LIVELY JOE BINKS.

"Squink" Tells About Another of His Very Dear Friends.

This One Was a Combination of Cyclone and Earthquake—Brewing Trouble Was His Specialty.

The liveliest person over our way was Joe Binks, and he was absolutely out of his sphere.

None of our quiet, easy-going, unfortunate citizens liked to have him, but he came to town when even he had been away from it long enough to take us by surprise. When Joe came it was a revolution, something like a compound of cyclone and earthquake in a cemetery. He was serene enough in appearance, and during the most exciting moments he could appear lamb-like and innocent, but over our way we never judge by appearances any more. The ugliest looking resident we had joined the church, when it was first organized, while our esteemed and sanctimonious minister absconded with various funds, donated for charity, and the weakest-minded girl in town. Joe met him somewhere, however, and brought back the money and spent it freely.

I never could figure out how it was, or why it should be, but about the time Joe approached activity and trouble began, and at such times we had a little of everything, from a dog-fight to thunder and lightning. At other times our town was the most peaceful and inane village in the State, or anywhere else. In summer our most affluent and dignified citizens sat around in the shade and talked about things they could only approach by guessing at. In winter they sat around the stove and continued the conversation.

It is a wonder how much they found to say, with so vacuous a repertory; but this is a notable human trait; and it has also been observed in Chinamen. I have noticed in this connection, too, that our most gifted orators and thunderous statesmen, with leather lungs, always get the floor and keep it, and are capable of talking with remarkable elegance, persistence and dexterity. If anyone wants to say anything, they have no opportunity, or if they have they can't say it. I used to try to get the floor and say a few words to an audience, but I discovered that there is not much harmony between wisdom and oratory. In my anatomical investigations, I find the tongue runs down the throat and has no particularly conspicuous connection with the brain. I think if I could saw the top off of a good orator, just above his eyes, and get him to take a cocktail, he would be all right. If I could find out definitely who wrote Cicero's orations I would like it. I would like to write up a neglected Roman's autobiography. If I had Mark Antony I would like to load him with fine shot, for snipe, and run this country's politics for awhile—the cobwebs in the acoustics of some of our temples would be discomposed and the American party be heard from. All the chance I have to wield my influence is through the newspapers, and then I have to pay by the column or buy the paper.

When Binks came into town everybody used to regret it. The populations of quiet towns like ours don't like to be disturbed. They don't want anything to transpire. If they could stop everything from happening they would do it, if they had to get up before breakfast. Beside, Joe usually came in on horseback and lassoed dogs and things and towed them along up street with him, and he had a way with him. When he did get his horse into the livery stable it always kicked the end out of the barn and ran over somebody, and Joe hired all the boys to chase the horse and arrested the livery stable keeper and filed suits against whoever got run over, and swore he would blow up the town or burn it down, and nobody knew whether he would do it or not, but thought he would.

[Good space here for an advertisement for baking powder, absolutely, etc.]

SQUINK.

CHAMPION RODENTS.

Mr. Senatz is the Proud Possessor of the Prize Menagerie.

A. J. Senatz is now the basis of a yarn that will stand without blushing cheek by jowl with Billy Hamilton's bear stories, or the romance of Pete Sinclair and his wonderful duck blunderbuss.

Mr. Senatz is the owner of a stump-tailed dog that glories in the name of "Puddin" and is as "knowing," to believe his master, as the most aristocratic dogs of high lineage in all the land; but Senatz can now boast the ownership of the sharpest lot of rats on earth, and to whom "Puddin" cannot hold a candle. This well-known citizen yesterday walked into his place of business with a piece of lead pipe in his hands and solemnity on his countenance of an abnormal character. The pipe is a section of a large lead drain from a sink, and one side of it for half its diameter and four inches in length is eaten out.

"What do you think did that?" asked Mr. Senatz of a reporter.

"Corrosion or a plumber," was the reply.

"No, guess again."

"Well, it burst and you have filed the edges."

"No, go it again."

"Give it up."

"Well, it was rats."

"What?"

"Yes, rats; some rats I own; daisies, aren't they? Tell you what; if there's ever a rat fair I'm going to enter them in the first class."

"You're talking now to a greeny, aren't you?"

