

But who is to work China's new quick-firing guns? inquires a New York exchange. Why, the Japs, of course. Propound something hard.

Puff, Slaughter & Co. is the name of a Chicago firm of brokers. It is about as suggestive as the old London house of Ketcham & Cheatham.

It is a pretty story that Skipper Blake and crew of the schooner P. T. Barnum tell of a meteor striking their rigging, splitting into three pieces and falling into the sea with a hissing sound. The only thing to throw doubt on the story is the name of the schooner.

The only importance there is in China's enormous population seems to be in the greater number of persons killed, wounded and captured by the Japanese. The vastness of China's resources as to men has proved of no advantage to her so far. The Yankees of the East, as the Japs are entitled to be called, have not met with any serious obstacle to their advance either by water or on land.

Some of the railroads have presented claims to the government for carrying troops last summer during the railroad strike. As the troops were called out at the request of the railroads to protect their property and keep their lines open, it would appear to be no great hardship if they contributed the transportation, especially if the government contributed everything else. Payment of the claims, it is said, will be resisted by the War department.

Why is it that in most of the cities of the world fashion makes its home in the northwestern quarter? Why is it that the "west end" is so often the aristocratic section of the city? It is a fact and there is a ruling cause for it. It is this: That the prevailing winds of the earth are northwesterly. They are in general northwesterly, and their tendency is to blow the dust, smoke and odors of a city to its eastern or southern side. This makes the opposite quarter the more desirable for residence. People have in all ages been governed by the rule without inquiring very deeply into its cause.

It is sad to think that after all the care which has been lavished on the Indians for long years, and the humanizing influences which have been brought to bear upon them, they are as far from being civilized as ever. What can be thought of a man who gets tired of his wife after being married a few months and leaves her? And what shall we say of a woman who, when she is not treated rightly, goes home to her parents, the couple sometimes making up and living together again? Can such things be, and we must not know it? They could only happen among people who are living under primitive social conditions, and the fact that they prevail among the Indians shows how little the latter have profited by their contact with white people.

The governor of Alabama proposes a remedy for lynching that deserves consideration by people of other states as well. It is that a law be passed giving to the families of a man killed by a mob the right to a civil action against the authorities of the town or county where the deed was done. If this were made generally the law it would place the lawless element under bonds to keep the peace. While many of the lawless are not taxpayers, they are none the less dependent upon those who do pay the taxes. Mob rule itself is greatly destructive to property, but it is so indirectly. If property owners had to pay additional taxes for each case of mob rule that occurred in their locality they would bestir themselves to protect lives of those obnoxious to the mob, because they would then be directly interested, and so plainly that no one could mistake the fact.

A suggestion is made to have a short daily discussion of current news in the public schools, and to this end to have a digest of the news from a daily paper. If the news be news of the world's important events, not the daily record of crime and party politics, that is found in some newspapers, the suggestion is good, and ought to be acted on. Correct current history is certainly as important as is the history of the B. C. or mediaeval period. A teacher who would spend a half hour every day posting his or her pupils on the world's daily events, would do as much for education as listening for the same length of time to rules of grammar and other equally dry subjects, and this paragraph is not meant in any sense to reflect on the importance of all dry studies now pursued in the public schools, whether of grammar or constitutional history.

We have brought the horse to as near perfection as possible but, Othello-like, his occupation's gone. He will be of use for heavy draft, and for luxury—including racing—but for most of the services he has rendered us he is being replaced by electricity.

RUBINSTEIN'S 215 concerts in this country yielded \$350,000 and Paley's tour was nearly equally productive. There are millions in the piano if a man only knows how to thump the keys to get it out.

That volcano up in the new state of Washington has gone into eruption just in time to make the locality an interesting winter resort. All through the hot season its sides were covered with snow and glaciers. Such an accommodating mountain would be a treasure in any community.

The American reporter who conspired to get up a royalist uprising in Hawaii is a little late. The people of the United States have lost interest in monarchy there as well as in monarchy in all other parts of the world.

SELECTED HAWKEYE MENTION

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WALTER H. BUTLER.

