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### BY THE WAY.

—Our report of the proceedings of the Borough Council, last evening, is, strange to say, very interesting reading.

—The new firm of Howell & Hardy on North avenue, opposite the station, is selling new groceries at reasonable prices. Give them a call.

—A man named Gaskill was arrested by Officer Lynch last evening for being drunk on the streets, and insulting females. This morning he was fined ten dollars.

—"Christ, our Master,"—Matt. 23:10; Rom. 6:16, is the topic for the Young Men's Meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Monday evening. Leader, Mr. C. E. Boss. All men welcome.

—Next Monday evening at Laing's Hall a company of glassblowers with other attractive features will open for a week an entertainment where everyone is admitted for fifteen cents and receives a present when they go.

—The report of the Department of Agriculture for the month of November, shows the corn crop on the average to be short, potatoes the smallest yield since 1881 and apples a poor crop and of inferior quality.

—A "Tamasha" and sociable was held in Mt. Olive Baptist church on Thursday evening, and the net proceeds, about \$70, was given to the pastor. The programme included singing, recitations and a number of short plays.

—We would give our young gentlemen readers a sly tip, by advising them to be unusually kind to their friends, the ladies, during to-morrow. Every member of the "Y" is permitted to invite two young men to the "high chocolate" at the "Y" rooms, Monday evening.

—We have sold every copy of the extraordinarily large edition of Wednesday's Press containing the only tabulated result of Tuesday's election that was published. The same form, however, was used in our weekly of which we can still furnish copies for filling away.

—One of our Plainfield hair dressers recently ate 79 Massachusetts Bay, raw oysters at one sitting, at Van Name's oyster house on Park avenue, and it "didn't hurt him a bit." Mr. Van Name intends to engage an extra oyster opener the next time his patron applies for supper.

—A horse attached to an open wagon belonging to Frank Linke, of North Plainfield, ran away on Somerset street a little before noon today. The animal was caught on Park avenue by Charles Van Nest soon afterward, and the vehicle was minus a Linke. He was thrown out, but sustained no serious injury.

—The Sunday evening service under the auspices of the Plainfield Berean Bible Class, at Cutter's Hall, to-morrow evening, will be full of interest as the teacher, Rev. J. B. Cleaver, will give one of his entertaining and instructive talks. All are invited. The meeting commences at 7:30 o'clock with a service of song.

—Today appears on our next page the announcement of the big fair to be held by the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church in the Sunday School's new Hall. Effort has been made during the past many weeks to equal the church fair held some time ago in The Crescent, and every assurance of such success is apparent.

—The next in the series of free entertainments given under the auspices of the Reform Club will take place in Reform Hall on the evening of Dec. 29th. Rev. Mr. Richards will then deliver a lecture. As THE PRESS predicted at the opening of the series, this new departure by the Reform Club is destined to be of great benefit, especially to the young men of the city. Each succeeding lecture and entertainment is better patronized than the one preceding it, and before the season closes we predict Reform Hall will prove inadequate to meet the demand.

## THE LAST OF THE FIREBUGS.

"Eph," the Only Suspect Left, is Also to be Released.

The following from an enterprising contemporary of this morning, attracted our attention:

It is stated that "Eph" Carmon, the negro from this place accused of being a Plainfield "firebug," will soon be released upon his own recognizance. He is now confined in jail at Elizabeth. —Bound Brook Chronicle.

A PRESS reporter was at once assigned the duty of interviewing those about "headquarters" and others in a position to know something to do with the case. The result of our representative's inquiry, presents some startling news. Said one who claimed to know the "insides" of the whole matter, "There was hardly enough evidence against the darkey presented to the Grand Jury to justify that body in finding a bill of indictment. But in the interest of the people of your city, and to further the ends of justice, he was indicted because the charge against him would have expired by limitation in a few weeks thereafter. The evidence consisted of a statement of his own, made under peculiar circumstances, and implicating another. This he would undoubtedly repudiate now, and the Prosecution would be left without a case. Detective Murphy had no evidence of value to present on this or any other charge."

A trip to Bound Brook resulted in the securing of but little information to substantiate Eph's defence of an alibi. Of the witnesses subpoenaed to testify that the accused was engaged in carting about that place at the time of the fire Nov. 21, 1885, but one could so swear, and he only "to the best of his belief." Still such a plea would be of no avail if evidence was forthcoming to the effect that the means used failed to "go off" at the time expected, and that the unexpected delay had been sufficient to allow the one who had placed the infernal machine in position to do its work, to be some miles away when the fire broke out.

Another high in authority says that the item we quote at the beginning of this article, is true. That "Eph" will be released whether he secures bail or not. Our authority also makes the astounding statement that neither Eph, nor Theodore Van Nest nor any more accused firebugs will be brought to trial. This endorses the following from these columns of Nov. 29, wherein was stated the probable result of the wholesale capture:

The record will be: One conviction only—that for the false fire, which conviction was brought about by Horace's threats and Lewis' insurance policy.

The release of Theodore Van Nest and Eph Carmon because of insufficient evidence. And the others arrested without cause, Messrs. Reed, Hapenny and Skinner, were released weeks ago.

### To Swell the Fund.

The building fund being raised for the erection of the new Grace Episcopal church, grows apace, and before many months the handsome edifice will begin to rise above ground on the valuable location purchased long ago for the purpose, at Seventh and Sycamore streets. The latest enterprise arranged to swell the fund, is a sale of fancy and useful Christmas presents by the little children of the Ministering League of the church. It will be held in the W. C. T. U. rooms on Front opposite Peace street, Tuesday afternoon and evening of next week. It deserves the public's patronage.

### Preparing for Winter's Sport.

The managers of the Plainfield Tobogganing Company have had a force of men at work for some time past, putting the chute on Front street in order for the expected large patronage of the coming season. This is the fashionable out-door sport of young and old alike, and if the elements are favorable the Plainfield slide will undoubtedly be kept busy until Winter's backbone is broken and the tobogganers have slid into the lap of Spring. The chute has been scraped and almost polished, while the supports have all been tested and strengthened until they are even firmer than ever.

### As Others See Us.

This is from the Newark Advertiser: "The Union County Court has reversed a judgment of the City of Plainfield against a saloon-keeper for illegal liquor selling. It is stated that at the late election the question of license or no license was looked upon as the most important one in the canvass. From the outset the element favoring the saloons was the most active, and so arranged the tickets at the primaries that the defeat of only one of the temperance candidates was all that would be necessary to insure license."

### A Big Hotel.

The largest candy hotel in the World is on exhibition at Foote's, No. 19 Park avenue. Mr. George M. Demarest was the architect and builder. Each purchaser of fifty cents worth of candy receives a numbered ticket, and after the drawing, Jan. 24, the one holding the lucky number takes the sweet building.

## PARTICULAR MENTION.

Miss Laura Adams of New Brunswick, is visiting her sister in this city.

Services to-morrow at Trinity Reformed church at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The pastor's subject in the evening will be "Come and See."

The remains of ex-Mayor Wm. B. Maxson, were yesterday removed from their grave in the Seventh Day burying ground and deposited in Hillside Cemetery.

The Fredonian of New Brunswick in its issue of Thursday says: Miss Ella Moffett of Plainfield, who has been visiting Miss Lillie Holman of this city, returned to her home yesterday.

Rev. E. M. Rodman conducted the funeral of the late D. B. Bascome, M. D., from the residence of his son on East Ninth street yesterday afternoon. The remains were placed in the vault, temporarily, at Hillside Cemetery.

An illustrated address, of which we told in detail last evening, will be delivered at the Congregational church, to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock, by Mr. G. W. Leitch on the life, habits and religion of the Hindoos of India and Ceylon.

Mrs. John M. Jackson, wife of the convicted firebug, who was sent to Trenton a few days ago to serve out a fifteen years' sentence, gave birth to twins, a boy and girl, last evening. Today the mother is reported as much improved.

Mrs. Cleveland's successor has arrived and is stopping at the residence of Mr. Richard Day, the North avenue liverman. She is quite young, but weighs 'teen pounds, which speaks well for her chances of getting there in good time. "Dick" is so proud of his young heiress that he makes a profound bow every time her name is mentioned. He is doing as well as can be expected under the weight of hearty congratulations and good wishes.

