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MAINE TO-DAY.

It is conceded generally that Maine will give a Republican majority at the election to-day, and that Speaker REED will be returned. But not a few intelligent politicians are of the opinion that REED will not pull through, or will do so by the skin of his teeth. And some of the most pronounced Republicans are also of this opinion, as is shown by the letter following, written yesterday at Portland, Maine, to a gentleman resident at this city. It is dated at "Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic," and says:

You can say to the people, with safety, that Reed is defeated by 250 majority. The end Vets present a solid column.

J. H. WILSON,
Co. H, 6th. Maine Reg.

This wish may be, and probably is, father to the thought, but it is to be hoped that the prediction will become fact to-day.

DOES IDENTIFICATION IDENTIFY?

C. C. ANDREWS of this city disappeared mysteriously on July 20, last.

On July 22 the body of a dead man was found in the Potomac River, near this city, and was taken to the morgue. This body was in such an advanced state of decomposition that none of its features could be recognized. It was not identified at that time and was buried in Potters' Field.

When the disappearance of ANDREWS was observed and search for him had resulted in the obtainment of no news concerning his whereabouts, some one suggested that the body in the Potters' Field grave might be his. It was disinterred and was identified as that of the missing man by a dentist of Baltimore, who, upon an examination of the teeth of the dead man, stated that the fillings in them were identically like fillings he had put into the teeth of ANDREWS.

This feature in the identification of this dead body as that of the missing ANDREWS, recalls a lengthy and exceedingly interesting narrative of strange facts published in *The Lens* of Chicago by Hon. W. G. EWING, late United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and suggests that even such apparently unmistakable evidence as that of the Baltimore dentist may be at fault.

In 1874 Mr. EWING was State's Attorney of Adams County, Illinois.

On July 8 of that year the body of a woman was found in the Mississippi River, near Quincy, the county seat of Adams County.

A coroner's jury, on what was believed to be indisputable evidence, identified it as the body of a Mrs. BLOCK, who had disappeared a short time before. But before the verdict was rendered, Mrs. BLOCK disproved the theory of the jury by appearing in the flesh, alive and well. Upon this, a woman called on Mr. EWING and told him that she had reason to believe that the body that had been taken for that of Mrs. BLOCK was in reality that of her step-daughter, MARY FERRIS. She described several marked peculiarities in the person of her step-daughter and as one of them—a crescent-shaped star on her right arm—had not been observed on the person of the dead woman when it had gone through the process of identification as the body of Mrs. BLOCK, the body was disinterred and found to correspond in every particular with the description of the person of her step daughter given by the mother.

The identification of the body as that of NANCY FERRIS was believed to be complete, and the jury proceeded to verify the facts by the oaths of numerous witnesses. While thus engaged it was reported to them that the body of another woman had been found in the river. On being brought to shore it was pronounced by about fifty persons to be that of LUCY KING, a woman well known to a certain element of the community. Twenty persons at least described the dresses, shoes, jewelry, etc., that she wore, and most of them were found to correspond to the clothing, etc., on the body. A sample produced of one of her dresses corresponded to the dress on the body. A black servant of Mrs. KING said she would know her mistress by the gold filling in an upper front tooth, which had the shape of a star. The gold star was there, exactly as described. In this way and by the testimony of several competent witnesses who had known her well in life this second body was identified in the minutest particular by perhaps fifty persons as the body of LUCY KING.

The day after this identification was supposed to be definitely settled, two young men and an elderly woman appeared in the office of the State's attorney. One of the young men stated his belief, founded on the reports of testimony in the papers, that the body identified as LUCY KING was in fact the body of his sister, MARY HOYT, who had shown suicidal tendencies, and from whom he had a short time before received a letter telling him that, when he opened it, she would be at the bottom of the Mississippi River, and who had disappeared the day the letter was posted. The elderly lady, a Mrs. BARNES, with whom Miss HOYT had lived, described accurately the clothing the young woman wore when she left home, and also the shoes, the kid gloves, with their number, the jewelry and the underclothing. The description corresponded exactly with the articles found on the body identified as that of LUCY KING. HOYT had a photograph of his sister, and by using a magnifying glass it could be seen that a cameo-brooch, found on the body identified as that of LUCY KING, was the same that was worn by MARY HOYT when the picture was taken.

The brother also described correctly the rings found on the dead woman's hands. When shown these articles he was affected to tears, and said the brooch had belonged to his mother, who had given it to her deathbed to his sister, and one of the rings had been a gift from himself. He desired to take possession of the body, but the coroner refused the request until the inquest should be concluded.