Reported to Have Been Seen in Allamakee County. CEDAR RAPIDS, Dec. 14.—News is received from Oelwein to the effect that friends of Walter H. Butler believe they have a clew to his whereabouts. A farmer named Cavers, who lives in Allamakee county and who knows Butler, reports that he saw him walking by his home a few days ago. He was apparently in a very much worn-out condition. As to his condition further than this, Mr. Cavers does not know, as he did not talk with him. Many of those who have known Butler for years doubt these stories and believe he is sane, but is hiding somewhere.

DEPOT ROBBED AT KRUM.

One Robber Killed and Another Wounded by the Officers. OTTUMWA, Dec. 10.—Burglars robbed the Burlington depot at Krum last night, took a hand car and started toward Ottumwa. Detective Harrison of the Burlington road took officers and an engine from here and met the robbers. In a battle following one burglar was killed and two others escaped. Harrison received a flesh wound. Undertaker Frank Junkin and Deputy Sheriff Ricketts boarded the fast mail at Fairfield to go to Batavia to look after the body of the bandit. The train failed to stop and the men jumped. Junkin was killed and Ricketts is in a critical condition.

FATAL FALL.

Injuries Received from Falling 147 Feet. ELSDORA, Dec. 13.—While at work on the stamper in course of erection at Grundy Center, Iver Ickerman, of Eldora, fell a distance of fifty feet, sustaining injuries that may prove fatal.

OSKALOOSA FIRE.

Electric Light Plant Destroyed and the City in Darkness. OSKALOOSA, Dec. 12.—The Edison electric light plant was ruined by fire. The fire started in the motor room from a hot box, and spread so rapidly that nothing could be done till the building was gutted. The loss is roughly estimated at from \$10,000 to \$12,000, partially covered by insurance. This will leave the city, so far as the streets are concerned, in total darkness for a month or more.

SEVEN DROWNED.

Ice Gives Way Under a Searching Party. OELWEIN, Dec. 11.—Two little children of George and Hannah Cook, aged 9 and 12 respectively, were skating on the mill pond at Littleton, when they fell into an air hole and were drowned. A searching party gathered and such a large number got on the ice that it gave way, precipitating twelve men and boys into the water. In the gathering darkness seven were rescued, but five were drowned. All of the bodies have been recovered.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

Ham Gibson Uses an Iron Bar on Louis Grimes. CRESTON, Dec. 10.—A scrape which will probably result in a murder occurred in Sand Creek township. Ham Gibson assaulted Louis Grimes with an iron bar and inflicted injuries that will probably cause death. Gibson is a notorious character. He was a witness in the famous Goodale murder case and was recently tried for larceny. Grimes was a state witness in his trial. Gibson was arrested, but succeeded in getting away from the officers and is now at large.

Grip Car Accidents in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Under the center of the river in the Washington street tunnel a runaway Milwaukee avenue train last night dashed into a Madison street train, the grip of the former and the Ogden avenue trailer of the latter telescoping each other. Two men were killed and more than a score injured. Fire added its terrors to the wreck, but fortunately the flames were extinguished before additional injury and suffering were inflicted. The refusal of the grip to work was the cause of the accident.

CONDENSED ITEMS.

Isaac Eyres, an old and highly respected farmer of Plymouth county, was found dead at the foot of a windmill on his farm in Union township. He is supposed to have gone up to oil the machinery and fell. He leaves a large family of grown up sons and daughters.

Charles Adams has been held to the Black Hawk county grand jury for the murder of his uncle, Stephen Howard, in Lester township, that county, November 11. Bail was refused in this case. Alonzo Adams, who is charged with being an accessory to the crime, is being examined. The atrocity of the murder created considerable excitement at the time of its occurrence, and the court room where the examination is being held is crowded.

The 6-year-old child of John Morris, of Ringgold, was run over and killed by the cars near Lesanville recently. The child with its parents was visiting friends near Lesanville and the child had gone on the track and was walking along. The engine came around a curve at a sharp speed, when the child was seen and the engineer whistled for it to get off the track, but it paid no attention, and being down grade the train could not be stopped till the child was overtaken and badly mangled.

