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Character, could not fail to attract attention. As she approached her twentieth year two young men began to show a marked admiration for her. One of them in particular was very assiduous. It was their cousin, Maxime De Grandlieu, a young man of noble presence, a delightful companion, talented, strong and high spirited. He had just finished his studies and had come to the country for a season of rest before entering upon the brilliant career which he had marked out for himself and which his great fortune rendered possible. The innocent and tender heart of Angeline responded at once to the young man's evident affection. A mysterious but delightful bewilderment would possess her after a waltz upon Maxime's arm. Enchanted by the music and their own happiness, they loved to live to linger for a moment's talk by themselves in the embrasure of a window, or they would exchange the flowers that they wore, she taking hers from her corsage and he his from his coat. They had still other joys together. Among these not the least were their rambles among the fields, bathed in the delicious light of sunset. When they were tired or desired to study nature more attentively, they sat down at the base of the great trees and rested under their heavy shadows. Since their souls were simple and united, they spoke little. At other times, when the sick mother gently complained that she was left alone too often, they remained together in the parlor, where the majestic portraits of their ancestors looked down upon them with a sort of indulgence. If he delayed to come, she would advance as far as the stairway, holding in her hand a bunch of white roses. When he began to climb the steps, she would playfully pelt him with the white petals. Smilingly he would advance under this snowy avalanche, happy in the knowledge that he was beloved. However, a shadow invisible to Angeline menaced her happiness even while she was in the first bloom of her new felicity. Maxime, naturally averse to everything that was dolorous and dismal, gradually conceived a strong aversion for Mme. Majolin. The sight of her melancholy face spoiled all his joy. He was one of those who are chilled and repulsed by grief and infirmity, as if a deadly contagion lurked within them. The young girl, entirely wrapped up in her love, was slow to perceive the dislike which Maxime evinced toward her blind mother. Even if she had observed it, she would have called it simply the natural neglect resulting from his utter absorption in his love for herself. At last one evening an explanation took place. They were on the terrace. Maxime De Grandlieu had taken Angeline's hand and for the first time had kissed it very tenderly and passionately. "My dear one," he said, "it is time that our lives were blended together, for our hearts are inseparable. Will you accept my name and my fortune? We will travel. Your sad childhood has been full of mourning. You will perhaps forget your sorrow in my love. For the remainder of your life you shall know no deprivation. We will go all over the world rejoicing in our affection. Then we can make our home in Paris. Your mother can live here on her property, and we can watch over and see that she wants for nothing. You will be fitted to adorn society, and I shall be a constant worshiper at your shrine." The pale moon shed its perfidious rays upon the face of the young man as he uttered these words. Far away the trees, grouped together among the shadows, resembled spirit beings pretending to caress and press close to each other. Deeply moved, Angeline remained quiet. The hour seemed very solemn to her. Finally she raised her head and responded in a low voice: "Maxime, I will reflect on what you have said and will answer you to-morrow. Adieu."

