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Persistent in the Right; Fearless in Opposing Wrong.

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A JEWEL OF A WOMAN.

Where are you going this evening, Winterbourne?

"Oh, I'm off to the Jollity. Will you come with me?"

"I was half engaged—still, I'll come to take care of you. You need being looked after badly. Your infatuation about Gladys Dalton is becoming the talk of the town. A common burlesque actress—phough!"

"My dear Baring," answered Viscount Winterbourne, warmly, "she is the most divine woman I have ever seen, and I won't hear a word said against her. I tell you frankly that if I could win her consent I would make her Lady Winterbourne to-morrow."

"Pon my life this is sheer madness!" his friend remonstrated. "The woman can neither act or sing a bit. She depends solely on her beauty; and even that is nothing phenomenal. There are scores of others equally attractive."

"To my mind she's the only woman in the world," Lord Winterbourne replied.

"That is unfortunate!" was the retort. "For she certainly does not regard you as the only man! Indeed, there are fifty other fellows whom she favors with her smiles, and for the mere purpose of obtaining presents from them. You know she has a craze for jewelry."

"I know she is very fond of it, and I take care to gratify her in this respect. See, here is a diamond star, from Chouse & Cheetall's, which I heard of her admiring the other day and I called in at the shop and bought it this afternoon."

"Really, Winterbourne," said Baring, as he examined the magnificent jewel, "this is a gift worthy of an empress. May I ask its figure?"

"Five hundred," was the reply. Baring shrugged his shoulders and elevated his eyebrows, not in surprise, but in disapprobation.

"Can you not see," he inquired, "that the woman is fooling you in order to make money out of you? She is always hating her admiration of some of Chouse & Cheetall's treasures to one or other of her admirers. The jewelers ought to pay her a commission; she is a source of unlimited custom to them."

"You may sneer at her as you please," the other retorted, "but you will not make me believe that she is not the most divine woman under the sun, or dissuade me of my purpose of winning her for my wife!"

"Tis useless to reason with you, I see," Baring answered. "Throw away your money, therefore, if you please. But for heaven's sake don't throw away yourself on such a woman!"

"If you had only seen her, and spoken to her—off the stage," Lord Winterbourne exclaimed—"you would admit—"

"Have you, then, so far improved your acquaintance with her since we last met?" interposed his friend, quickly.

"Yes!" was the reply; "I obtained her leave to call upon her, at her rooms in Grafton street, where she lives with her mother. And I assure you, Baring, that the refinement of her conversation and manner was such as the best bred woman in town could not have surpassed."

Baring laughed and again shrugged his shoulders.

"Did you press your suit with her?" he asked, "and offer her your hand and heart?"

"No; her mother was present during my whole visit; and besides she herself treated me with an easy, graceful indifference which quite checked all possibility of tenderness."

A contemptuous smile curled Baring's lip as he answered:

"Pon my sole, a very Diana among actresses. I quite believe you in that Winterbourne. She is cold as marble and cares for nothing but money—or its equivalent."

"At any rate!" said Lord Winterbourne, rising from the table and lighting a cigarette—they had just finished dinner—"Let us adjourn to the Jollity—else we shall miss half the piece."

"And, what is of more importance," added his friend, sarcastically, "miss so much contemplation of his lovely dummy, Miss Gladys Dalton!"

The other vouchsafed no reply, except to ring the bell for his cab—and in a few minutes Baring found himself seated at Lord Winterbourne's side, in the front row of stalls at the Jollity theatre.

The piece was already in progress;

indeed, the third act had been reached, and Miss Gladys Dalton was now upon the stage in the costume of a Spanish peasant girl. She took little part in the dialogue, and none whatever in the singing and dancing. Hence there appeared good reason for Baring's strictures upon her, that "she could not act or sing a bit." But her beauty was undeniable, and her figure was the perfection of natural grace. Lord Winterbourne surveyed her with rapturous eyes. But she did not vouchsafe a single glance, either to him or to any other of her numerous admirers who filled the front rows of the stalls.

At the end of the act he rose and threw her a bouquet of choice flowers, to the handle of which he had attached the diamond star. Her eyes at once detected the glittering jewel, and she made him a little courtesy and favored him with one smiling look.

"Bah!" muttered Baring. "A cheap return for £500, upon my soul!"

"I would not forego it for double the sum," replied his friend.

"My dear fellow?" Baring answered, "she has probably bestowed precisely the same look on twenty other men in the course of the evening. Hark! there are two fellows discussing the woman now."

(Lord Winterbourne and his friend had reached the lobby on their way out.)

"I say," one of the men was saying (he was just in front of our two acquaintances, and they could distinctly hear every word), "did you see the diamond sparkling on the bouquet which Winterbourne threw her? It was an uncommonly large one—must have cost no end."

"Winterbourne knows of her weakness," replied the other, "and is trying to outbid all others by gratifying it. The woman has an extraordinary craving for jewels. I should fancy that she has had more given her than any actress on the stage. The wonder to me is what she does with them all."

"Sells a good many of them, I expect," the first speaker replied. "But, for my part, I'm hanged if I'd waste money on such a block of marble."

"And yet," the other said, "these scornful, stand-off women command more admiration than your yielding, compliant ones. When a woman won't look at you, you feel inclined to make her, don't you know?"

"Do you?" was the answer. "As far as I am concerned, when a woman turns her back on me, I always turn mine on her. In any case I wouldn't make a fool of myself over such a specimen as Gladys Dalton."

Baring nudged his friend. "What do you think of that, Winterbourne?" he asked. "Hear what an amiable character this incomparable Gladys bears."

"Do you suppose," Lord Winterbourne retorted, irritably, "that I care one straw for what such cads as those say about her? Probably they never seen her off the stage, and never spoke to her in their lives. I dare say they would give their ears for an introduction."