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A few days ago the passenger and freight depot of the Chicago, Iowa & Dakota railway at Hughes, five miles from Eldora, was set on fire by masked men at an early morning hour and entirely consumed. The citizens of Hughes have long been impatient at the treatment they have been receiving from the railroad company, and have repeatedly asked for better depot accommodations. The railway company has refused the request and ignored the threats of the citizens. They have now made good their threats by burning it. It was valued at \$2,500. The company will at once erect a modern station, as its traffic at Hughes amounts to several thousand dollars a month.

Much uneasiness exists at Burlington and at Sperry, eight miles north of that city, on account of a malignant case of small pox which has just developed in the person of William Buhrmaster, a well-known stock dealer. Buhrmaster delivered some stock in Chicago several days ago and contracted the disease there. He returned home via Burlington, transacted some business in Burlington, and went on to Sperry, where he mingled freely with people even after he commenced to feel the effects of the disease. Hundreds of people have been exposed, including the public school children, who were exposed through Buhrmaster's children. A hundred vaccine points were procured, and a wholesale vaccination is in progress. The doctors pronounce the case of the very worst type. Every effort is being made to stamp out the disease.

Henry Boise's jewelry store at Fayette was robbed a few nights since in true highwayman style. Boise is one of the leading jewelers in that part of the state, and carries at this time of the year a very heavy line of valuable jewelry. At 2 o'clock a. m. a wagon containing three men armed to the teeth and wearing masks rode down the main street to the front door of Boise's jewelry store, and backed the wagon upon the sidewalk, breaking the plate glass in front with a club. One of the robbers was left on the sidewalk to guard the front from surprise and hold the team, while the other two cracked the safe, which contained \$800 in cash besides all the valuable jewelry, which consisted of about fifty gold watches, besides other articles of great value. The robbers were not novices at the business, for it took them but a few minutes to crack the safe and gather its contents into a sack. They were not satisfied with this as they commenced looting the store of all the silverware, clocks, etc., on the shelves, and in fact took everything that could be packed upon the wagon. The robbers, after having the wagon filled to their satisfaction, slowly drove down the street and were seen by some parties, but who seemed to lack the necessary nerve to stop such a formidable looking outfit. The total amount obtained from the jewelry store is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Do you wear shirts? Order of Tilden, Des Moines. Perfect fit guaranteed. 6 Fred Wright, a colored boy, who has been working around the Theater Company, at Sioux City, is accused of passing four forged checks on merchants and is supposed to be in Des Moines. The checks were paid for clothing and goods, the total amount thus obtained being \$75. Wright is ignorant and could not possibly have prepared the checks himself, and as the former cashier of the theater is also missing, and had lately returned from serving a penitentiary service, it is thought he had something to do with the matter.

The prisoners who broke jail at Boone and terribly beat the jailer's wife while she was trying to prevent them, were captured at Des Moines.

Four hundred traveling men attended the fourteenth annual meeting of the Iowa State Association of Commercial Travelers at Des Moines. The following officers were elected: President, W. F. Mitchell, Des Moines; secretary-president, E. C. Evans, Des Moines; secretary and treasurer, F. E. Haley, Des Moines; directors, F. S. Thompson, William A. Meyer, John Verran, E. W. K. Bailey, and L. K. Wynn.

Cure for Hog Cholera.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The bureau of animal industry, as the result of experience, finds the following is the best remedy for hog cholera and swine plague: Wood charcoal, sulphur, sodium sulphate and antimony sulphide, one pound each; sodium chloride, sodium bicarbonate and sodium hypsulphite, two pounds each; to be pulverized, mixed, and daily dose of large table-spoonful for each 200 pounds weight of hogs given. It may be used as a preventive. It should be given the whole herd. They should be kept in dry quarters, away from drafts.

ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

TERRIBLE CHARGES.

In Connection With the Capture of Fort Arthur. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The World's Yokohama dispatch says: Japanese troops entered Port Arthur November 21 and massacred practically the whole population in cold blood. The defenseless, unarmed inhabitants were butchered in their houses and the bodies unspeakably mutilated. There was a totally unrestrained reign of murder for three days. The whole town was plundered, with appalling atrocities. It was a stain on Japanese civilization; in this instance re-lapsed into barbarism. All pretenses that the circumstances justified the atrocities are false. The civilized world will be horrified by the details. The foreign correspondents, revolted by the spectacle, left the army in a body.