She passed a wretched night. Her mother went to bed and to sleep, breathing with the regular respiration of age, which resembles so much that of a child, but the young girl in her little chamber burst into sobs. Her emotion was stronger than she was, and for awhile she allowed it full sway. A veil had been torn from her eyes—a veil which for 20 years had covered her from her sight her own heart. She had not realized before the shocking selfishness which filled it. Ah! Her beautiful, simple dream! How it disappeared in the awful sternness of real life, never until now wholly revealed to her! In the first place, she was poor. She had felt it keenly this evening from the way in which Maxime had spoken of his own wealth. Until now she had thought little of it, for she had but few wants. The beauty of the earth—its skies, its trees, its flowers, its birds, its free air—sufficed for her. If she married him, she must, as an obedient wife, follow his own gay, active life. The requirements of marriage with him appeared distinct and hard. It would be necessary for her to leave this poor, infirm mother—the victim of so many misfortunes, talented, strong and high spirited. He had just finished his studies and had come to the country for a season of rest before entering upon the brilliant career which he had marked out for himself and which his great fortune rendered possible. The innocent and tender heart of Angeline responded at once to the young man's evident affection. A mysterious but delightful bewilderment would possess her after a waltz upon Maxime's arm. Enchanted by the music and their own happiness, they loved to live to linger for a moment's talk by themselves in the embrasure of a window, or they would exchange the flowers that they wore, she taking hers from her corsage and he his from his coat. They had still other joys together. Among these not the least were their rambles among the fields, bathed in the delicious light of sunset. When they were tired or desired to study nature more attentively, they sat down at the base of the great trees and rested under their heavy shadows. Since their souls were simple and united, they spoke little. At other times, when the sick mother gently complained that she was left alone too often, they remained together in the parlor, where the majestic portraits of their ancestors looked down upon them with a sort of indulgence. If he delayed to come, she would advance as far as the stairway, holding in her hand a bunch of white roses. When he began to climb the steps, she would playfully pelt him with the white petals. Smilingly he would advance under this snowy avalanche, happy in the knowledge that he was beloved. However, a shadow invisible to Angeline menaced her happiness even while she was in the first bloom of her new felicity. Maxime, naturally averse to everything that was dolorous and dismal, gradually conceived a strong aversion for Mme. Majolin. The sight of her melancholy face spoiled all his joy. He was one of those who are chilled and repulsed by grief and infirmity, as if a deadly contagion lurked within them. The young girl, entirely wrapped up in her love, was slow to perceive the dislike which Maxime evinced toward her blind mother. Even if she had observed it, she would have called it simply the natural neglect resulting from his utter absorption in his love for herself. At last one evening an explanation took place. They were on the terrace. Maxime De Grandlieu had taken Angeline's hand and for the first time had kissed it very tenderly and passionately. "My dear one," he said, "it is time that our lives were blended together, for our hearts are inseparable. Will you accept my name and my fortune? We will travel. Your sad childhood has been full of mourning. You will perhaps forget your sorrow in my love. For the remainder of your life you shall know no deprivation. We will go all over the world rejoicing in our affection. Then we can make our home in Paris. Your mother can live here on her property, and we can watch over and see that she wants for nothing. You will be fitted to adorn society, and I shall be a constant worshiper at your shrine." The pale moon shed its perfidious rays upon the face of the young man as he uttered these words. Far away the trees, grouped together among the shadows, resembled spirit beings pretending to caress and press close to each other. Deeply moved, Angeline remained quiet. The hour seemed very solemn to her. Finally she raised her head and responded in a low voice: "Maxime, I will reflect on what you have said and will answer you to-morrow. Adieu."