The next morning the strange sequel to these strange coincidences was enacted. The two women, NANCY FERRIS and LUCY KING, whose mortal remains had been taken, according to the evidence, from the river and buried out of sight, appeared before the coroner's jury, physically tangible and in robust health, having been discovered in a distant city and brought back to their former whereabouts as the result of an official investigation. They both possessed all the marks that had served to identify them as the dead women. NANCY had blonde hair, a crippled right foot and a crescent star on her right arm, all corresponding precisely to the marks found on the body of the drowned woman, identified at first as the body of Mrs. BLOCK, and later on as her own. LUCY wore what seemed to be the identical jewelry, and showed the gold filling of a star-like form in an upper front tooth by which indices forty or fifty of her personal acquaintances had proven her a cold, damp and decaying corpse.

THE NEW YORK *Evening Post*, which believes that Speaker REED when he appointed SMYSER a member of the Pension Office investigating committee knew that the Congressman owned stock in RAUM's refrigerator company, says that the revelation is in fact only one more evidence as to the character of this latest Republican Speaker. "He is the same type of man," says the *Post*, "as BLAINE, whose methods he imitates in more ways than one. The same atmosphere of political audacity and political boodle surrounds his chair as surrounded that of BLAINE, and has in fact surrounded the chair of every other Republican Speaker of these later times. The line is an unbroken one of corruption and jobbery, from COLFAX down through BLAINE and KEIFER to REED. * * * In this respect they furnish a melancholy contrast to the Democratic occupancy of the Speaker's chair by KERR and RANDALL and CARLISLE. From the beginning to the end of the service of those Democratic Speakers, not a breath of scandal or jobbery touched one of them."

IN THE COURSE of certain scintillations upon General MORGAN, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, THE CRITIC, on August 12 last, referred to the outing system of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, and asserted that there was nothing in the law that authorized this system. In this statement we were mistaken. In every appropriation bill since 1882 there has been a clause as follows: "And also for the transportation of Indian pupils from all the Indian schools and placing of them, with the consent of their parents, under the care and control of such suitable white families as may in all respects be qualified to give such pupils moral, industrial and educational training, under arrangements in which their proper care, support and education shall be in exchange for their labor." We regret that in this way THE CRITIC has done an injustice to Captain PRATT, the Superintendent of the Carlisle School, who is the author of the system.

MISS SARA HALLOWELL, a woman much esteemed in art circles in Chicago, is an aspirant for the position of art director of the World's Fair. A petition, signed by many prominent artists throughout the country, is being widely circulated in her favor. George W. Childs of the Philadelphia *Ledger*, and Mr. Gilder of the "Century Magazine," are earnest supporters of Miss HALLOWELL.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Ebbitt—Mrs. A. J. Smith, Louisiana; Frank Pidgeon, Sargerties, N. Y.; Eppa Hunton, Virginia; Robert M. Yardley, Doylestown, Pa.; C. J. Plummer, Pittsburg; R. A. Parker, Cleveland, Ohio.

Imperial—F. R. Bender, Albany, N. Y.; John C. Grezinger, Buffalo, N. Y.; H. J. Sayers and wife, New York.

Godfrey's—E. J. Sheridan and wife, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frank Blackman, Baltimore; Mrs. H. Hughes, Philadelphia.

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Hilliard's—W. W. Fuller and wife, Chicago; A. N. Parker, Potsdam, N. Y.; W. N. Fisher, St. Paul, Minn.; Peter H. Buckley, Troy, N. Y.

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Riggs—A. F. Safely, Boulder, Col.; Mrs. U. C. Van Tine, Baltimore; S. R. Nettleton, Minneapolis; Joseph N. Taylor, Denver, Col.

Shoreham—G. F. Tucker and Wendall H. Cobb, New Bedford, Mass.; W. S. Emerson, Boston; Frank M. Laughlin, jr., Philadelphia.

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Arno—Wm. W. Case, Boston; Wesley M. Halton and wife, New York.

Normandie—W. W. Foster, Philadelphia; Hon. W. J. Sewell, New Jersey.

A Summer Hotel Serenade.

Sentimental youth below sings:

"Oh, let the unseen rings of my heart
Resound to thee, to whom to impart
The mystic softness of my breast,
And on thy bosom be caressed,
I'd live or die."

Matter-of-fact maiden sings:

"To try to live. Men are so dear—
And scarce—this season of the year."

Very Strange.

You cannot cure lame with a hammer,
Nor measure a drean with a drama,
Slow plumbs with a plumber,
Do sums with a summer,
Nor yet clear a rain with a rammer.

—*Lawrence American.*

REED MUST BE UNSEATED.

The Big Bulldozer Will Get a Little of His Own Medicine.

