his resort is almost directly across the street from the Congregational church. Prinnell's location is the best in town for the liquor business, and to avoid being closed up or compelled to move he bought the church property outright, paying therefor \$1,100. The Congregationalists have now moved into another building.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

The Injuries Will Probably Prove Fatal.

MANSION, Jan. 4.—As Charles Kaughman, of Lizard township, was leading a colt from the barn to water it became unmanageable and threw young Kaughman against a post, smashing his skull into a terrible condition. At first it was thought he was instantly killed, but he apparently revived and doctors were at once summoned and performed an operation, lifting the broken piece off the brain. But all attempts have proved fruitless and his life is despaired of. The doctors say he cannot live.

MULCT LAW.

Two Creston Saloonkeepers Give Up the Struggle.

CRESTON, Jan. 4.—Since the Martin mulct law went into effect twelve saloonkeepers have been paying \$500 each quarter into the city and county treasury at Creston, January 1 was the time for the payment for another quarter, but two of the saloons failed to respond and have closed their business. They are C. Vetterick and Loucks & Beckie. These are the first saloon failures since the new law and the first ever occurring in Creston.

Address The News, Des Moines, Iowa, enclosing this notice and fifty cents and you will receive the Twice-a-Week News one year.

WOMAN JUSTICE.

FORT DOUGLAS, Dec. 31.—Mrs. L. E. Castle, of Callender, has qualified as justice of the peace and will administer legal doses to the wayward citizens of that town for the ensuing two years. Her husband runs a drug store in her name and the intention was last fall to nominate him for the position, but her initials were used by mistake, and to everyone's surprise it was found that the wife was elected and not the husband. As there is no legal obstacle in the way of her filling the place, she was consequently sworn in.

MODERN WOODMEN.

State Convention Held at Des Moines—New Officers.

DES MOINES, Dec. 29.—At the state convention of the Modern Woodmen of America, the following officers were chosen: State consul, L. P. Allen, Clinton; state adviser, W. A. Doran, Monticello; state clerk, G. L. Williams, Winterset; state banker, H. H. Reed, Brooklyn; state escort, C. J. Wilson, Washington; state watchman, W. A. Whitteker, Lansing; state sentry, F. L. Lee, Des Moines.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

Thrown From a Load of Wood in a Runaway.

IOWA CITY, Jan. 4.—George Adams, aged 23, was killed in a runaway near Solon, this county. He was hauling a load of wood to town and the team became frightened at another which passed rapidly, ran away and threw the young man off. He was dead when found a short time after, with two ribs broken and his head terribly bruised.

UNREQUITED LOVE.

Young Woman Goes Insane From Reading Love Stories.

CRESTON, Jan. 4.—Miss Flora Cramer has been adjudged insane, her mental aberration being caused from a failure of love affairs. She fell in love with Lafe Vinterwetter at first sight and asked him to marry her, following up her proposition with love messages. Poor literature is assigned as the cause of her insanity.

CONDENSED ITEMS.

Fritz Ruchl, living at Davenport, with a bank account of about four thousand dollars, committed suicide by strangling himself with a cord a few days ago. He was a bachelor and misanthrope.

There were over nine hundred teachers in attendance at the convention of the State Teachers' Association at Des Moines. These are the officers chosen: President, R. C. Barrett, of Osage; vice-presidents, Ira S. Condit, of Red Oak; Anna E. McGovern, of Cedar Falls; C. C. Castens, of Ames; secretary, W. F. Cramer, of Iowa City; treasurer, G. W. Samson, of Cedar Falls; executive committee, H. G. Lamson, of Atlantic; executive council, Dr. W. F. King, of Mt. Vernon, and Dr. W. M. Brooks, of Tabor. The district court of Wapello county has recently rendered a decision against the Burlington Voluntary Relief association, which, if sustained by the supreme court, will be a hard blow to that organization. It is in substance that a contract with the relief association cannot dissolve the "Q." from damages in case of death resulting from negligence. F. C. Robinson, a brakeman, was killed. He had signed a contract with the relief association for \$750 in case of death, and waiving all right of further damages. The relief association paid the claim, but the administrator sued for further damages for negligence, and the court has granted it. If this case serves as a precedent there will be many similar cases in Iowa.

A fearful accident occurred a few days ago on the farm of Anton Sierding, four and a half miles west of Maquoketa, and Joseph Sierding met his death in a tragic manner. Joseph, with his father and brothers, were engaged sawing wood with a power saw. It is not known exactly how the mishap occurred, but it is presumed that the unfortunate man either became dizzy or tripped and fell upon the saw. His left hand and wrist were frightfully mangled. His head, too, came in contact with the saw near the left side of the jaw, crushing through the bone, and his way nearly to the back of the neck, nearly severing the head from the body, but missing the carotid artery and jugular vein. With the blood streaming from his wounds he presented a ghastly appearance which almost paralyzed his father and brothers. He walked to the house without assistance, took a pen and paper and wrote his last wishes concerning his wife and children, for he was unable to articulate a word. Medical assistance was called, but a few hours later he died.