The first formal reception given at the residence of Gov. Green at Elizabeth, on Thursday evening last, was a decidedly pleasant social event. Many State officials and prominent personages were present, and the toilets of the ladies were handsome and rich. The hours of reception were from 4 to 6 p. m. Mrs. Green and the Misses Green assisted in the reception, and pleased everyone by their charming manners. The residence was handsomely illuminated and profusely decorated with flowers.

In introducing Mr. Daft before his lecture at Music Hall, Thursday evening, Corporation Counsel Marsh paid the lecturer a great compliment at the close of his remarks. He said that a New York gentleman had suggested that Mr. Daft was probably not appreciated in Plainfield. Being asked why, he said that of course he was appreciated everywhere else, but there was scripture authority for believing that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country and in his own house." To this Mr. Marsh replied that Solomon's sayings were generally true, but it would be observed that the one in question related solely to prophets. Mr. Daft got beyond being a prophet years ago. Now, day after day, he was fulfilling prophecy and fulfilling it to such an extent that one was prompted to quote the answer made by the Queen of Sheba to Solomon; that "the half hath not been told."

### Officers of the W. R. C.

The annual meeting for the election of officers to serve the W. R. C. for the ensuing year took place last evening, with the following result:

President—Mrs. E. C. Morse.  
Senior Vice Pres.—Mrs. W. C. Smith.  
Junior Vice Pres.—Mrs. Lydia A. Walker.  
Treasurer—Mrs. M. W. Terry.  
Chaplain—Mrs. C. Stephens.  
Conductor—Mrs. G. Rittenhouse.  
Guard—Mrs. S. Moore.  
Mrs. Addis was elected delegate to the Convention, and Mrs. Bray, of Hoboken, as alternate.

### A Good Play and a Fine Company.

At Music Hall Monday evening, Mr. Edward J. Henley and his English company will present Robert Louis Stevenson's play, "Deacon Brodie, or the Double Life." It is the story of a man who led a double life, who during the day was the respective representative of an honored family, and a leader among his townsmen, but who at night changed his character with his clothes, left the "Deacon" behind him in the honest house of which he was reputed to be the pillar and went out to spend his nights, sometimes in roystering dissipation, sometimes in crime.

### A New Glee Club.

The Crescent Glee Club is the title of a new association of choristers which was organized last evening. The following is a list of officers elected:

Leader—C. H. Farlee.  
President—J. Clark, Jr.  
Vice President—C. J. Ackerman.  
Secretary—Wm. H. Hardy.  
Treasurer—E. E. Vall.  
Manager—Wm. H. Hardy.  
The club is now ready for business.

—One month to "January Thaw."

## BURJOUGH COUNCIL MEETING.

The Electric Light Poles Must Go—Street Lighting Contract Awarded—Other Business.

An adjourned regular meeting of the North Plainfield Council was held last evening, Mayor Cooley in the chair. The roll-call showed the following Councilmen present: Messrs. McGee, Milne, Slater and Weaver. Councilman Riker came in later. The reading of the minutes of the meeting of December 2d was dispensed with, and the regular order of business taken up. Under the heading of "Presentation of Petitions and Communications," the following were presented: From Mr. R. Elliott asking permission to make a glass enclosure in front of his store, No. 46 Somerset street. Referred by Mr. Milne to the Committee on Streets. By Mr. Slater, asking for a sidewalk on the Southern side of Chatham street, between Somerset and Warren streets. Referred to the same Committee. By request of Mr. Slater a communication was presented from A. D. Thompson, per J. D. Hetfield, manager, stating that the petitioner had leased from Carmon Parse, the property known as the Hillman estate on Somerset street, and asking permission to continue slaughtering small stock on the premises, provided the lessee keep the place clean, remove all offal, etc., so as not to prove detrimental to the public health. Mr. Slater moved to refer the matter to the Mayor and Street Committee with power. Mayor Cooley said that several complaints had been made to him about the place, and he had notified Mr. Hetfield to the effect that he was violating the health ordinance. The latter, he said, had called upon him and stated that he had a quantity of live stock of hand, which he desired to dispose of, and asked leniency from his honor for a few days. This the Mayor consented to, allowing him a few days grace to slaughter his stock; provided, however, that Mr. Hetfield would petition the Council for a further privilege to carry on the work. Mr. Slater said the ordinance was framed evidently with the object of stopping this sort of business, and to prohibit persons from coming into the borough and establishing slaughterhouses there. Mr. Slater's motion to refer the matter to the Mayor and Street Committee with power prevailed.

Mr. McGee from the Fire, Water and Lamps Committee, submitted a report setting forth what had been accomplished by the Committee in reference to street lighting, and also what action had been taken by the Committee with reference to the removal of the Electric Light Company's poles and wires from the borough. The report was received and filed.

Mr. Slater called from the table a resolution calling for the removal of the electric light poles and wires. The paper embodies the Corporation Counsel's opinion with reference to the matter and, under its provisions he will act. It is as follows:

WHEREAS, on the 4th day of December, 1885, the Plainfield Electric Light Co., petitioned the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, for the privilege of making an exhibition in the borough of the arc light of the Thompson-Houston system, said petition was favorably considered and the privilege granted on the date above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the same company on the 2d day of April, 1885, again petitioned the Mayor and Council for the privilege of erecting in the borough the poles and wires necessary to run 25 arc lights of the Thompson-Houston system, which petition was favorably considered and the privilege granted by a resolution passed on the last mentioned date. Said resolution provided that the poles and wires might be erected after complying with certain conditions therein stated, and said resolution referred to and required that the poles and wires be erected as provided in a certain ordinance of the Mayor and Council, approved on even date with the resolution and petition, and

WHEREAS, the conditions imposed by the resolution, granting the privilege and the terms of the ordinance under which they should have been erected, have not been complied with, and as the said company have ceased to use the poles and wires for the purpose for which the consent to their erection was had, and

Resolved, That the said company be required to remove all their poles and wires from the streets, roads, avenues, places and thoroughfares of the borough within 20 days after the service of an order so to do, and if the same are not removed as required in said order, then the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to remove them and the Committee on Streets and Public Health are charged with the duty of carrying this order into effect.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution properly signed and attested by the Mayor and Clerk, be furnished to the Corporation Counsel who is directed to draw an order as required by this resolution, provide for and cause the same to be properly served on the Plainfield Electric Light Co., and he shall use all diligence to effect a prompt service of said order.

Before a vote was taken on the adoption of the resolution, Mr. McGee spoke at some length. He said among other things, that the subscribers to the Electric Light Company had broken their contract recently; nothing like the sum of money at

first subscribed, individually, was ever paid in. On the other hand, the Company may have violated their contract, although the streets were lighted by electricity for a time at least; inasmuch as the Company was now carrying on a business in North Plainfield he thought it would be wise to consider the matter before, possibly, entering into a litigation in which the Council may eventually have to back down. The chair called for a vote on the adoption of the resolution, and it was carried, Mr. McGee voting "no."

Mr. McGee called from the table a resolution, in blank form, which subsequently prevailed and awarded to the N. Y. and N. J. Globe Gas Light Company the contract for lighting the streets of the borough. He stated that there seemed to be a divided opinion as to the manner of street lighting, and thought something should be done to bring about an effective service without delay. Whatever the Council did, in his opinion, would be looked upon favorably by the citizens; the proposition of the above company, he said, seemed to be looked upon with more favor than the others. At this juncture of the proceedings, the company's proposition was read. Bid No. 1 offered to furnish 175 or more standard Philadelphia lamps, iron posts, with improved gas generating apparatus, the same to burn 22 nights in each month from dark to dawn at the rate of \$17.75 per lamp for one year's contract, and \$17 per lamp for a three year's contract; for the same number of lamps to burn all night and every night in the year, \$18.25 for a one year's contract, and \$17.50 for a three year's contract. Bid No. 2 agrees to furnish with wooden posts, 175 lamps or more, the same to burn 22 nights in each month all night, for \$17.25 per lamp for a one year contract, and \$16.75 per lamp for a three year's contract; to burn every night in the year, all night, \$17.75 per lamp for a one year's contract, and \$17 for a three year's contract. Mr. McGee stated that the Committee had no recommendation to make as to style of posts, but recommended that the contract call for the burning of the lamps all night on 22 nights in each month. Following is the resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Plainfield make and enter into a contract with the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas Light Co., limited, for causing the public streets and places of said borough to be lighted with not less than 150 or more than 190 of their standard Philadelphia lamps and iron posts, with improved gas generating apparatus, said lamps to burn all night during 22 nights of each month, for the period not exceeding one year, and for that purpose causing to be erected and maintained all necessary and proper posts, lanterns and fixtures, all on the best terms obtainable, and that the annual expense thereof after being ascertained or determined by resolution be certified unto the Assessor of such borough, and that such annual expense be thereupon levied, assessed and collected from all the real and personal property in said borough in the same manner, at the same time and under the same penalties (but without any extra compensation therefor) as the taxes for the working or repairing of roads in such borough are or may be.