"No; honest, truth; my rats did that piece of business—regular diamond-drill toothed Sacramento number one rats. A drain in one of my houses leaked; sent a plumber to find out about it; here's the result. You see, a good deal of greasy matter went down that pipe and just where it entered the ground a pin-hole probably was punched in it, and let some of the grease through. That baited my rats, and they went at that pipe tooth and—well with all their teeth. Yes, sir, they gnawed that heavy lead pipe half off for that length to get at the inner coating of grease. All the marks on the pipe and about it prove that my rats ate out that pipe—fine breed of rats, aren't they?"

"I should say they are. I've known rats to cut through rubber tubing, but never heard of their undertaking to use up inch and a half lead pipe."

"Well, but these are Sacramento rats."

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CONFEDERATE FLAG INCIDENT.

The Postmaster at Baird, Texas, Explains the Matter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—First Assistant Postmaster-General Whitfield has received from the Postmaster at Baird, Callan County, Texas, an explanation of the Confederate flag incident. He said at the time the county fair was in progress the citizens decorated and displayed as many flags as they could obtain. The supply of United States flags became exhausted, and the owner of the building in which the Postoffice was located procured some bunting and had his sister make a flag. With only an imperfect knowledge of how a United States flag was fashioned, the result of her labor was a complete failure, except as a display of bunting. Instead of thirteen stripes, her flag had only three, with nine stars in the blue field. But it was hoisted over the Postoffice building.

General Whitfield, however, is in possession of affidavits of five reputable people, who declare that on several specified dates they saw a Confederate flag flying over the Postoffice building, and was told by citizens of the town that it was a Confederate flag; but inasmuch as the Postmaster declared that the flag was not a Confederate flag, and not purposely made to resemble one, and expressed deep regret that he had done anything that could be construed as a disloyal act toward the Government, Whitfield is inclined to let the incident pass.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

No Special Meeting to be Held of the Traffic Association.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Replying to the demands of the Missouri-Pacific for a special meeting of the Advisory Board of the Western Traffic Association to consider the charge of violation of agreements, President Roswell Miller to-day wrote Jay Gould that it is very doubtful if a quorum can be had for such special meeting, and trusting that Gould would not insist on it. If a quorum is not present at the regular April meeting he would then consider it his duty to call a special meeting. With patience in the matter he was sure the association would be much strengthened. Mr. Gould replied recognizing the force of the objections and acquiescing in them, particularly in view of the statement that if no quorum is present at the next regular meeting a special meeting will be called.

BLOODED HORSES.

Trotting Stock Sold at Auction—Horses From Palo Alto.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—About one thousand persons were present at the American Institute Building, when Peter Kellogg & Co. began to sell the trotting stock of Wilson & Handy of Cynthiana, Ky. The most important sales to-day were Mollie F., by George Wilkes, for $2,000, and Moonbeam, by Sultan, $2,000.

During the morning 109 head of Senator Stanford's stock arrived, and were stalled. Baby McKee, a full brother to Arion, and Worth, a full brother to Sunol, will be sold on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. The horses arrived by the American express, and were in extremely good condition, considering the length of their journey. The famous Arion, 2:10¾, which J. M. Malcolm Forbes of Boston bought from Senator Stanford, left them last night at Albany, and was sent on direct to Boston.

Democratic National Convention.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The Democratic National Committee to-day issued a call for the National Democratic Convention on June 21st at Chicago as follows:

Each State is entitled to representation therein equal to double the number of representation to which it is entitled in the next electoral college, and each Territory and the District of Columbia shall have two delegates. All Democratic citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political associations and differences, who can unite with us in an effort for a pure, economical and constitutional government are cordially invited to join us in sending delegates to the convention.

CALVIN S. BRICE, Chairman.
SIMON H. SHEERUM, Secretary.

Died From His Injuries.

FAIRHAVEN (Wash.), Jan. 21.—Moses Yonkins, who was found last night in an unconscious condition lying beside the railroad track two miles north of this city, died this morning from injuries, supposed to have been inflicted by highwaymen. To-day a large club covered with blood was found near the spot where Yonkins was picked up. His watch and valuables, known to have been in his possession when he left Whatcom yesterday, were missing. Two men were arrested on suspicion this afternoon. Yonkins came here with a Kansas colony ten years ago. He was a veteran of the civil war, and since the war has been a Government scout on the plains.

The Whisky Trust.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—The *Times* states that a plan for the reorganization of the whisky trust is being considered by the directory of the trust. It is proposed to unite the distillers not in the whisky trust on a basis of capitalization of $35,000,000, and then with that combination the eighty distillers now controlled by the trust, making a grand joint stock company, party American and partly English, with a capitalization of $75,000,000 or $100,000,000, with the absolute monopoly of manufacturing spirituous liquors. Another meeting of the Directors will be held at Peoria February 16th.

