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BY THE WAY.

—To-night will occur the employees' benefit at the toboggan slide on East Front street. The gentlemen who send you shooting through space, at the rate of a mile a minute, are worthy of your patronage.

—Charles Cashen was arrested by Officer Grant early this morning for being helplessly drunk. Judge Suydam fined him five dollars this morning, and in case the fine is not forthwith paid, the prisoner to be committed for 10 days.

—The advertisement of another attractive series of science lectures by Prof. W. C. Richards, is published in THE PRESS today. A ticket with reserved seat for the entire course, may be had at Reynolds' pharmacy, to-morrow, at fifty cents.

—The announcement is made today of the grand bazaar given under the auspices of St. Mary's T. A. B. Society, in St. Mary's Hall, beginning Monday, February 6th and continuing for several days thereafter. Good music and dancing will be features of the bazaar.

—A boy named Cahoon was seriously injured while coasting on the Broadway hill yesterday afternoon. He was descending the hill on a sled, when he collided with a cutter, and received serious scalp wounds in consequence. The unfortunate boy was taken home, and a doctor dressed the wounds.

—The first grand ball of the Columbia Social Club will be held at French's Hall, North Plainfield, on the evening of Monday, Feb. 13. Prof. Frazee will furnish the music and the Committee of Arrangements is composed of the following persons: W. Westfield, J. Laughlin, Chas. Moore, Jas. Daly, U. Force, F. Moore.

—Chief Carey was called upon this morning by a lady residing on Elm Place, who stated that she was unable to get her fourteen-year-old son to attend school. She asked the Chief to give the boy a talking to, which he did. The youthful truant said to the Chief: "Put your hands on me, I'll break your neck." The boy when threatened with arrest, became more docile.

—The family of Mr. John Mague who were so unfortunate as to lose the thirteen-year-old daughter, whose death occurred in the waiting room at the depot on Tuesday, were provided with comfortable quarters at the residence of Mr. Garrett Eick, who is a member of Winfield Scott Post of this city. Yesterday a detail from the Post sent the family to their new home near the Pond Tool Works in a coach. The house had been arranged for their reception by the ladies of the W. R. C. and members of Winfield Scott Post.

PARTICULAR MENTION.

Prosecutor W. R. Wilson of Elizabeth was in town today on official business.

It is said that Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, a former pastor of Trinity Reformed church, but now located at Albany, N. Y., has been extended a call to a church in New York city at a salary of \$12,000. The reverend gentleman, it is said, is considering the call.

Wm. Sutton, a carpenter by trade, died at his home at Evona yesterday afternoon, after a lingering illness from consumption. The deceased was in the 44th year of his age, and leaves a wife and stepson to mourn his loss. He was a member of Plainfield Lodge No. 44, I. O. F. The remains will be taken to New Germantown on Tuesday, where the funeral will take place.

Maggie Mitchell Coming.

Mr. J. M. Barron, representing Maggie Mitchell, is in this city arranging for the appearance of Miss Mitchell on Thursday the 9th inst. The beautiful pastoral play of "Lore, or the Artist's Dream," has been selected, and is we think the most perfect play in Miss Mitchell's repertoire. Sale of seats will begin on Monday next.

INAUGURATION OF THE NEW M. E. CHAPEL.

The Second Evening on the Programme Devoted to a Sermon by the Rev. J. H. Vincent, D. D., LL. D.

A large congregation composed of representatives of the various evangelical churches of this city, assembled in the new M. E. chapel last night. The services were opened by singing a hymn, after which the Rev. Mr. Richards of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian church, led in prayer. The Rev. Dr. J. H. Vincent then stepped forward and preached a plain, practical discourse from Luke 2-16.

The Doctor paid a high tribute to the ancient Jews as the founders of schools. They taught their children what was their duty to God, to society and to their parents. For thousands of years before the temple of Jerusalem was built, these people had their schools; they existed back through the ages; they couldn't get along without them. Some people at the present time think they can get along without schools, and use as a substitute, altars and authority. The Jews kept up their schools during their captivity, and on their return to Jerusalem resumed their schools in the temple where it was their custom to meet to ask and answer questions. The temple has passed away, but the school has remained.

Christ, at 12 years of age, met the doctors of the law in the temple and asked and answered questions. They were wont to ask each other questions about abstract theories—useless, foolish and unprofitable. But what He talked about astonished the doctors of the law. The simple lad from the hills of Galilee, talked about "His Father's business." He spoke of error and truth—and of what was perishable and what was substantial; and 20 years later He reiterated these great truths to the Pharisees and doctors of the law. How far was He controlled by His divine nature? I believe in His divinity! I worship Him as a divine being! Yet He was in all respects human, for He exclaims, "My God! My God! why hast Thou forsaken me." His knowledge at first was limited, but progressive. As He grew in years He grew in knowledge. "He knows what sore temptations mean for He has felt the same." He was possessed by the Spirit of God, even while in the temple. But the door opens and the hand of His mother, the hand of authority, is laid upon His shoulder. While He was so busily engaged in His work, He was Himself surprised at being thus interrupted. "Son," said His mother, "why hast Thou thus dealt with us?" And He said unto them, "how is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" What grand opportunities seemed to lie just before Him as He looked around Him in the temple. We would have called Him "The Boy Preacher."

But in heeding His mother's voice He obeyed His Father. He went down to Nazareth and was taught a trade. He was an ideal youth. Our American boy is not subject to restraint, and is too apt to say—I won't; but Christ obeyed His mother. I wish that boys cared more for country life and less for city life; and I wish that boys of 16, 18 or 20 years of age, at the present day, had more respect for parental authority—that they would be "about their fathers' business," not by being confined strictly to religious literature, but by embracing the many opportunities presented to them for acquiring knowledge. We find Jesus in the temple at Jerusalem as a student, and at Nazareth as a carpenter, obeying His mother. I honor Mary, but we do her great injustice by speaking of her as the "Mother of God." I honor her as the mother of Jesus. Christ is in the church—not that we come to church and find Him there and when we go home leave Him behind us—but He is in the church as He is in the individual.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Knocking at the door of the Laodicean church, calling upon the sinners that were in the church. I pity the church with Christ on the outside. We need the truth of the word. There is a tendency at the present to lower the standard of religion to suit the tastes of the ignorant and illiterate, even in Sunday schools, in order to have larger attendance. For if the standard is raised too high, many will drop out. Well, let them drop; better have 100 who are content to be about their "fathers' business," than a great crowd with a low standard of religious ideas. We want Christ with the word, and the word with Christ.

The services were closed by the singing of hymn 92, and the benediction by Dr. Vincent. The pastor of the church, Dr. VanMeter, invited all present and as many more as possible, to be present at the sociable and reunion to-night, as a very enjoyable time is anticipated.

—A stag party from Baritan, with chief stage Hoagland and Brokaw in command, came to Plainfield on a straw ride last evening. The party numbered sixteen persons.

A Very Benevolent Society of Ladies.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Seventh Day Baptist church, was held in the lecture room of the church, Wednesday afternoon. This Society holds one business-meeting and two social meetings every month. The "Anagram Supper" of Wednesday evening took the place of the usual sociable. And the business meeting of Wednesday afternoon was the Annual meeting for the hearing of reports and the election of officers for the coming year.

By the statement of the Treasurer, it was shown that this little band of benevolent ladies had collected and disbursed for charity, during the past year, almost \$300, besides \$100 given towards the furnishing of the church that is now going on. All this has been distributed among local associations like Muhlenburg Hospital, Children's Home and Relief Association, and upon the individual cases that have been brought to the special attention of this Society.