Mr. Slater offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a contract with the N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Company, for 150 and not more than 190 of their Philadelphia standard lamps, the same to burn 22 nights from dark to dawn at a cost of not more than \$17.75 per lamp, but said contract shall provide that if the borough shall continue the contract for a period of three years, then the aggregate paid in that time shall not be more than would have been paid were the contract made for three years in the first instance, and the said company shall agree to have the entire plant in good working order within thirty days from the date of signing the articles of agreement.

A resolution offered by Mr. Milne authorizing the Mayor and Street Committee to procure for Mr. H. H. Baker the required number of metal signs for street naming at a cost of 30 cents each, was seconded by Mr. Slater and adopted.

Mr. Riker explained the action taken by the Street Committee in awarding to John A. Thickstun the contract for laying walks at Somerset street and Grandview avenue. He stated that Mr. Powers had presented an itemized bid for the work, amounting in the aggregate to \$26.60. Mr. Thickstun had lumped the job for \$25. Council then adjourned.

### "Mock Trial."

A new and interesting development of the talent of the Boys' Senior Society of the Y. M. C. A., will be exhibited in a "Mock Trial," to take place at the Association rooms on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock. Hon. John Ulrich will preside as Judge upon the occasion. A goodly number of young men will act as lawyers and witnesses. The Court will be an open session, and those interested in this branch of the work of the Association, are cordially invited.

—The East-bound B. & O. express train was over four hours late when it arrived in this city yesterday morning.

—Shaw, the pharmacist, opposite Park avenue, on Front street, displays one of the finest assortments of dressing cases and toilet sets of all kinds, this side of New York city.

## BY THE PRESS SPECIAL SERVICE.

### M. JULES FERRY ASSASSINATED.

Three Shots Severely Wound the French Leader.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—An assassin, whose motive is not yet known, fired three shots from a revolver at M. Jules Ferry, this morning. The victim was promenading at the time, in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies. He fell to the ground seriously wounded, but information regarding the assassin cannot be obtained at this moment.

### Royal Arcanum Notes.

Assessment No. 101 was issued to the members of Royal Arcanum Nov. 1st, payable to their Council treasury on or before Dec. 1st: 101 assessments paid by them in ten years and six months. The deaths embraced in call No. 101 distributed by States are as follows: Ohio, Maryland, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Virginia, Indiana and New Jersey, one each; Massachusetts, seven; Pennsylvania and New York, four each; Ontario and Illinois, two each, and Georgia three. The call showed the number of members in good standing Nov. 1st to be 77,762, a gain of 122 since Oct. 15th. The membership of the order, Dec. 31st, 1886, was 70,755, against 61,023 Dec. 31st, 1885. Number of deaths in 1886 was 541; in 1887 up to Nov. 1st, 529. It is possible another assessment will be called this year, which, based upon the average death rate, would make the number of deaths for 1887, 559. The year's work shows an approximate increase of membership of 7,300 and death rate of 58 over 1886. The order paid to the families of deceased members, in 1887, \$1,617,000. The comparative statistics furnished by the Supreme Secretary's report ending Dec. 31, 1886, gives the receipts for ten years up to the above date as follows: Receipts, \$6,505,645.67; disbursements, \$6,446,000; to which adding \$1,617,000 for 1887, makes a total of \$8,068,000 paid to dependents of deceased members in ten years and eleven months. This is a showing that should make the hearts of the membership swell with pride.

The order has one council in this city, Plainfield, 711, which is in a very flourishing condition, and contains on its roll of active membership 101 of our best citizens.

### To Protect the Sabbath.

Members of the W. C. T. U. of New Brunswick and other cities in the State are taking active steps to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath and to combat the influence of the Liquor League. The following petition which it is designed to present to the next Legislature, is being distributed and largely signed:

To the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:  
GENTLEMEN:—In view of the efforts being made by the Liquor interests of the State to bring about the repeal of the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicants upon the Sabbath or first day of the week, and the opening of saloons on that day:—

We, the subscribers, citizens of the State of New Jersey, would respectfully petition the Senate and General Assembly not to repeal such laws or to pass any act authorizing or permitting, or tending to authorize or permit, the sale of intoxicants or the opening of the saloons upon the Sabbath, or any part thereof, or to pass any act which would tend to secularize that day; but on the contrary we do petition you to provide for the enforcement of all laws intended to protect the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship.

### SCOTCH PLAINS.

The Fanwood Improvement Company are erecting a number of handsome Queen Anne cottages on North avenue.

The shipment of stone from Mr. Jos. Cook's stone crusher has been necessarily delayed for a week or two past, owing to an accident to the machinery.

The new club house is well patronized these evenings, by the young people of the place, who enjoy bowling, billiards and other social amusements.

John T. Hildbrand, of Myersville, Md., who has been visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. A. C. Brown, has returned home. His family will remain here for a few weeks.

—Shakespeare speaks of the Timon of Athens, but neglects to give the record made. That is because he didn't have one of Collier's incomparable watches to do the timin' with. They are as regular as the sun, more reasonable in price and much more handy to carry around.

—In resuming its old position as a solvent road, under direction of its own officers and directors, the Central Railroad will be the first of the New Jersey roads, except the Erie, to adopt the graded system of commutation. This system has been adopted by nearly all the roads running out of New York, except the New Jersey roads. It is known as the graded system, and provides for a gradual reduction of monthly commuting rates, until at the end of the year the commuter who buys monthly tickets gets his twelve tickets at nearly the same price as is paid for an annual rate.

# HARPER TELLS HIS STORY

## THE LATE FIDELITY BANKER ON THE WITNESS STAND.

He Tells About Complicated Deals With Wheat Brokers and in All His Testimony Does Not Improve His Case.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10.—Yesterday was an exciting day in the Harper trial. E. L. Harper was called to the stand, and before he took the oath Judge Jackson said:

"Did you request to be placed on the witness stand?"

"Yes, sir," was the answer.

The oath was then administered, and the witness told of his business career, ending with the Fidelity bank, which, he said, he organized out of the Fidelity Safe Deposit and Trust company. He smiled when asked if he knew J. W. Wilshire, and went on to detail Wilshire's connection with the Fidelity bank. He said that in September, 1898, he was induced by Wilshire to make him a loan of \$50,000. Wilshire at that time was a debtor to the bank to the amount of \$200,000, and he represented to Harper that if this loan was not made the bank would suffer. He accommodated him upon taking an agreement to transfer certain real estate, and also 100 shares of Fidelity stock at par, then worth 100. All went well, until October, when witness returned from a little dinner party composed of Wilshire and some officers of the bank and found that during his absence Wilshire, Eckert & Co. had been returned not good. That check Wilshire said he was unable to make good, and he was compelled to carry it. Another day when witness was out, Wilshire, Eckert & Co. got Hopkins to wire \$50,000 credit to Chicago upon certified checks. At the close of business hours that day he found Wilshire, Eckert & Co.'s account overdrawn \$50,000, with the former \$25,000, their debt to the bank of \$25,000, and their debt to him of \$50,000. He felt that they were in a dangerous position. Wilshire transferred to him the real estate and the stock, and he turned over to the bank. He returned to Wilshire, but could get nothing out of him. He then suggested to the cashier to take a cash loan from Wilshire, Eckert & Co., to square their account and save the cashier. Mr. Harper stated unreservedly that he never gave an order of any kind to Mr. Eckert to buy grain for him in Chicago, and he was equally sweeping and explicit in saying that he never authorized Mr. Wilshire to buy grain for him in Chicago or elsewhere. This is the point of the whole case, and is in direct conflict with the testimony of both Mr. Wilshire and Mr. Eckert.

Harper's manner on the stand showed what a difficult man he has been for his attorneys to manage. He took the jury into his confidence and talked to them with the purpose of convincing them, but all the time was transgressing the rules of evidence as explained to him time and again by Judge Jackson. He argued his case as he went along until Judge Jackson's rebukes began to bear the tones of impatience. He testified a dozen times to occurrences which he did not witness, but of which somebody had told him. Every question furnished a new opportunity to him to say what his intentions were.

