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## INSPIRATION TO THE GENEROUS.

Did you read the story in yesterday's EVENING WORLD of the little crippled child who is crossing off in his calendar, day by day, the twenty-four hour periods between him and Christmas? And do you realize what bright hope lies for him in the possibilities of that coming day upon which he meditates?

Well, then multiply his case by many thousands and think what a mighty force of childish expectation is directed the same way in these days preceding the dawn of the year's gladdest holiday. And again, think how many of these thousands have their hopes for a genuine Christmas based solely upon the promise held forth by THE EVENING WORLD, that those free Christmas trees for the children of the poor shall yield again abundantly.

Oh, it is true that in many and many not too warm a city home the blood quickens in some little heart because of the glowing thought that its possessor is not left out of all Christmas calculations. It is true that despair would settle in innumerable childish hearts and that tears would dim countless childish eyes were it not for this enterprise, in which THE EVENING WORLD simply directs the efforts of its friends. The thought that so much depends in building up the fund for those trees should be an inspiring one for every child of man who loves men's children—an inspiration to be generous to the utmost in this cause.

## CONFEDERATE VETERANS HONOR GRANT.

The most gratifying piece of news of the day is that which tells the purpose of the New York Camp of Confederate Veterans to assist to the utmost of its ability the completion of the fund for the Grant Monument. Engaging earnestly and effectively in this work, the veterans will not only do credit to their own manliness and evince the high type of patriotism which is theirs in these days. They will also heap burning coals upon the heads of such men among those who fought on the other side years ago as will not recognize the fact that the war has long been over.

But revenge is not the motive actuating these veterans. Says Col. T. A. YOUNG, Adjutant of the Camp: "The soldiers of the South have always had the greatest admiration for Gen. GRANT. He was a good man, a brave soldier and a manly foe."

And in this spirit, the ex-soldiers of the Confederacy will push their work on the monument fund. Nevertheless, if they feel that their course should silence any man who has continued to question their motives, or the reality of their love of country, such feeling the popular sentiment of the day will be very apt to justify.

## A PRONUNCIATION SCARE.

Until the scare over the dynamiting of RUSSELL SAGE has become a matter of much more ancient history than it is now men whose pronunciation of the English language is as imperfect as that of GEORGE LANDECK, of Williamsburg, will do well to be particular in their choice of words. Especially so if they get easily excited.

Indeed, considering the experience of LANDECK, it might be well for us all to count ten before we say anything that is capable of being distorted into an observation on "bombs." Then we may be sufficiently cool in demeanor not to arouse the apprehensions of a man who thinks we say "bomls" when we only speak of "bonds."

But there is opportunity for the other fellow to keep cool, too. The world laughs as easily as it scares. Just now the laugh is on the man who, through his own misunderstanding, got innocent LANDECK into police court as a dynamiter. The man who doesn't enjoy being laughed at may well look sharp to his understanding, lest he too sound an alarm which, proving false, becomes ridiculous.

The failure of the Presidential cottage to create a Cape May Point boom was lately chronicled. It is now rumored that the cottage itself is covered by the foreclosure of a blanket mortgage given by the man who had hoped for the boom. Alas! for the fickleness of Fame's worshippers.

If Congressman DAVIS's bill should become law, to increase the pension for deafness, it is to be feared it would also increase largely the number of certified cases of such affliction. And none would be so deaf as the man who wouldn't hear anything but the news of his rerating.

Philadelphia has a milk war. Rather than accept less than their newly raised rates from dealers, dairy farmers emptied their cans into the Delaware. It would be unkind to intimate that this is a reversal of the old process of emptying the Delaware into their cans.

A New Haven woman has died, it is said, because of her conviction that she was the fatal thirteenth at a party attended by just the unlucky number of people. The case shows the importance of taking care of No. 1, regardless of No. 13.

The Connecticut liar is not at his best this Winter. Instead of getting Gov LOUNSBURY's cows drunk on plain cider he should have filled them up with New England rum and caused them to yield ready-made milk punch.

It is an unwise partisan of BLAINE who revives the old, impossible tale that the Plumed Knight was counted out in New York in 1884. The ambitious man from Maine needs again to pray for salvation from his friends.