Raid on Gamblers at Chico.

CHICO, Jan. 22.—Last night Sheriff Anderson and deputies raided a faro bank on Second street and a hokey-pokey game on Main street. All the implements used in the games were seized, the names of the gamblers taken down, and to-day warrants are being sworn out for the arrest of each. The Sheriff and deputies mean to do their duty and break up all illegal gambling in this county.

The Sugar Companies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Kiernan's News Agency says: It is authoritatively reported that the American Sugar Refining Company has obtained possession of the Harrison, Spreckles and Spaulding refineries at Philadelphia; also that the Western Trust has acquired the California refineries.

Peculiar Accident to a Diver.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—This morning, while a force of divers were at work clearing away the ice from the intake at the crib, one of them became lodged in the mouth of the tunnel, and in order to save him it became necessary to stop the pumps for two hours, and he was finally extricated.

Both Suicided.

ROANOKE (Va.), Jan. 22.—Miss Delia Nicholson of Franklin County hanged herself to the limb of a tree near home to-day. Her sweetheart, a young man named Pinkhard, took poison soon after and died. The young lady's parents objected to their marriage.

Revolutionary Movement Spreading.

SAN ANTONIO (Texas), Jan. 22.—Private advices have been received here from the lower part of the Rio Grande border to the effect that Garza's revolutionary movement was spreading among the people.

The Charleston at Mare Island.

VALLEJO, Jan. 22.—The Charleston was docked to-day and will receive the usual cleaning and painting. The total force employed in the yard is 621 men.

CLEARING-HOUSE STATISTICS.

Business Transacted in the Principal Cities the Past Week.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. — Bradstreet's clearings: New York, $804,862,000, an increase of 17.2; Boston, $97,839,000, an increase of 3.7; Chicago, $92,426,000, an increase of 17.6; Philadelphia, $69,380,000, a decrease of 3.1; St. Louis, $22,412,000, a decrease of 1.8; San Francisco, $14,403,000, an increase of .1; Baltimore, $17,594,000, an increase of 16.1; Cincinnati, $15,041,000, an increase of 5.9; Pittsburg, $15,699,000, an increase of 12.5; Kansas City, $10,026,000, an increase of 43.4; Minneapolis, $6,646,000, an increase of 24.2; New Orleans, $11,512,000, a decrease of 33.9; St. Paul, $4,723,000, an increase of 19.9; Denver, $4,904,000, an increase of 24.2; Omaha, $5,171,000, an increase of 42.1; Portland, Or., $1,866,000, a decrease of 5.6; Salt Lake, $1,790,000, a decrease of 8.2; Tacoma, $1,261,000, an increase of 43.5; Seattle, $872,000, a decrease of 14.2; Los Angeles, $711,000, an increase of 5.8. Total, $1,290,170,000, an increase of 12.5.

NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE.

Circuit Composed of Clubs From Western Cities.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—The "Western League of Baseball Clubs" was successfully organized to-day. The circuit will be composed of clubs from Kansas City, Milwaukee, Columbus, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Omaha and Toledo. James A. Williams of Columbus was elected President, Secretary and Treasurer, and L. C. Krauthoff of Kansas City Counsel. The constitution inaugurates several reforms, all emphasizing the equal standing of clubs, which are to consist of twelve men each. A few substitutes will be under orders from the Secretary, who is to select all players, and a committee will then arrange eight equal clubs and submit them to the league for approval. No club can sign or release a player. The salary limit of each club is to be $12,000 for the season.

Will Stand No More Foolishness.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21.—Owing to the fact that speculators are amassing wheat in the eastern provinces, to the detriment of thousands of famished people in that part of the empire, the Czar has instructed the Mayor of Moscow to purchase fifteen million roubles' worth of wheat for distribution among the starving. The Czar has determined to have no nonsense about it, and empowered the Mayor to offer a fair price, and if that was refused, to confiscate what wheat was required.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Department One—Catlin, Judge.

FRIDAY, January 22, 1892.

C. W. Clark vs. William Iagau—On trial.

Department Two—Van Fleet, Judge.

FRIDAY, January 22, 1892.

Estate of Mary A. Shea, deceased—Continued two weeks.

Estate of Eden Wadsworth, deceased—Letters to petitioner; bond, $600. Appraisers—D. D. Whitbeck, M. J. Curtis and Samuel Nathan.