Secret information was received by Monroe county officers that a gang of moonshiners were conducting a still on the farms of Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Davis, in the southwest part of the county, and that an attempt was made to dispose of several barrels of whisky a few days previous. Deputies Randolph and McCarty were dispatched to head off the gang and effect their capture if possible. Before they reached the homes of the two women they discovered Budd Davis and three members of the gang in a field near the farms of the women trying to hide a keg of liquor. The officers rode up to the gang and ordered them to submit to arrest, but the men mounted their horses and galloped away, firing a volley at the deputies. The deputies gave chase, but the men were soon lost in the dense timber which abounds in that part of the county. They made a circuit of the farms of the two women, but other members of the gang had been given information of the contemplated raid and had decamped. Several barrels of whisky were found at the homes of the two women and a searching party is endeavoring to locate the still. The women were arrested, but positively refused to divulge the names of the members of the gang.

Fifty cents a year The Des Moines, Iowa, Twice-a-Week News. Try it. At Muscatine recently, after deliberating eighteen hours the jury in the case of the state against Guy Baker, charged with murdering George Rexroad, returned a verdict of not guilty. A suit for \$20,000 has been begun in the courts at Ottumwa, which, if successful will be followed by others amounting to \$150,000, which the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road will be compelled to pay. June 3 fire started in Jerry Seymour's coopersage caused by sparks from a "Q." locomotive. The heavy gale developed into a conflagration, sweeping away three business blocks. Seymour lost \$20,000 and sees for that sum.

A. D. Strump, of Belle Plaine, was fatally injured at Clinton by falling from a street car. Strump was standing on the rear platform, and as the car went swiftly around a curve, he was thrown off, alighting on his head on the brick pavement.

Building statistics of Dubuque show improvements aggregating nearly \$2,000,000 during 1894. The postoffice business increased from \$61,000 in 1893 to \$80,000 the past year. Wm. Rubie, a farmer living near Belle Plaine, was accidentally killed while hunting rabbits.

ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

RETALIATION.

Belgian Government Prohibits American Cattle.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Nelson-Morris received a cable from Antwerp that the Belgian government has prohibited the importation of live cattle from the United States. This closes the ports of all continental Europe to American cattle.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The officials of the department of agriculture said they were not surprised at the action of Belgium in excluding American cattle from her ports. She is one of the countries closely allied with Germany in commercial trade, and it was expected she would follow the example of her more powerful neighbor, already done, as it is believed Germany is bringing her influence to bear upon adjoining nations to effect the complete exclusion of American meats. While this belief is not susceptible of proof, it is thought its accuracy would be strikingly demonstrated by the promptness with which Europe would decide our meats are pure if congress should abolish the sugar duties. Dr. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, says there has been no pleuro-pneumonia in the United States for years.

ARMENIAN OUTRAGES.

Number Slaughtered Placed at Fifteen Thousand.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—A letter just received from a point near the recent outrages in eastern Turkey, places the number of slaughtered Armenians at fully 15,000. It was written by a man in whom the highest confidence is placed, and portions are too horrible to repeat. The writer, in part, says: "The Armenians, oppressed by the Kurds and Turks, said, 'We cannot pay taxes to both the Kurds and the government.' Plundered and oppressed by the Kurds, they resisted. Then false reports were sent to Constantinople that the Armenians were in rebellion. Orders were sent to Mushir, at Erzerum, to exterminate them. The orders read before the army were: 'Whoever spares men, women or children, is disloyal.' The region was surrounded by soldiers and 20,000 Kurds were also said to have been massed there. No quarter was given, no mercy shown. Men, women and children were shot down or butchered like sheep. The most probable estimate is that 15,000 were killed, thirty-five villages plundered, razed and burned, women ruined and men butchered.

INCOME TAX.

Government's Answer In a Test Case Recently Brought.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Assistant Attorney General Whitney has filed in the district supreme court a demurrer to the complaint of John G. Moore against Commissioner Miller of the internal revenue bureau, in which he asks for an injunction restraining the latter from collecting the income tax authorized by the new tariff. The demurrer is very brief and general in terms, setting forth that complainant has not made such a case as entitles him in a court of equity to the relief sought. At the request of Whitney the case was set for hearing on January 8. The suit is attracting little attention among government officials, many of whom express the opinion that complainant has absolutely no case. The officials of the department of justice regard the constitutional question as settled by a series of supreme court decisions. They also believe an injunction is not the proper process in the case, but that Moore will have to wait till collection of his tax is attempted.