He was about to leave the stand when Mr. Blackburn asked him if he had anything to do with Mr. Hopkins' wheat deals through Broker Hoyt. He answered that he paid Hopkins' drafts, but he did it to protect the bank.

"I was interested through Hopkins to that extent. We would first protect the interests of the bank, and after that was done, if there was any profit left, it was to be divided between Hopkins and myself."

A sensation ran through the court room as these words were uttered. Mr. Blackburn, to break the force of the admission, said:

"Did you at any time have any intent in all these transactions to defraud the bank or anybody else?"

"None in the world," was the answer. Miss Matthews at this point was in tears.

The cross-examination was brief and pointed. It brought out the single fact that he purchased certificates of deposit with his own checks, which were not charged to his account.

## WILL DEFY THE MAYOR.

Chicago Anarchists Will Now Hold Five Festivals Instead of One.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Instead of the one entertainment at battery D armory that was choked off by the hostility of Mayor Roche, or the three that were talked of Thursday, the anarchists yesterday decided to have no less than five different festivals at five different halls in various portions of the city for the benefit of the families of the dead or imprisoned anarchists. One will be held to-day, two Sunday and two Tuesday. The halls engaged all have licenses to sell liquors, so there will be no further difficulty on that score. The tickets for the collapsed festival are to be honored at any of the others. It was announced last night that the burial of the executed anarchists will take place at Waldheim Christmas Day.

## Virginia State Officers.

RICHMOND, Dec. 10.—The general assembly yesterday elected the democratic nominees for the state offices as follows: Secretary of the commonwealth, Henry W. Flournoy; auditor of public accounts, Morton Mayne; second auditor, Frank Grumia; treasurer, A. W. Harmon, Jr.; railroad commissioner, James C. Hill; superintendent of public printing, J. H. O'Bannon; superintendent of the penitentiary, W. W. Moses; commissioner of agriculture, Thomas Whitehead. The election of a United States senator will take place the 30th inst., when John Barbour will be elected.

## She Will Sue Her Fugitive Lover.

NEWARK, Dec. 10.—Christian Gutjahr, who disappeared on Saturday last, the day he was to have married Gretchen Stuckert, turned up again in this city yesterday and vowed he would sue the baker who asserted that the reason he had decamped was because he had stolen several watches. He stated that he left because he had quarreled with his sweetheart, whom he asserts he will not marry under any consideration. Miss Stuckert alleges that she will bring suit against her faithless lover for breach of promise.

## Mary Anderson's Cottage Sold.

LONG BRANCH, Dec. 10.—The old summer house of Mary Anderson, the actress, near John Hoyt's Hollywood park, has been sold to J. Harper Bondell, the New York printer, ink manufacturer. The price paid was \$75,000.

## Canal Navigation to Close.

HONESDALE, Pa., Dec. 10.—The last loaded boat on the Delaware and Hudson Canal left here yesterday afternoon for Rondout. The shipments this season were 875,000 tons, an increase over last season of 178,000 tons.

# THE VITROL SENSATION.

## Horne Discharged and Frank H. Young Arrested.

HAVERTHILL, Mass., Dec. 10.—The man Horne, who was charged with throwing vitrol upon Miss Mahan, was discharged from custody in the police court yesterday morning, the prosecuting counsel having no evidence against him. Miss Mahan's condition was less favorable this morning.

Frank H. Young, aged about twenty-five years, who was arrested on the same charge late Thursday night, was placed under \$2,000 bonds to appear to-day. Young's statements that he had seen stranger pay money to Horne soon after the vitrol throwing was what led to the latter's arrest.

Young, who came from Lynn two years ago, has served a term for larceny and has not a good reputation. After Horne's arrest Young manifested considerable excitement and in frequent conversations with officers told conflicting stories. Soon after the assault he called at Miss Mahan's boarding place and offered to watch with her, though he professed to be a perfect stranger to her. He denies all complicity in the affair and claims ability to prove an alibi.

The police claim to have a complete chain of circumstantial evidence against him.

## An Application Denied.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Application was recently made to the treasury department for an allowance of drawback on tin plate scraps resulting from the manufacture of imported plate into various articles. It was represented that such an allowance would promote the manufacture of articles for which tin plate is used as material, and that it would be without danger to the revenue, as no domestic tin plate enters into such manufacture. Assistant Secretary Maynard denied the application for reason that it was not authorized by law.

## Anti-Saloon Republican Conference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A number of senators met at the residence of Senator Palmer last evening to confer with Albert Grimm, chairman of the anti-saloon republicans' national committee, of New York, with reference to the anti-saloon proposition of Senator Palmer looking toward national prohibition. No effort was made to take any formal steps in the matter, as the purpose of the meeting was simply to have a free interchange of views on the subject.

## Extra Territorial Crime.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The state department has issued a volume of 1-1/2 pages on "Extra Territorial Crime," with reference of course to the celebrated Cutting case. The whole history of this case is given, together with all the laws of all countries bearing on extra territorial jurisdiction. The volume accompanies the request of the governor made to the Mexican government for the repeal of modification of the statute under which Cutting was imprisoned.

## Will Break the Old Coke Pool.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 10.—At a meeting of the Independent Coke Producers' association, held yesterday at Connelville, each member pledged his individual support to a new organization, which will consist of the old Producers' association, with the addition of J. W. Moore and Rainey & Cochran. A Pittsburgh office will be established and the coke pooled and put on the market independently of the syndicate.

## Bennett's Fine Shooting.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—F. E. Bennett shot yesterday at Walnut Hill the fifth string in his series of six in six consecutive days. He made 568 points in a possible 1,000, and, with the exception of the first day's score, made the highest aggregate thus far. The result of the five days' shooting gives Mr. Bennett a total of 4,285 points in a possible 5,000, leaving him an excess of 91 points to draw from to make his 541 to-day.

## Coal Goes Up in New Jersey.

RED BANK, N. J., Dec. 10.—Scarcity of coal has been felt in Monmouth county for the past month. In Red Bank the dealers have experienced less trouble in getting enough to supply their customers than at places which get their coal by railroad. Within a month the price has been forced up from \$1.50 to \$2 per ton higher. In Red Bank the present price is \$5.50 for the same coal that sold for \$4.75 three weeks ago.

## Completely Destroyed by Fire.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Fire was discovered in the Burdett house, Great Bend, about 10 o'clock last night. The flames spread rapidly to Newman's house, the Newman and Delevare blocks, then to Wolcott's sash and blind factory, all of which were completely destroyed. The losses are estimated as high as \$35,000. Eight families were rendered homeless.

## Assignee of the Vocation Company.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 10.—The court of insolvency yesterday heard the petition in insolvency of the Hamilton Vocation Organ manufacturing company. Horace B. Fry, of New York, was the choice for assignee. It was stated that the assets in this state were \$25,000. The court then ordered that \$30,000 bonds be given by the assignee.

## Burglars Make a Call.

CONCORD, Dec. 10.—While Mr. Augustus P. Chamberlain, in company with his wife, was attending a fair in the center of the town last evening his residence was visited by burglars and articles of the value of \$12,000 or \$15,000 were taken. The servants were in the house at the time.

## To Succeed Bishop Shanahan.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.—The Catholic Standard has received a cable despatch from Rome announcing that the Rev. Thos. McGovern, rector of St. Joseph's church, Danville, Pa., has been appointed to the See of Harrisburg, to succeed the late Bishop Shanahan.

## Most Out on Bail.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Anarchist Most was admitted to bail yesterday in the sum of \$5,000. Mrs. Hoffman again qualifying in that amount for him. After his release he went at once to the office of the "Freiheit," and shortly after the "growler" was in active motion.

## Sporting Notes.

The American turf congress meets in Cincinnati next week. It is composed of western running associations.

Mr. Robert Bonner has taken the queen of the turf, Maud K., to New York, and is driving her double with Pequard.

Jack Haylin is looking for another customer, and his backer has commissioned a New York friend to make a match on his behalf with either Tommy Danforth or Jack Farrell.

It is reported that Jake Kilrain has written to friends in New York that he feels sure of winning with Jem Smith, and that he will either leave the field a victor or come home in a coffin. It is to be hoped that Jake will prove the victor.