The Senate record was broken yesterday, when 612 bills were introduced. It is to be sincerely hoped that this avalanche of papers doesn't portend a cataract of cumbersome legislation.

No time should be lost at Albany, when the Legislature meets, in passing a World's Fair appropriation commensurate with the Empire State's importance and dignity.

Marblehead had a little earthquake all to itself Wednesday. It doesn't appear, however, to have shaken the town half as much as Skipper IRESON's celebrated ride.

Another gale over Great Britain and the Channel. There seems to be no end to the "blowing off" that is going on over there.

After, all Cutse's fight for the Speakership may prove to have been boy's play compared to his wrestle with the committee lists.

Of course, the Union League Club will stick to politics. It is bred in the bone of the organization.

Make a merry Christmas for the children of the poor.

## THE CLEANER.

When a press agent for a theatrical venture reaches Boston, he strikes a town where his inventiveness of mind is amply rewarded. The latest advertising dodge sprung upon the gullible if cultured Bostonese is almost too funny to be true. The press agent of "Alabama" has flooded the Boston papers with picturesque stories of how one of his soubrettes is so deeply in love with Emerson that she would like to live in dear Boston forever. And the dear Bostonians are emptying their pocketbooks into the box-office in order that they may see this marvellous foreigner whose tastes coincides with theirs.

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The friends of William I. Swan in the Manhattan Athletic Club, who will make a strong fight for him in the coming election, say that there is very little doubt that he will get another term as Vice-President. "Billy" has always been one of the hardest workers for the advancement of the interests of the club, and is one of the most popular men in amateur athletic circles hereabouts. During the last season he was invited to act as referee in no less than ten athletic meetings, including the meetings of the New York and New Jersey athletic clubs.

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The New York Canoe Club has issued its annual pamphlet containing the constitution, by-laws and list of members of the Club. The little book is very tastily gotten up and reflects the spirit of the Club. I notice under Article II. of the constitution that the particular object of the Club is to encourage the improved building of canoes, and the general object being to cultivate an active interest in exploration, navigation and seamanship.

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It is a rare occurrence when an actor growls at having to work fifty-two weeks in a year, but such I hear is the case with Frederick de Belleville, the Martial in "Thermidor." Ever since he came to this country, some ten years ago, Mr. de Belleville has returned to France each Summer to visit his father. This past Summer his contract prevented him from taking the usual trip, and the actor's regret is such that he swears never to play another Summer engagement while his father lives.

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I met Ida Jeffreys on Broadway a few days ago, looking as radiant and dignified as though sickness and she were strangers. Yet, she tells me, she has been ill for more than a year, a fact which accounts for her absence from the stage. She is now recovered, and will, I understand, shortly join one of the local stock companies. Her artistic work when with Daly's company is well and pleasantly remembered, and I am sure that theatre-goers will greet her return to the stage with a cordial welcome.

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Wagnerians in this town, who are in the doleful dumps over the near approach of the Italian opera season, may find some grains of comfort in the recently published statistics of the Wagnerian societies of Europe. These show that during the past year 903 Wagner opera performances were given in German alone, not counting those in Italian, French and English. They were given by fifty-four stock opera companies in Germany, five in Austria, five in Holland, three in Russia and three in Switzerland. This is certainly sufficient to keep the name and fame of Richard alive for a little while longer.

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Friends of old Capt. Anse in this city may be somewhat surprised to learn that besides being a distinguished pounder of the leather pellet, he is also a crack shot at the traps. On Thanksgiving Day Anse attended a shooting match at Watson's Park, in Chicago, and won the live bird medal, killing fourteen out of a possible fifteen, and distancing all competitors. He has since arranged for a match with the champion pigeon shot in the West for $100 a side.

### Football, Baseball, Boxing, or What?

[From the Kansas City Star.]

Cornell University has decided to have representation at the World's Fair. What say the other colleges?

### What's the Matter with W. C. T. U?

[From the Boston Globe.]

Not quite 6,000 women have registered in Boston for the city election. There is a marked falling off from last year.