"That is easily obtained," Baring sneered. "Any man who cares to give the price of a fine diamond or ruby gains his introduction at once. What?" (as Lord Winterbourne ordered his coachman to drive "home") "are you, then, not going to have supper with your charmer in Grafton street?"

"She would not see me at this hour if I did, else I would go and make her an offer to-night."

"Look here!" answered his friend, speaking with more serious warmth than he had yet shown, "for Heaven's sake don't be a fool. Of course the woman will accept you."

"By Jove! I wish it were I of course?"

"Of course, she will accept you," Baring repeated. "Not out of any regard for your position, title and estate. Why, man, you don't suppose that this grasping, hard-headed Miss Gladys will reject the greatest 'parti' in London, do you?"

"I don't believe she'll have me," was the gloomy response, "in spite of what you say."

"Oh! she'll have you sure enough—rather too surely, as you will find to your cost. For when you know her better, you will discover what sort of a woman it is with whom you have entangled yourself. Then you'll want to back out of the engagement. Of course Miss Gladys will not bear of such a thing; and you will have either to marry her or ruin your life, or else

face a 'breach of promise,' have all your spooony letters read and all your folly laid bare for the delectation of a scoffing public, to say nothing of being mulcted in twenty thousand or so. My dear fellow, is the game worth the candle?"

"Tis useless for you to talk, Baring."

"Well," replied Baring, as they pulled up to the door of Lord Winterbourne's house in Grosvenor Square, "I'll leave you to your own meditations, my dear fellow. But, for Heaven's sake, try to realize what an infatuated idiot you are making yourself!"

There is reason to suppose that Viscount Winterbourne did not profit by his friend's parting advice. For at 3 o'clock on the following afternoon his cab drew up to 1001 Grafton street—the residence of Miss Gladys Dalton. She was at home and he was ushered into her presence. As he glanced round the drawing-room, he was relieved to find that his charmer was quite alone—that not even her mother was present; and he felt still more relieved when, in answer to his inquiries after the old lady, Gladys told him that she was suffering from neuralgia and forced to keep her room.

But though he had come with the full intention of doing the desperate deed, and fortune had thus favored him with a tea-table interview, it was some while before he could screw up his courage to the necessary point.

At length, however, after some ten minutes' commonplace talk, he broke through his reserve, declared his passion in a string of ardent words, and laid his hand and fortune at Gladys Dalton's feet.

A little cry escaped her lips; and drawing away the hand which he had tried to take, she rose, and stood confronting him.

"Do I understand, my lord," she said, "that you offer me marriage?"

"Of course, I do!" he cried eagerly. The expression of her face softened, and into her eyes came a look that spoke of pain. Then she appeared to make a sudden resolve.

"My lord," she said, "you are an honorable man, and I will wrong you no further. I am about to confess to you what I would confess to no one else living. You will respect my secret?"

"Before Heaven, I will!" he answered.

"Listen, then," she began, "you must forget Lord Winterbourne, that you even cared for me, I am married already!"

"Married!" he cried, despairingly. "To whom? why did you not tell me this before?"

"I have not told you before," she answered, "for the same reason which now makes me pledge you to secrecy. And I should not have told you now were it not that the words which you have spoken touched my heart, and made me resolve that, however I may continue to treat the rest, I will wrong you no more!"

"Your secret shall be as safe with me as with the dead!" he returned.

"I am confident of it, Lord Winterbourne! People say of me—do they not?—that I am a grasping, avaricious woman, whose only object is to extort valuable gifts of jewelry from my admirers!"

"Let people tell what lies they please," he answered, "it makes no difference to me. I know you better than they do!"

"Pardon me, Lord Winterbourne, but I fear you do not know me so well. What they say of me is quite true."

"What do you mean?" he cried.

"I mean," she answered, looking straight at him, and never flinching for an instant, "that my sole object is to extort valuable presents from my admirers."

He gazed at her in astonishment, the calm manner in which she made this confession bereft him of all power of speech.

"People also say," she went on, "that I part with my jewels for money. In that they speak less correct. I do not sell them; I give them to my husband, and he sells them!"

"Who, then, is this mean scoundrel, who sponges on you in so disgraceful a manner?" cried Lord Winterbourne, in indignation.

"I will tell you his name, but do not forget your pledge of secrecy."

"I swear I will never abuse your confidence!" he replied. "But your husband—who is he?"

"My husband, Lord Winterbourne, is—Mr. Chouse, the jeweler."—*London Truth.*

A Railroad Dog.

Napoleon is a dog residing at Salida, Col., belonging to an engineer of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. He has been engaged with his master for the past two and a half years in running locomotive No. 86. His apprenticeship commenced at the early age of six months. His first trip was not a success on account of fright. This was speedily overcome. He can now go into the roundhouse, where twenty-eight engines are domiciled, single out and mount his own machine, and, in the absence of his master and the fireman, defend it against all intruders. He rides on the fireman's side of the cab, with both front paws and head hanging out of the window, intently watching the track.

He frequently scents cattle a mile or more distant. When they appear in sight he becomes greatly excited, looking first at the cattle and then at his master, as though trying to make him comprehend the gravity of the situation. On nearer approach he sets up a cry similar to that of a human being. If necessary to come to a full stop, he bounds out of the cab, runs ahead and looses no time in convincing the trespassers of the importance of finding some other stamping ground.

When necessary to communicate with help at the pumping stations, frequently at long distances from the track, a note is written and given to the dog, who delivers it and speedily returns with a reply.