KENTUCKY POLITICS.

Breckenridge Is After Senator Blackburn's Scalp.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 4.—The senatorial race promises to be unusually interesting and run in a manner not heretofore the case. Both Buckner and Brown have declared themselves in favor of having the convention make the nomination. Whether this will be regarded by the legislature as binding is a matter of speculation. At least the race is to be brought as near the people as possible. It is generally conceded that Blackburn has got the fight of his life on his hands. Breckenridge is knitting him and what makes it more critical for Blackburn is that his home counties lie in the Ashland district, where the members of the Breckenridge fire are still smouldering. McCarty is less identified with any of the factions and appears to be a strong factor in the race.

VICTIMS OF THE GALE.

Three Hundred and Twenty-two Lives Lost.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—It is now ascertained that 322 fishermen belonging to Hull, Grimsby and Yarmouth, were lost in the recent gale.

INCOME TAX.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The dividends on the stock of the Rensselaer & Saratoga and the Albany & Susquehanna railroads have been paid, less 2 per cent deducted for the income tax. These dividends are guaranteed by the Delaware & Hudson railroad, which has an agreement that the dividends shall be paid, less the taxes. The banks generally will await the effort to test the constitutionality of the law before declaring what action shall be taken on dividends.

ANOTHER ROBBERY.

Similar to One Recently Committed in Iowa.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 31.—Another robbery has been committed so similar to the one recently committed at Sloan as to lead the officials to think that the same parties did it. At Sloan the robbers got \$4,500 from John Collins, and this last robbery was across the river in Nebraska, a short distance south of here. Two men went to the home of a German farmer and bound the man and his wife with ropes while they made the search of the house. They only secured a small amount of money and a few valuables.

INAUGURATED.

New York's New Governor Takes the Oath.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—At noon yesterday Levi P. Morton was inaugurated governor. The ceremonies were simple, consisting of taking the oath and complimentary addresses by the incoming and retiring governors. Subsequently in the executive chamber Governor Morton received congratulations, and later Governor and Mrs. Morton held a New Year's reception at the executive mansion.

NEW YORK'S NEW MAYOR.
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—William L. Strong was inducted into the office of mayor of this city yesterday, the first republican to fill that position since 1872 when William F. Havemeyer was elected as a protest against the Tweed regime.

WOULDN'T WORK.

Story of Robbery Not Believed by the Officers.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—Assistant Cashier Sparks, of the postoffice, created a sensation by announcing that two robbers had burst into his room, slugged him and secured \$807. He was severely bruised about the head. Later he confessed that he had inflicted the injuries and stolen the money himself.

BREVITIES.

The Chicago grand jury failed to indict State's Attorney Kern.
The recent cold snap is said to have been the severest the south has known since 1835.

A dispatch says that the state department is not yet at the end of its troubles growing out of the repeal of the reciprocity agreements made under the terms of the McKinley act, and more retaliation is looked for aside from Spain and Germany. France is by no means disposed to accept the situation her sugar trade is placed in by the sugar duty, and now there are strong intimations that the new Austria minister, who has not yet presented his credentials to the president, is charged to begin an attack upon the same sugar duty almost immediately, and if concessions cannot be secured it is expected Austria-Hungary probably will follow the example of Germany in retaliating upon the United States.

A horrible accident is reported from Silver Lake, Ore., caused by an overturned lamp at a gathering on Christmas evening, in which over forty lives were lost, and sixteen persons badly injured, five of whom will probably die. Some one attempted to get where he could see and hear better by jumping upon a bench in the middle of the hall. In doing so his head struck a lamp hanging from the ceiling, causing the oil to run out. It immediately caught fire. From that time on the scene was terrible. The lamp was finally taken down but fell to the floor. In the attempt to get it outside, it was kicked to the door, where it lay untouched as it could not be approached on account of the intense heat. The people were compelled to dash through the flames in order to reach the door and in the attempt many perished. The advice were carried by stage.

Washington dispatch: Von Hengelmüller, the ex-Austrian minister, who has just arrived from Vienna, was seen by a representative of the Associated Press concerning the reports that Austria would follow the course of Germany, first in protesting against the American tariff on sugars and then retaliating against the products of this country. "The Austrian government has not, up to the present time," says Von Hengelmüller, "taken any steps on the American tariff. Its relations with the United States have always been most cordial, and I have no doubt they will remain so by satisfactory arrangements of the sugar duties." The confidence of the new minister that friendly commercial relations will continue appears to be based entirely upon the Austro-American treaty, although the new tariff law fixes discriminating duties without reference to the existing treaty relations.