He grins horribly as he replies: "Not just yet. I'll trouble you to take off them ear drops and hand them over first." I put my hand to my ears in sudden horror, I had forgotten to remove my diamond ear rings. "I will not?" I cry. "Then I must take them myself," he says, and lays one brawny hand on my shoulder. His touch arouses all the wrath within me, and I bring my whip several times across his face. He utters a cry of pain and rage, and as he retreats I give Selem a sharp cut and he dashes forward. I glance back and see a ferocious expression on the man's face as he shakes his fist and shouts after me: "You'll pay for this, my lady!" But I feel secure, now, so urge Selem on, and it is not long before we reach home. I am nearly breathless and fairly fall into Arthur's arms, as he takes me from the saddle. When I have recovered sufficiently I relate my adventure, and they all congratulate me on my escape. "I hope you have seen the last of him," remarks Maude, "but I shall not be surprised if he pays you a visit some day." "Maude how can you suggest anything so horrible?" "She is only teasing," Arthur says, "you will never see him again. But in the future I hope you will permit me to accompany you on your rides." A night or two afterward we are sitting in the long parlor. It is very sultry and all the doors and windows are open. Maude reclines idly in a chair, waving a fan. One of her ring-attracts my attention. "What a pretty ring that is Maude." "Yes—papa gave it to me on my last birthday. She tosses it toward me. It is a moonstone set with diamonds. I put the circlet on my finger, and then forget it. Presently Lulu Butler wanders aimlessly out on the porch in search of air. We laugh and tell her to bring some for us. In a little while she returns looking white and scared. "What is the matter?" inquires Maude. "Have you seen a ghost?" "No—but I saw a man pass just below the porch," she answers in a whisper. "Are you sure?" "Quite sure," decisively. "We rush out to reconnoitre. "Here is your ring, Maude," I say, thrusting it hastily into her hand. Rain is falling and a warm wind blows it directly into our faces as we lean over the railing and gaze below. The light from the parlor streams out, and the gently waving trees form shadows on the path but no person is visible. "Lulu you're an arrant coward?" cries Maude. "You are frightened at a shadow." "I saw a man I tell you!" affirms Lulu, still shivering from fright. "Well he has gone now at all events," puts in Arthur, who evidently does not place much confidence in Lulu's assertion. "If Bess had seen him I should not have wondered," says Maude. "She is one of the most imaginative creatures." "Thank you," I respond. We gradually drift to other subjects, and Lulu's fright is forgotten. By-and-by we separate for the night. As I am brushing out my hair, there is a hasty knock at the door, and Maude comes in. "I forgot my ring," she says. I suppose you have worn it ever since. "Your ring!" I cry in amazement. "Why, don't you remember? I handed it to you as we went to see Lulu's burglar?" She gazes at me in dismay. "Then what have I done with it?" "I must have laid it on the table without thinking. I'll go down and see." "No it was all my fault, and I will get it for you." "Bess, my dear, you forget it is dark down stairs," she says with a quizzical look. I know I have the reputation of being a coward; still I favor her with a scornful glance. "Do you think I am afraid of the darkness, Maude?" I say severely. "I may be somewhat timid, but I hope I'm not an idiot." With a great show of bravery I push past her and go down stairs. I am familiar with the interior of the house, so can find my way easily in the dark. The moment I enter the parlor, I seem to feel another's presence. I hesitate, then thinking it but fancy, grope my way towards the table. Yes there is the ring. I seize it when suddenly I am caught and held in an iron grasp, and as the light of a lantern is turned on his evil face, I see the tramp whom I met a few days ago. I am too frightened to do anything but stare at him; I perceive that he recognizes me. "So it is you, my beauty!" he whispered hoarsely. "I did not expect such luck! See here"—pointing to his face—"you shall pay for each one of them cuts. I am going to murder you, and by inches." He puts one great hand over my mouth, and with the other detaches a scarf from the chair it ornaments. "I'm going to gag you first," he says grimly, "and I advise you to be quiet!" It seems as if I must die of terror while he deliberately tests the strength of the pretty trifle, yet I cannot utter a sound. Presently he turns toward me again, his eyes glowing fiercely. "Now, my beauty—" "Hark? What is it?" Some one enters the room, and Maude asks anxiously: "Why are you so long, Bess? Can't you find it?" There is a pause, then the man removes his hand from my mouth. "Say yes," he whispers. "But if you utter a cry I'll kill you!" "Well, I can't die but once. By giving the alarm I shall at least save other lives. With an inward prayer I uttered a wild, piercing scream, and in