Signals to start from his own engine are readily interpreted by him, but he pays no more attention to the whistles and bells of other engines than to cattle that may be safely grazing on the sides of the road. His olfactory powers are so keen that he has frequently given his master timely warning against stock, that, if struck, might have resulted disastrously. He is well known to all railroad employes between Ogden and Salida. If accidentally left at any stations, he returns to Salida on the first train.

Decline of Natural Gas at Pittsburg

The Pittsburg correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer writes:

"The fact that the natural gas supply in this and adjoining districts has passed the zenith and is now upon the wane can no longer be satisfactorily denied. The people, from the wealthy manufacturer to the humblest employe, have been hoping against hope that the plausible explanations given by the various companies for the shortage would prove true. The reason which has usually been given to the inquiring public was that new mains were being laid to the wells, or that the size of those already down was being increased. These changes have all been made and still the desired fuel does not pour through in the necessary quantities. This state of affairs was first noticed the latter part of last winter, but the warm weather relieved the pressure for domestic purposes, and nothing was heard of a shortage during the summer months. But with the first appearance of a change of temperature this fall, the trouble recommenced in an aggravated form."

"This last move of the natural gas companies has been to ask the big mills to run only by night, when the demand upon the fuel for other purposes would be light. This request was vehemently opposed by the employes affected, and no satisfactory settlement has yet been made. Many of the establishments have decided to return to the use of coal, and some have already done so. But even under the circumstances, the supply at night is not sufficient, as several newspaper offices in the city could bear testimony if they desired."

"All of the electric light plants in the city were forced to suspend operations for a time, the other night, because of a lack of power, and the inconvenience and annoyance, not to speak of positive financial loss, has been great in many instances. The apparent result of the whole trouble will be that natural gas will be transformed from an ordinary fuel into a luxury. There will probably be enough for residence use for years to come, and those who can afford it will have it, because of its superiority to coal, notwithstanding the difference in price."

"This condition prevails not alone in Pittsburg, but in the surrounding districts. In the Beaver Valley the Citizens' Gas Company announced an advance of about 11 per cent. last year

and a Bridgewater company has not only raised its rates, but has issued and ordered to all manufacturing consumers that all contracts have been withdrawn and that hereafter no gas can be furnished them. This will have the result of compelling manufacturers to return to the use of coal. The Bridgewater gas company also announces that none but dwellings will be accommodated in the future."

"The Beaver Falls Gas Company has returned to the use of coal, and several other factories are making preparations to follow suit. Advances from the gas belt of Ohio and Indiana show that the same state of affairs, while possibly not so far advanced, is already noticeable. There is a general hope throughout the region affected that in case of the practical failure of the natural gas supply, which it is now conceded can not be averted, a manufactured fuel gas will be found to take its place. Unless some such plan is successful, it is difficult to see how companies owning the miles of main and other facilities can avoid heavy financial losses."

A Fatal Mistake.

Professor W. F. Sartelle, an illusionist, was killed at Lynn, Mass., on Thursday night, November 28, while performing his old trick of catching a bullet with his teeth. He had a leaden and a paper bullet, and after the lead projectile had been duly examined by the audience he exchanged it, as he thought for the paper one. This was a counterpart of the leaden bullet. He thought he was raming the paper bullet into the gun, but it was lead that was being shoved down. Then with a smile upon his face, he stepped to the front of the stage and asked, "has any gentleman in the hall the moral courage to shoot me dead?" Nobody responded. The Professor laughed and assured the audience that his trick was perfectly harmless, and that he should catch the bullet. One young man volunteered his services, but weakened after the charge had been put in and the gun loaded.

"I really wish some gentleman would favor me, as I want to perform the trick," said the Professor.

William Flanagan then stepped forward and consented to act as executioner.

"Don't aim at the ceiling, aim for my mouth," exclaimed the Professor. Flanagan did so, and at the word raised the rifle and fired.

Professor Sartelle threw up his hands with a groan and fell upon the stage floor, his life blood gushing from a terrible wound in the neck. The audience shuddered at the sight of the blood and wished the performance was not quite so realistic. A few applauded the clever bit of acting, as it was supposed to be, but the majority waited for the Professor to rise before showing their appreciation of his ability.

Young Flanagan who had fired the shot, stood with a smile upon his lips waiting to see the professor to take the bullet from between his teeth as he had promised. The habitues of the place had seen the trick many times, but they had never seen the professor fall in that way, and as the minutes passed without a response from the prostrate form, they knew that something was wrong. Two or three jumped upon the stage to investigate. A corpse confronted them. The ball had struck him in the jugular.

By this time the audience had begun to realize the awful truth, and horrified they rushed from the hall. Flanagan was rooted to the spot and made no effort to escape. In view of all the facts he will probably not be held responsible for the Professor's death. He is 24 years old and is an employe of the Thomson-Houston Works. Professor Sartelle lived at Worcester and in his pocket was found a letter directed to his wife in that city.

Dead Senators' Seats.

ONLY ONE MAN KNOWS THEM AND HE WON'T TELL.

Quaint old Isaac Bassett, Daniel Webster's proteged perpetual door keeper of the Senate, whom no change in the political composition of the Senate could ever deprive of his office, still keeps with religious fidelity the secret of the identity of the desks of Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun and the other before the war great men.

"Yes," he tells the new-comer in the

Senate, "all the desks of the great Senators are still here, but no one knows but myself which they are, and you may get one yourself, sir, without knowing it." This gives Bassett all the romantic interest of an ancient and nameless tomb. Most Senators smile at his little peculiarities, but now and then some parvenue takes offense at them.

This was the way the illustrious "\$250 night shirt" Tabor, of Colorado, did. "Won't tell, won't he?" said Tabor. "Well, I'll fix my desk so I can tell it again if I don't come back for fifty years." So just before his brief term expired Tabor drew his big diamond cuff-buttons roughly along the edge of the desk, leaving two deep lines in it. Five months after he returned, and going to the place where he had sat he looked on the sides of the desk for his mark.