It is said that experiments conducted the past two weeks in western Kansas and Nebraska have produced most important results. They demonstrate that a large portion of this country which has been affected by severe droughts can be irrigated by artesian wells. It has been demonstrated that the underflow is sufficient for the purpose. Water is found abundantly at 150 to 200 feet below the surface. Wells can be sunk and fitted with pumps and windmills at a cost of about \$350, capable of irrigating ten to twenty acres. The investment is about equivalent to the purchase of ditch rights in the ditch irrigation regions. It is believed capital will become interested in supplying wells and pumps, and will take pay in the way of a yearly rental. The area under cultivation will probably be reduced, but the aggregate crop will be increased and farmers' work lessened. The farmers in that region are greatly elated at the prospects.

Rio Janeiro is said to be in a state of panic. The troops refuse to leave for the south to fight the rebels. President Moraes has discovered that the army is devoted to ex-President Peixoto. The principal officers refuse to assume command in the field against the rebels in Rio Grande do Sul. The whole country seems on the brink of rebellion again. More than 200 officers have been arrested. It is rumored that subordinates will attempt to release them. President Moraes is afraid to arrest Peixoto lest he precipitate a conflict.

Controversy Over a Seizure.

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—The disagreement over the fishing seizure in Lake Erie, which took place some weeks ago, has assumed an international turn. Commander Wakeham's report has been forwarded to the home authorities, who will deal with the United States. It is understood that in the Canadian report it is simply proved the seizure was made in Canadian territory, but the question will become one of fact and not of boundary, as the American fishing firm assign the seizure to an entirely different portion of the lake than that sworn to by the Canadian officers.

A NOBLE FIGHT.

AN EMINENT SOUTHERN LAWYER'S LONG CONFLICT WITH DISEASE.

Twenty-five Years of Prosperity, Adversity and Suffering.—The Great Victory Won by Science Over a Stubborn Disease.

[From the Atlanta, Ga., Constitution.]
Foremost among the best known lawyers and farmers of North Carolina stands Col. Isaac A. Sugg of Greenville. Mr. Sugg has resided in Greenville twenty-two years. While nearly every one in Pitt county knows Mr. Sugg's history, perhaps all do not know of his return to business again after an illness of sixteen years. No man has gone through more than he and lived. It was a case of the entire breaking down of the nervous system, attended by the most agonizing, unendurable pain. Opium and stimulants only quieted temporarily, and all treatments failed him. Only his love for family and friends prevailed. He told a reporter the following interesting story:

"I kept at my work as long as I could, but nature gave way at last and I succumbed to the inevitable. My entire nervous system had been shattered by the stimulants and opium I had taken, my weight had dropped from 175 pounds to 125 and it seemed to everybody that the end was in sight. Why I could not bear the gentle hand of my wife to bathe my limbs with tepid water, I was simply living from hour to hour. I had made my will, settled my business and waited for the last strand of life to snap.

"It was at this time that a somewhat similar case as my own was brought to my notice. This man had suffered very much as I had, his life had been despaired of as mine had, and yet he had been cured. I thought that little would come of it, but I was cured. The report stated that the work had been accomplished by a medicine known as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I investigated the report very thoroughly and found that it was true in detail. Then I procured some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and began to take them. My appetite came back and my nerves were soothed and restored to their normal condition and I felt like a new man. But the greatest blessing was the mental improvement. I began to read and digest, to formulate new plans, to take an interest in my law practice, which began to come back to me as soon as my clients realized that I was again myself. I have a large number of years I ride horseback every day without fatigue.

"That Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life is beyond doubt, and I am spreading their praises far and wide."
Inquiry about the town of Greenville substantiated the above facts of Col. Sugg's case, and that many others being benefited by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are for sale by all druggists, or may be had by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, 233 N. Y. St., for 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

A MILLIONAIRE DIES.

Ex-Senator James G. Fair, of California, Passes Away.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Ex-Senator James G. Fair is dead. Mr. Fair had been ill but a short time and died from diabetes and Bright's disease. He leaves a fortune estimated at \$400,000, and by the terms of his will made some two months ago, this sum, it is stated, will be equally divided between his three surviving children, Mrs. Herman Oelrichs, of New York, Miss Virginia Fair, now staying with her sister in New York, and Charles Fair, of this city. Iowa relatives are remembered as follows: To Fair's sister, Mary Anderson, and husband and children, of Ida Grove, \$250,000 is bequeathed to be divided equally among them. To the family of Wm. Fair, brother of deceased, who also resides at Ida Grove, Iowa, \$50,000 is bequeathed. The family of Edward Fair, another brother residing at Ida Grove, Iowa, is willed \$20,000. To Mary J. and Lundy, daughters of testator's deceased brother, Thomas Fair, and children, who reside at Correctionville, Iowa, \$10,000 is willed to the family. James H. Fair, Ida Grove, who is a son of deceased's brother, Thomas Fair.