the next instant felt a sharp pain in my wrist, and knew no more. When I returned to consciousness I found myself lying in bed too weak to move, and learn that I have been ill for weeks. The wound in my arm, which was a knife thrust, is entirely healed, and before many more days elapse I am pronounced cured. Maude's appearance on that memorable night saved my life, as her screams brought others to the rescue. The man was secured and imprisoned. There is an ugly scar upon my right wrist, which a handsome bracelet, the gift of Arthur, almost conceals. And I go no more a-roaming unless he, my husband, is in close attendance. HE KNEW HER. AND THOUGHT IT WASN'T SAFE TO RISK DISOBEYING HER ORDERS. On one occasion Judge Andrew Ellison was trying an important case at Macon City and desired to rush it through in order to make way for another case coming up next morning. The Court instructed the jury and court officials to return after supper that night, as it was intended to hold a night session. At 7 o'clock all the officers, numerous witnesses and the jury, with one exception, were promptly on hand. Of course, nothing could be done without the absent jurymen. The minutes ran into hours and still the prodigal didn't return. At a late hour court adjourned without having accomplished anything. Next morning sharp at 9 o'clock the twelve jurymen were in the box. His Honor spanned the crowd and asked for the absent jurymen. He was pointed out and the Court ordered him to stand up. "Mr. —," said the Judge, addressing the delinquent, "didn't you understand the order of the Court last night requiring the jury to be on hand after supper?" "Yes, your Honor," said the jurymen, explaining, "but you see I live quite a ways out of town, and my wife gave me an order prior to the Court's order, and her order was that I shouldn't stay in town over night. I was safer to risk your Honor's displeasure than her'n; because," he added earnestly, "I know her!" The Court looked solemn a moment, as if weighing some mighty problem, then a smile started across his face, and the bar, court officers and spectators broke out in tumultuous laughter. The jurymen was forgiven; there were many there who could, perhaps, appreciate his position.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch. HE DUG A WELL. AND WAS HOISTED OUT OF IT IN A BADLY BATTERED CONDITION. A tall man with a face of peculiar appearance sat in a big chair in the lobby of an uptown hotel and contemplatively smoked a cigar. His nose appeared to be scraped off and there was a big dent in his forehead as if somebody had, in a playful moment, carved out a chunk to retain as a memento. The tall man sat and smoked alone for half an hour or so and then a man sat down near him, and then another and another, until finally there was a little knot of men around him and they were all listening to the story he was telling. This was it: "I suppose there are fifty people a day who ask me how it is I have so little nose and such a depression in my forehead. I rarely tell any person, but, as it is nothing to be ashamed of and you have all expressed a desire to know, I believe I will reveal a few of the secrets of past life. When I was a good deal younger than I am now I got broke in a town in Southern Illinois and, while there, made the acquaintance of a man who kept a big boarding house. There was no very good water in the town and he concluded that he would dig a well. I had never dug a well, but I made out to him that well-digging was second nature to me and I struck him for the job. He was a little dubious, but he finally concluded to let me try it. We got one of those fellows who walks around with a forked twig and tells where water is, and he made a tour of the premises and decided on the most available spot. Then I got a rope and two pegs of wood and marked out a circle, borrowed a pick-axe and spade and began to dig. "The soil was sandy on top and the thing was easy for a while. I reasoned with myself that I could get enough to get me out of town by the job, and I was happy. Things took a different turn very soon, however, and I struck rock. I firmly believe that there is no rock in the world that is as hard as that rock was. Pharaoh's heart was a pudding beside it. I got a drill and some blasting powder and went at it. I went down 30 feet and there was no sign of water. The man who manipu-