Estate of W. E. Eastman, deceased—I. D. Green granted letters of administration; bond, $15,000. Appraisers—A. T. J. Reynolds, Jos. Crofton and J. W. Hustin.

Estate of C. Westerfeld, deceased—Letters to Public Administrator. Appraisers — E. S. Wachhorst, John Catlin and F. W. Whitmore.

Estate of P. F. Dolan, deceased—Sale of personal property confirmed; petition to set aside personal property and for family allowance granted; decree setting aside homestead granted.

Estate of Patrick Rice, deceased—Will admitted to probate. Letters to Mrs. Rice; bond, $1,500. Appraisers — John Sexton, James Dougias and F. W. Whitmore. Notice to creditors.

Estate of Jarvis Rattan, deceased; estate of William H. Slawson, deceased; estate of Emma Sachett, deceased; estate of W. Gleeson, deceased—All continued one week.

Estate of M. Harrigan, deceased—Letters to petitioner; bond, $1,500. Appraisers—F. W. Whitmore, H. W. La Rue, Jr.

Estate of Charles E. Mack, deceased—Will admitted to probate. Appraisers—John Reith, Jeremiah Barton and A. G. Winn. Notice to creditors.

Estate of T. T. Slater, deceased—Letters to petitioner. Appraisers — M. Wilson, Peter Burns and F. W. Whitmore.

Estate of Catherine Donovan, deceased—Petition for sale of personal property granted.

Estate of Mary W. Lansing, deceased—Application for additional family allowance granted.

Estate of Mary A. Crum, deceased—Final account settled and petition for distribution granted.

Guardianship of Chapman minors—Letters to Mrs. Chapman; bond, $2,000.

Estate of P. A. Humbert; estate of Harlow Richmond—Decrees of due notice to creditors.

Charles Dodge vs. Charles Heisen; J. M. Neilson vs. Frank Swift, J. D. Tate vs. H. L. Sarchett—All continued one week.

Eli Mayo vs. James Touhey—Motion to dismiss submitted and taken under advisement.

M. Byrne vs. C. Quale—Motion for commission granted; motion to amend complaint granted by consent.

SUPREME COURT MINUTES.

IN BANK.

THURSDAY, January 21, 1892.

13,040—Ascher vs. Salinas City—The judgment and order denying a new trial are affirmed. Harrison, J. We concur: De Haven, J.; Sharpstein, J.; Paterson, J.; McFarland, J.; Garoutte, J.

FRIDAY, January 22, 1892.

20,847—People vs. Krusick—Judgment and order reversed. Harrison, J. We concur: Sharpstein, J.; McFarland, J.; De Haven, J.; Garoutte, J.; Paterson, J.

13,412—Frankel et al. vs. Deidesheimer—The judgment and order are affirmed. The court. Harrison, J., being disqualified, did not participate.

13,713—Bush vs. Curless—This cause having heretofore been referred to Department One for hearing and determination, and no decision having been arrived at, and good cause appearing therefor, ordered that the cause be heard and determined by the court in bank. Beatty, C. J.

DEPARTMENT TWO.

14,175—Hurlbutt vs. Spaulding Saw Company et al.—Judgment affirmed. The court. Harrison, J. sitting for De Haven, J., being disqualified.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCK SALES.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 22, 1892.

MORNING BOARD.

Alpha	55c	Julia	15c
Alta	50c	Justice	30c
Andes	80c	Kentuck	25c
Belcher	2 00	Lady W	20c
B. & B	2 60@2 70	Mexican	1 95@2 00
Bullion	1 35	N. Com. W	50c
Chollar	1 25@1 30	Occidental	40@45c
C. C. & V	4 65@4 70	Ophir	3 15
C. Imperial	10c	Overman	1 10
C. N. Y	45c	Peer	20c
Confidence	2 90	Potosi	1 95
C. Point	1 40@1 45	Savage	1 60
E. B. & B	80c	S. B. & M	65c
Exchequer	40c	S. Nevada	1 65@1 70
G. & C	1 55	Union	1 65
H. & N	1 60@1 65	Utah	50c