Literary Notes.

Colonel A. B. Ellis's paper, "On the Origin of Weeks and Sabbaths," in the Popular Science Monthly for January, shows that while weeks of various lengths have existed among different peoples they have all been intended as subdivisions of the lunar month. Among moon-worshipping tribes, sabbaths at first occurred monthly. The Jews did not have a weekly sabbath until after their captivity at Babylon. It may not be generally known that Marion Crawford, the author of "Casa Braccio," now appearing in the Century, the heroine of which is a nun who gives promise of being false to her vows of celibacy, is himself a Roman Catholic. This tragedy is the starting point of all the unhappiness of the whole eventful story, which Mr. Crawford considers the strongest he has ever written.

The little ones who read St. Nicholas will find that the year begins promisingly for them. The January number of the favorite magazine is full of holiday flavor, and there are sketches and stories to suit every taste. C. F. Holdrege tells all about "Rogue Elephants," and describes the exciting scenes that attended the killing of some of the most famous of them. A frontier story, with a spice of danger and adventure, is "Tim Sheridan and His Christmas Goose," by Leonard M. Prince, U. S. A. The hero is a brave young boy who succeeds not only in winning a rare Christmas dinner, but in saving the life of an officer with whom he was hunting.

Dr. Parkhurst has entered into a contract with the Ladies Home Journal by which he will practically become a regular contributor to that magazine for some time. The great New York preacher says that he has for a long time past been desirous of saying some very necessary things to women, and he now announces that he will say them through these articles. He will take up all the social, moral and equality questions which are so uppermost in the minds of women today. Dr. Parkhurst will begin this work at once, his first article appearing in the next issue of the Journal.

The Outing Company, New York and London, has published in very neat form a work by John Seymour Wood, entitled "College Days, or Harry's Career," a jolly story for boys. Like Tom Brown at Rugby, "Harry's Career" will live on as long as our boys go to college. Each succeeding generation of schoolboys shall pore over its pages with delight. The initiation, the rush, the football game, the boat race, and all the phases of college life are cleverly treated in a story full of humor and made especially interesting with a recital of the romances which come into the life of every college man.

SELECTED SCRAPS.

A Chautauqua circle, the first ever formed among those of the Hebrew faith, has been organized by the New York "Society for Religious Study."

A allonist who made an unexpected descent on the outskirts of Metz was found to have been engaged in making sketches, presumably for the French.

The new academy at Athens is built of marble from the same quarries which furnished the marble for the Parthenon, and its sculptures are beautifully decorated in red, blue and gold.

A recent strike of women in Vienna caused an investigation to be made, which elicited the fact that one of the workpeople in the factory there had labored daily for twenty-three years, and had never received more than 2 1/2 a day.

An old man in a Cheshire, England, workhouse, lately admitted to the poor law guardians that he had 25 in his possession, to provide for his being buried beside his wife. The guardians decided that as he was not destitute he had no business in the workhouse, and ordered him to be turned out. At dinner the next day the poor man seized a knife, cut his throat, and so relieved the guardians of their embarrassment.

The Unexpected Discharge of a Cannon Close by would not have a more disturbing effect upon nerves which are vigorous than an ordinary noise upon those that are weak and unstrung. As a nerve, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is unrivaled. By promoting digestion and assimilation they overcome that gastric disorder, which is the most prolific cause of nervous debility, and which, so long as it exists, defects in large measure the action of sedatives and opiates. Such remedies, moreover, necessitate the use of increasing doses, and finally cease to act altogether, except in dangerous quantities. They never reach the fountain head of the trouble, and quiet the nerves only by semi-paralyzing them. Equally objectionable are fiery unmedicated alcoholic stimulants. Kidney, bladder and liver troubles, malaria, constipation and rheumatism are relieved by the Bitters, which also promotes appetite and nightly repose.

Reputation Saved.

Dealer—Where are you going now?
Driver—To take this larrel of apples around to Mr. Brockrow's.
Dealer—Good, and I'll ruin me. That barrel hasn't been opened.
Driver—Do you want it opened, sir?
Dealer—Of course, you see, if we leave him to open it himself he may open it at the wrong end.

A jack-rabbit cannery has been established in western Kansas, and business in that section is on the jump.

Considering the fact that "every penny tells," the voice of the dollar is unusually emphatic this season.

The journalist is one who may be truly considered as the one that never sleeps.