lated the forked twig was cocksure that there was water in the earth beneath that spot, and I kept on blasting. One day I drilled a very deep hole, put in a sending big charge of powder and spent an hour tamping in brickdust. Then I went up and saw that everything was all clear, and told the man who was working the windlass to watch out and, when I gave the signal, to pull up as fast as he was able. I went down and lighted the fuse. "Just as I touched the match to the fuse I yelled to my man to pull me up. He began working the windlass and I ascended quite rapidly. I had almost reached the top when the dog-dag blast went off. As I have remarked, it was a corker. A big chunk of rock hit the bucket on the bottom and drove me up into the air as if I had been fired out of a cannon. As I was coming up my nose and forehead struck on the edge of a two-inch oak plank that lay across the well, and were immediately reduced to their present proportions. The fellow at the top stuck to his post and kept turning. As my head came up he saw the blood and yelled: 'My God, he's kilt!' Then, with great foresight, he let go the handles of the windlass, and I didn't do a thing but drop thirty feet down on that mass of jagged stone. That part of the business broke a leg, an arm and two ribs for me. "After awhile they fished me out, and I was in bed for weeks. When I got out I was worse off financially than I had been when I began the well, and I was shy a nose, a big chunk of forehead and a lot of manly beauty into the bargain. I have dug no wells since that time."—Buffalo Express. HE WAS IDENTIFIED. BUT IT TOOK A DEAL OF TIME TO CONVINCE THE DUBIOUS BANK CLERK. A well-dressed man went into a Main street bank yesterday afternoon and walked up to the window presided over by the paying-teller. He handed "I have here a check for \$50 which I wish you would cash." The paying-teller looked at the check and then at the man. "You will have to be identified," he said. The well-dressed man was prepared for this. "I don't know a soul in Buffalo," he said, "but I have a lot of letters addressed to myself." He pulled out a package of letters and shoved them through the window. The paying-teller examined the addresses, looked at the check again and said: "That is not sufficient. You will have to be personally identified." "But there isn't a man, woman or child in Buffalo who knows me from a trolley car," persisted the well-dressed man. "Here, here is my key-ring. Look at the name on that tag." The paying-teller saw that the name on the check and the name on the tag were the same. "I am sorry," he said, "but our rules are very strict. I can't pay this check on such an identification. Excuse me, but you may have stolen both letters and key-chain and check." The well-dressed man was worried. "I've got to have that money," he said, "to get out of town with, and I have to get out of town this afternoon. Then he desperately tore open his vest and showed his initials on his shirt. "There," he said, "do you think I stole the shirt, too?" "May have," answered the paying-teller, laconically. The well-dressed man was very angry. He walked around the bank for a while and then was struck by a sudden thought. He took off his coat and vest and rolled up his left shirt sleeve and the sleeve of his undershirt. Then he stuck his bared arm through the window and shouted: "There, you dog-dag chump! Do you see those initials tattooed there in blue ink? Do you think I stole them, too?" The paying-teller paid the money without another word.—Buffalo Express. NEVER IN LUCK. Old Lady—"Just my luck!" Caller—"What's wrong?" Old Lady—"I've just heard of six cures for rheumatism, and not one of our family has got it."—New York Weekly. SAVED HER LIFE. Miss Pastelle—"It's too bad! I love you, and I've promised to marry you, and yet there isn't a bit of romance about it. You have never once saved my life. Adorer—"I haven't, eh? Don't you remember the time you first saw me?" "Yes; I was walking down the avenue and you passed me on your bicycle." "Yes; and I rang the bell for you to get out the way, didn't I?"—Puck.

The Tillman State dispensary law of South Carolina has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of that State.

ONE Louisiana planter gets \$468,000 of the McKinley bounty to sugar growers; another draws \$392,000, and several more get over \$300,000 each.

The Congressional intimidation fever started by Coxe appears to be spreading in some sections of the West, where misguided workingmen are gathering themselves into small marching armies enroute for Washington.

The Democratic Senators at Washington must at early day either pull themselves together and pass a genuine tariff reform measure very much like the Wilson bill—minus the income tax measure—or stand confessed before the country as unfaithful and incompetent servants of the people.

Whether the action of the House in adopting a rule authorizing the counting of a quorum was a triumph for Honorable John Randolph Tucker, of Virginia, who advocated its adoption by the House in 1889; for Senator Hill, who put the rule into practice in the New York legislature while he was Lieutenant Governor of that State; or for ex-Speaker Reed, who gets the credit for its adoption by the House of the Fifty-first Congress, is immaterial.

LAST week the Workmen's Pro-parade in Washington and thus engaged in a demonstration to impress Congress with the necessity of halting tariff revision. It is the unquestioned privilege of this particular League or any other organization to memorialize Congress by petition for the purpose of furthering or retarding what may seem desirable or undesirable legislation, but when well-directed and well-organized citizens so forget themselves as to organize en masse and proceed to impress Congress with their particular views—thus indicating that Congress is made up of men who can be influenced by the beating of drums and the blare of throats—it is about time for the sober element of the country to call a halt. We can see no distinction, in fact, between the action of the League and the ridiculous movement of Coxe's army of cranks.