From the Chicago Herald.

Let it be understood now that if by fraud and force Speaker Reed secures a re-election to the House of Representatives in the First district of Maine he will be unseated as surely as the next House shall be Democratic. There is only one way of dealing with a bulldozer. He must be made to submit to superior force. The superior force will be on hand when the next House of Representatives assembles.

Following the example set for them by Mr. Reed himself, his supporters in Maine have wantonly violated the law by refusing to place on the poll lists of Saco and Biddeford the names of many Democratic voters. Their action was in defiance of the statutes, and it should invalidate the election. If Reed secures a re-election by such means he must be and will be unseated.

THE FORCE BILL.

How It Strikes Northern Settlers at the South.

From the Boston Post.

The most significant election figures of the year thus far are those of the three centres of Northern capital and Northern citizenship in the State of Alabama. The following comparison is worth a little study:

	1888		1890	
	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.
Jefferson (Birmingham)	5,601	5,504	921	7,021
Lauderdale (Florence)	1,130	1,637	457	1,473
Talladega (Talledega)	2,179	1,983	637	2,472

The Force bill is the only cause assigned for this remarkable falling off in the Republican vote of three communities that very accurately represent the sentiment of Northern investors and business men who are doing so much to develop and perfect Southern industries.

PERSONAL.

David Mall of Allegheny, Pa., is six feet tall, but he weighs only forty-five pounds. A year or so ago he weighed 148 pounds. He is in fairly good health and the doctors are unable to tell what is the matter with him.

Cardinal Newman used to be an accomplished performer on the violin, much to the scandal of some of his more austere associates, who did not believe in "fiddling." Of late years, however, a weakness in his fingers kept him from using his favorite musical instrument.

One of the interesting men in London is Theodore Watts, long the intimate friend of the poet and painter, Rossetti, and now the counsellor and helper of Swinburne. He is a small, dark man, with a fine brow, long black hair, and a grayish-black mustache. He has some unpublished poems, manuscripts and letters of Rossetti in his possession.

Belle Bilton is not the only actress who has wedded a lord. Miss Jennie Williams, an American soubrette, has capsivated Lord Petre, and is to marry him. It was at the London Alhambra, where Miss Williams was dancing, that the British peer was smitten. An introduction was sought, and then Cupid did the rest. Miss Williams is from New Albany, Ind., and she is described as a most atractive woman. Lord Petre is also handsome, and despite the disparity in rank, the union, it is believed, will be a happy one.

Friends and admirers of Wilkie Collins will be interested in learning that a neat, unadorned marble cross has been erected over the novelist's remains in the northern part of Kensal Green Cemetery. On the base of the memorial, underneath the name and date of birth and decease, appear the words: "Author of 'The Woman in White' and other works of fiction." The grave is only separated by a few yards from Sydney Smith's tomb, which, like that of Leigh Hunt, also situated on the north side of the grounds, gives evidence of faithful tending. On the monument of the latter the full name of the poet is inscribed—James Henry Leigh Hunt—with the unconventional and unique epitaph: "Write me as one that loves his fellow men."

An Educational Need.

President G. Stanley Hall in the September Forum.

Every European government keeps expensive agencies to learn promptly the latest changes and improvements in all political and military matters in other countries and strives to be the first to adjust itself to every new condition and to avail itself of it. Every enterprising manufacturer or business house studies new processes, supplies, fluctuations of taste or fashion and markets in other lands. Every respectable man of science learns promptly of every important new discovery or treatise in his line throughout the world. But our professional schools for teachers, our city and State supervisors and even our highest educational institutions are conducted without utilizing or even studying the experiences of other lands.

Mosquitoes Don't Like Petroleum.

From the Chicago Herald.

"Wherever you find petroleum you won't find mosquitoes," said an oil country man. "The infernal insects can't stand the smell of the grease, and wherever oil wells are plenty there is no call for mosquito bars. Over and over again I've seen mosquitoes leave a new oil field as soon as a well flows. Whether petroleum applied to the face and hands will drive off mosquitoes I don't know. But one of the few compensations of the driller is that he's seldom troubled by mosquitoes."

THE DECLINE OF POKUMVILLE

Pokumville stood on the hill,
One schoolhouse and a store,
Enough to eat of corn an' wheat,
An' didn't want nothin' more.
We had enough of garden stuff,
An' sometimes sass an' pie,
An' Pokumville stood on the hill
An' let the worl' go by.