SEELYE CAPTURED.

Bookkeeper Who Stole \$254,000 in the Tolls in Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Samuel C. Seelye, the defaulting bookkeeper of the Hide and Leather bank, New York, was arrested at 596 LaSalle avenue. His whereabouts were revealed to the police by a young man who claimed to have been his companion for a week. Seelye at first refused to give his name, but insisted that he was not the man wanted, although the police pointed to the marks upon his person corresponding precisely to those described in the circular issued by Inspector McLaughlin and offering a reward of \$5,000 for his arrest and conviction. However, after spending a sleepless night in prison, he called Inspector Shea and confessed that he was the man wanted. Seelye assisted a depositor named Baker to beat the bank out of \$254,000.

SHOT BY BURGLARS.

William H. Price of Cleveland Murdered in His Own Home. CLEVELAND, Dec. 13.—William H. Price, a member of the firm of printing press manufacturers, Chandler & Price, was almost instantly killed by a burglar at his home at No. 124 Hawthorne avenue, at 2:30 o'clock a. m. Shots were heard and a minute later Price was found by his son, lying with his face downward on the floor and rapidly expiring. He had been shot through the body three times. Price and his wife were awakened by two men in their bedroom. Price sprang from his bed and as he did so one of the burglars shot at him three times, all of the bullets taking effect, one in the right leg near the knee, one in the stomach and the third in the region of the heart. Price fell and as he did so the two burglars ran out of the room.

TENNESSEE GOVERNORSHIP.

Evans, the Republican Candidate, Certainly Elected. NASHVILLE, Dec. 13.—The state board of canvassers met and canvassed the vote for congressman and legislators. Sheriff's certificates sent in with these returns from each county give the vote for governor as follows: Turney (dem.), 104,356; Evans (rep.), 105,104; Mills (pop.), 22,000. Evans' plurality, 748. There are not strictly official returns, as they can be opened only by the legislature next month, but the official returns on their face will differ but slightly, if any, from them. Already there is street talk of a contest, and both parties are again charging gross frauds upon election day.

TILLMAN ELECTED SENATOR.

He Secures An Almost Unanimous Vote in Both Houses. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 12.—B. R. Tillman has been elected United States senator by both houses of the legislature in separate session. In the house he secured 108 out of 117 votes; in the senate 29 out of 35.

The Women Know Best.

Much comment has been caused by the official reports of the United States and Canadian governments, in which examinations of the evidence as to the quality of the Royal Baking Powder. It is true that the good housewife looks upon commendations of the Royal Baking Powder with such a very much like "the gilding of refined gold." Her practical experience long since taught her in the most convincing way the great usefulness and superiority of the Royal article. A higher proof than this she does not want and cannot have. Yet it is pleasant for her to realize that the facts established by these great competitive tests, these scientific examinations made under direction of the Government, exactly parallel those she had before worked out in her own common-sense practical way.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Six Lives Wiped Out by a Missouri Man. RIDGEWAY, Mo., Dec. 12.—At his home, five miles southwest of this city, David Spragg, a farmer, suddenly became insane, and tying the hands of one of his children deliberately cut its throat. He then attacked his wife and cut her almost to pieces before death resulted. Another child and two step-children were then murdered, after which he killed himself. A stepdaughter escaped.

Cold from the Wrong Mine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 10.—The Carson City Gold and Silver Mining company has filed a bill in equity in the United States circuit court to recover \$826,000 damages from the North Star Mining company. The plaintiff is the owner of the Irish-American mine at Grass Valley, Cal., and the defendant owns an adjacent mine called the North Star. The damage is alleged to have been caused by the North Star people working beyond their boundary line and taking out ore on the Irish-American property.

ILLINOIS CORN CROP.

It Was Not Seriously Damaged by the Drouth. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 13.—The last report of the crop correspondents to the Illinois board of agriculture confirms the report made Aug. 1, to the effect that the corn crop was not seriously damaged by drouths. The area planted was 8,705,875 acres, the greatest since 1880. The acreage and yield by sections are as follows: Northern division, 3,009,000 acres, 31 bushels; central, 2,709,500 acres, 35 bushels; southern, 688,900 bushels, 18 bushels! The total yield is 205,637,000 bushels, 37,959,000 larger than in 1893. The increase in the northern division is 17,633,000, central, 22,900,000, and southern, 2,589,000, compared with last year. The decrease in the southern portion is due to the drouth and the chinch bugs. The quality averages 93 per cent in the northern division, 95 in the central and 70 per cent in the southern. But little immature, soft or rotten corn is reported.