# LIST OF ADVERTISED LETTERS.

## REMAINING IN PLAINFIELD POST OFFICE FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 9, 1897.

Atkinson, Miss M A  
Brown, Harry  
Buckler, James  
Combes, Mrs H G  
Drake, A M  
Euler, Mr F  
Flagg, Miss Emily L  
Folger, Miss Rebecca  
Gardner, Peter  
Henderson, Miss Ida (2)  
Jackson, Miss Alice B  
Lane, Mrs Annie  
McFarlie, L D  
Morris, Miss  
Martin, Miss Katie  
Ward, Miss Maggie  
Wilson, Mr K R

Persons calling for above please say advertised.  
W. L. FORCE, Postmaster.

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## WANTS AND OFFERS.

Advertisements under this heading, one cent for each word, each insertion.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 12th.

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SALE OF TICKETS AT USUAL PLACES. 12-10-24

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The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will hold a FAIR and FESTIVAL in the NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL HALL, on

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The proceeds are to be devoted to the Building Fund of the New Grace Church.

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## SUSPICIOUS OF CHOLERA.

Fears That the Elysia Brought Infected Italians to New Orleans.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 10.—Dr. Rauch, secretary of the state board of health, upon learning that the Elysia had arrived at New Orleans with 600 emigrants from the cholera infected districts of Italy, telegraphed Dr. Joseph Holt, president of the Louisiana state board of health, asking about the truth of the report. Holt replied:

"Steamship Elysia left Palermo, November 6, with 614 emigrant passengers, and an English surgeon on board. Clean bill of health; no case of sickness on voyage; vessel exceptionally clean. Arrived at quarantine December 3, detained three days. Extra careful disinfection of every article of baggage, ship apparel and entire vessel. Reports from surgeon, captain, and from Washington indicate no cholera in Italy during past month."

On receipt of the above, Dr. Rauch sent the following: "Regret that you did not detain the Elysia and her passengers longer. Twice has cholera been introduced into this country via New Orleans at this season of the year

## LATE EUROPEAN NEWS

### A LETTER FROM THE CROWN PRINCE.

He Says His Health Is Good and He Is Not Disheartened.—M. Goblet Gives Way to Fallacies.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—It is stated on what is said to be reliable authority that the doctors attending the German crown prince have not changed their opinion as regards his case, and that the recent optimistic views are baseless.

Councilor Hintzperger, formerly tutor of Prince William, has published the following letter received by him from the Crown Prince, written on the 4th instant:

"I am able to inform you that the treatment which the physicians prescribed after consulting together has entirely removed the inflammation, and caused the dangerous symptoms to subside. Meanwhile, my bodily health has been excellent. I have never lost strength, my appetite is good, and my general appearance is that of perfect health. I purposely communicate these details to you because it appears to me beyond a doubt that exaggerated accounts have been circulated of the appearance of a fresh growth of unfavorable character. God will determine the course which the disease shall take. The treatment is entrusted to most eminent experts, who, in spite of all attacks leveled against them, possess my full confidence. I am in no way discouraged, and I hope one day to be able, though perhaps only after a long period of careful treatment, once more to devote my powers to the service of the Fatherland."

### UNABLE TO FORM A CABINET.

M. Goblet So Notifies the President and M. Fallieres Is Appointed to.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—M. Goblet has informed President Carnot that, owing to the refusal of several statesmen to join him, he is unable to form a cabinet. The president, therefore, made another appeal to M. Fallieres to undertake the task.

It is definitely known that M. Fallieres will attempt to form a cabinet. The report is also confirmed that his ministry will include several members of the late government, including M. Rouvier, M. Fourcaud and Gen. Ferron.

The radical group will meet soon to discuss the attitude to be taken by the party toward the next cabinet.

### Scotchmen Uphold Ireland's Cause.

GLASGOW, Dec. 10.—The delegates of the Scotch home rule Union who have been making a tour of Ireland have returned, and report that the Irish people are eager for peace, that their demands are moderate, and that the national league is the chief agency for the maintenance of law and order. The delegates declare that the measure taken by the present English government are ineffective, and irritate the mass of the Irish nation.

### Students Attack Authorities.

MOSCOW, Dec. 10.—A large crowd of university students made an attack yesterday on M. Brigholoff, the government inspector. They also hissed Count Kapsner, the rector of the university, and engaged in other riotous demonstrations. Finally a force of Cossacks was called out to suppress the disturbance. Several hundred of the students were arrested.

### Sullivan May Receive Callers.

DUBLIN, Dec. 10.—Lord Mayor Sullivan, who is a prisoner in Tullamore jail, has been notified that he will be allowed to receive visitors for two hours daily, without the presence of a warder, provided he promises that no documents shall pass between himself and his visitors.

### Vanderbilt Visits the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 10.—The Vanderbilt party and another party of Americans yesterday witnessed the Selamluk ceremony. The Sultan sent a message to United States Minister Strauss, who was also present, that he would receive the visitors.

### Sullivan Introduced to the Prince.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—John L. Sullivan boxed with "Jack" Ashton in the presence of the prince of Wales last night. The famous pugilist was introduced to the prince, who expressed himself as delighted with the performance.

### The Emperor's Father Said to Be Dead.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 10.—It is reported that Prince Chung, the Emperor's father, is dead. He exercised a large and controlling influence at court, but was in harmony with the Viceroy, Li Hung Chang.

### More Arming in Russia.

CRACOW, Dec. 10.—Orders have been issued to place the fifth, seventh, eighth, and eleventh Russian army corps on a war footing.

### DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE.

The Town of Bayispe Engulfed and Many Lives Lost.

NOGALES, ARI, Dec. 10.—Reports from Bayispe, the scenes of the recent earthquake, say that the town has been destroyed and many lives lost.

The earthquakes have been of daily occurrence, except during intervals of two weeks, during which time the people built temporary shanties of refuge on the hills. During the cessation some adobe houses were erected, but were soon destroyed.

The streets opened by the first great shocks are still flowing.

The people are still wild with terror and are starving. The provisions and supplies received from public and private sources are exhausted, and the entire vicinity is destitute of provisions and clothing.

### The Farmer Kept His Word.

CADILLA, Mich., Dec. 10.—The Toledo and Ann Arbor railroad men were warned not to cross the farm of a man named Chapin, near here, and were told that they would be shot if they did not keep off. They did not heed the warning, and one man was shot in the abdomen and another was shot in the head. It is thought that both will die.

### His Time Will Be Divided.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The famous fight for possession of the son and heir of Leslie Carter was decided in Judge Jamison's court this morning. The Judge ordered that the child be given to the relatives of the respective parents during alternate months.

### The Authorities Say It Was a Hoax.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 10.—The military authorities here say that the story circulated last night of an attempt to explode the gun cotton tank at George's Island was a hoax.

### Divorced Himself with a Bullet.

MONTROSE, Ia., Dec. 10.—Thomas Ellis, Jr., who was being sued for divorce by his wife, went to her house yesterday, shot her fatally and killed himself.

## NINA IS NOT AN HEIRESS.

She Only Gave Spies Her Wealth of Affection, Trust and Reverence.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The following letter is published in the *Labor Enquirer* yesterday afternoon under date of 6th inst.

To the Editor:

I do not regret the hiring liars of the crazy lackal capitalistic press. In the first place, I never read these papers myself. In the second, they are not worth answering, but I have just been told a tale rehearsed by the scandal-mongers. To think that there are people who read such stuff which I recognize as having originated in the hallucinations of a society madwoman to whom I am unfortunately related.

Now I do not consider it in good taste to parade private affairs before the public, but I wish to state once for all that the tale is untrue. It is to the effect that I was an heiress to an estate owned by a person in Pittsburgh and that upon my marriage was summarily disinherited and left to pine.

Now when I joined hands in spirit—for a cowardly, petty, autocrat (hiring murder variety) did not permit to see another except through an iron network for eight weary, dreadful weeks afterwards—with my beloved husband he well knew that I brought him only myself with a wealth of affection, trust and reverence.

He knew that a number of years ago I had refused to pose as the prospective heiress to some property gained by methods of which I did not approve, and owned by a person whom I could not, knowing her, respect.

NINA VAN ZANDT-SPIES, 336 East Huron street, Joseph R. Buchanan, editor of the *Enquirer*, is the leading spirit in the anarchist relief fund and the knights of labor revolt.