The election of officers resulted in the following choice:

President—Mrs. George H. Babcock. Vice President—Mrs. John Titworth. Secretary—Mrs. Nathan Randolph. Treasurer—Mrs. F. A. Dunham. Directresses—Mrs. Jess Dunham, Chairman, and Mrs. Charles Randolph, Mrs. J. F. Hubbard, Mrs. Cassie Stillman and Miss Hiseock. No standing committees are appointed, but at each meeting some one is selected to arrange for the social entertainments. The next will take place, Wednesday evening, the 15th inst.

Parlor Minstrels for the Children's Home.

An entertainment was given by the Queen City Amateur Minstrels, last evening, at the residence of Mr. Charles J. Taggart, Sycamore avenue. The audience, which filled the parlors, assembled at the appointed hour when the curtain rose upon the troupe, whose opening chorus gave promise of the good things which followed. In the lecture on "The Animal Kingdom," repeated by request from a former performance, a specimen of the Jersey mosquito, captured at Elizabeth and measuring eighteen by twelve inches, was exhibited. The farce of "The Stupid Servant," in which Mr. H. T. Spencer won hearty applause by his impersonation of John Breakall, was followed by an amusing burlesque on our school commencements. W. E. MacClymont furnished a banjo interlude, and Othello and The Barber Shop, the latter introducing Geo. P. Taggart's parody of "Not English You Know," rivalled each other in exciting the risibilities of the audience. The whole concluded with the burlesque "Alley Gory of the Great Republic," after which the audience dispersed to cool their enthusiasm in the night air. Subjoined is a list of the troupe, all of whom deserve the utmost praise and from whom we hope soon to hear again: Bones, W. E. MacClymont, H. B. Spencer, Frank W. Thompson, Middle, Geo. P. Taggart, Tambos, W. L. Spencer, Chas. Hazeltine, H. T. Spencer.

A Reception to a Batch of Brides.

During next Wednesday evening, at the residence of Elias R. Pope, Esq., on Park avenue, a reception will be tendered the recent brides of a number of young grooms of the Seventh Day Society. There will be present for additional congratulations, Mrs. Arthur Titworth, nee Miss Francis Van Hoesen, and her twin sister who was yesterday Miss Fannie Van Hoesen, but now Mrs. George Titworth. Also Mrs. John Dunham who is visiting Plainfield from the far West where her husband, formerly of this city, recently married her. It is also rumored that Miss Addie Lewis, daughter of the Rev. Dr. A. H. Lewis, will be present with Dr. Russell to whom she is to be married in a fortnight. Dr. Russell is now one of the medical staff of the State Asylum for the insane, at Morris Plains. After the wedding he will locate with his bride at Minneapolis, Minn., and there speedily build up an extended and lucrative practice.

A number of invitations have been given for the enjoyable reception of next Wednesday evening.

The Boulevard Fighters Arraigned.

James Ennis, Michael Kelley and Thomas Kelly, three of the men who were implicated in the Boulevard fracas late on Saturday night, were arraigned before Judge Suydam at the station house this morning charged with quarrelling and fighting on the streets. John Kelly, a brother of Thomas, did not answer the summons to appear in court and Officer Lynch was instructed to bring him into court to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. Thomas Kelly pleaded guilty and was fined ten dollars. The other two men pleaded not guilty at first but subsequently retracted their plea and entered one of guilty. Sentence was suspended in their case.

—This evening the Mayor and Council of the borough of North Plainfield will meet in regular session for the transaction of routine business, and to receive Chief Carey's bill for damages.

BLESSING ST. MARY'S BELL.

The Handsome New Bell Donated by the late Francis McIntyre Blessed by Bishop Wigger—An Address by the Bishop.

The commodious St. Mary's church was densely filled with its parishioners and friends last evening, on the occasion of blessing the new bell donated to the church by the late Francis McIntyre. The ceremonies attending the blessing of the bell were conducted by the Rt. Rev. W. M. Wigger, Bishop of Newark, and were both solemn and impressive. Rev. Fathers Smyth and Flood, and Rev. Father Lawrence, a visiting priest, assisted in the service. The sponsors for the bell were the two interesting grandchildren of the donor, Master Frank and Miss Alicia McIntyre. The inscription on the bell is in Latin as follows:

"Quod audiat in aure, Maria, predicatio super tecla." In memoriam. Francis McIntyre, + W. M. Wigger, Episcopo, + F. E. Smyth, Rectore, A. D. 1888.

The bell was manufactured by McShane & Co., of Baltimore, and for quality and tone is said to be unsurpassed. Its weight is over 2,500 pounds. While the service of blessing the bell was in progress, the members of the various societies connected with the church, marched into the edifice and occupied seats assigned them in front at the extreme right. The bell occupied a position on the left of the pulpit. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was conducted in Latin, Bishop Wigger delivered the discourse, in which he took occasion to speak in eulogy of the donor. He said in part: We have assembled here to witness the blessing of this new bell. That bell is the gift of a man who came to Plainfield over thirty years ago, a poor man. Poor as he was he was nevertheless rich in faith, and as he continued in that faith, so he died, a member of the Roman Catholic church. May his memory forever be blessed in this town; we can also show our appreciation of his generous gift to the parish by honoring his family. "No doubt you would like some explanation of the blessing of the bell," the learned Bishop continued, "a ceremony not often witnessed in this country. The Roman Catholic church has reasons for all of its services, from the least to the most important of them. In the first place you will have noticed the recital of the Psalms, and particularly the 51st: 'Have mercy upon me God, according to thy loving kindness.' Again you will have noticed that the bell was washed externally and internally, signifying its purity. The church commands that the bell that calls the faithful to divine service shall be blessed in order to free it from malady, which exists in the remotest parts of the World; the church demands that all things shall be blessed; there is no moral stain on the bell, but like ourselves all must be clean to enter the temple of Almighty God. Incense was also blessed and placed beneath the bell, the smoke ascending heavenward. By burning incense the church desires it known that souls like the smoke are ascending heavenward. At the end of the ceremony the church directs that the Gospel shall be sung which relates to the visit of the Master to the two sisters—Mary and Martha. At the first sight it would seem that the Gospel had nothing to do with the blessing of the bell, but the bell is to call the faithful to church on Sunday and on days of Holy Obligation; it is also to remind the children of the parish of the one great work to serve God and to save their souls; whatever else you do is of little significance compared with the work God has prepared for us; whenever you hear the bell, consider it the voice of the Almighty God, calling upon you to do this noble work of serving Him and of saving your own souls. The bell will be rung especially for you with an honor of holy obligation to God; it will ring for the young Catholic couple who will soon enter the church to be united in the bonds of holy matrimony; it will be tolled for every member of the parish whose lifeless body is brought here to receive for the last time the blessing of a priest; then let us remember the donor, whose soul has been called to the tribunal of God. May this bell be to every one the voice of God calling them to divine service, and may we all serve and honor Him and bow with reverence to His name."

At the close of Bishop Wigger's discourse the audience filed slowly out of the building, many persons remaining in the church to view the gift. The music for the occasion was of a special nature and included a duet by Miss Flanagan and Miss Keely. Mrs. J. L. Anderson and Mr. Dorsey W. Hyde presided alternately at the organ, and the following young ladies and gentlemen composed the regular church choir, who rendered efficiently the musical portion of the service: Misses May Flanagan, Kitty Carney, Nora Casey, Nellie Higgins, Alice Quinn, Alice Keely, Mary Hines, Kate McCann, Josie Miner and Messrs. Edward Harding and John O'Rourke.

The Masons Demand the Old Rate of Wages.