### Hitting the Mighty Fallen.

[From the Chicago Times.]

The fact that an unhappy country editor is trying to collect from Senator Ingalls a bill for sixteen years' unpaid subscriptions would seem to indicate that honesty in politics is not the only honesty which the sly Kansan considers "an iridescent dream".

### No Sales Reported Here.

[From the Labor Leader.]

A Frenchman has invented an electric corset that severely shocks the venturesome youth who practises the good, old-fashioned art of hugging.

## SKETCHES BY M. QUAD.

### Doing a Young Man.

I got on a Sixth avenue surface car just behind her. One couldn't help notice the fact that she was a trim and tidy young woman, even though it was raining and she was dressed for bad weather. One also could have noticed without much effort that her oxydized-handle umbrella had seen its best days. The cover was full of holes, a rib broken and the handle itself came off in her hand as she mounted the steps. She slipped it back on as she went in, and when she took a seat she stood the umbrella up against the front door.

Just a minute later a young man in a cape overcoat entered the car. He was not only a nob by young man, but he had a new and nobby umbrella. There was plenty of room in the car, but he marched up to sit down opposite the young woman, and he likewise stood his umbrella up beside hers.

Now occurred something like a flirtation. The young man looked across and caught her eye and smiled a tender porterhouse smile.

She returned it. That is, four or five of us thought she did, but as it was a dark day perhaps we were mistaken. If she did it was only a little one.

Then the young man fished around for his handkerchief, and when he had found it he shook out the folds and wiped his mouth. Three weary-looking cigarettes fell to the floor as he shook, but he gave them no heed.

The young woman seemed to look across at him. Perhaps she was looking over his head at one of the soap signs, but we thought otherwise. We also thought she inclined her head, but one can't be sure of such things in a rainstorm.

The young man was making queer motions with his handkerchief when she held up a finger to the conductor. Ding! went the bell and she rose up, reached over her own umbrella for the young man's and tripped out of the car and tiptoed into a store with all of us watching her.

The young man got up in a seemingly indifferent way to follow her. He reached out for the umbrella, and as he seized it the handle came off. He held it in his hand and looked at it for a minute. Then he took up the umbrella and noticed the broken rib and the bullet-holes in the cover. Then he pitched the handle out of an open window, followed it with the umbrella, and sat down with the remark:

"Bai Jove! but I'm done for a $10 umbrella."

And we all chorused:

"Bai Jove! but so you are."

M. QUAD.

## WORLDLINGS.

Young Congressman Bailey, of Texas, is nearly six feet tall. He wears a broad-brimmed slouch hat. His manners are, it is said, good enough to do credit to a Chesterfield and he can converse as wittily in private as he can speak persuasively from the stump.

John D. Rockefeller, who is considered by some authorities the richest man in America, dresses very modestly in dark clothing. But he always wears a high hat.

The Baroness de Stuers is a tall and beautifully formed woman, with a pleasing but not handsome face, with blue eyes and possessed of a luxuriant suit of chestnut brown hair. She is about forty years old.

There is a prospect that Gen. Lew Wallace will be elected President of Wabash College, to succeed Dr. Tuttle, who is to retire next June.

The microscope shows that the humble snail has 30,000 teeth in its mouth.

## VAGRANT VERSES.

### Kind Hearted.

"I cannot let my old clothes go,"
He said with labored breath;
"For should my closet get too bare,
My moths would starve to death."
—Clothier and Furnisher.

### The Same.

The hand that rocks the cradle,
As the years go speeding by,
Is the hand that spanks the baby,
And that makes the baby cry.
—Puck.

### Qualified.

I love the music that hand-organs play;
I love it, that is, when it's far away.—Judge.

### Speaking of Sponge-Cake.

[From the Chicago News.]

"I am very glad," replied the hostess, "that you find it so soft and light. I made it out of my own head."

### Pennsylvania Ought to Know.

[From the Philadelphia Times.]

Some officials seeking vindication would be like the thief caught robbing the lawyer and then asking the lawyer to defend him.

### Modest in His Demands.

[From the Chicago Times.]