### Turks Trying to Gain Admittance.

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—On the steamship *Parisians* last trip to the St. Lawrence, she landed at Levis among her immigrants a dozen or so of the most squalid looking beings, in the shape of men, women and children, that have been seen here in a long time. It is thought that the unfortunate creatures, who have been wandering about the outskirts of Levis for the last fortnight, living on charity, must be Turks or natives of the Turkish peninsula, as they speak no language that anyone here is conversant with. It is said that they are on their way to the back door of the United States, hoping to gain admittance to that country in order to trade in articles of brass and nickel jewelry, of which they have a large stock.

### G. A. R. to Meet at Columbus, O.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 10.—The national administration council of G. A. R. has selected Wednesday, Sept. 14, as the day and Columbus as the place of the national encampment. The question of the character and cost of the proposed memorial to the memory of the late General Grant at Washington was discussed, and the committee expressed the opinion that a sum not greater than \$30,000 should be devoted to this purpose, and that the memorial shall be characterized by simplicity rather than size and cost.

### Another Infernal Machine.

TOPEKA, Kansas, Dec. 10.—U. S. Marshal Jones received by mail Thursday night a small tin box. Efforts were made to open it by Colonel Jones, ex-Governor Glick and Deputy Marshal Sharrett. The cover was finally removed, when the contents were found to be nitro-glycerine in sufficient quantity to have blown up the building and killed a dozen men. No clue to the perpetrator or his motive can be given. The box was wrapped in a Denver *Republican*, dated December 6. The postmark was illegible.

### Knighted By the Pope.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Charles L. Webster, the publisher of this city, has been knighted by Pope Leo XIII. The dignity was conferred through Archbishop Corrigan last Saturday. Mr. Webster is now a knight of the Order of St. Peter, a rank created by the late pope. This distinction was conferred upon Mr. Webster because of the book he recently caused to be published here and in England on the life of the pope. The work necessitated a journey to Rome, where Mr. Webster had an audience with the pope.

### What the Atlanta Needs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Captain Bunce's report in regard to alterations necessary to be made in the Atlanta was made public today. Its contents have already been published. Secretary Whitney in his indorsement says: "That the Atlanta should have some continuous service before any changes are made. Aside from the lack of speed, which I consider a fault, she represents a type with merits and defects and the balance can only be struck after she has had service."

### Ku Klux Outrages.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 10.—Word reached here yesterday that the members of the Ku Klux in Smith county, who attacked four men on Monday night and had a fight with Tollkeeper Jones, at Riddleton, raided that section Thursday night, whipped two colored men almost to death, and burned Jones' house. The residents of the vicinity are organizing an armed band to pursue the gang, and a desperate conflict is anticipated.

### Saved From the Scholten.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Three cabin passengers, Henry R. Kenyon, of Providence R. I.; Charles Mills and C. Broumbsky, and twenty-seven steerage passengers of the ill-fated steamer W. A. Scholten, arrived last night by the steamer P. Caland, of the same line. They spoke in the highest terms of the bravery exhibited by the captain and crew of the Scholten when the collision occurred.

### An Unexpected Fortune Turns Up.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Miss Theresa Brennan, a young lady employed in the Englewood exchange, yesterday received official notification that she and her brother were heirs to \$15,000 each. The money was left by an uncle, John Brophy, who died seven years ago in California, and the cash has been lying in a Canadian bank drawing interest ever since.

### The Weir-Warren Fight.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—Betting on the Tommy Warren-Re Weir fight is about even, and some considerable sums have been posted. Jim Keenan, Weir's backer, arrived from Boston last night. Warren will be here to-day. John Donaldson will second Weir, and John P. Clow will perform like service for Warren.

### Wreck on the Cincinnati Southern.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 10.—Two freight trains on the Cincinnati Southern railroad collided yesterday morning at Darwin, Tenn. The engine of the rear train over-turned, crushing the fireman, Wm. Hutsel, to death, and maiming the engineer, David O'Donnell, for life.

### The Last Tow of the Season.

ALBANY, Dec. 10.—The last tow of the season up the Hudson River will reach this city to-day, when heavy freight transportation on the river will virtually cease.

## Professional Cards.

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Leave New York from foot of Liberty Street 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 9:00, 10:15, 11:00 a. m. 1:00, 1:30, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 5:00, 5:30, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:30, 11:30, 12:00 p. m. Sunday—4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 9:00, 10:15, 11:00, a. m. 1:00, 1:30, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 5:00, 5:30, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:30, 11:30, 12:00 p. m.

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Leave Plainfield 5:43, 6:29, 6:59, 7:29, 7:58, 8:40, 9:52, 10:37, 11:08, a. m. 12:33, 1:21, 2:25, 2:54, 3:51, 5:25, 6:05, 6:55, 7:03, 8:29, 9:18, 11:23, p. m. Sunday—3:27, 5:43, 6:29, 6:59, 7:29, 7:58, 8:00, 8:19, 8:35, 8:40, 9:52, 10:37, 11:08, a. m. 12:33, 1:21, 2:25, 2:54, 3:51, 5:25, 6:05, 6:55, 7:03, 8:29, 9:18, 11:23, p. m.

Leave Newark—6:20, 7:05, 8:35, 9:05, 10:35, 11:00, a. m. 1:05, 1:35, 2:35, 3:40, 4:00, 4:35, 5:05, 5:35, 5:54, 6:20, 7:10, 7:35, 8:20, 9:50, 11:15 p. m. Sunday—6:20, a. m. 12:20, 1:45, 4:10, 5:35, 9:15, p. m.

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Leave Plainfield 5:10, 8:05, 9:21, 11:30, 11:44, a. m. 2:02, 3:30, 4:34, 5:16, 5:31, 6:02, 6:38, 6:58, 7:38, 8:08, 8:17, 9:29, 10:45, 12:43, p. m. Sunday—5:10, 10:44, a. m. 2:45, 5:14, 6:54, 10:45, p. m.

Leave Somerville 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:35, 7:50, 8:15, 9:25, 10:15, a. m. 12:50, 2:00, 3:20, 4:35, 5:05, 5:40, 8:15, 8:40, 11:00, p. m. Sunday—5:30, 11:00, a. m. 1:00, 4:30, 7:00, 8:50, p. m.

PLAINFIELD AND EASTON.  
Leave Plainfield 5:10, 8:05, 9:21, a. m. 2:02, 2:16, 4:34, 5:02, 5:16, 6:38, p. m. Sunday—5:10, a. m. 2:02, 2:16, 4:34, p. m.

Leave Easton 6:55, 8:57, a. m. 12:40, 4:15, 7:00, p. m. Sunday—7:15, a. m. 7:00, p. m.

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LEAVE PLAINFIELD  
5:10, a. m.—For Easton, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, and Mauch Chunk, connecting at High Bridge for Schooley's Mountain, etc. Sundays, to Easton.  
8:05, a. m.—For Flemington, Easton, Wind Gap, and Mauch Chunk.  
9:21, a. m.—For Flemington, High Bridge, Branch, Easton, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Mauch Chunk, Williamsport, Tamawka, Nanticoke, Upper Lehigh, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, etc.  
2:02, p. m.—For Flemington, Easton, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Mauch Chunk, etc.  
4:34, p. m.—For Easton, Wind Gap, Mauch Chunk, Tamawka, Shamokin, Drifton, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, etc.  
5:02 and 6:16, p. m.—For Flemington, High Bridge, Branch, Schooley's Mountain, Easton, Reading, Harrisburg, etc.  
6:02, p. m.—For Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, etc.  
6:38, p. m.—For Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, etc.

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For Perth Amboy—3:27, 5:43, 8:00, 11:08, a. m. 12:33, 3:51, 5:25, 6:05 p. m. Sunday—8:57 a. m. For Matawan—3:27, 5:43, 8:00, 11:08, a. m. 12:33, 3:51, 5:25, 6:05 p. m. Sunday—8:57 a. m.

BOUND BROOK ROUTE.  
Leave Plainfield for Philadelphia and Trenton, 5:10, 8:05, 9:45, 11:44, a. m. 2:16, 3:30, 6:02, 8:17, p. m. 1:15, night, Sunday—5:10, 9:59, a. m. 6:34, p. m. 1:22, night.

RETURNING LEAVE PHILADELPHIA  
Ninth and Green streets, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 11:00, a. m. 1:15, 2:45, 5:15, 6:45, 12:00, p. m. Sunday—8:30, a. m. 5:30, 12:00, p. m.

From Third and Berks streets, 8:20, 9:05, 10:20, a. m. 1:00, 5:30, 8:00, 6:00, p. m. Sunday—8:30, a. m. 4:30, p. m.