Pains in the Back

"I had been afflicted for several years with what the doctors called Diabetes, and suffered terribly. The pain in my back was agonizing in the extreme. Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills cured me. Now I can go to church and attend other meetings with pleasure. I always keep Hood's Pills by me. In my whole life I never met anything that did me so much good as Hood's Sarsaparilla. 'Experience teaches a hard school, but fools will learn by no other.' I was once foolish enough to listen to a druggist who claimed to have something superior to Hood's, and took another medicine. If I had thrown my dollar in the street I would have been a gainer." JOHN BRANTON, care of John Greenham, Wellington, Ohio. Get Hood's because Hood's Pills cure Constipation by restoring the peristaltic action of the alimentary canal.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

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Suffering Cyrrus!

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MULTUM IN PARVO.

The first shipment of iron ore from the United States to Europe was made in 1868.

A red-haired girl of the name of Helbrand has been discovered in Eastern Maine.

During the first three months of last year not a single passenger and only one employee was killed on railroads in Great Britain. All roads in England either go under or over common roads.

One hundred and eighty-six islands of the Thousand Islands group, in the St. Lawrence, aggregating 220 acres, were sold this season. The amount realized was \$32,110, which was at the rate of about \$122 per acre.

Brickmakers are now proposing to make brick of all colors by mixing many materials. Clay, with a small percentage of iron will make a beautiful mottled brick. Glass brick is also made in Europe. The departure will exert quite an influence on architecture.

A Chinaman's pigtail caused the death of its owner at Northfield, Ore., a few days ago. The Chinaman fell from a railroad train and rolled clear of the wheels, but his long braid swished around and caught in the brake, and he was dragged under the wheels and killed.

A young man, who had no previous experience in raising, has invested about \$1,000 in greenhouses in a village on the Hudson eighteen months ago, and has made all his expenses and is several hundred dollars to the better by cultivating mushrooms and violets for the New York market.

California is soon to try an industry that has hitherto been confined in this country to New York, that of whalebone cutting. While much of the world's supply of whalebone is landed at San Francisco from the whaling ships, it has hitherto all been sent to New York and London to be cut for use.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

Love always weeps when it has to whip. Spare moments are the gold dust of time.

Love never bestows a burden that is heavy. Birds with bright plumage are seldom fat.

Law wears iron shoes, and don't care where it steps. There is no use in talking any higher than we live.

One symptom of backsliding is a lack of thankfulness. There are no real strong people in the world but good people.

True merit is like a river, the deeper it is the less it is made. A man acquires more glory by defending than by abusing others.

The truth we hate the most is the truth that hits us the hardest. There is no work so humble that faithfulness in it will not be noticed and rewarded.

An envious man repines at his neighbor's life as much as though he supported him.

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On July 6 the earth is further away from the sun than at any other time of the year. I am entirely cured of hemorrhage of lungs by Floy's Cure for Consumption. LUCIA LANDMAN, Bethany, Mo., Jan. 8, '94.

An infidel is a man who builds a house without windows and then blames God because he has to live in the dark.

I am a great deal easier for some people to pray for the preacher than it is to do their part toward his support.

Banking on the insolvency basis is apt to have its trials. Apprehension crawls into the cellar to look at the sun.



KNOWLEDGE

Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

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IN THE EVERGLADES



HAT day of the month and year is it?" "May 3, 1890." "Is it possible! So I have been here in this dreary region less than fifteen months. It seems a century! I must leave soon. My mind is clearer this evening.

Albert. Memory is at work. I can recall—my God! what does it mean?" Albert Giovanni leaned over his sick friend until their eyes met.

"It means, Leon, that death is even now grinning at your elbow! I knew that before you passed away reason would resume her throne and that you would suffer great mental torture as a punishment of sin and crime."

The sick man made no answer. He lay perfectly still, his eyes gradually assuming a look of agony as a tide of memory swept through his erstwhile clouded brain. Outside the rain was softly falling; a gust of wind now and then shook the door and windows of the cabin. It was a rude structure made of rough pine boards running up and down, with a mud and stick chimney at one end. The room was nearly devoid of furniture. Nowhere in all the wild swamp region of Florida could there be found a more comfortable habitation.

The occupants were in keeping with their surroundings. The sick man lay on a pallet, at one side of which was a table containing vials of medicine, including a curiously shaped bottle partially filled with a white powder, and at the other a bed similar to the one he occupied. He had one day been a man of fine physique and extremely handsome, but a wasting disease had reduced him to a mere skeleton, and his sunken cheeks, pallid features and general appearance indicated that the candle of life was rapidly burning out.

His companion was tall and sinewy. He looked like a college professor just from a German university with his dark glittering eyes and his hair falling in unkempt locks around his shoulders. Quiet and self-contained, there was that about him which disclosed that his capacity for love or hate was unbounded. He sat upright in the bed, Arnsi said feebly but resolutely: "Tell me everything—everything!" "With pleasure. Fourteen months ago, Arnsi, you, a leader in New York society, member of the most popular city club, courted for your wealth, carefree for your handsome face, the glass of fashion and the mold of form, suddenly disappeared. All your world wondered; no one could do more, for you left neither trace nor word behind you.