But he did not find them, nor could he find them anywhere in the Senate chamber. The day the Senate adjourned old Bassett had Tabor's desk taken to the Senate carpenter shop and the lines he had made filled in and painted and varnished so artistically that no one could have told that there had ever been any lines there.—*Hartford Evening Post.*

A Natural Turkish Bath.

THE STRANGE CAVE DISCOVERED IN SOUTH COLORADO.

While some men were at work near the Crystal Lime Company's kilns, three miles south of Salida, Col., digging a well, they ran into something unusual. When down about sixty feet it became quite warm and they dug a little more when an opening appeared. Upon investigation it proved to be a cave, with apartments similar to the rooms in a house. The first cave is about twenty feet long and ten feet wide and the ceiling about ten feet high.

The men had been in the cave only a few moments when they became uncomfortably warm, the sweat rolling off of them in drops.

The place where the well is being dug is the same gulch down which the veins to the Wellsville Hot Springs run, and the intense heat in the cave is accounted for on the ground that it is in close proximity to the veins of these springs. The walls and ceiling are said to be as smooth as if some one had made them.—*Denver Times.*

Electric Force in a Derrick.

The *Progressive Age* relates an amusing exhibition of the magnetic force of electricity as given in Lynn, Mass., when seven workmen tried to remove a derrick against which an electric light wire was sagging. They grasped one of the guys and were unable to remove their hands. The foreman berated his workmen in the good old country fashion. He had never had experience with electricity before, and was at a loss to comprehend what had so suddenly bewitched his men. Every one of them was hanging to the guy rope with the energy of desperation, yet powerless to remove it. The foreman grasped a guy, and then the real state of the case came home to him. He, too, was transfixed. The electric current found him an excellent conductor, and ran down through him into mother earth. The affair, which had been very amusing, was fast getting serious, when the connection was as suddenly broken. The guy, which had made all the trouble, dropped away from the electric wires and the men were released. No serious consequences ensued.

Remarkable Visual Powers.

John Thomas Heslop, of Birmingham, England, is a lad whose powers of vision are to be accounted among the marvelous. He is known as "the living microscope" on account of being able to see the most minute objects clearly defined. In 1878 or 1879 he was attacked with some baffling eye trouble, and came very near losing his sight forever. After the disease had reached its worst there was an instant and startling change for the better. When his sight returned it was with extraordinary increased powers of vision.

To John Thomas the most minute plant louse was as large as a rabbit, and the mosquito's bill as large as an ax handle. He could see and describe distant minute objects with startling clearness and precision. He was amazingly shocked upon repairing to the

well to get a cooling draught to see immense number of hideous creatures that were floating, fighting and wriggling about in the water. From that day to this water has never passed the lips of John Thomas Heslop; his drinks consist wholly of coffee, tea and milk, thoroughly boiled. The doctors say that the entire organization of the eye has undergone a structural change; that the cornea has become abnormally enlarged, and that the crystalline lens have divided into three different disks or circles, each circle surrounded by another of light blue.

Longevity in Norway.

THE DWELLERS IN THE LAND OF THE MID-NIGHT SUN LIVE LONG.

The Norwegians, it seems, are the longest lived people under the sun. So we learn from an elaborate "Livs og Dodstabeller for def Norske Folk," just published by the Norwegian Official Statistical Bureau, or tables of life and death among the Norwegian people. The average duration of life in Norway is 48.33 for the men, 51.30 for the women and 49.77 for both sexes. The director of the bureau also shows, by comparison with earlier decades, that the average longevity of the Norwegian folk has considerably increased. "If the mortality in Norway," he writes, "is seventeen per cent. more favorable than in Central and Western Europe, it is greatly due to the comparatively slight mortality among our youngest children." To what particular causes this comparatively slight mortality among children is due we are not told, but probably anxious parents in warmer climates may take a hint from it and make inquiries.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

School Teacher's Experiences.

School teachers have many funny experiences in the mountain districts of Tennessee and Kentucky. One teacher relates that one of his pupils was taken out of school because he endeavored to persuade him that the earth was round. His father would not have him taught such nonsense, and was so certain that the earth was flat that he challenged the teacher to a public debate. It lasted a week before crowded houses, and the jury disagreed. The man admitted that there were too many hills and mountains for the earth to be exactly flat, and finally went so far as to say that the earth "might be round this 'ere way" east and west) "cause the people might fall off; but it is not round that 'ere way" (meaning north and south). What confusing reasoning he had in his head the teacher could not divine, but it convinced at least half the audience.

As the Twig Inclines.

George Westinhouse, Jr., throughout his entire life has shown a marked mechanical bent and his own mind has constantly run on inventions, the object of which was to do by machinery what had previously been done by hand.

His father owned and operated a large works at Schenectady, N. Y., for the manufacture of agricultural implements, and he showed his good sense in giving his boys, as part of their education, practical instructions in mechanics.

George, in early days was very fond of playing ball, and sometimes his father, on returning to the works, would find the lad absent for obvious reasons. These absences led to interviews. At last it was decided that George's work should be arranged on the piece system instead of on the time system. In other words, his task was thenceforth to consist of a given amount of work each day which he might expedite as much as he pleased, and, after it was done, he was at liberty to repair to the ball grounds. Here was an opportunity for invention, and the lad did not fail to utilize it. Without any previous knowledge of the now well-known disc method of cutting metals, he experimented and soon discovered that with a circular disc of soft sheet iron on the highest speed of his lathe, he could split a file. He quickly utilized this method of completing his daily task, and repairing each day so early to the ball grounds that his father at first feared a misconduct had occurred. On watching George at work however, he soon saw with his own eyes how the remarkable feat was accomplished.