The bricklayers and masons of the Plainfield Union met in their rooms, Wednesday evening, for routine business in general, and, in particular, to receive the report of their delegate, Mr. Wm. H. Pangborn, who had represented them at the National Convention of the Masons and Bricklayers International Union, held at Boston during the early part of January. There were present at the convention nearly 500 delegates, from all over the country; some from as far as Colorado, Manitoba and Canada. Reports were very favorable in relation to trade and members from all points, and in some places it was shown that as high as \$7.50 per day of eight hours, was received.

On account of the demand for first-class men in New York and vicinity, the Plainfield Union masons—who number 45 in membership, most of whom were born and bred in this city—will demand that on and after April 1, their wages shall be \$3.50 per day instead of \$3.25. They say that the former was the standard of wages for years up to the "panic of '72," and they consider it but justice to return to such rates now that times have been prosperous again.

In justice to the public and the contractors, these men give notice of such intention two months in advance. They say that all responsible contractors will employ only competent men, but warn builders to be careful of other contractors who may give the work to hod-carriers at a lower rate.

Miss Thomas' Lectures.

The class in physical culture, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., and in charge of Miss Thomas of New York, is attracting considerable attention. In the two lectures already given Miss Thomas discoursed upon the influence of the psychic force over the physical system, in maintaining health or producing disease, and resulting from this, its influence upon personal beauty. She spoke of the restful effects of the concentration of thought, an idea which harmonizes with the well-known French recipe for the prevention or removal of wrinkles. Miss Thomas also illustrated the normal pose of the body as shown in proper positions of hips and shoulders, dwelling at length upon harmonious muscular action and how produced. She spoke at some length of our having within us the curative powers of the universe; enumerating these as hope, love, cheerfulness and tranquility; and the disease producing forces as fear, hate, jealousy, etc. She then gave a number of physical exercises illustrative of the foregoing principles, designed for the daily practice of pupils at home, through which she guarantees the correction of deformed or diseased physical conditions. Her next lecture will be upon lung power as a synonym for endurance and long life; together with voice-training and its influence upon health. Miss Thomas' pleasing address and well modulated voice add greatly to the effectiveness of her instruction.

Under the Patronage of the Ladies.

Next Monday evening in Music Hall will take place the entertainment arranged by the St. Andrew's Society of Grace church in aid of the building fund. The Rutgers Glee Club will give a most varied and enjoyable programme of music, and the assistance of Miss Maude Agnes Bowers has also been secured. The reappearance in public as an elocutionist, of this admired and talented lady, is alone sufficient to attract a large audience. She will read "Tartaria," and "The Last String," besides the *encores* all who hear her will insist upon.

The entertainment, as THE PRESS was the first to state some weeks ago, will be under the kind patronage of these ladies: Mrs. Rowland Cox, Mrs. F. O. Herrington, Mrs. O. T. Waring, Mrs. Otto Arens, Mrs. W. E. Lowe, Mrs. E. L. Finch, Mrs. John B. Dumont, Mrs. E. B. Clark, Mrs. W. P. Smith, Miss Mary Tweedy, Mrs. Howard Fleming, Mrs. C. J. Ames, Mrs. C. E. Brooks, Mrs. Gen. VanBuren, Mrs. J. T. Scott, Mrs. Chas. A. Hart.

Appraising the Fire Department Apparatus.

President Marsh of the City Council, Chief Waters of the Plainfield Fire Department and Mr. Lyons Currier, an expert machinist from Newark, yesterday afternoon visited all the engine and truck houses of the Fire Department, both in this city and North Plainfield, for the purpose of appraising the Department apparatus. All of the engines, hose carts, the truck, hose, etc., belonging to the Department was carefully examined by Mr. Currier, who, it is expected, will make a report to the City Council at its meeting on Monday evening. All of the apparatus, it is said, was found to be in an excellent condition.

Notice to Grand Army Men.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic desiring to extend the fraternity of our organization to our worthy comrade Mague of Post 19, Dep't of Mass., will attend the obsequies of his daughter, at the M. E. church, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. W. B. MOORE, Chairman Detail.

BY THE PRESS SPECIAL SERVICE.

A POLISH CRANK WHO WANTS TO SHOOT THE PRESIDENTS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Abraham Isaacs, the Polish Jew, who went into the White House with a loaded revolver to collect \$4,000 from the President and was arrested with the weapon in his possession, is a crank of a very dangerous character. He says the Government owes him this money.

When arrested he was exclaiming:—"I will kill him, I will kill him!" The fellow appeared to be crazy and announced his determination of putting a bullet into Mr. Cleveland if his claims were not promptly settled.

LILY LANGTRY'S FENCE DEMOLISHED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—This morning before sunrise the seven-foot board fence which for the past month has prevented the prying eyes of the "vulgar" public from feasting upon the handsome brick, with white marble trimmings, residence of Mrs. Langtry, on West Twenty-third street, was torn down by order of the Bureau of Encroachments of the Board of Public Works. It took a couple of hours to do the work, five men, under the superintendency of Frederick Rode, the man who built the fence, being engaged in it.

LOCAL OPTION.

The Provisions of the Law Proposed for New Jersey.

The following are the important parts of the text of the local option bill introduced by Assemblyman Goble of Ocean county, in the New Jersey Legislature, Jan. 16. It is in the hands of the Judiciary Committee, at present. It may become a law, and should; the high-license bill, however, will probably pass:

An act to provide for local option in the several counties in this state, by submitting the question of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to the qualified voters in said counties, and to provide for the enforcement of the same.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That upon application by a petition, signed by one-tenth of the legal voters of any county in this state, as determined by the votes cast at the last previous election for member of the generally assembly, the judge of the circuit court in and for such county shall cause public notice of such application to be held at the usual places of holding elections in said county, within forty days after the presentation of such petition, to determine whether or not any alcoholic, spirituous, vinous, malt or intoxicating liquors shall be sold within the limits of said county.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That all persons voting at elections held under the provisions of this act who are against the sale of the articles mentioned in the fourth section of this act, shall have written or printed, or partly written and printed on their ballots, "against the sale of intoxicating liquors," and all who favor the sale of the articles mentioned in said fourth section, shall have written or printed, or partly written and printed on their ballots, "for the sale of intoxicating liquors."

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That whenever, by return of the election, it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast in such county are against the sale of intoxicating liquors, it shall be unlawful, after sixty days from the said election, for any person within the limits of such county to sell, or expose for sale, or barter for valuable consideration, either directly or indirectly, or give away to induce trade at his place of business, or furnish at other public places, any alcoholic, vinous, spirituous, malt or intoxicating liquors; provided, that nothing contained in the provisions of this act shall prevent the purchase of liquors by druggists, or the sale of the same by druggists for medicinal purposes (such sale for medicinal purposes to be only upon a written prescription signed by a reputable physician), or for sacramental or manufacturing purposes only, said liquors not to be used on the premises; provided further, that persons holding licenses issued prior to such an election shall not be deprived thereof until the expiration of the same.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That any person who shall traffic in, sell, expose for sale or give away, with intent to violate any of the provisions of this act, or shall suffer to be trafficked in, sold or exposed for sale, or so given away, any liquors mentioned in the fourth section of this act, by whatever name called, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, for the first offense, forfeit and pay, upon conviction thereof, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars and be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not exceeding six months, with costs of prosecution, and for each subsequent offense a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars and imprisonment in the state prison for a term not exceeding one year, with costs of prosecution.

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That whenever it shall appear by proof, on any examination or trial for an alleged offense against the provisions of this act, that any intoxicating liquor has been sold, exposed for sale or supplied under any pretext whatever where the sale of intoxicating liquors would have been unlawful, it shall not be necessary to prove the particular kind of intoxicating liquor sold, or exposed for sale or given away.

SEC. 6. And be it enacted, That if the result of any election held under the provisions of this act, shall be either for the sale of intoxicating liquors or against the sale of intoxicating liquors, no other election for that purpose shall be held in the same prescribed limits in less time than three years thereafter, and then only upon the presentation of a new petition, as aforesaid.