"Dr. Albert Giovanni, the celebrated physician, the famous savant, also disappeared exactly at the same time. The New York dailies printed columns about us, the magazines published various theories, reporters and



detectives vainly searched for us; and to this hour our disappearance is one of the mysteries of the metropolis, never, perhaps, to be explained. Yet one of the papers that employed a corps of detectives to find us gave the key to it in a little eight-line item stating that the lovely Marie Gordon, step-sister to Dr. Giovanni, had lost her mind, and was to be sent to a private sanitarium in the interior of Florida, with the hope that a change of scene and climate might restore mental and physical health.

"Arnsi, you broke her heart, wrecked her life! The love that I would have given the wealth of the world to win—sacrificed honor—aye, even life itself to possess—you threw aside as a child would cast away a broken toy! I loved her secretly, it is true, yet none the less passionately, and when she told me that she could love no one but you, even though you spurned her affection, I swore to avenge her. From that moment I hated you. I determined to ruin you pecuniarily, destroy your reason, and finally your life.

"My hobby in my profession was the concoctions of poisons and the study of their operation. I prepared a subtle powder, which, when administered, saps reason, destroys vitality, and stealthily carries its victim to the grave, defying detection in the event of a medical investigation being made. Marie, love-crazed though she was, was beggared for your craven life when I made her understand my purpose. But I was inexorable. My plans were all carried to a successful termination. First you were induced to speculate, and in one of the financial storms that passed over Wall street last year the fortune you inherited from your father was swept away, leaving you a pauper. On the night of the day that brought this disaster you were drugged, removed secretly to ship, and carried to Pensacola, thence to this spot at the northern extremity of the everglades of Florida. Around us the foot of man has seldom trod; in the vast jungle beyond no human being has ever fully penetrated. Everywhere is gloom, desolation, isolation. Hunters rarely visit these wastes. In the fourteen months I have been here I have seen no human being, heard no human voice other than your own. Twice I fancied

He paused, wiped his forehead, and went on: "Have you seen any change in Waters since he signed the pledge?" "Oh, yes; he has quit inviting me to go fishing with him—Life.

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"My revenge is complete. Your death is only a question of hours, perhaps minutes. I have given you daily a dose of that white powder"—pointing to the curiously shaped bottle—"and it has fulfilled the mission I intended it to perform."

Arnsi still sat upright in his pallet, staring at Giovanni, grasping his meaning little by little, while drops of sweat rolled down his face.

"And Marie?" he whispered. "She is dead. The institution in which she was confined is not far from here. She escaped from it and perished in the everglades."

A strange smile crossed Leon's face. "You lie—murderer! Mario still lives. Listen!"

The sound of some one singing floated to the cabin from the lake. Giovanni started; a look of terror came into his eyes.

"What is it?" "Marie!" said Arnsi. "I have heard the voice before, but never so near the hut. Listen!"

Giovanni listened an instant, then, darting from the hut with a cry of terror, disappeared in the jungle.

Left alone, Arnsi still sat upright, his eyes fastened on the lake. Near and nearer came the voice. Another instant and a light skiff came in sight, seemingly dancing on the bosom of the water.

In the frail craft, standing erect, a paddle in her hand, was a young girl, who, thinly and fantastically clad, with sprays of Spanish moss floating around her, her hair streaming down her shoulders, and a crown of water lilies on her brow, appeared like an inhabitant of this waste when it existed at the preglacial time rather than a human being of to-day.

Arnsi had strength enough left to strike on the windows with his hand. She observed the signal. Mooring the skiff, she sprang on the beach and ran up to the cabin. She recognized Arnsi, bounded to him, knelt by his side, and flung her wasted arms about his neck without uttering a word.

"Forgive me, Marie!" he whispered. Perhaps at that moment reason was restored to the darkened mind. But if so, the excess of joy was too much. The rain pattered on the roof of the hut, the wind whistled the open door to and fro, but the two figures clasped in each other's arms never stirred. Soon darkness enveloped them as in a shroud.

In October of that year a party of hunters who chanced to wander into that quarter of the everglades found three dead bodies—two in the hut and one outside. A rusty pistol lay near the latter, indicating suicide; but who they were or how they came in that dreary waste the hunters could only conjecture. Moved by a human instinct they hollowed out a rude grave, and placed the remains in it. Then they went their way.

RUN TO EARTH.

How the Great Detectives Seize Upon the Evil-Doers.

"Officer Sleuth," said the great chief of the Western city, "what report have you to make on your murder case?"

"Sleuth—Arrested a woman and locked her up, sir."

"Ha, good! Any clues?" "Took a file of officers in and told her her husband had given the whole thing away."