Leave Trenton, Warren and Tucker streets, 1:25, 5:05, 9:10, 10:10, 11:35, a. m. 1:54, 4:15, 5:50, 7:25, p. m. Sunday—1:25, 5:15, 9:40, a. m. 6:15, p. m.

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They sat together in the rain  
And Youth and Hope stood by their side,  
Like drooping willows on the bank,  
Chimed the glad moments soft and clear,  
And still amid their happy speech,  
The lovers whispered each to each:  
"Forever!"

Youth spread his wings of rainbow light,  
"Forever!" he whispered as he went.  
They boded not her mournful flight,  
Wrapped in their measures sweet and true,  
And still they smiled, and still was heard  
The confidently-uttered word:  
"Forever!"

Hope stayed, her steadfast smile was sweet,  
Until the even-time she stayed;  
Then, with reluctant, noiseless feet,  
She stole into the solemn shade;  
A graver shape moved gently by,  
And bent and murmured warningly:  
"Forever!"

And then—where sat the two, yet one!  
"O voice spoke back, no glance replied!  
Behold her, where she rested lone,  
Hovered the specter, solemn-eyed;  
She met his look with steady gaze,  
And smiling faintly thrilled still:  
"Forever!"

O, sweet, sweet Youth! O, fading Hope!  
O, eyes by tearful mists made blind!  
O, hands which vainly reach and grope  
For a familiar touch and kind,  
Time passeth for no lover's kiss;  
Love for its silence has but this:  
"Forever!"

—Susan Coolidge, in N. Y. Independent.

### SOME CURIOUS FINDS.

#### Treasures and Curics Yielded Up in Singular Ways.

The sea sometimes yields up part of its treasures in a curious and unexpected way, as was instanced lately by the discovery of a richly jeweled ring in the back of a herring caught at Dunbar. The finder, says a writer in *Chambers' Journal*, was still luckier than a servant in Port-Glasgow, who, in cutting up some whiting, found a silver coin in one of them.

Two curious finds connected with nautical affairs should have an interest for Englishmen. Some old canvas that had long been stowed away as lumber, on being unexpectedly brought to light, was found to be the mainsail of Nelson's ship the *Victory*. The sail was riddled with shot fired during the battle of Trafalgar. When some men were saving a portion of an old ship's mainmast, formerly belonging to a man-of-war at Chatham, a thirty-two-pound iron shot was observed embedded in the mast, the aperture having been plugged up. This was one of the largest kind of shot used in those days.

In a lake in Berkshire a large, misshapen and unwieldy chub was found, so strange in appearance and unsightly in its movements, that the most apt zoologist could not account for its lineal descent or say if it was piscivorous or amphibious. The creature was found in a kind of cave formed by the washed roots of an elm-tree by this lake. When young and much smaller, this fish must have got into its strange prison. Limited to a mere turn, the wonder is that it must have forced its way in—it did not force its way out; but here it was, after years must have lapsed, taking quite the form of the gnarled and struggling roots. With no room to develop, the tail had almost disappeared, the dorsal fin was altogether obliterated, the body had become very hard, and the scales like so much incrustation of mud divided into layers. The nose was so pushed in and the gills so enlarged that, when looked at full in the face, it had the appearance of a negro whose face had been discolored by its shining and oily surface. Indeed, its existence was a matter of marvel, as the water subsided and increased at times, so that in dry weather it had only the most muddy home and a semi-fluid for its subsistence. When removed, it seemed a puzzle to know whether to class this strange discovery as a reptile, fish, or any thing else.

Another proof how nature has her own way of accounting for her creatures is afforded by the following incident. A lady lost her gold ring. Some three years afterwards, the loser's cat caught a rat, from which pussy had eaten the head. The neck of the rat was exposed, and the owner of the cat saw something metallic glittering on the rat's neck. On examination this proved to be the lost wedding-ring embedded in the flesh. The ring must have been carried by the old rat to its nest, and a very young rat must have thrust its head into the ring. As the animal grew larger each day, its neck enlarged, and the ring, which was a piece of wood about a couple of inches square, which was still embedded in its jaws. Some of our readers may recollect the discovery of a petrified cat in the crevice of an old stone wall, during some repairs in Newgate jail. In the opinion of a naturalist, this curiosity must have been in a petrified condition for some hundreds of years.

As some workmen were felling timber near Heme Bay, they discovered in the center of one of the trees a cavity in which were the remains of a cat. The skeleton was entire, and some hair of a sandy color yet remained on the skin. It is conjectured that the animal, having entered a hollow part of the tree, was unable to extricate itself, and the wood in process of years had grown around it.

Curious finds have not unfrequently been made in trees. Some wood-cutters in the forest of Drommeling made a strange discovery. They began to fell a venerable oak, which they soon found to be quite hollow. Being half decayed, it speedily came to the ground with a crash, disclosing a skeleton in excellent preservation; even the boots, which came above the knees, were perfect. By its side were a powder-horn, a porcelain pipe-bowl and a silver watch. The teeth were perfect. It would seem to be a skeleton of a man between thirty and forty years of age. It is conjectured that, while engaged in hunting, he climbed the tree for some purpose, and slipped into the hollow trunk, from which there was no release, and he probably died of starvation. Another mystery was found in the heart of an oak. From a tree of this kind, a large block, about eighteen inches in diameter, that had been knocking about in various yards and woodsheds, was split up lately. In it was found an enormous hole, about three-fourths of an inch in size, containing a bunch of human hair done up in a piece of printed paper. The hair was near the center of the block, and fastened in with a pine plug. It was apparently put in when the tree was quite small, as the tree had grown over the plug to the thickness of about four inches, with the grain perfectly smooth and straight.

A natural curiosity was shown in a

nest and skeleton of a bird embedded in a piece of wood. The bird seemed quite sound all round the cavity, and there was no sign of any aperture into it; but the timber being sawn up, the nest with the bird sitting upon it was found. The nest appeared to be built with mud, and the bird resembled a titmouse. Probably, at the lopping of a branch, a cavity was formed, and the outside subsequently grown over; but how the bird was enclosed seemed difficult to imagine.

In the center of a log of Honduras mahogany the saw revealed a large piece of honey-comb. The finder says the wax with the cells was hard, and resembled in color and appearance a mummy. The remains of the bees were incrustated in the wax. Another log of mahogany was being cut in veneers by a binemaker, when his attention was attracted by the appearance of a remarkable and striking profile of her Majesty in a knot in the wood. The likeness was so true, that all who saw it acknowledged the resemblance. Had this curiosity only been discovered in the present year, we might have had Jubilee mahogany added to the never-ending list of articles so distinguished.

So often have toads been found inclosed in solid bodies, that it is not surprising to read in a Scottish paper that a servant while breaking a large piece of coal for the fire, was startled to find in the center of the block, a full-grown toad, which appeared to be in excellent health and spirits. A less common discovery was made in Birkenhead. A gentleman there was presented with a cow's tongue which appeared to be perfect in every respect. After the tongue was boiled, he discovered a piece of sandstone embedded in it, about three-quarters of an inch in length, half an inch in width, and a quarter of an inch in thickness.

Some curious discoveries of valuable articles occur from time to time. For instance, a singular literary discovery was made at a monastery in the island of St. Lazarus, at Venice. A pet monkey had climbed to the top of a bookcase, and was amusing himself in imitating a venerable monk, who was trying to induce him to descend. The animal, in a sudden freak, seized a bundle of papers, and breaking the string, showered down on the father's head a number of letters the ink of which had become yellow with age. They were said to be a series of letters which Lord Byron wrote to the monks of St. Lazarus, with whom he had once resided.

An extraordinary instance of the recovery of a lost ring may be added to the list of curious finds. A lady, when digging holes for planting celery, unconsciously dropped the ring into one of the holes. A plant was inserted, doubtless through the ring, and as the root grew, the ring must have become embedded in its substance. The ring had been given up for lost until the following winter, when the mystery was cleared up by the ring making its appearance among the soup at dinner in a portion of the celery root.

A woman employed as a rag-sorter lately met with a lucky find. While she was engaged in sorting rags, she discovered a ring which had been in stock for a long time, having been sent from France, she came across something resembling a dress-improver, which she cut open, and found in it French coins and notes to the value of twenty-eight pounds, which became her property as the finder.

