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"Alice, by all that's wonderful!" he exclaimed, and then, seeing that her bosom was heaving convulsively, he put his arm around her and inquired tenderly what had happened.

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Cure For Pneumonia. Take six to ten ounces, according to size, and chop fine; put in a large sifter over a hot fire, then add the same quantity of rye meal and vinegar enough to make it a thick paste.

An American Reporter. They have a reporter on one of the Williamsburg papers who may not be much on style, but for pluck, nerve and initiative he is a good fellow.

A Savage Publisher. The late J. Schabelitz, the famous Zurich publisher, was an excellent linguist, a skillful writer and probably the most savage publisher who ever lived.

Cities Built on Islands. The Belgian city of Ghent is built on 26 islands, most of which are bordered by magnificent quays.

He Wasn't a Peddler. They tell a story in Chicago about an advance agent for the Thomas orchestra who went to New Orleans.

No One Whispered. The teacher of a Kansas City school had to leave the room for a few minutes and gave the children some drawing to do.

A Very Different Case. The Green Bag tells a story of an ex-judge who is cashier of a bank. One day recently he refused to cash a check offered by a stranger.

Rare Books in the Vatican. The oldest book now in existence is that of the Vatican, and it probably contains more literary treasures than any other.

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ADMIRAL DEWEY has announced his intentions to be candidate for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket—perhaps.
PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has appointed Ex-Congressman John B. Robinson, of Media, Marshal for the Eastern district.

THE Republican Convention at Norristown, Tuesday, seems to have been a unanimously regular combination of politicians of the Republican persuasion.

It has been estimated that the volume of business of the country the past three months has been larger than in the corresponding period of 1899.

A DISPATCH dated Sunday says: The British within a week have met with three defeats, involving the loss of six hundred men, killed and wounded.

THE vote on the Pennsylvania Senatorship will be taken at 4 o'clock on Tuesday, April 24. A proposition for a vote at that time was adopted unanimously by the Senate Tuesday afternoon.

THE Court of Appeals at Frankfort, Kentucky, has handed down a decision in favor of Lieutenant Governor Beckman, Democrat, for Governor. This decision upsets Governor Taylor. An appeal from the decision of the Court of Appeals will be carried to the United States Supreme Court.

THE Democratic State Convention at Harrisburg, last week, nominated candidates for State offices as follows: Auditor General—P. Gray Meek, of Centre county. Congressmen-at-Large—Harry E. Grim, of Bucks county, and N. H. Edwards, of Lycoming county. Delegates—at Large and Electors-at-Large were also chosen.

TAKEN as a whole the primary elections of Saturday evening in various sections of the State indicate that the dissatisfied element within the Republican party maintains about the same strength as was exhibited in the contests of last year. A majority of the Republicans are determined to stand by Quay and the minority faction are equally as persistent in their efforts to annihilate him politically.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY suffered a severe loss Friday morning in the destruction by fire of its physical laboratory, one of the finest in the country. The entire building and contents are a total loss, involving damage to the extent of \$200,000. The flames originated in an explosion of chemicals in the laboratory. The inflammable character of the contents of the structure rendered futile all attempts to save it. The loss is only partially covered by insurance.

BOTH in total circulation and in gold they money supply of the country is greater than ever before. The total money of the country on April 1 was \$2,021,274,506, as against \$1,927,846,942 April 1, 1899, an increase of nearly \$160,000,000. The gold supply was \$785,845,549, as against \$727,748,591 a year ago, a gain of more than \$58,000,000. The balance of the nearly \$100,000,000 of total increase is chiefly in national bank currency and fractional currency and fractional coinage.

WASHINGTON LETTER.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6, 1900.—Admiral Dewey's announcement that he is a candidate for President is the most unique ever made. He says he will accept a nomination from either of the political parties, and that if neither nominates him he is willing to run as an independent candidate. Had the announcement been made before the Admiral's return from Manila the politicians would have considered

it a very serious matter, but now, when the nominations of McKinley and Bryan by their respective parties is generally regarded as already assured, they treat it very lightly and speak of the Admiral as the victim of an ambitious wife. But outside of professional political circles, the announcement is seriously considered, and many are predicting that Dewey will frighten some of the politicians out of their boots if he runs as an independent candidate. Admiral Dewey says he made the announcement in response to repeated requests from every section of the country, and because he has become convinced that the people want him for President. Whether he is correctly informed or not will soon be made apparent by the manner in which the people receive his announcement. What the people of the country really want they have a way of getting.

The House having passed a bill for the organization of a territorial form of government for Hawaii, which its committee reported as a substitute for the Senate bill, is now ready to take up the Senate Porto Rico bill, which will be at once reported from the Ways and Means committee, to which it was referred when sent over from the Senate. While it is not certain that the House will agree to the Senate bill, the chances are that it will do so, notwithstanding some personal objection, because the bill is supported by all of the majority leaders and by the whole influence of the administration.

