

The doctors are fond of telling patients, asserts the San Francisco Chronicle, that any particular symptoms which they describe are the work of their imagination, but a recent case has shown they are liable to error.

Only about twenty-five United States ships, exclusive of the revenue cutters and the training squadron, are now in commission, but it is estimated that five years hence there will be forty-nine ships available for active service.

Says the New York News: "A noticeable feature of modern metropolitan growth is to be found in the character of some of our projected hotels.

A distinguished authority upon jewelry has an interesting article in the Jewelers Weekly, in which he argues that the koh-i-noor, the great British crown jewel, is only a fragment of the Great Mogul's diamond.

The grasshopper plague is apparently to have a successor in a caterpillar plague, notes the Chicago Herald. Reports from British Columbia state that swarms of these pests are appearing along the railroad lines.

Ulysses D. Hddy says in the Forum. There are signs that our country is awakening to a sense of its position among the manufacturing nations as first in activity, wealth and population.

At this remark Flip, who was quite ready to quarrel with the interloper, turned quickly. "I call that treason to the Prince of Orange," he said.

AFTERMATHS.

A rosebud swung in the mellow air, And bathed in the glad sunshine; And the crimson flush of life was there, That promised a growth divine.

A young life lived thro' the golden days Of youth and love and beauty, And a sunny joy shed its tinted rays O'er the opening path of duty.

THE PRECIOUS FREIGHT. A STORY OF OLD NEW YORK. Boom! Boom! Boom! A few moments before New Amsterdam was as quiet and peaceful as the lady white clouds drifting from the sea.

Flip didn't cry, he even didn't pout, but turning to Hogbrook, the cobbler, who was straightening the bent crock of his musket rest, he said: "I know you all hate me because I'm always right, and you think boys ought to be wrong until they grow up to be men."

"Play with Velvet? What is that?" "Oh, I cannot tell you Flip, because you wouldn't understand, for there is nothing like velvet in this wild country. I can just remember her beautiful big eyes and funny whiskers.

"Look, Elsie!" cried the boy. "There are four ships. Oh, how beautiful! And there flies the flag of the Netherlands. I am right. See they are anchoring; but what is this?"

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precious freight of the Great Gerrit—her baby!"

At this information the child almost cried with sorrow and delight. Another boat being now about to leave the ship's bow, Cousin Pieter put Elsie on his shoulder, and with his green box under his arm, ran up the Heere Straat as fast as his burthen would allow.

Poor Flip was considerably out of sorts. Of a thoughtful, nervous temperament, he was peculiarly sensitive to the rebuffs which less impressionable children early learn to disregard.

"This is a singular affair," said Van Dyck. "They must have heard Your Excellency's guns."

"If not," sharply replied the Director, "with the blessing of God we'll drill their ears!"

Flip's knees trembled as he heard this threat; but priding himself as he did upon his loyalty, he felt it his duty to throw what light he could upon the situation.

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"Certainly not," replied the imperious Stuyvesant. "You forget, Vice Director, that I have already tried and convicted him!"

Diggle, on had learned sufficient of his superior's disposition to restrain any desire to argue the matter. Yet he had felt sorry for the lad from the moment that hunger had compelled him to reveal himself.

"The document concluded, the Governor took Flip by the hand. "Now, my little burgher," said he, "you and the unicorn will see if we cannot find these skulking subjects of their majesties."

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the children and the delight of their parents, after many a "Come, puss; come, tissy, tissy, tissy!" prevailed on her ladyship to "jump," poor Elsie hid her sweet face in her hands, and Flip heard the words, mingled with sobs.

As the Director strode into their midst his rage had obtained complete mastery over him. So furious was he that at his novel welcome (or lack of it) that he was some moments ere he could speak.

With his natural foot he sent the irreverent grimalkin spinning a dozen yards. She fell (it is perhaps necessary to say) upon her feet, casting upon her foe a look of supreme disdain and the next moment was regarding the scene from the security of an oak bow.

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HIGH PRICES FOR SONGS.

EARNING OF FAMOUS SINGERS IN THE PAST AND PRESENT.

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A common complaint among musical managers on the Continent is that the compensation of the great singers of the day is beyond all reasonable proportion to their service.

When Catherine Gabrielli went to St. Petersburg in the latter part of the last century she demanded 20,000 roubles salary. "Twenty thousand roubles!" cried Katharine II.

Complaints of the extravagance of the demands of musical artists have an ancient history. Early in the sixteenth century the citizens of Wurtemberg protested that the expenditures of their sovereign for musicians were ruining the land.

The more the Italian opera, with its virtuosity, spread to the Northern courts and thence to the Northern audiences the larger became the rewards of the great artists.

England is supposed to have been responsible for the enormous and sudden increase of salaries which gradually raised prices on the Continent, as America is supposed to have caused the corresponding phenomenon in the operatic world of to-day.

After Catalani had sung twice before Napoleon I, she was rewarded with \$1000 cash, a life pension of \$2400 annually, and two benefits which brought her \$10,000 more.

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In 1827 Virginia Blasis, who, in "Don Juan" took with equal ability the roles of Donna Anna and Zerlina, was engaged for the Paris opera with a life-long salary of \$7200 annually.

Malibran received in Paris \$15,000 salary, a benefit, and a leave of absence which brought her in fully as much as her salary.

Russia is the country in which great artists get pecuniary rewards nearest to the English and American standard.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Paris has electric cabs. Aluminum is \$1 a pound. Electric boats are being made.

A waterproof paper has lately been invented that will even stand boiling.

The first known weather record was kept by Walter Meule for the years 1337 to 1344. A few photographic copies of the original Latin manuscript—now in the Bodleian Library—have just been made.

A new spool factory in the town of Alpena, Mich., turns out 80,000 spools daily. Last year the twenty-three mills in the town put out 202,000,000 feet of lumber, 52,000,000 laths and 33,000,000 shingles.

Iron pipe is now welded by electricity at the Columbus (Ga.) iron works. Columbus is the first city in the South in which this new system has been employed.

An ingenious machine is used in England for preparing telegraph post arms. These arms are usually made from the best selected English oak and vary in length from two feet to four feet.

Alfonso looked her over, turned his back and walked away. The following Sunday the little girl was present, but the King did not dance with her.

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