THE most extensive coal strike ever known in this country has been inaugurated, and it affects the coal industry from Pennsylvania West to the Rocky Mountains. The latest reports received by President McBride, of the United Mine Workers, show suspension of work by 8,000 men in Alabama; 5,000 in Tennessee and Kentucky; 2,000 in West Virginia; 5,000 in Indiana; 26,000 in Ohio; 25,000 in Illinois; 1,300 in Iowa; 2,000 in Indian Territory; 1,300 in Missouri; 50,000 in Pennsylvania, and 300 in Michigan. Total, 125,900. The demand of the miners is that the wages for mining coal shall be increased from what is now about an average of 35 cents a ton to 40 cents, and the coal operators have permitted this general suspension of the coal industry rather than concede to the increased wages. The tariff tax on soft coal is seventy-five cents per ton, levied—it is so claimed, of course—to protect labor, but since the entire wages paid to labor for mining a ton of coal is not half as much as the tariff tax levied for labor's protection, it follows necessarily that tariff taxes either fail to affect the wages of labor, or the coal operators pocket the tax levied on consumers. Take your choice! Whatever view is taken the present strike can hardly be charged against that awful Wilson bill!

WASHINGTON LETTER. From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20, 1894.—Trouble is brewing in Washington for Coxe and his army, and those who haven't money enough to provide for themselves would better think twice before starting to join him. There are daily conferences of officials, civil and military, which are surrounded by a mystery that bodes no good to the Coxeites. It is impossible to get officials to say what they intend doing, but the impression is growing that Coxe's army will not be allowed, as an organized body, to enter Washington.

It must not be supposed that the agreement to end the debate on the tariff bill as a whole next Tuesday means that all the long speeches will then be over. The agreement merely means that after that day the bill will be considered by items. There is no limit to the length of speeches that may be made upon a single item of the bill, except the inclination and physical capacity of the Senator who makes it. So no one need be surprised to find that longer speeches will be made on some of the items than have been made in the so-called general debate. The House Coinage committee this week considered Representative Meyer's bill for the coinage of the seigniorage and the issue of 3 per cent bonds, but did not arrive at a decision. Notwithstanding the statement of Mr. Meyer that the bill was endorsed by Secretary Carlisle and that the extra outlay will be more than compensated for by the greater durability of the mahogany.

A Tornado at Carlisle. CARLISLE, April 20.—A tornado passed over the north side of Carlisle to-night and swept off roofs, moved houses clear of foundations, uprooted trees and carried away fences. The Cumberland Valley Railroad train had considerable difficulty in getting south on account of the obstructions.

A Mahogany Pavement. The dealer in hardwood who tenderly handles his stock of mahogany with kid gloves for fear of losing a splinter now and then will undoubtedly be shocked, says the *Mississippi Valley Lumberman*, to hear that mahogany is being used by the Paris Municipal Council for roadways. This sounds almost like a dream of oriental magnificence, yet it is true. A portion of the Rue Lafayette has been pulled up and workmen are laying down blocks of real Brazilian mahogany of a fine texture and color. They have tried experiments as mahogany is dearer than other woods usually used for this purpose, but it is expected that the extra outlay will be more than compensated for by the greater durability of the mahogany.

Five Score and Five. VINELAND, New Jersey, April 20.—The 105th birthday of Mrs. Hannah Chard was celebrated to-day at Ferrel, Gloucester county. "Aunt Hannah," seated in her old rocker, which is nearly as old as herself, and surrounded by relatives and friends from the surrounding counties, recounted reminiscences of her early life. Mrs. Chard was born in New York State, but soon afterward her parents moved to Wilmington, Delaware. She remembers the battle of Brandywine and says she can still see in her mind's eye the glittering red coats and the moving of heavy artillery. She also remembers seeing General Washington. Several years ago she moved to Port Norris, New Jersey, and from there, last spring, made the trip in a wagon, driven by her granddaughter, to her son Joel, at Ferrel, her present home. Mrs. Chard has three children, the youngest of whom is 59; thirty-two grandchildren, eight-two great-grandchildren and eleven great-great-grandchildren. The five generations were present to-day. Her husband died thirteen years ago at the age of 91. Mrs. Chard has a quilt of 8,000 pieces which she commenced on her one hundredth birthday. Woven in one piece respectively of this famous quilt is the name of every prominent temperance woman in Bridgeton, Vineland and Millville.