The resignation of the desirable office of Assistant Secretary of the Interior by Mr. Webster Davis is a much discussed topic of the hour. All sorts of stories are afloat concerning it, some alleging that the resignation is the result of disagreement with Secretary Hitchcock; others that Mr. Davis has political ambitions, and still others that he is employed at a fabulous salary by President Kruger. Mr. Davis' own story is that he has resigned solely because of his desire to talk and write to the people of this country in the interest of the Boers without compromising or embarrassing the administration; that he is actuated by nothing but sympathy for the Boers and a desire to put their situation truthfully before the people of this country. He says he does not wish to embroil this country with England, but merely by arousing public sentiment to show to the European powers that they may put a stop to the war in South Africa without any fear that the United States will aid Great Britain. Like all orators, Mr. Davis has the faculty of seeming to believe everything he says, but oratory must square with common sense and everyday business ideas to convince the average American of this day, and Mr. Davis will have to bear in mind that he isn't the only man who knows the South African situation.

The vote by which the Senate passed the Porto Rican bill proved an interesting study. Although six republicans voted against the bill and one was paired against it, the vote was 40 to 31, in its favor. Each of the six republican Senators who voted against the bill is from a State having two republican Senators, but in only one case were two of them from the same State. They were Davis, of Minn.; Mason, of Ill.; Nelson, of Minn.; Proctor, of Vt.; Simon, of Ore., and Wellington, of Md. Jones of Nevada, Kyle of Dak., and Stewart of Nevada, voted for the bill, while Lindsay of Ky., and Morgan, of Ala., who have in a measure supported the policy of the administration towards our new possessions, voted against the bill. The Popular Senators voted against the bill.

Watching Digestion With the X Rays.
From Recent Developments with the X Rays, by Prof. John Trowbridge, in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for April.
The use of the fluorescent screen, long has been greatly extended. Dr. Francis H. Williams, of Boston, has used it as a valuable instrument in medical diagnosis, especially in studying lung diseases. It has been used at the Harvard Medical School to follow the processes of digestion. To accomplish this, in one instance a goose was fed with food mixed with subnitrate of bismuth, a salt which absorbs X rays. The passage of the dark mass down the long neck of the bird could be traced on the fluorescent screen, and the peculiarities of its motion in the gullet could be studied. A cat was also fed with the same substance, and the movements of its stomach noted. These movements were analogous to those of the heart—in other words, were rhythmical when the processes of digestion were going on normally and uninterrupted. When, however, the cat was irritated, it may be by the sight of a dog, these pulsations instantly ceased. As soon as the source of vexation was removed and the purring of the animal showed a contented frame of mind, the stomach resumed its rhythmical movements. The dependence of the digestive apparatus on the state of the nervous system was thus clearly shown. The female cat was much more tractable under these experiments than the male.

Three Eclipses This Year.
In this the last year of the nineteenth century, which by the way is not a leap year, though divisible by four, there will be three eclipses, two of the sun and one of the moon. The solar eclipse, taking place on the 28th of May, will be visible throughout the United States, and be total from the southern part of Virginia, down through Mexico, the north of Norfolk, Va., it will be partial. In the city of Baltimore it will begin at 7.48 a. m. Of all phenomena of nature there is none so profoundly impressive and awe-inspiring as a total eclipse of the sun, and a trip to those regions of the country through which the shadow of the moon will sweep on the 28th of May is well worth undertaking. It scarcely admits of any doubt that many thousand people of the Northern and Middle States of the Union will go to see a phenomenon which comparatively few people have ever had the privilege of beholding. The average breadth of the eclipse track will be nearly 80 miles. A second eclipse

of the sun will occur on November 21. It will be annular, but not visible in this country. A partial eclipse of the moon will take place on June 12, though it will not be visible in this country.
LIVED ON A DIET OF WOOD.
NEARLY TWO POUNDS OF PULP REMOVED FROM A LAD'S STOMACH.
NEW YORK, April 10.—One of the most remarkable operations ever performed in the Eastern District Hospital, Williamsburg, has been successfully completed by Dr. Silas T. Blaisdell, head surgeon of the hospital, assisted by the hospital staff.
Willie Foley, 11 years old, of No. 533 Wythe avenue, Williamsburg, was the subject upon whom the operation was performed. From his stomach the surgeons removed nearly two pounds of wood pulp, the accumulation of eight or nine months of constant chewing of wood and shavings and the swallowing of the same.
Willie has been complaining for nearly a year of a heaviness in his stomach, and when it became so serious a month ago that he was unable to sit down without suffering excruciating pain a doctor was called in. Willie was taken to the hospital on Sunday afternoon and prepared for the operation. The operation was successful and to-day Mrs. Foley called at the hospital and took the boy back to his home. He has promised his mother that in the future he will restrict himself to ordinary food and will not make his meals of such indigestibles as wood pulp. His mother expects that he will be on his feet again within a few days and able to return to school.

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A case of Outing Flannels, best makes, at 8c. the yard, worth at least 10c. Imperfect only in that at every one and one-quarter yards there is a small hole, hardly discernible.
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