LYNCH LAW.

Three Notorious Alabama Desperadoes Killed. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 13.—Three of the notorious Meachemite gang in Clarke county have been lynched. For many years they ran illicit distilleries, made counterfeit money, and committed robberies and murders. To inform on them meant certain death. In August, 1893, James McGonigale, a prominent citizen, was assassinated. The citizens drove the gang from the county, the fight resulting in ten deaths. Recently the Meachemites returned to their old haunts and began to wreak vengeance. Murphy Pink was shot down by George Benson, Charles Smith and Lee Brown. They were acquitted on the preliminary trial, but the fact becoming known that they belonged to the Meachem gang they were hunted down and lynched.

BANKING BILL.

To Be Pushed to Passage Before the Holidays. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The house committee has resolved to push the bank bill with the greatest vigor. There is little doubt the banking and currency committee will report the Carlisle bill little changed, and will request the rules committee to report a special order for its immediate disposition. Chairman Springer says he expects the bill will pass the house before the holidays.

COLLISION IN A TUNNEL.

One Person Killed and Fifteen Others Seriously Injured. CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—In a collision between cable cars in the Washington street tunnel, one man was fatally hurt, fifteen more persons seriously injured and a score of others more or less bruised. The cars were set on fire by the stoves, and for a time there was a fearful panic around the wreck.

POLICE CORRUPTION.

First Conviction in the New York City Bribery Cases. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Ex-Police Captain John L. Stephenson has been declared guilty of bribery by a jury who heard his case in the court of oyer and terminer. He was remanded back to the Tombs for sentence. This is the first of the police bribery cases to be tried.

FOR WHITE CAPPING.

Thirty-Six Prominent Men of Georgia Indicted. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 14.—The United States grand jury has indicted thirty-six prominent men of Murray county for white capping.

REVIEWS.

Count Ferdinand de Lesseps died on the 7th at Lachaine, near Vatanne, in the department of L'Indre, France. He was 90 years of age.

Berlin dispatch: Robert F. Kneeb, the American horseman charged with fraudulent practices on the German turf, has been released on 10,000 marks bail. He will sail for the United States from Liverpool this week.

William and George Taylor, charged with the murder of the Meeks family, were taken to Brookfield, Mo., under heavy guard. The men waived formal arraignment, pleaded not guilty and were granted a change of venue to Carroll county. There is no danger of lynching. At a meeting in Chicago of the principal western railroads having lines in Iowa it was unanimously agreed that after January 1 next the Iowa roads will make no more through rates in grain and its products from Iowa and northern Illinois points to points east of Chicago, or to points east of the eastern terminals of these western roads, but that the western roads will charge full local rates on this class of freight from the above western territory to Chicago, and the eastern roads will have to charge their full local rates from Chicago east.

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FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

HOUSE—Washington, Dec. 7.—House went into committee of the whole on the president's message, which was finally referred to the various standing committees. Halfway pooling bill was under consideration till adjournment.

HOUSE—Washington, Dec. 8.—The railway pooling bill was under consideration all day.

SENATE—Washington, Dec. 10.—Resolution requesting president to commence negotiations looking to independence of Cuba went over. Nicaragua canal bill came up. Morgan argued for government ownership of the canal, saying the United States should invest in the stock of the company upon the plan outlined during the last session.

HOUSE—This was District of Columbia day.

SENATE—Washington, Dec. 11.—Nine bills by Peffer providing for greenback issues, were indefinitely postponed. Nicaragua canal bill came up and Dolph spoke in favor of it. Sherman also advocated its passage.

HOUSE—Bill to promote the efficiency of the revenue cutter service came up and Clark of Missouri spoke against it. Railway pooling bill came up and after several amendments had been voted down, was passed, 166 to 110.