SEC. 7. And be it enacted, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

AFFAIRS AT THE CAPITAL

SENATOR KENNA DEFENDS THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Want Criminals and Paupers Debarred.
Senator Hoar Declines—New Bills Signed by the President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A highly interesting scene was presented in the Senate yesterday afternoon when Senator Kenna, of West Virginia, delivered a long speech in defense of the tariff principles enunciated by President Cleveland in his annual message. At the opening of his speech Mr. Kenna devoted a few moments to a vigorous defense of the President's message, and then spent more than an hour in a caustic review of the tariff record of John Sherman during the past quarter of a century. The Ohio Senator once or twice interrupted and attempted answers, but Mr. Kenna told him to wait until he had concluded.

Mr. Kenna seemed to take delight in showing that Mr. Sherman's views had repeatedly and completely altered on great public questions, notably in regard to the repeal of the tobacco tax, which he fought in 1867 and favored in 1888. He referred to the tone of the Ohio Senator's politics by quoting his remark once made in a public speech, that "anything that would break down the Democratic party and build up my own justifiable in morals and in law." This thrust at Sherman brought forth mingled applause and hisses from the gallery.

When Mr. Kenna had concluded, Mr. Sherman then took the floor. He admitted that his views had often changed, but said that he was controlled by circumstances, and if he were not he would be unworthy to hold a seat in the Senate. He spoke for about fifteen minutes, and thanked God that at last the Democratic party was ready to come out fair and square in favor of the tariff as a political issue. The Republicans had long been waiting for the wings of that party to unite and present a fair, manly issue. They were ready and eager for the contest, and before the close of the year the people would have an opportunity to say who is right.

The bill amending the statutes so as to provide that no publications that are but books or reprints of book, whether they be issued complete or in parts, bound or unbound, or in series, or whether sold by subscription or otherwise, shall be admitted to the mails as second class matter, passed the house yesterday. The object of the bill is to prevent an evasion of the law which designates what shall constitute second and third class mail matter. Under the law, books must pass through the mails as third class matter, but the law has been evaded by publishers issuing books at stated intervals and passing them through the mails as second class matter on the ground that they were periodicals. While the Bible and educational books had to pay eight cents a pound, the yellow covered novel could go through the mails for one cent a pound.

The bill authorizing the reconsideration of the claims of all soldiers and their heirs who may have been denied the bounty of \$100 granted by the act of April 23, 1872, under any construction of the act which has since been modified or rescinded, has been favorably reported by Senator Cockrell from the Committee on Military Affairs. It limits the benefits to be derived from the bill to soldiers who enlisted prior to July 22, 1861, under the President's proclamation of May 3, 1861.

The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries expects to-day to have a hearing upon the three bills which have been introduced by Congressmen McAdoo, Keen and Hines, of New Jersey, for the protection of the menhaden fisheries on the Atlantic coast. The three members named will appear before the committee and several of the New Jersey fishermen as well. It is likely that some measure will be adopted to give relief to the fishermen at this Congress.

A circular bundle of papers a foot or more in diameter lay on the Clerk's desk in the Senate yesterday morning. It proved to be a memorial from Pennsylvania asking that the immigration laws be amended so as to deter criminals, paupers, and persons under contract to the United States, and that the naturalization laws be so changed as to require twenty-one years of residence as a prerequisite to eligibility to office of trust or profit under the general Government.

The special House committee to investigate the Reading strike will be named to-day. Judge Chipman, of Michigan, will probably be chairman. The chairmanship was first offered to Mr. Raynor, of Maryland, but he asked to be excused. An effort was then made to induce Mr. Randall to accept it, but he declared he could not spare the time from his regular committee work.

Senator Ingalls has appointed as members of the special committee to whom the President's message on the Pacific Railroad was to be referred, Senators Frye, Daves, Hiscock, Davis, Morgan, Butler and Hearst. Senator Hoar, as the author of the resolution for the committee, would have been chairman, but he declined to serve.

Mr. J. A. Johnson, President of an agricultural implement firm at Madison, Wis., sends to Congress a petition praying for the abolition of all import duties upon harrows, threshing machines, farm wagons and all other kinds of implements used in agricultural pursuits.

United States Consul Ellwing, at Stockholm, has informed the State Department that the Swedish Government has declared against the importation of pork from the United States unless it is well salted. The Consul says that the order is founded on a report that a hog pestilence is raging in the United States.

The President signed a number of bills, among them being the "urgent deficiency" act, making appropriations for the establishment of experimental agricultural stations in connection with colleges throughout the United States.

The sub-committee on Indian Affairs has reported favorably on the bill opening the Sioux Reservation in Dakota. The matter will be considered in full committee to-day.

The House Committee on Labor has reported favorably on the bill, introduced by Mr. Cox, to reduce to eight hours a day the labor of letter carriers.

Mr. Platt Appeals.
 ALBANY, Feb. 3.—Messrs. McFarland, Boardman and Platt, counsel for Thomas G. Platt, have filed at the County Clerk's office a notice of appeal from the judgment of the oyster case, rendered in the Circuit Court on Jan. 13 last; also an appeal from the order denying the motion for a new trial.

DENNIS KEARNEY GOT ANGRY.

He Talks to the Committee on Foreign Affairs About Chinese Immigration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Dennis Kearney of San Francisco talked to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs an hour yesterday morning in support of the Cummings bill prohibiting Chinese immigration. He declared there would be nothing for the 35,000 children in the San Francisco schools to do if something was not done to stop the inflow of Chinese, as no white person will learn a trade followed by a Chinaman. Mr. Kearney displayed a map of Chinatown in the heart of San Francisco, and pictured the manner in which the inhabitants of that quarter burrowed in the ground, existed in filth, and spread disease, degradation and squalor, driving out all decent white people.

He said that in nine blocks in Chinatown there were 67 houses of prostitution, 150 gambling dens, and opium resorts innumerable. During his argument Mr. Kearney became very earnest in his denunciations of the Chinese and almost violent against those who opposed absolute prohibition of immigration, and Mr. Hitt, of Illinois, a member of the committee, put a number of questions which tended to irritate the speaker to an almost uncontrollable degree.

Mr. Hitt does not believe in extreme legislation on the subject of immigration, and hence opened the floodgates of wrath upon the part of Mr. Kearney, who declared that he would go into the district of the Illinois member in the approaching campaign and make Mr. Hitt's constituents pelt their representative in Congress with dead cats, snakes and baked snails, which the Californian declared, Mr. Hitt would have his constituents feed upon.

Mr. Kearney will ask for a hearing before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on the subject.

Who Discovered America?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Maria Brown does not believe that Christopher Columbus discovered America. She says that the honor of that discovery belongs to Leif Erikson, an Icelandic, who landed in these parts A. D. 1000. She has spent several years abroad collecting evidence that has strengthened her case in Erikson's title to the discovery popularly attributed to Columbus. Mrs. Brown is an uncommonly energetic person, and has obtained a petition which will be presented to Congress, signed by scholars and prominent men of various callings, asking that there be an investigation to determine the authenticity of the rival claims of Mr. Columbus and Mr. Erikson. The petition asks that Congress make a thorough investigation of the records in the Vatican and other Roman libraries relating to the discoveries and early settlements made by Icelanders, and to make an appropriation for a worthy Icelandic celebration in 1899.

Wilkins' Bank Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Representative Wilkins, of Ohio, the father of the bill to allow National banks to issue circulation to the par value of the United States bonds held by them as security for circulation, is becoming despondent as to the fate of that measure. A majority of the House is in favor of it. But the opponents of any legislation calculated to benefit the National banks have shown themselves strong enough, by filibustering tactics, to defeat it. The bill will be recommitted to the Committee on Banking and Currency until such time as there seems to be a more favorable opportunity for its passage.