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SENATOR DELAMATER, one of Quay's subjects, has formally entered the gubernatorial battle for 1890. General Hastings and Major Montooth will make the conflict interesting for Delamater.

It is doubtless a matter of general satisfaction that considerable enterprise is being manifested in the important work of increasing the United States navy. Senator Hale has introduced several bills designed to carry out the recommendations of Secretary Tracy.

A PLAN is being evolved for a great national monument to commemorate the critical events of the first one hundred years of the United States. A meeting of Governors was held at Washington Tuesday, resulting in the preparation of a bill to be submitted to Congress asking for the necessary appropriation.

JOHNSTOWN was again visited by an awful disaster Tuesday night. During a performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Opera House, a cry of fire was raised, resulting in a terrible rush down the narrow stairs.

The editor of the Transcript, Skip-pack, is not quite ready to march under the Bosler Congressional banner. Brother Dambly is willing to admire Bosler, provided Bosler will serve his country at Harrisburg and not at Washington.

THE regulation report of the Grand Jury for the December term of criminal court at Norristown includes the usual reference to the public buildings of the county. The Grand Jurors visited the Almshouse, Friday, traveling in good coach style and enjoying the excursion at the expense of the county hugely.

RASCALITY at WASHINGTON. A dispatch, dated December 5, reads: "C. E. Silcott, cashier in the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, has absconded, taking with him between \$75,000 and \$100,000, which he had drawn from the Treasury to pay the salaries of members for the month of November. It is supposed that he is now a member of the hoodlums' colony in Canada, although he has not been traced yet."

JEFFERSON DAVIS, ex-President of the Southern Confederacy, died at New Orleans last Friday morning.

Jefferson Davis was a man of strong intellectual endowments, whose private character was ever above reproach. Nevertheless he was responsible to a greater extent than any other man for the bloody, devastating civil war, and impartial history will give him credit for the sincerity of his political views while it will condemn the readiness he exhibited in plunging a nation into internecine conflict.

Thousands of people, south, believe that he was not a traitor.

Will any amount of discussion bridge the chasm of opinion? No. Therefore, the less discussion, the better.

In response to an inquiry as to the whereabouts of Blaine, the N. Y. World says: "The millions of Republicans who in past years have cheered themselves hoarse at the mere mention of the name of the old chieftain are now asking where that leader is. The name is still in the list of General Harrison's Cabinet, but the head and heart of Mr. Blaine do not show." The

World must have a little patience. Mr. Blaine is not in the habit of showing his head and heart for the mere amusement of the exhibition. Mr. Blaine is considerable of a philosopher. He is now storing energy for future emergencies.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON D. C., Dec. 6, 1889.—A real complete census of the opinion of members of the House and Senate as to the President's message is of course impossible to secure. The majority have no definite opinion to give. A few Southern democrats expressed their opinion of his remarks on ballot-box frauds against the negro in rather picturesque language, but that is about all. The message is an unusually long one, but this is the fault of necessity, as the manifold interests of the government broaden with every year, and it is the duty of the President to "give the Congress information of the States of the Union." Viewed from a literary standpoint the document is much inferior to such polished efforts as President Arthur's last message to Congress, and even to President Cleveland's labored efforts, full of strange words and German mysticisms. But while the language is commonplace it is also business like and there is no straining for effect. President Harrison is not the man to lie awake nights trying to think up some expression that shall tickle the ear of the groundlings. Perhaps, unlike Beaconsfield, he does not believe that "the world is governed by words and not by ideas."

The President's position on the colored franchise in the South, on the civil service and on the silver coinage, will meet with most opposition. On the tariff and the surplus question he adheres clearly to the declaration of his party. As to pensions there is no doubt of his liberality, and his wish that no Union soldier should ever be allowed to die in a poor house, will meet a hearty response. The President is opposed to free coinage of silver and doubts the wisdom of any considerable increase of the present rate of coinage. In other words while he likes silver he is not in the beautiful language of the street, "stuck" on it.

The nomination of David J. Brewer of Kansas to succeed the late Stanley Matthews on the Supreme Bench was a great surprise, having only been rumored about twenty-four hours before it was actually made. The nomination was due largely to the influence of Senator Plumb. In view of Judge Brewer's lack of party record further than having always been a consistent and persistent office holder, it is likely that his nomination will be less popular than would have been that of certain other prominent candidates for the position. Judge Brewer is the son of a missionary, being born in Smyrna, Asia-minor. He was educated in this country. He is connected with several prominent American families. He is a nephew of Justice Field's, and it will be the first time in the history of the country when two men so closely allied have sat upon the bench together. Judge Brewer is a victim of asthma and the moist climate of Washington will be the greatest drawback to his new home.

The Senate adhered to the time honored plan of the drawing of lots as to which of the Senators from the new States should be designated for the short terms and which for the long. Prior to the adoption of the motion Mr. Collum presented a certificate from the two houses of North Dakota, designated Mr. Pierce as the long term Senator. The Senate held that the legislature, under the Constitution, had nothing to do with the matter. Mr. Pierce proved as unlucky in the casting of lots as he was before the Senate, for Mr. Casey, his colleague was the lucky man who received the long term.

The House, though only occupied by a score of people, looked like a mysterious school room last night. Mr. McPherson, the newly elected clerk, was testing the fourteen gentlemen who appeared as candidates for the two positions of reading clerks of the House. Each man was given ten minutes hearing. The reading was Washington's farewell address, being selected by Mr. McPherson as an especially difficult composition. It was given in every style from the business rattle of a roll call to a sing song, and from cast iron delivery to the most ambitious manner. The salary of reading clerks is \$3,000 per annum and the plum therefore is worth trying for. The trial of last evening was not conclusive however, and several of the best readers will be given a chance before the House today. If the trial proved anything, it proved the scarcity of good readers.