Pokumville stood on the hill,
Its boys and girls were wed
An' settled down, an' tilled the groun'
As their forefathers had.
An' children grew, as children do,
Boys lived th' hogs until
They took 'em wives, then all their lives,
They lived in Pokumville.
We lived up there in the pure air,
Upon the good ol' hill,
Till the railroad came, with smoke and flame,
An' cut through Pokumville.
We caught the stride of the worl' outside,
Our young men heard the roar,
An' they left the hill of Pokumville,
An' we see our boys no more.

An' all the girls with ruffles and curls,
Has gone and followed the boys.
The big worl's din there's magic in,
There's music in its noise;
They've felt the charm an' left the farm,
They won't come back again,
An' Pokumville upon the hill
Is a village of ol' men.

The engine thrill through Pokumville,
With its demon scratch an' cry,
Has carried away our hope an' stay,
An' left us here to die.
But one thing will stay and an' not go away,
Is one of man's evil homes,
Upon the hill in Pokumville,
Shall rest beneath the stones.

—*Yankee Blade.*

THEIR WELCOME.

THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS GREET STRANGERS.

Hospitable Reception Tendered Them by a Free Country—Baggage Turned Topsy Turvy—Other Annoyances.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Travelers who have entered the territories of all the European monarchies and despotisms lose their enthusiasm for the free institutions of America when they strike its custom houses. In England they are asked whether their baggage contains any tobacco, spirits or English reprints. When a traveler replies in the negative he is allowed to depart without upsetting the contents of his trunk. In France, Germany, Belgium, Italy and other European countries the baggage is barely opened, and the traveler is rarely subjected to the formality of an examination as to his identity. When, however, he sails for the United States he is informed on shipboard that he must fill up a blank, giving the following information:

Name.
Age.
Sex.
Country to which he belongs.
Country to which he is going.
Number of pieces of baggage.

The official idiot who prepared that blank did not know that the information he strove to obtain respecting age and sex was utterly worthless for statistical purposes, because he did not know the ages or sex of those who left the country or of those who entered by way of the Canadian frontier.

At quarantine a Customs House tug steams alongside and the inspectors install themselves in the saloon. Then one of their number distributes a circular warning all persons not to bribe any customs official. Each passenger in turn takes a seat on the left of the examining inspector and answers such questions as may be put to him. He gives his name, his postoffice address and a list of the various packages belonging to him.

"Have you anything in your baggage other than wearing apparel or personal effects not merchandise? Have you any presents?"

"In the case of a lady passenger, he would add: "Have you any dress goods not made up?"

In the event of the passenger answering "no" to these questions, he is asked: "Do you swear to the truth of your answers?" and replying "I do," he is then invited to sign an affidavit to that effect. A little card numbered to correspond with the number of the blank which he has signed is then given to him.

After a tedious delay the passenger reaches the dock and then presents his check to the chief inspector, who details a subordinate to see whether the passenger has perjured himself.

This is a chilling welcome to the land of the free.

A lady only recently returned from a prolonged Continental trip declares, after going through the Custom House at New York, that it was the only unpleasant experience she had ever had in a custom house, and the most disagreeable incident in the entire journey. All Americans returning to the United States from a journey in Europe complain in the most emphatic terms of the custom house annoyances.

The dread of seasickness is mild compared with the horrors of the New York Custom House, where the trunks are not only ransacked but where a shipload of passengers is often forced to remain over night in Jersey City because the customs officials refuse to examine their baggage. When the Inspector is secured courtesy is not always extended if anything is discovered which he thinks is dutiable. Generally he does not know. Any per cent. of the purchasing value is charged, and the Government does not always receive the whole amount.

No doubt much smuggling is done. This could be largely corrected if more judgment were used; but travelers are treated like criminals, which leads them to "declare" nothing and to claim all as "personal."

It is most unreasonable to suppose that travelers will not buy for themselves and friends some of the thousand and one charming things seen in the shops abroad—things which America does not produce—and by purchasing them the American workman is not injured. It is equally unreasonable to suppose that any one will "declare" these small things. Sometimes where an over-conscientious person does "declare" them a most absurd duty is charged.

Why should the officers not be obliged to furnish a list of the dutiable articles and the duty upon each? Why should the traveler be obliged to pay the duty asked? These officers are not sufficiently clever to remember all the rates. What chance has a person who may be going to a remote part of the country to enter a protest or reclaim the money?

The fatigue of waiting for several hours upon the dock, and the annoyance of seeing the contents of a well-arranged trunk turned upside down are bad enough, but are as nothing compared to the feeling that one is being swindled and is powerless to remonstrate.

The English would not stand such a state of things for a month, yet Americans, who constantly boast when abroad of their free institutions, endure this without complaining, except where they are sure it will not be heard.

My Duck.

From the New York Herald.

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