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Ophir	3 40@3 45	Bullion	1 40
Mexican	2 15	Exchequer	40c
G. & C	1 65@1 70	S. Belcher	70c
B. & B	2 90@2 95	Overman	1 15@1 20
C. C. & V	4 90@5 00	Justice	30@35c
Savage	1 75	Union	1 85
Chollar	1 45	Caledonia	35c
Potosi	2 00	Occidental	45c
C. Point	1 45	Andes	85@90c
H. & N	1 85@1 90	Scorpion	25c
Y. Jacket	1 30	E. B. & B	30c
Kentuck	25c	Com'wealth	20c
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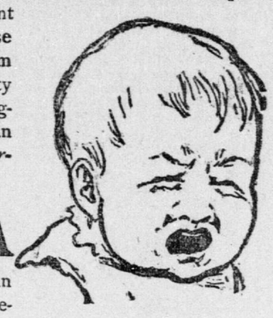

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NEW PUBLICATIONS.

A unique magazine is the February "Ladies' Home Journal," made up, as it is, in prose, verse and fiction by daughters of famous parentage. Thirty "daughters" are represented. Hawthorne's daughter, Mrs. Lathrop, has an excellent story; Mildred Howells, the novelist's daughter, writes a poem; the daughters of Charles Dickens, Thackeray and Horace Greeley all write of their famous fathers; President Harrison's daughter, Mrs. McKee, has an article on "The Training of Children"; Gladstone's daughter tells "How a Woman's College Began"; General Sherman's daughter tells a war story; Julia Ward Howe presents three literary daughters; ex-Senator Ingalls' clever daughter, Ethel, sketches Mrs. Leland Stanford; Jefferson Davis' favorite daughter, "Winnie," portrays "The American Girl Who Studies Abroad." Then follow the daughters of Sir Morell Mackenzie, "Mrs. Alexander" and Richard Henry Dana; Miss Bradley writes of the "Queens of Westminster Abbey"; Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, Mrs. Admiral Dahlgren, Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney and other famous mothers tell "How to Train a Daughter." None of the "Journal's" departments are omitted. Dr. Talmage, "Bob" Burdette, Margaret Bottome and all the other editors form the rear guard. The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

The January "Century," already referred to earlier in the month, has, besides papers we have called attention to, a portrait of Gounod, the celebrated French composer, and a charming paper of reminiscence of the early life of the musician. The first of the series on "The Jews in New York," by the Rev. Dr. Wheatley. An essay by J. R. Dodge, of the Agricultural Department, on "The Discontent of the Farmer." The "feature" of this number is an article by Captain E. S. Godfrey, one of General Custer's troop commanders, on the massacre of the Little Big Horn, "Custer's Last Battle." Captain Godfrey advances a new and conclusive theory with regard to General Custer's movements. Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of "The Christian Advocate," prints a very full and interesting essay on the subject of "Witchcraft." The poetry of the "Century" is unusually interesting, Mr. Aldrich contributing five short poems in a group entitled "Interludes." In the series of pictures by American artists a full-page reproduction of a painting entitled "Dolce Far Niente," by Will H. Low, is given. Mention should also be made of an illustrated article on "The Alligator Hunters of Louisiana."

A fine portrait of Herbert Spencer forms a frontispiece to the February "Arena," with a biographical sketch of Mr. Spencer's life and work by William H. Hudson. Robert S. Taylor contributes a thoughtful paper on the Electoral College, under the title, "Danger Ahead." Ex-Governor Lionel A. Sheldon writes of the railroad problem. Henry Wood appears in a paper entitled, "The Solidarity of the Race." The editor of the "Arena" writes on "Hypnotism, and its Relation to Psychical Research." Mr. Flower cites mony wonderful experiments in hypnotism performed by leading scientists. P. Cameron, B. C. L., of Trinity College, Toronto, discusses "Inspiration and Heresy." C. C. Post writes on "The Sub-Treasury Plan," as advocated by the Farmers' Alliance. Rev. Burt Estes Howard, D. D., writes on "The Atonement," as understood by a Presbyterian clergyman. A timely paper is from the pen of James Realf, Jr., on "The Last American Monarch." The second part of Hamlin Garland's powerful picture of Western life and conditions, entitled "A Spoil of Office," fills twenty-five pages. It is a story of absorbing interest.