Some of the readers perished upon the shoals of hesitation, while several showed the part of the country they were from by amazing provincialisms; while still others merely attempted to roar. The last was a great defect, inasmuch as a sharp, metallic voice is required in the House in order to be heard above the din of conversation. A voice of great volume might drown the noise, but could not itself be heard. Witness the number of bass voiced readers who fall before political conventions, and similar noisy bodies every year.

Peter Jennings, an old sailor, has turned up in San Francisco and claims to have been a passenger many years ago with an old pirate, who on his death-bed divulged the secret hiding-place of \$250,000 treasure in Spanish doubloons. The place is Wall Island, in the Pacific ocean, three degrees south of the equator. He has succeeded in interesting Eastern capitalists to look for the treasure, and the moneyed men went to San Francisco last week for the purpose of organizing an expedition to hunt for the doubloons.

The Art of Making Gifts.

In selecting an arm-chair for papa seek one that will match his temper rather than his complexion. Girls over twenty are likely to feel insulted if presented with wax dolls. If your husband smokes insist that he shall use the box of cigars which you gave him at Christmas. This may cure him of his habit. If you have a neighbor whose love of music keeps you awake o' nights it will be a polite tribute to his taste if you send his small boy a drum. Your mother-in-law will be intensely gratified if you will give her—her own way. A few sheets of postage stamps may be gracefully offered to struggling genius. Your sweetheart will probably be as much pleased with an engagement ring as anything else you can give her.

BRAIN CUTTING TO CURE EPILEPSY.

A GREAT SURGICAL OPERATION AT JEFFERSON COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

A very rare and important operation in surgery was performed by Dr. W. W. Keen, professor of surgery at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Saturday afternoon. It consisted in removing a diseased portion of a child's brain for the radical cure of epilepsy. A remarkable feature of the case was the absolute confirmation of Dr. Keen's diagnosis. The history of the patient, who is the little 6-year-old son of a prominent clergyman in the interior of New York State, is interesting. The little fellow, when about 14 months old, while playing at home fell ten feet upon a plank floor. At first, after the temporary pain had passed off, no ill effects were observed. After a time the boy became subject to epileptic convulsions and gradually lost the power of speech, except such words as pa and ma. The parents consulted authority after authority and at last resolved to submit the case to Professor Keen. The child was brought to Philadelphia and by Professor Keen's directions was put in charge of an intelligent nurse, who had strict orders not to interfere during the convulsions unless to save her patient from harming himself. She was also ordered to preserve a strict account of all the movements, motions and expressions of countenance the patient underwent while in a convulsion. After a week of patient watching the nurse rendered her report. The child, she said, while in an epileptic state, turned his head to the right, the muscles of the right hand and arm twitch convulsively and the right arm was drawn up in front of the face as if striving to protect the eyes. From these symptoms Dr. Keen concluded that the nerves located on the left side of the brain immediately in front of and behind the fissure of Rolando, were interfered with by some lesion situated there. After consultation it was decided to operate in hopes of removing the obstruction and so curing the tendency to epilepsy. On Saturday afternoon the little patient was etherized and laid upon the operating table. His head had been carefully shaved and washed with an antiseptic solution. Dr. Keen, assisted by Dr. William Forbes and Dr. Adinell Hewson, Jr., began the operation. After taking the length of the skull with an instrument devised for the purpose and marking with an aniline pencil a line upon the crown running at an angle of about sixty-seven degrees forward and to the left of the median line, Dr. Keen carefully separated the scalp and turned it back, leaving the skull covered with the periosteum, perfectly bare. Applying the trephine on the line he removed circular pieces of bone and enlarged the aperture thus made with the bone forceps. All these pieces of bone were carefully placed in sterilized fluid at the temperature of the human body, that is about 100 Fahrenheit. Now the quivering brain covered by the dura mater was to be seen. This being carefully divided, the diagnosed lesion right at the place supposed was found. At this point an interesting experiment was made. A galvanic battery was brought about, and on being applied to the cicatrix of the brain, all the phenomena of an epileptic attack were simulated, confirming the surgeon's opinion that there was the seat of the trouble. A few skillful, rapid and careful movements of the knife followed and in a few moments the mass of diseased brain substance was successfully removed and the resulting cavity carefully cleaned. On applying the galvanic battery again no epileptic convulsion followed, much to the physician's delight. The work of closing the brain by replacing the dura mater carefully sutured was begun, followed by replacing the bone and then the scalp over all this was skillfully secured in place by antiseptic dressings and bandages and the little fellow restored to his neat cot. No alarming results followed and the result of the operation will be watched with great interest by the profession. On Monday the child was reported to be out of danger. Some time must elapse before the success or failure of the operation can be determined.

Stanley is still the hero of the hour, and extensive preparations are being made in London for his reception. The Royal Geographical Society is taking the lead and will entertain the famous explorer at a banquet in St. James' Hall. English publishers are competing for his coming book, and one offer of \$200,000 is reported to have been made.

Captain Drake, a prominent farmer of Marlboro county, S. C., has beaten the world's record for raising the most corn per acre upon his land. He raised 250 bushels and 40 pounds from one acre and is competing for a \$1,000 prize offered by the National Department of Agriculture for the greatest yield.

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Masonic Officers Elected.