The Knights on the Increase.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—The General Executive Board of the Knights of Labor have made their report for the January term relative to their membership of the various assemblies throughout the country. It issued that when the footings are made up the order will show an increase of over 50,000 members. In this state the increase of that measure. A majority of the House is in favor of it. But the opponents of any legislation calculated to benefit the National banks have shown themselves strong enough, by filibustering tactics, to defeat it. The bill will be recommitted to the Committee on Banking and Currency until such time as there seems to be a more favorable opportunity for its passage.

The Weather Record at Concord.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 3.—The average minimum daily temperature for January was 6 degrees, and the average maximum daily temperature 34, the former being 6 degrees colder than the average of the last thirty-two years, and the latter 8 degrees colder than the average of the last twenty years. The whole amount of snow this winter was 54 inches. The total precipitation, "rain and melted snow," during the month was 4.96 inches. 1.79 inches more than the average for the last thirty-two years.

Those Rebel Flags.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The War Department has not completed its answer to the Contelle battle-flag resolution, and may not for some days. The answer, when made, will undoubtedly show that it was the purpose of the Department to return the flags, and that some were returned before it was ascertained that a law forbade this. It will also be shown that the practice of returning such flags is not new, and that Mr. Stanton, when Secretary of War, returned a great many.

The Famous Palms Will Sustain.

DETROIT, Feb. 3.—The State Supreme Court has announced its decision in the famous Palms will case, which disposes of an estate of over \$7,000,000. The will left the income of the estate to a son and daughter, but left the estate itself in the hands of trustees for their children. The Supreme Court sustains the will.

Illinois Zinc Mines to Resume Work.

GALENA, Ill., Feb. 3.—The Peru zinc diggings, one of the most extensive mines of the kind in the west, which was closed a year ago on account of the low prices of zinc ore, is to be operated again by the owners, the Peru Mining Company of La Salle. This will give employment to 125 men.

Anarchy and Pauperism Denounced.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—At a meeting of the Chicago Turn Gemende resolutions denouncing Anarchism were adopted, and a resolution favoring the immigration of laboring classes from other countries and opposing the importation of paupers and criminals was discussed.

A Prominent Maryland Lawyer Dead.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 3.—Francis Miller, one of the most prominent lawyers in this State, died at his home in Sandy Springs, Montgomery county, yesterday. Mr. Miller was the Republican candidate for Attorney General at last fall's election.

Speaker Carlisle Not in the Chair.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Speaker Carlisle is at the Capitol, but is not occupying the speaker's chair. He is engaged upon his mail, which has accumulated largely during his illness.

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MARRIAGES.

TITSWORTH—VAN HOESEN—On Thursday, Feb. 24, 1898, at the residence of the bride's mother, 111 Seymour street, Syracuse, N. Y., by the Rev. Wm. A. Rice, Fannie Luella Van Hoesen, of Syracuse, to George Bailey Titsworth, of Plainfield, N. J. No cards.

DEATHS.

MAGUE—In this city, on Tuesday, January 31, 1898, Lillie B. Mague, in the 14th year of her age.
 Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Front street, on Saturday, 3d inst., at 2 o'clock p. m. Interment at Hillside Cemetery.
 DRAKE—In this city, Feb. 1st, 1898, of acute kidney disease, David F. Drake, Jr., aged 17 years, 11 months and 22 days.
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THE CROWN PRINCE NOT A VIC-TIM TO CANCER.

Dr. Cox in Prison Garb; Chopping Wood. Ready to Attack Italians—Earthquake in England.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Private as well as official advice from San Remo go more and more to confirm the hopes that the disease of the Crown Prince is not necessarily fatal, nor by any means as serious as had been supposed. While medical experts are still uncertain of the character of the pro-nouncement of opinion among them now is that it is not cancerous. This opinion is strengthened by a letter just received by Dr. Mackenzie from Professor Virchow, who reports the result of his analysis of the secretions taken from the throat a fortnight ago.

He says, after a careful examination, in which the particles were subjected to all the tests known to medical science, he could detect no evidence in them of a malignant disease.

A slight extension of the thickening has taken place in the larynx toward the front side. The curative process is always accompanied by a certain amount of fever. This has now entirely subsided.

The slough, which was about the size of an olive, was sent to Virchow, who, after examining it yesterday, reported that it presented no cancerous symptoms. It seems almost certain that the disease is perichondritis, aggravated by chronic inflammation of the mucous membrane. The cure must be slow, and must even last three or four years.

HE PUTS ON CONVICT GARB.

Cox Working in the Prison Yard Chopping Wood With Ordinary Criminals.

DUBLIN, Feb. 3.—Mr. Cox, M. P., who is in prison at Limerick, put on the jail dress with a protest and went to work in the prison yard chopping wood and doing other labor of ordinary criminals in the company of Mr. Catter. He was visited yesterday and was found in a cheerful mood.

Eight persons have been convicted at Kanturk, County Cork, of attending meetings of a suppressed branch of the National League and sentenced to two months' imprisonment at hard labor. Five arrests have been made in Donegal for offenses under the Crimes Act, and more are expected.

Despatches from Mr. William O'Brien, who is now on the Continent, show that he is greatly improved in health and will be present in the House of Commons on the 9th inst.

The Pope Was Surprised.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The Times correspondent at Rome, in a despatch giving the text of the American pilgrims' address, says that the Pope has since been surprised to learn that the majority of the pilgrims were Protestants. The same correspondent says that Archbishop Walsh stated that in a private audience to the Irish bishops the Pope declared that the interests of Ireland would be protected.

Franco-Italian New Commercial Treaty.

ROME, Feb. 3.—The Italian and French Commission met here yesterday to arrange for the resumption of negotiations for a new commercial treaty. When the basis of negotiations is agreed to the French Commissioner will return to Paris, and the matter will be treated through the regular diplomatic channels.

Concessions of an Irish Landlord.

DUBLIN, Feb. 3.—The tenancy on the estate of the Countess of Kingston has expressed themselves satisfied with the terms offered by the landlord, who agrees to allow a twenty per cent reduction in rents, to pay all costs, and reinstate the tenants who have been ejected.

England and Scotland Shaken.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—A sharp shock of earthquake was felt at various points in Scotland yesterday, being especially marked at Dingwall, County Ross and Inverness. Shocks were also felt at Birmingham, Coventry and at other places in England.

Ready to Attack the Italians.

MASSENAH, Feb. 3, via Rome.—Scouting parties from Soudi have penetrated to the vicinity of Ghinda. They report the Abyssinians numerous in and around that place. It is generally believed here that the Abyssinians will soon attack the Italians.

WANT 10 PER CENT ADVANCE.

Pennsylvania Trunk Line Engineers Make a Demand for an Increase of Wages.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—A most important session of delegates of the Brotherhood of Engineers has begun here. The delegates represented all the lodges on the line of the Pennsylvania road east of Pittsburgh numbered between twenty and thirty.

There are delegates from Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Altoona, Harrisburg, Columbia, Jersey City, Trenton, Baltimore, Camden, Wilmington and other places. The object of the Convention was to consider a bill of grievances which the engineers desired to lay before the Pennsylvania officials.

There are several things to be considered which, it is understood, involve an advance of about ten per cent on the wages paid at present. The demand is to be in accord as nearly as possible with that already formulated by the members of the Brotherhood on the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh.

The demand, it is stated, has already been forwarded to the Pennsylvania officials, in this city, and a copy is now in the hands of Chief Arthur of the Brotherhood.