SENATE—Washington, Dec. 12.—Resolution calling for correspondence relative to mediation between China and Japan was passed. Gray moved to displace Nicaragua bill with the sugar bill. Defeated, 23 to 27. Vest moved to take up resolution providing cloture. Defeated, 23 to 34.

HOUSE—House went into committee of the whole on urgency deficiency bill. Motion to strike out appropriation for coal of income tax was defeated.

SENATE—Washington, Dec. 13.—Near-gaug canal bill was under consideration all day. Adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE—Urgency deficiency bill was reported to the house by the committee of the whole and passed without amendment. Military academy appropriation bill was also passed.

EASTERN WAR.

CHEE FOO, Dec. 8.—Tsung-Li-Yamen has decided to send a special ambassador to Tokio, fully authorized to negotiate a treaty of peace. This is the result of the intimation from United States Minister Denby that he and the United States minister to Japan had prepared the way for direct communication between China and Japan, though the nature of the preliminary negotiations are kept secret.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12.—Before considering any peace proposals from China, Japan insists upon the surrender, for execution, of all Chinese generals who have offered money rewards for Japanese heads.

ALABAMA CONFLICT.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 10.—A secret caucus of Kolb's friends decided to keep within the limits of the law until the present session of the legislature closes. If it passes a fair election law and a fair contest law, the party will stand by the result in a contest; if not, a state convention will be called to consider the situation.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 10.—Capt. Reuben F. Kolb, who claims to be the governor of Alabama, has signed a certificate for Col. W. S. Reese to the federal senate in Morgan's place. It is said he also signed certificates for populist congressmen of the lower house of congress.

SIoux CITY BOODLERS.

Verdict of Impeachment Against Strange. SIOUX CITY, Dec. 14.—The jury in the case against Supervisor Strange found defendant guilty on two counts and returned a verdict of impeachment.

Say He Was Debauched.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 14.—Andrew M. Davis, representing several property owners on Dupont street, has sued the city for \$411,366 with interest from June, 1891. The suit is to recover money paid under protest for the widening of Dupont street. If the suit is successful other actions will be commenced to recover the remainder of \$1,560,000 paid for the same purpose. It is alleged the street widening cost only \$409,000.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, Dec. 10.—Our patent law is the most liberal and equitable on the book. It makes no distinction between boy or girl, man or woman, race or color, citizen or alien. Many false notions exist in regard to the rights of a patentee and one very common is that a person can make for his own use a patented invention without infringing the rights of the inventor and owner of the patent. The fallacy of such an idea is apparent when it is remembered that if one person could do so all other persons would have the same right and the inventor and patentee would have no protection whatever. Improvements on patented inventions are always in order and often patentable and add to the value of the original invention and where one or more persons contribute to the perfection of any art or invention each has rights that the law recognizes, and a piece of lawing with each other, they should pool their interests and assist each other in getting the perfected product of their joint efforts into general use. Five patents were issued to Iowa inventors December 14.

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THE JESTERS' HANDIWORK.

"Didn't the Chinese invent gunpowder?" "Yes, and now they're mighty sorry they did."

Teacher—"A mole eats daily as much as it weighs. Pull—but how does it know how much it weighs?"

"What made Plodder think of taking up literary work?" "Some one offered him a penny for his thoughts."

Ho—"Will you be my wife some time this year?" She—"I will. But I can't answer for any time later than that."

Visitor, to convict—How do you happen to be here? Convict—"The unlucky number 13 got me here. Twelve jurors and a judge."

"Will you marry me?" "I am already engaged to four men." "But you can marry only one, I know. Let me be the one."

He—"Although you are engaged to me you don't treat me a bit better than you do Dick. She—How selfish you are! I'm engaged to him, too."

"I suppose Mrs. DeStyle was elegantly dressed at the ball last night?" "I couldn't tell about that." "Why not?" "I couldn't see the dress for the sleeves."

Did you ever see a man who didn't know how preaching ought to be done. Ninety-seven out of every 100 Arctic explorers have returned alive.

My Wife's Nerves

Are weak and she suffers terribly from nervousness, headache and loss of sleep. Such is the testimony of many a man. The poor, tired woman is suffering from impure and impoverished blood. Her food does not digest. She is living on her nerves, because her strength is gone. Her nerves and muscles

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