Warren Lodge, No. 310, F. & A. M., Trappe, elected the following officers on Saturday evening last: John G. T. Miller, W. M.; Joseph W. Culbert, S. W.; Samuel S. Augee, J. W.; A. D. Fetterolf, Secretary; Dr. J. Warren Royer, Treasurer; Francis R. Deeds, J. Warren Royer and George Z. Vandercie, Trustees. Henry W. Kratz, Representative to Grand Lodge. The officers elect will be installed with becoming ceremonies by District Deputy Grand Master Thaddeus S. Adle on the evening of St. John's day, Dec. 27.

Entertainments.

The pupil of Trappe Primary school, Miss Annie Smith teacher, will give an entertainment, in Masonic Hall we presume, on Saturday evening, December 21. An interesting program is being rehearsed by the little folks, and a pleasant occasion is anticipated.

The boys and girls of the Collegeville Grammar school, Mr. J. W. Warner teacher, are making arrangements to entertain an audience in Gross' Hall some evening during the first month of the new year. The date will be announced in due time.

A Pet Squirrel.

Jacob H. Tyson, the well-known boot and shoemaker of Skippack township, has in his keeping a pet gray squirrel. Mr. Tyson captured the squirrel, when quite young, twelve years ago, and has had it in his possession ever since. The interesting pet feels well at home in Mr. Tyson's shop and enjoys all the freedom of space of the room allows. It has a keen scent for shellbarks and will readily bury its head in the pockets of its master in quest of its favorite food.

Forestry.

An interesting and successful meeting in the interest of Forestry was held in Industrial Hall, Schwenksville, on Friday night, December 6, 1889, with J. Newton Hunsberger as chairman. Prof. Rothbrock was expected, but was unable to be present. Papers were read and addresses made by Dr. Sam'l Wolfe, Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger, Mr. Lewis R. Harley, Mr. Albert Brunner and the President. The audience was large, including the best people of Schwenksville, and considerable enthusiasm was aroused.

Disgraceful Conduct.

The young men who spat upon a drunken man at the auction last Saturday evening and afterwards threw him upon the stone flagging, may learn too late for their comfort the penalty for such disgraceful conduct. Causing an intoxicated man to fall may result in his death, and whether death be immediate or not the cause is the same. An inoffensive drunken man should be dealt with kindly, not brutally. To take advantage of the weakness of an inebriate is not an evidence of manhood, by any means.

Rev. M. Oshikawa Will Speak.

THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING. The Rev. M. Oshikawa, a converted Christian native of Japan, will address the students of Ursinus College in the chapel at 4 p. m., this (Thursday) afternoon, and hold a general meeting in Trinity church at 7.30 this evening. Mr. O., is a missionary of the Reformed Church in Japan, and thus far has proven a devout and zealous worker in the cause of the gospel. He is a warm, earnest speaker, and for the time he has given to the study of English he speaks it with remarkable fluency. Both services, that in the chapel and that in the church, are open to any who wish to attend them.

Failed for \$26,000.

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 10.—John McArthur, the lessee of Cresson's Ford street mill, failed to-day for \$26,000, his assets being merely nominal. Judgment for \$6,775.80 were entered up as follows: M. Burnley, The Montgomery Oil Works and C. Rittenhouse & Son, \$175.80; The Montgomery National Bank, \$4,700; First National Bank, \$900; William B. Rambo Building and Loan Association, \$1,000. Execution was issued on the first named judgment, and Sheriff Kline levied upon the defendant's meagre personal property. All of Mr. McArthur's real estate was recently conveyed to the Montgomery National Bank to pay an indebtedness. Mr. McArthur has operated the mill since 1886, manufacturing cheap dress goods. He employed fifty-one hands, all of whom will be paid in full. Mr. McArthur attributes his failure to dull times and the greed of commission merchants. On a single consignment recently he lost \$10,000. In his old age Mr. McArthur is left penniless.

In Remembrance.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reichtel was born March 31, 1818, died Nov. 27, 1889, aged 71 years, 3 months and 87 days. In her life she was a sincere Christian. Needed charity was never refused at her hands. When her neighbors or friends were sick or in distress she was one of the first to give help. Regular in attending her church and taking an interest in all its members. In her death her aged husband loses a faithful and loving wife, her children a loving mother, and her neighbors a good friend.

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Rah for Valley Forge.

Col. Theo. W. Bean, of Norristown, has forwarded to Senator Cameron and Representative Yardley, at Washington, a copy of the bill which the Colonel is desirous of having passed by Congress. The bill appropriates \$25,000 to the Valley Forge Memorial Association, to be used in restoring Washington's headquarters and the purchase of additional ground so as to form a National Park.

Indicted for Murder.

The grand jury at Norristown, last Thursday, indicted John Kindarosch and Mrs. John Choniv, both Hungarians, for the killing of the husband of the accused woman at Pottstown, on Thanksgiving eve, by strangulation. Owing to the short time given for preparation of the defense the trial was postponed until the March term of court on the application of prisoners' counsel.

Will Not Accept \$40,000.

The Schuylkill Bridge Company of Pottstown has decided not to accept the award of \$40,000 recently granted by the jury composed of gentlemen representing Montgomery and Chester counties. The Company has stiffened up its backbone until it is quite stiff. If the report is confirmed by the grand jury and courts of the two counties and the bridge accepted by the Commissioners, the Company will appeal and have the case tried in the courts of a disinterested county. The bridge is not worth \$40,000, but the Company means business, just the same.

Local Institutes.

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About the Proposed New Railroad.

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Jottings from Ursinus.

Some time ago we announced in the Jottings that Rev. H. T. Spangler had resigned the financial agency of the college. We are glad that we can, in part, correct this statement. Although Rev. Spangler cannot give his undivided attention to the work, as he has in the past, he has made an agreement with St. Luke's congregation, to which he has lately been elected pastor, whereby he can devote some of his time to the agency of the college.