A delegate said: "Within a few days a committee will go to the Pennsylvania office on Fourth street with a demand. What it will be I cannot say."

That Fish War.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 3.—The Minister of Customs stated last night in regard to the four United States fishing vessels that put into Halifax for repairs with perishable cargoes of frozen fish, which it is reported they had to throw overboard, having been refused permission to sell them, that the department here had received no information on the subject. The local Collector of Customs had evidently acted on his own responsibility. As the matter has not been reported to the Government the Minister of Customs was not prepared to say how far the treaty rules might be relaxed in a case of this kind.

A Deficit in Philadelphia Finances.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—The report of City Controller Dechert for 1897 shows that the revenue from all sources was \$17,554,225.71; expenditures, \$17,655,304.05. Excess of expenditures over receipts, \$101,078.34. The deficit of the city was reduced \$1,400,000.

THE LAST OFFICIAL DINNER.

President Cleveland Entertains the Supreme Court Justices—Guests Present.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The President gave a dinner party last evening in honor of the Supreme Court Justices. It was the third and last of the state dinners for this season. The floral decorations of the White House were never more beautiful than they were for this occasion. There were twenty-eight covers and six wines, except for Mrs. Cleveland and her guest, Miss Willard, at whose plates were water glasses. A floral canopy was the centerpiece, and at the ends of the mirror on which it rested were floral scales of justice. The canopy and scales were of red and white curiations and azalea blossoms. At the ends of the table were round umbrellas of lilacs of the variety. Bouquets for the ladies were of roses. The guests were received in the East Room where the decorations were of palms and giant ferns filling the windows. Cut flowers basked the mantels on one side and bright leaf plants on the other. Two pyramids of leaf plants with the central divan broke the length of the room, and reduced the size to fit the dinner company. Music in the outer corridor gave a festive touch to the occasion. In the absence of Mrs. Waite, the President took in the wife of Justice Miller, who is the senior Associate Justice. Chief Justice Waite took in Mrs. Cleveland. The other couples were: Mr. Justice Miller and Mrs. Field, Mr. Justice Field and Mrs. Harlan, Mr. Justice Harlan and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Justice Matthews and Mrs. Blatchford, Mr. Justice Gray and Mrs. Hoar, Mr. Justice Blatchford and Mrs. Lamar, Mr. Justice Lamar and Mrs. Pugh, Senator Hoar and Mrs. Buckalew, Senator Pugh and Mrs. Collins, Senator Coke and Mrs. Grace, Representative Collins and Mrs. McDonald, Representative Buckalew and Mrs. Angell, Mr. Putnam and Miss Caggar, of Albany, New York, Mr. Huggell and Miss Willard, ex-Senator McDonald, of Indiana, and Mrs. Lamont, ex-Mayor Grace, of New York, and Mrs. Putnam, the Hon. John E. Dean, of New York, and Miss Gray, the sister of Judge Gray. The Senators and Representatives were from the Senate and House Judiciary Committee. Mr. Putnam and Mr. Angell were from the Fisheries Commission.

CONNECTICUT'S GRAND ARMY.

Total Membership 6,482—Relief Funds on Hand \$52,700—165 State Beneficiaries.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 2.—The total Grand Army membership in this State is 6,482, being a gain of 378 during the past year. The relief fund in the hands of posts now aggregate \$52,700, the gain being for the year \$4,000. Twelve relief corps have been organized since the enactment of 1887, with a total increase of 577 in membership. There are 165 State beneficiaries in Fitch's House for Soldiers at Darien. The buildings will be enlarged this year so as to accommodate 225 soldiers, who will be supported at the expense of the State. Department Commander Tamm, who will give in his annual address before the Grand Army at Waterbury next week the adoption of a statute which shall give the veteran soldiers exemption from taxes on property to the amount of \$1,000, whether such soldiers reside in the towns where the property is situated or not. The exemption is now in force when the soldier lives in the town where his property is situated.

Caught Robbing the Mails.

TROR, Feb. 3.—For some time residents in the upper part of the city have complained of the suspicious disappearance of mail matter. The carrier on that route was Fritz Pohl, a popular young German, who also acted in the capacity of a drum major in Maschke's Band. This morning a postoffice attaché named Kennedy, who suspected Pohl, saw the latter open three letters. Then Kennedy prepared to intercept Pohl, and when the latter was accused he became very indignant and aggressive. Kennedy drew a revolver and compelled Pohl to submit. Pohl was then arrested.

A Republican Elected by Democrats.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 3.—The State Board of Education has elected Colonel Charles W. Fuller, present Assemblyman from the Sixth District of Hudson County, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in place of Edward O. Chapman, present incumbent. Colonel Fuller was nominated by Benjamin F. Randall, Mr. Chapman also placed in nomination. Mr. Fuller is elected for three years. He was mentioned for office three days ago. The board is Democratic and Fuller is a stalwart Republican.

Ex-Secretary Station III.

STONINGTON, Conn., Feb. 3.—The news reached here that ex-State Senator and ex-Secretary of State Stiles S. Stanton, residing in this town, was lying in and unconscious condition at the Grand Union Hotel, New York, and there are no hopes for his recovery. He left here two weeks ago for New York, where he was taken sick, but it was not considered anything serious. He was one of the best known politicians in Eastern Connecticut, and was an admirer of J. G. Blaine.

Lumbermen Short of Supplies.

CHEYBOWAN, Mich., Feb. 3.—Five hundred men are said to have been discharged from the cedar swamps near the Schwanau, this side of Presque Isle Bay, and the camps have closed because it was unprofitable, on account of the deep snow, to run them. Supplies are insufficient in the vicinity to provide for them long, and the towns will have to provide for them if they fail to procure work, or they must suffer.

The High License Bill.

ALBANY, Feb. 2.—The final hearing on the Crosby high license bill was held yesterday before the Assembly Excise Committee. It was agreed to withdraw the favorable report on the bill in order to embody an amendment to make the bill operative respecting sales of liquors by druggists. The amendment will be embodied at the committee's meeting next Tuesday and the bill will be reported Wednesday.

The New York Hop Crop a Total Loss.

ALBANY, Feb. 3.—The hop growers in the town of Schoharie are greatly exercised over the coming season, which experts declare will be a total loss. They predict the return of the hop house in great numbers and that they will destroy the entire crop of the season of 1898.

Gold Discovered in Alaska.

MONTREAL, Can., Feb. 3.—Anon has arrived at Sitka, and brought no news of importance other than that excitement prevailed at Juneau over the discovery of large deposits of gold bearing black sand on the seashore 200 miles north.

Banished by a Pittsburgh Business Man.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 3.—G. W. Barnett, a well-known business man, has been arrested, charged with luring William Murdoch out of \$10,000.

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pushed into the pit, almost smothering me, I thought it was a trick. But some hand took my arm and earth showed back into that hole with terrific swiftness. We endured the shower of clay, tramping it under our feet in a dance so rapid, or we should have been buried. The familiar, as if bewitched, still moved his lantern around in a circle, and there stood every brave motionless while the spade clinked and the dirt fell in. In a brief time we stood on level earth, still tramping earth where the hole had been. But then the lantern was flung against a tree, the Indians seized us and we were tied to saplings before I could realize anything except a door-like through which cut palpably into my wrist.

The other Indians stood in a group, while the first ones collected dunnies, twigs, whole stumps, to wall us in for burning. Instead of preparing my mind for death, I found myself ruminating on the familiar's immense capacity for combustion, and wondering if he would not burn up richly like a barrel of tar.