The January "St. Nicholas" begins with a charming frontispiece described by a poem by Helen Gray Cone, "The Little Maid of Spain"—a little lady, every inch of her. The number is rich in verse; there are poems by Celia Thaxter, Edith M. Thomas, Anna M. Pratt, Mrs. Bumstead, Jack Bennett and others. The "Admiral's Caravan" is continued. Another serial is Lieutenant Fletcher's "Two Girls and a Boy." A long "short" story is Mary Davy's "The Pink Gown." Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore tells of "Two Queer Cousins of the Crab." Perhaps the most attractive article is Mrs. Richard's account of the childhood of her sisters, brother and herself. Joseph Jefferson introduces some clever silhouettes by Katherine Robertson. There are, besides, Brander Matthews' serial, the cheerful and inspiring departments, pictures and other attractive features. The Century Company, New York.

The "Popular Science Monthly," edited by W. J. Youmans (D. Appleton & Co., New York), has these contents for February: "Personal Liberty," by Edward Atkinson and Edward T. Cabot; "The Story of a Strange Land," by Professor David S. Jordan; "Urban Population," by Hon. Carroll D. Wright; "Lessons From the Census, IV."; "Stilts and Stilt-Walking" (illustrated), by W. Guyot-Daubes; "The Pianoforte" (illustrated), by Daniel Spillane; "Electricity in Relation to Science," by Professor William Crooks; "The Nationalization of University Extension," by Professor C. Hanford Henderson; "Is Man the Only Reasoner"? by James Sully; "An Experiment in Education," by Mary Alling Aber; "Homely Gymnastics," by Alice B. Tweedy; "New Observations on the Language of Animals," by M. de Lacaze Duthiers; "Recent Oceanic Causeways," by M. E. Blanchard; "The Universe of Stars"; "Sketch of William Edward Weber; and the usual full table of news and editorial matter.

The "Youth's Companion" marks the dawn of the Columbian year by giving to its New Year's double number an artistic Columbus cover. The Earl of Meath writes a strong article on "Home Gymnastics," "Maiden Speeches in Congress," is the suggestive title of a brilliant article by T. C. Crawford. The first attempts of several famous statesmen on the trying floor of Congress make interesting reading. Hezekiah Butterworth does literature most valuable service in his work of collecting the odd incidents and habits of the old New England life, and weaving them into a series of tales. His latest is an account of "Lord" Dexter, the famous Newburyport crank of the last century. Every boy for whom the fishing-rod has greater fascination than the hoe will appreciate the opening chapter of Homer Greene's serial, "A Tale of the Tow-Path. Every girl who chafes against the limitations of her circumstances will enjoy Sarah Orne Jewett's animating article, "Looking Back on Girlhood," in the same issue. Boston: Perry Mason & Co.

The leading article in the "Magazine of Art" for February is on John Russell, R. A., "the prince of crayon portrait painters;" the frontispiece is a photogravure from one of his most beautiful portraits. There are also several reproductions from his best known crayons. "Artistic Homes" is by Reginald Blomfield. "Two Winter Exhibitions" invite the pen of Frederick Wedmore, the Royal Society of British Artists, and the Institute of Painters in Oil Colors. They are profusely illustrated. "Book Edge Decoration" suggests a new field of work for the decorative artist. "Dives" is a poem by Cosmo Monkhouse, with illustrations by W. Hatherell, R. I. The second paper on "The Dulwich Gallery," with reproductions from its rarest treasures, is given. The "Illustrated Note Book" is unusually full, and the notes are many and instructive. Cassell Publishing Company, New York and London.

The year past witnessed a new venture in magazine work of very unique character—"A Quarterly Register of Current History." It is the experiment of the Evening News Association of Detroit, Mich. The issue for November completed the third quarter, and with its predecessor proves the magazine to be one of extremely high value. It is a concise, yet not narrow, outline of all the history of the year, concerning events of any public importance in all parts of the world with which we have any means of communication. These are accompanied by vigorous and fearless comments marked by intelligence and scholarly diction. There are many illustrations also, notably in portraiture. The "Register" is, we trust, financially a success; it deserves it heartily. We esteem the work one of the most useful books of reference of the age.

The February "Peterson" is a very handsome magazine. It opens with a showy fashion plate and full-page engravings, one of which, "The Belated Valentine," illustrates a poem by Minna Irving. "Up and Down East Anglia," is by Roslyn K. Brooke. "An Involuntary Elopement," by Carrie B. Morgan, is a dramatic story. An illustrated paper is "The Children's Fancy Dress Party." "His Mistake," by Kate Wallace Clements, is a charming story. "The Confusion of Philosophy" is by Alice Maude Ewell. "Folk Lore of Colored People" is by Mrs. E. A. Matthews. The remainder of the contents are in keeping with the articles mentioned, and the whole get up of the number is highly creditable.

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