"Ah, ah! Did she show any confusion?" "Yes, indeed! Said she was confused to know what he gave away, who he gave it to, and why the fool man didn't sell it."

"And did she show any concern?" "Yes, sir; said she had only \$1 in her pocket, but if we wanted that—"

"Anything further?" "Then we ran her husband down in his place of business."

"Was he startled?" "Very much. Wanted to know what it meant."

"Well?" "We locked him up and told him his wife had given the whole thing away."

"Was he confused?" "Not a bit. Said we lied; that his wife was too blank stinky to give anything away."

"Well?" "We told him she confessed that he murdered the man—"

"Yes! Then he confessed?" "Yes! Said he was ready to confess."

"Good! Good! Go on, sir!" "We were the most disgusting and pig-headed lot of idiots he had ever met."

"And you learned nothing from either about the murder?" "Nothing."

"Not the faintest clue?" "Absolutely nothing."

"And what are you now doing?" "We have imprisoned both of them on suspicion."

"Good! Keep a close watch on them. We are on the right track! Make them confess if possible!" And the sun, piercing the shadows of the prairie bunch grass, was not more vigilant than was the march of Sleuth.

Cookery for Girls.

There are 122 places in various parts of London where public instruction in cookery is given to girls over 11 years of age. There are also forty-two places where instruction in laundry work is given for girls of suitable age. Instruction is free. The teachers are paid liberal salaries. The food cooked at the cooking schools is sold, to in part defray the expense.

Agreed.

"Might I ask you to favor me with a waltz, mademoiselle?" "Certainly, monsieur. See here, the last one on my program."

"But unfortunately I shall not be here by that time."

"No more shall I."—Grelot Havrais.

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GLADSTONE SPEAKS.

Strongly Arraigns the Sultan for Armenian Outrages.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—In an address to a deputation from the Anglo-Armenian association on his birthday, Gladstone said that it was not their duty to assume that all the allegations of outrages were true, but rather to await the result of the inquiry which had been instituted. However, he said, the published accounts pointed strongly to the conclusion that the outrages, sins and abominations committed in 1876 in Bulgaria had been repeated in 1894 in Armenia. If this were true it was time that there should be one general shout of execration against these deeds of wickedness from outraged humanity. If the facts were established, it should be written in letters of iron upon the records of the world that a government which could be guilty of countenancing and covering up such atrocities was a disgrace to Mahomet, the prophet, a disgrace to civilization at large, and a disgrace to mankind. Mr. Gladstone, continuing, said: "Don't let me be told that one nation has no authority over another. Every nation, aye, every human being, has authority in behalf of humanity and justice." He had been silent, he said, because he had full confidence that the government knew its duty. If the allegations made should prove true, it was time that the execration of humanity should force itself upon the ears of the sultan of Turkey and make him sensible of the madness of such a course as was being pursued. Mr. Gladstone spoke for a quarter of an hour.

"Yes," said the girl who makes collections, "it is one of the best autographs I have in my collection." "But are you sure it is genuine?" "Positive. I cut it from a telegram that his wife received from him with my own hands."

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Tommy—Paw, the teacher, told us to-day that if a man kept on telling lies he would soon find himself stealing. Is that so? Mr. Figg—Mebbe so. Many a man has got himself into the city council by telling lies.

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RARE AND READABLE.

People never think of whistling in Iceland. It is a violation of the divine law.

Portland, Me., is the winter port for all Canada, which sends out and receives over \$50,000,000 worth of goods every winter.

The outcome of a libel suit the supreme court of Brooklyn has under consideration, turns on the meaning of the word "unco."

A five cent restaurant for women, opened some time ago in Boston, has proved quite as great a success as those for men usually are.

In A. D. 43 the Nile failed to rise because of the lack of rain in the heart of Africa, the crops failed and over 1,000,000 people perished in Egypt.

A Rockledge, Fla., farmer discovered a tramp asleep in his barn. He sent for the town marshal to have the man arrested, but when the tramp was being questioned it was discovered that he was a long lost brother of the farmer.

A New York man who had just married received a present of a set of window fasteners from a manufacturer, who was presently astonished to see him come back, seeking to exchange them for a cheaper kind and get the difference in money.

Worship in Japan is a simple affair. In many of the temples the chief feature is a looking-glass emblematic of purity of soul. Near it is a font of water in which the worshiper washes on entering. He then prays before the glass, drops a few coppers into a box and rings a bell three times as he goes out.

Claude Wetmore who has been banished from Hawaii for trying to set up a revolution for the restoration of the monarchy, was an unknown Pittsburg reporter who received a bonus of \$300 and an offer to join its staff from a New York newspaper which he served by being the first reporter to get into Johnston, Pa., after the flood. He went to New York and was a flat failure, but unless his subsequent methods have been altered he