"As our fires mounted, so did the spirits of our captors, who were so determined to keep from the white man the secrets of their ancient land. They danced and threw tomahawks awhile; then they paused and stared; then they fell upon their knees in two circles and all blew the flames. I can still see those aquiline noses bent to earth, those leather chests distending and collapsing as they blew. But that ghostly fire of the past, rubbed in the beginning out of two hard sticks, would not take hold of the breathing present. It failed even to warm us. And when those wretched beings became convinced of that fact, they rose with one accord and tomahawked each other and threw each other into the fire, in true Indian fashion, until the familiar and I were walled about by their charred figures and not one brave was left."

"I don't believe there's a word of truth in it," commented Mose.

"How can you be so incredulous?" remonstrated Gurley.

"Why, it don't stand to reason," argued Mose.

"Imagination," said McArdle, spreading his hands airily, "is a fine thing, Mose."

"Oh, isn't it?" murmured Phoebe, watching the fire. "It's a kind of wonder palace that you can step into out of anything. May be Lazarus had his head in such a palace. Whatever your self lacks you will find in a perfect self in that wonder palace. So that it seems as if God gave us a sixth sense with which we can enjoy things we don't possess."

"What on earth is the girl talking about?" said Randy Thompson.

"She is tuning her imagination for the story about the North," volunteered Gurley.

"I thought one out a long while ago," said Phoebe, "when I was reading Scandinavian things—about Thor and Sif and Wodin—but this is about a hill Troll."

"Now, what's a hill Troll?" complained Randy.

"He was a little spirit fellow, sometimes good and sometimes bad, who lived inside a hill."

"There isn't none of them things," said Mose, with conviction.

"There was this one Troll!" insisted Phoebe, "and he quarried rock. And one night when he put up his quarrying tools a wrinkled dwarf came and offered to show him away down in the heart of the earth a diamond finer than any the sun ever saw. He did not hesitate to follow the dwarf."

"And if I find that diamond, I'll put up my quarrying tools for a hundred years," said the Troll.

"They went down and went down until the Troll began to distrust his guide and called a halt. They were under the very ribs of the earth. 'I'll go no further,' says the Troll."

"The dwarf laughed. 'Don't you hear a booming sound?' says he."

"Yes."

"Well, that's the sound made by people on the other side of the earth trying to pick this diamond out."

"The Troll hurried on again until he felt smothered, and stopped again, saying: 'I'll go no further.'"

"Don't you hear the lapping of water?" cries the dwarf."

"Yes."

"Well, that's the wash of the open sea, contending with men for this priceless thing."

"The Troll thought, 'If this way leads to the open sea, I can easily rise through that to the surface.' So on he went."

"But presently they came under a rock dome hung with stony icicles, and at their feet lapped a reservoir of water full of human fragments and pieces of ships."

"Here's the end of the search," grinned the dwarf. "The diamond I brought you to seek is that whirling Maelstrom which cuts its plagues of waters on this coast. The way is closed up behind you; now get out if you can through the Maelstrom!"

"Then the dwarf disappeared just as if there never had been a dwarf, and the Troll stood under the roar of the Maelstrom, his knees shivering; he felt himself a dead Troll. For in those days the Maelstrom was a boiling whirlpool miles in circumference. When sailors became suddenly aware of gliding across a field of water depressed toward some unknown center, they knew the Maelstrom had them. First she described a huge circle, as if swinging them around her victim's head. Then they felt her fury. She whirled and beat them, she rolled them over and crunched them in her awful jaws, out of which no ship or man ever rose again."

"Pretty soon a voice near the Troll said: 'Who knows the Troll, but you may conquer this Maelstrom and quiet its rage for the remainder of the centuries.'"

"He looked around and saw a white child. 'You have worked in the quarries and knit your strength,' says the child, and I can show you the way to the ore-dwarfs, and in their furnace you will find a hammer and anvil ready for any body who wants to use them. Never mind what any dwarf does, but take your heart, your brain, your hands and feet, one after the other, and beat and temper them on the anvil.'"

"They are all flesh," objected the Troll. "A nice temper I should beat into them on metal."

"The hammer and anvil are not metals," says the child. "You make yourself able to rise through the Maelstrom."

"So the Troll went to the furnace of the ore-dwarfs. He saw them fuse and force into upper rock and soil the metals for which men dig. The black fellows would seize jets of fiery liquid, and leaping like meteors, fling them to force their way upward. They looked curiously at the Troll and made faces. But without speaking to them, he went to the hammer and anvil which the child showed him. These tools, while he worked with them, passed through all the colors of the rainbow. 'They must be made of light,' he thought."

"He bent away on his heart, but the more he thumped the larger it grew, and when he put it back into place it pushed out his chest and lifted him off the ground. At that the Troll dropped his tools, dashed out of the furnace and threw himself across the reservoir, which opened into the sea, sure that he could face the Maelstrom. His light heart carried him straight up the whirlpool, but before he had risen his fashions, he was pounded and sufficed—the sea threw him back into the reservoir and shook her witch's fist at him through the opening, as if saying: 'Is that enough for you?'"

"The Troll limped back to the furnace, where every grinning dwarf capered at him. But he hammered his brains and condensed them until they became magnetic, forcibly drawing or repelling objects. And when he put them back in his head he saw himself differently, and did not attempt the whirlpool again until he had followed all the child's directions—beating his hands and feet to an amber glow, the very tint of light under water."

"Then he crept out and launched into the base of the Maelstrom. But it beat him down, and lashed him across the face with bodies, and stung him with sea-nettles, until he threw up his arms and was sucked among the dead in the reservoir, scarcely able to lift his nostrils over the brink. So stubborn was the Troll, however, that he crept again to the furnace, and this time the dwarfs stuck their flame-like tongues in his face, and bent over and slapping themselves and twisting their tiny black noses in decision."

"Without watching them, the Troll tempered himself a third time. And after that trial of the Maelstrom he would not have lifted a finger for his life and the whole world besides."

"The child came and smoothed his bruised limbs, saying, 'Poor little hill Troll.'"

"I'm ready to die," said the Troll. But after he had rested a long time he added: 'I'll die trying it, though.'"

"Over and over he tempered himself, over and over he tried the Maelstrom, astonished to find how life and determination did linger in him, until he rose through the whirlpool and drew up calm under his feet. To this day the Maelstrom remains conquered, and is no longer dangerous except in winter storms. And the whole world—who did not care a pin for the Troll when he was beaten just to death in his subterranean reservoir—could not praise him enough."

A prolonged snore from Mose covered the climax of this story. Adam dragged him up blinking like an owl.

"Two-oo-oo!" imitated Adam. "Wake up, chicken-eater. The story's told and the molasses is a waxin'." You help me sling off these kittles."

"You mustn't let such back-sheep, guess you're gettin' into your head, Miss Phoebe," said Tom Holmes. "It isn't healthy. Life's not a tag; it's pretty much as one makes it. Here's Painter over the hollow. He could be living like a decent Christian, but shuts himself up like a wolf. What if things haven't gone to suit him? A man can't boss the world. A man expects to be trod on once in awhile, but let him take it with a good grace and kick back if he can, and if he can't, grin about it."

"People who are out of the water can give such lucid instructions how to escape drowning," retorted Gurley. "You've always had a good time yourself."

"That was some bustle in taking off the kittles and helping the sugar. The party shifted about, talking. When Gurley brought Phoebe White her saucer of sugar, she said to him:

"I wonder what that hermit is doing across the hollow? May be he's sitting before his fire with his heart all bitter."

"Perhaps he is," said Gurley, smiling indulgently. "I've been down in the mouth myself when I was lonesome."

Tom Holmes looked at her with the amused contempt which experienced people always bestow on visionaries.

"Go over and invite Painter to join us, Miss Phoebe," he suggested.

"I'd like to go and carry him some sugar, just to let him know there were human beings in the world who could take a thought for him."