A very opportune discovery of money occurred to a distressed person in London. A distraint for arrears of rent to the amount of eighty pounds had been levied on some premises by the landlord, for which sum the whole of the household furniture had been condemned, and placed in vans for removal. With the exception of a chest of drawers of antique appearance, which had been left to the last from mere accident. On looking into one of the drawers, a small paper parcel was discovered, which was found to contain one hundred and fourteen old guineas of the reign of George III. The claim was of course soon discharged, and the furniture restored to its proper position.

But perhaps as curious a find as any was that which lately took place at the New British Iron Company's Works, Cradley Heath. Amongst a quantity of scrap-iron forwarded to the works was a disused mill. Upon some workmen placing the mill under a steam-hammer for the purpose of breaking and preparing it for the furnace, money was scattered in all directions from the mill. The find is said to have been about one hundred pounds, and the workmen were allowed by the manager to retain the money.

### THREE QUEER STORIES.

#### How Old Grave-Stones Come Handy in Many Singular Ways.

Nothing goes on in an uninterrupted career in this world, and even grave-stones come now and then to strange uses, says the *Boston Courier*. In a village in Maine, for instance, a farmer having waxed in fortune until he was able to replace the slate grave-stones in his family burial lot by marble, was too thrifty to throw the old slabs away. He therefore utilized them as door stones, so that all visitors to the kitchen and the dairy trod upon inscriptions gradually fading away, which, with scriptural phrase and the cheerful overseeing of triangular-voiced cherubs, recorded the names, the virtues and the untimely taking off of the forefathers of the thrifty farmer.

In another Maine village is, or was, a boarding school for young ladies, in the kitchen of which a large, white marble slab, sacred to the memory of a worthy woman, whom it described as having died in the Lord, was used as a kneading-board. Now and then a loaf of bread after it was molded would rest for a moment or two on the deeply cut inscription, and the pupils cheered—how truthfully the editor makes no pretense of being able to determine—that they had been able to decipher bits of the words printed on the bottom of the slices of bread.

But perhaps the most remarkable fate for a tombstone was that which befell the moss-grown slab in an English churchyard. An American parvenu of the same family name as that of the man whose death the stone recorded purchased the stone of a dishonest sexton and brought it home with her. It is now set in the wall of her sumptuously appointed New York library, beside a fictitious name, which lies to all beholders by tracing the family of the present owner back to that of the man whose name is on the stone. As he has been dead one hundred and seventy years he is probably beyond caring for such things, else Mrs. Parvenu might have good reason to expect a call from his ghost some night, come to reclaim his gravestone.

### Mordcaul and the Czar.

The late Major Mordcaul, of North Carolina, during an audience with the Czar of Russia, of a somewhat informal and conversational nature, used the address "Monsieur," having carried the interview forward, so far, in French. Turning to General McClelland, who stood near by, Major Mordcaul suddenly exclaimed with a mighty and deep California oath: "Ha! I called the fellow 'mister.'" The Czar thereupon smiled, bowed, and said with a civility that entered the Major's bones like ice: "I speak English quite well enough, sir, to continue our interview in that language, if you prefer it!"

### ODD SUPERSTITIONS.

#### The Belief in Witchcraft in Indiana Sixty Years Ago.

About sixty years ago, says the *Vevay (Ind.) Herald*, many of the people residing in the neighborhood of East Enterprise were possessed of a delusion that witches were a reality, and that a number of their neighbors were full-fledged witches, possessed of remarkable powers, even in healing and briding a man and with sharp spurs riding him all over the worst roads a distorted mind could imagine. The next morning the poor man would be so tired and sore that he could hardly move. At other times the housewife would churn half a day and would not get a particle of butter. The only remedy was to take an old horse-shoe that had been worn on the left to a half-face horse and heat it hot and drop it into the churn, which was pretty certain to expel the terrible witch.

One who tried the experiment said: "When I dropped the red-hot shoe into the churn I heard something run off the roof of the house, and I smelt hair just as sure as you are born, and in five minutes I had a churn nearly full of butter. The next day I saw the woman that I believe had bewitched the butter, and her hair was crisped on one side in the very shape of a horse-shoe."

If the above remedy failed, the next thing to do was to draw a life-size picture of the supposed witch and nail it up on a tree, and then run a silver bullet out of a silver dollar and shoot the image. The last act was considered a complete cure. One of the ardent believers in witches, a man in the prime of life, possessed of fair sense in other matters, told in our hearing what a trying ordeal he had passed through a few evenings before. It had been to visit the sick, and was returning about ten o'clock, through the fields, often climbing high fences. Finally, as he got upon a high ten-rail fence, with one leg thrown over the top rail, he saw standing on the other side one whom he knew to be a "witch." She said nothing, but put a spell on him that riveted him to the spot, and he said that he was as speechless as Lot's wife when she was turned into salt. When daylight came the witch had vanished, and he got over the fence and went home. He says the top rail was a very sharp one, and he didn't get over his soreness for a month.

When the hens failed to hatch their eggs it was laid on the witches. The witches always did their worst work on Friday. If the rail fences fell down when they were covered with sleet and ice the witches were blamed with it. If a calf got choked on apples or potatoes the witches were responsible. It was a fact not to be wondered at that every one of these believers in witches believed the "world to be flat." Many of them would have hanged the supposed witches, as their ignorant forefathers did in an early day, if they had been possessed of the power. Two of the men swapped wives for a month or so and it was all laid at the doors of those terrible witches.

### TELEPHONING BY PROXY.

#### A Domestic Scheme That Did Not Prove a Complete Success.

Herr Muller, the manufacturer, had returned from his honeymoon trip, relates a writer in *Flegende Blätter*, and after a week of conjugal bliss in the new home he awoke to the necessity of attending to his business, and so with heavy heart he said good-bye to his little wife and proceeded to his office, situated about a mile from the house. The long hours of separation from the partner of his joys and sorrows were, however, a severe trial to his fortitude, and he hit upon the expedient of connecting the house and his place of business by means of a telephone wire. And now a sweet word of tenderest affection were exchanged between the loving couple every hour of the day. A week later the work of the office became more absorbing, and our manufacturer felt himself obliged to put a stop to this waste of time; besides he began to find that Ludmilla's capriciousness was growing somewhat tedious and commonplace. But he would not have his wife suspect this for worlds. His inventive genius found a way out of the difficulty. There was an old servant of the firm, Herr Kobes by name, almost past work, but retained to do odd jobs about the place. He was a queer old bachelor, with a red nose and a romantic turn of mind; for he was an adept at whispering soft nothings in the ears of young ladies, and fondly imagined the whole of the fair sex were in love with him. Besides, the tone of his voice had a striking resemblance to that of his principal. Herr Muller gave this man certain private instructions, and next morning Herr Kobes was duly installed at the telephone and engaged in an amorous conversation with his invisible partner, while his principal was busy with his correspondence. Quite contrary to Muller's expectation, Ludmilla appeared to take increasing delight in her husband's conversation, and the apparatus was kept constantly going. The manufacturer could now attend to his affairs without interruption, while at the same time his wife had no reason to complain of his coldness. This state of things was highly satisfactory. One day, having a business call to make in the neighborhood of his dwelling, he left the office earlier than usual, quite oblivious of old Kobes and the telephone, and after he had gone his errand he went straight home, as it was hardly worth while returning to the office at that late hour. But what was his astonishment on entering the room to see his wife sitting on the sofa deeply absorbed in the latest novel, and at the telephone busy talking with the gentleman at the office—Babette, the old cook!

### Cruelty to a Soldier.

A shocking case of cruelty to a soldier was told in the legislative chamber of Bavaria. Fred Boegelein, whose knees were not normally well developed, had an awkward gait and caused his superiors great displeasure by marching in a rather unsteady fashion. One morning Corporal Brehm had him lie down on two chairs, one soldier fix his thigh, another his head. Then a board was laid on Boegelein's feet and three men stood on the board. Shortly after the man's leg refused service, and he is still confined to the hospital, the doctors saying there are serious breakages in the sinews. The legs will remain stiff for life.

### A Knowing Dog.

It is about as difficult for a dog to get a really satisfactory scratch at his back as it is for a one-armed man to rub his elbow, but a Hartford, Conn., dog does it. In front of his master's house is an old stone hitching-post, which time and weather have made rough and scaly. Proceeding to this the dog sits down, throws himself backward till he is leaning against the post, and then proceeds to scratch his back as cleverly as a longshoreman or one of the ancient Scots who used to bless the Dece of Argyle.

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