At a recent meeting of the Schaff Literary Society the following officers were elected: President, G. H. Meixell; Vice President, G. W. Filbert; Rec. Secretary, A. L. Stauffer; Cor. Secy, W. G. Welsh; Chaplain, J. M. S. Isenberg; Editor, J. G. Francis; Critic, W. F. Ruff; Treasurer, H. W. Long; Organist, P. M. Spangler.

The program for the Schaff anniversary is as follows: Salutatory, J. M. Mensch; Oration, W. R. Smith; Oration, H. T. Wagner; Oration, J. G. Francis; Eulogy, R. G. Magee; Schaff Oration, E. S. Bromer. Mr. H. Varwig, a manufacturer of Philadelphia, spent last Friday with his son-in-law, Charles Alspach, who is a member of the senior theological class.

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 It is not altogether in their value themselves as it is in the increased value they give to other materials in making up what we may term complete rations that they can be used with profit.
 In order to feed stock during growth as economically as possible, it is an item to lessen the amount of grain fed. Not that stock can be properly prepared for market with no grain, but by using bran and oil-meal in connection with other materials, the amount of grain can be materially decreased.
 One of the strongest reasons for its use, especially during the winter, when stock must depend almost entirely upon dry food, such as straw, hay, sheaf or unthreshed oats, and corn fodder, and with oil-meal make up a ration that will supply all the elements of nutrition.
 In most localities the better plan is to secure a supply in the fall sufficient to last the greater part of the winter. It should be stored in bins or boxes where it is reasonably certain to keep dry. If it can be kept perfectly dry it will keep in a good condition for feeding a long time, without deteriorating in quality, while it can be secured at a less cost at this time than later.
 The best results can be secured if the feed is cut before mixing the bran, straw, unthreshed oats, hay and fodder, if run through a cutter, and then a small quantity of bran and oil-meal is added, very little grain will be required to keep all the growing and breeding stock in good condition, and especially so if a comfortable shelter is provided, in addition; and the cost will be considerably less than if grain must be supplied.
 When fattening stock grain must be largely depended upon to finish for market. And with these two materials, used in connection with dry, rough feed, the stock will require but a light feed of grain, and in a majority of cases the less grain fed the lower the cost.—*Prairie Farmer.*

POINTS IN SHEEP KEEPING.
 Since it has become established that sheep can be well wintered on straw, or, at most, straw and a few cents' worth of grain, they have advanced in price. For several years good store or keeping sheep could be purchased in the fall for \$3 or less, and now they are for \$4.50 to \$5. Several of my townsmen, says G. Wilson in the *New York Tribune*, who had not kept abreast of the sheep market, because they are not general readers of the press, were offered and accepted \$3.25 for their flocks, thinking they could replace them readily at the low figures of past years; but after several days' search, they learned to their chagrin that they could not buy short of about \$5. But even at \$5 good ewes are cheap; 25 cents will winter one six months if the owner has straw, and for the other six months her pasturage is worth 5 cents a week, making her year's keeping \$1.55. Her wool will be worth \$2, and her lamb \$4 to \$5, so a large per cent. of profit is in her favor, barring dogs and accidents.
 Some advocate silage for sheep feeding. It answers for wethers and fattening ewes, but is not desirable for breeding ewes. It has been tested, and the weight of evidence is against the practice. The ewes do not do well at lambing time and the lambs are inferior. After the lambs are dropped, however, silage is valuable feed, and in both house lamb-growing supplies the place of roots. Timothy hay alone is also an unsuitable food for ewes in lamb; it is constipating while straw is not. Any person who will observe the difference in droppings of straw-fed and hay-fed sheep will confirm this assertion. When the evidence is before my eyes that breeding ewes wintered on straw alone sheared 8 pounds per head, each had a lamb and every lamb lived, I am inclined to say, though I confess, reluctantly, that straw is sufficient. There is a bright, immediate future for the sheep industry.

ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZERS.
 In using artificial fertilizers, says a writer in the *New York World*, I have found a great deal of difference in the benefits received, which seem to be governed very much by the season. In some cases I could see little or no benefit, when in another year, on the same or a similar soil, the crop was manifestly increased. This seems to depend on the moisture that is supplied

and also whether it is present in time to produce the best results. When it is sown or drilled on or near the surface it needs rain in a sufficient quantity to put it in a condition for plant food and to wash it down where the roots can get hold of it. Then again, I suppose a soil may be too wet to receive very much benefit from it, or else in a wet season or on wet ground it may be of more benefit to one kind of crop than to another. Two years ago I planted a patch of potatoes on ground naturally wet and which was made by the several heavy rains throughout the season. It was well fertilized with a good commercial brand. The crop seemed to receive but little or no benefit from it. Immediately adjoining it was a field of corn, of which one row next to the potatoes happened to have been fertilized at the same time, while the balance of the field received none at all. The difference in the appearance and yield of this one row and the unfertilized one was astonishing, while, as before said, the potatoes yielded but little more than on a piece of similar ground nearby that had no fertilizer at all.

BY-PRODUCTS OF THE DAIRY.
 Just how to make a profit out of the by-products of the dairy is often the question that settles the point of actual profit in the dairy. There are several ways pointed out by the writers, including skim cheese, feeding it to calves and to pigs. The latter of these methods has proven the most profitable with the generality of dairymen, who have learned to feed it to the growing pig in preference to the grown hog. Sows in pig do well on it, and if the skim milk is necessarily sour then this latter is by far the best plan. There is, however, the old cow to take into consideration here. She is as fond of her own product as any other animal, as is often witnessed to the owner's loss when she sucks herself. If fed to her with a proper mixture of other materials, it is our belief that skim milk will make a better return to the dairyman in this way than in any other.—*American Dairyman.*

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