"Do it," said Tom. "I'm curious to know how he'll receive you."

"I will," returned Phoebe White, nettled. "If some one pleases to show me the path. Mose, you forfeited your hat. Redeem it by going across Black Hollow with me."

"I don't care nothin' about that old hat," replied Mose, slouching into the lodge with a jarful of the grained sugar.

"What'll you be up to next?" disapproved Randy.

"Nobody will go with her," said McArdle, easily. "It's too absurd."

"Not at all absurd," said Gurley, ready with another saucer of sugar. "Will you take my arm, Miss White? I know every stepping-stone in the Black Hollow."

"Painter will shoot you both," said Tom Holmes, chuckling. "You are a pretty pair to go on such a fool's errand."

When they returned, Adam called as soon as he saw them at the edge of the camp.

"You better limp back here fast, you folks, what's left of you. Camp's breakin' up and the hostile ambience is a startin'."

"You didn't stay long," remarked Holmes, standing by his democrat wagon, which had just arrived to take his party home.

Mose stared at the adventurers, suspending his business of washing out the kittles.

"What did Painter do?"

"He took the sugar from Miss White and put some of it in his mouth," replied Gurley.

"And then he threw the rest of it at your head," said Holmes.

"But what's he got in his house?" inquired Randy.

"Bottled snakes," said Gurley. "Chemical retorts and a furnace. I had the most glimpses before he shut the door on us. But we have a man of science over the Black Hollow; perhaps an inventor: one who has at any rate fooled everybody as to his character and pursuits."

"He ain't fooled nobody in his looks," asserted Mose.

Phoebe White was shivering close by the fire. She had not spoken a word since returning. McArdle approached and talked to her, and she turned her face toward him to listen with apparent effort.

Gurley was waiting to hand her into the democrat wagon where Randy Thompson already sat wrapped up like a sausage. After Phoebe had drawn up her scarlet wrap and fastened it more snugly around her for the ride, Gurley saw her take a shabby portemonnaie from her pocket and pass a crisp green note swiftly to McArdle's waiting hand.

"So McArdle borrows money of her," the young man thought, with scorn, as he cantered home after they had separated.

"Makes a sort of tributary chapel of her little school-house, to swell the church's donations. I suppose he intends to marry her

and sponge off her the rest of his life. O that I had my will of him!"

Psyche Fawcett rode over to return Mrs. Holmes' call, and she handed in a card for Miss Phoebe White also. Miss Fawcett would not be taken into the room of state, but snuggled to the sitting-room fire of logs which was always kept burning there until the heated season put it out.

"This is a sight that warms one's soul; Madam Drusie," said she. "And my soul

could come out a character instead of a tuft of swansdown—as Cupid calls me."

"And when you turned on this evil to fight it, suppose you had to fight, knowing it was part of you and you were part of it—and you never could get away from it?"

"That's rather mixed. But one thing I do see clearly. You and I are in the wrong skins. You ought to be me and I ought to be you. You dote on the respectable and are just soaked with domestic fervor. I would love to be in some mysterious moss, and every day I want to patch our unexceptionable furniture through the conservatory sash and start out in the world and

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has been in a shiver ever since we came home."

"There is not much of you except your soul to shiver, my dear," laughed Mrs. Holmes.

"I thought I had grown vastly corpulent. But Cupid says I have wasted away. For his society."

The idea of calling Jack Gurley Cupid! it always annoyed him; it made him so helpless with fury—a big bluff fellow to be called Psyche's Cupid, especially when he was about sixteen, and all knuckles and feet.

"Is that your baby looking through the door?" said Miss Fawcett, twirling a willow twig which she had snatched off during her ride. "The great monster! How he has added to himself. Come here, Thomas Holmes, junior, and see your aunt."

Toddles slyly shut the door and patted away. The vision was too wonderful for him. Miss Fawcett was exceedingly slight, and trimly dressed. She had a low-browed face, clear as alabaster, and the color of her eyes varied from yellowish violet, according to their expression. They followed every speaker with change and sparkle, and her playful nostril and rounded cheek and chin spoke in unison with them. Phoebe White thought her the most beautiful woman in the world, as she herself passed inside the door to be introduced. Miss Fawcett stirred in response to the introduction, and sent through the room a current of rose fragrance from the bunch of yellow roses at her belt.

"Yes, I came on Saturday so I should be sure of seeing you," she exclaimed. "Mr. Gurley has been telling me about you."

Mrs. Holmes lifted her eyebrows.

"I'm very glad he has," said Phoebe, so innocently pleased by the sight of Miss Fawcett that the young lady laughed.

"I believe we aren't going to be a bit strange. I always hate or adore people on sight. Madam Drusie here was a big girl at school when I was a little girl, but I pinned to her and have hung on ever since. I hardly let her be courted in peace. To this day I believe Tom Holmes considers me a long-legged girl to whom he must perforce offer his other arm if he wants a minute with Drusie."

"You forget how early Cupid began his siege of you," said Mrs. Holmes.

"Siege! I don't call it a siege when our people made the engagement and threw us at each other. You should have seen the way that fellow used to glower; when his mother made him dance with me at children's parties, Miss White. He trod on my feet, too. I never forgave him."

"But he has improved," laughed Mrs. Holmes.

"You can't improve a Gurley. The old Irish is too strong in them. Can you both come and ride with me? I know this is a busy morning with you, Drusie, but I always made it a point to interfere with your affairs."

Mrs. Holmes excused herself on many accounts, so Phoebe White only went with Miss Fawcett behind her ponies.

"Where do you want to go?" inquired Miss Fawcett, as her low phaeton entered the road. "That is, after we have driven through Greensburg main streets. They are smooth, even at this time of the year, when other roads are full of ruts."

"Anywhere," said Phoebe. "I love to be out-doors in this humid air without having to feel the ground moist under my feet. Spring weather makes one feel so new."

She thought suddenly of Thorne, chopping wood across the Black Hollow, and half regretted being at ease herself and in the company of this untroubled girl.

Miss Fawcett observed her closely from time to time as they poked along the fence-corners.

"I've been abroad several years," she said, "and dropped all my old strings. The girls are changed about. In a school-town so many of one's intimates are transients. We used to have the house full. Now it is really lonesome for me. I haven't settled myself. Sometimes I think I never can settle myself. You know my aunt lives with me, of course. But we don't get on. She's so set on having her own way. She's mamma's sister. My father had no sister. Only a brother who went off and died, or he would have had half the property. It was real convenient of him. Besides he was so ugly, poor man, with a deformed mouth so he couldn't speak plain; and I know it would have torn me all to pieces. I can't even remember him. Mr. Gurley says you have no relations."

"I have a brother," said Phoebe.

"I'd like a sister," said Psyche. "An older sister who would take all the care and leave me nothing to do but spend money. How nice it must be for you! You can live just as Bohemian a life as you want to."

"I don't think I like a Bohemian life," said Phoebe.

"Oh, I do! I've always wanted to be a boot-black or an actress or a wandering poet."

"When you have your beautiful home!"

"Beautiful cage! who wants to be tied by her foot to a perch!"

"I should love every stick and every blade of grass on my homestead," exclaimed Phoebe. "It tears me up by the roots to change from one place to another. I should think you would be so happy to have your home and all sorts of ties provided for you. No strain, no uncertainty, no half-witted brother depending on your undisciplined brains."

"Is your brother half-witted? How amusing he must be. And it would be perfectly delightful to me if I did not know what was coming to-morrow and the next day and the next."

"You wouldn't like," said Phoebe, forcibly, "to be dogged by an evil fate, to have your best wishes crossed, to run like a fugitive through the world?"

"Yes, I should," said Miss Fawcett, watching her with interest. "I should dote on it. There would be some variety in that. I

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