Pampered Children. M. M. Trumbull in Open Court. As an additional punishment for our national sins a new pest called the Russian thistle is ravaging the fields of the great Northwest. Its capacity for mischief appears to be unlimited, and Mr. Hansbrough, a member of Congress from the afflicted region, "wants to have a law passed" for the extermination of the thistle. To that end he has introduced a bill appropriating a million dollars for the purpose of weeding out the nuisance that has been imported free of duty from the Russian plains. As soon as the bill was introduced, patriots willing and strong as the thistle itself sprung up to claim a share of the "out" of the thistle. One of these, a citizen of Iowa, has made application to Mr. Sterling Morton, the Secretary of Agriculture, for the office of Chief Exterminator of the Russian thistle for the State of Iowa, and the Secretary in reply gave the applicant a very good lesson in ethical and political economy. With sarcasm sharper than the sting of a thistle Mr. Morton said: "I must thank you for the patriotic frankness with which you remark, referring to thistles: 'They are spread, infest fast but we do not want to kill them out before the Government is ready to pay us for the work, or to send some one to do it for us.' Nothing could better demonstrate your peculiar fitness and adaptation for the position of Chief Russian Thistle Exterminator for the Northwest." Such are benefits of a motherly Government. It pampers its children until they lose the spirit of self-reliance, and they never get old enough to wean. They would rather let the thistle grow than weed it out without pay from the national treasury. In fact they are already threatening to let the thistle spread and then throw the blame for it upon the Government; as the little boy frightened his mother into obedience by threatening that if she did not give him candy he would get and get the measles, falsely pretending at the same time that he knew a boy who had measles enough to supply all the other boys in town. Spirited citizens like that applicant from Iowa, say to their mother, the Government: "Give us a million dollars, or else we will go and get the Russian thistle and plant it on our farms."

LOSS OF LIFE IN GREECE. THE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS DEMOLISHED SEVERAL CHURCHES. ATHENS, April 22.—The earthquake shocks that began at about half-past 7 o'clock Friday night continued with more or less frequency until noon to-day. All last night the oscillation of the earth was noticeable, and the people of this city were in a state of semi-panic. Thousands of persons spent the whole night in the streets, dreading that should they enter their houses a more severe shock might bring the buildings down upon them. Telegraphic communication with many parts of the country is badly interrupted and it is impossible to get news from the towns that must have been affected by the shocks. This uncertainty has given rise to many rumors regarding the loss of life, some of the estimates placing it at a very high number. That it is large there is no doubt. All the dispatches from the provinces add to the number of killed and injured, and the accounts of the damage to property are enlarged. In the villages of Malesina, Proskina and Martino, all in the Province of Locris, 129 persons were killed. The Mayor of Larymi telegraphs that a heavy shock occurred at Proskina while Vesper services were being held in the parish church, which was quite an old but very substantial edifice. The walls of the church fell burying all the worshippers in the ruins. At Malesina houses tottered and fell as though built of cardboard. Hundreds of their occupants were caught before they had time to do more than attempt to escape. In this little village sixty persons were killed, some of the bodies

being crushed out of all semblance to humanity. At Martino, thirty-nine persons were killed. Here, as at Proskina, the parish church was the scene of the greatest number of fatalities, the walls of the structure being thrown from their foundations and toppled upon the worshippers. The others who lost their lives were killed by falling walls of houses. The total number of deaths thus far reported is 160, but there is scarcely any question that this number will be augmented when the more remote villages are heard from.

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