If that desperate dynamiter was really a Kansas City real-estate agent he showed unusual moderation in only striking Russell Sage for $1,000,000 or so instead of trying to sell him a piece of choice inside property a Kansas City price.

### Referred to Mr. Clarkson.

[From the Boston Post Speaker.]

There is in Philadelphia a deaf mute who is able to walk only backwards like a crab. It would be a good idea for the Republican party to secure him for a leader.

### Is the "Hub" Migrating?

[From the Minneapolis Journal.]

Prof. Chandler, of Boston, claims to have discovered that the earth is wobbling on its axis. There has been a suspicion in Boston for some time that all was not well with the "Hub" of the universe.

## THE WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR.

### Fads, Fancies and Fashions That Delight the Gentler Sex.

**To Make a Bell-Shaped Skirt Hang Gracefully—The Spice Ball in Favor Again—Baby Cleveland's Gifts—Dress Trimmings Are Diminishing.**

If you want your "bell-shape skirt" to swing out from your heels and trail in grace, line each gore with some heavy fabric—linen, silesia or coutile. As a finish to still further weigh it down put a braid or band of steel passementerie about the edge.

Gold and silver buckles for men's suspenders are now sold by dealers in ladies' furnishing goods and embroidery materials. They are intended for the home-made back straps designed for holiday gifts and they cost like imported jewelry.

Dealers in fancy stationery about New York who make a specialty of artistic book covers will receive orders and design covers for any size book or magazine. There is no limit to the style of material used for this purpose—beside tapestry cloths, artists prints in silk and cotton, velvet, plush and linen elaborated with metallic laces and braids, scraps of upholsterers goods are utilized with charming effect, while the covers designed for vestment remnants and bits of ecclesiastical embroidery are more costly than the choicest holiday publications in leather binding.

The spice ball has come into favor again and has a place on the writing table of some fashionable young women. For the edification of the girls the make-up of the ball is given. Select a perfectly sound, well-shaped apple and stick it full of cloves, put it on a pretty dish or plate and keep it on your desk until it ceases to be a delight. The spice preserves the fruit and emits a fragrance that is very agreeable to some people.

Hosiers are finding good sale for the ballet stockings in trade, they are woven in twisted and spun silk, lisle thread, fine cotton and split zephyr; they come up to the waist, and many warm-blooded women substitute them for the popular tights. For the superfluous creases and folds that will gather about the hips in the best regulated skirt the extra length hosiery is a sure cure.

It is curious to note the gradually diminishing trimmings that border fashionable dress skirts. Few extend more than a few inches above the edge. First comes a mere line of fur, real or imitated; then a three-inch band of silk velvet or something similar; and then another heading corresponding to that below, as, for instance, a silver gray corduroy cloth, with a dark gray velvet band at the foot, bordered on each side with black feather trimming—a mere line in fact, with a little narrow silver passementerie dividing the velvet band. Another model of heliotrope amazon cloth has a waved band of black velvet corded with real astrakhan. The nearer the foot of the gown the trimming is kept, the more stylish is the effect produced.

Held in the hands of a particularly picturesque young Italian maiden in bronze, a pink shaded stained lamp is very engaging. The new revolving wick is also enticing, and combined with the best of oil such a lighted torch-like ornament would woo even the nineteenth century sleepy Van Winkle to reading and writing.

Baby Cleveland has, among other odd and novel things, a black rubber bathtub, with pockets in it; five dozen lap robes, four hardwood carriages and a most beautiful Lohengrin chariot of enamelled rattan; a dozen down pillows with her name worked across each side; a set of doll's furniture, made of filigree gold, consisting of seven pieces, valued at $125; a solid gold ring for every finger and toe, enough silk caps and bonnets to fill a showcase, and more kid bootees and silk shoes than she could wear out if she stayed a baby three years. Her "sets" of silver fork and spoon would equip a tea-table for a day nursery.

A new combination, in which silk forms the main part of the gown while cloth figures as the trimming, is being worn. Rose pink faille and pale green cloth embroidered all over in silk of the same shade are the materials employed. The short-trained silk skirt is draped in slight broken folds on the front and ornamented with a cloth revers on the side. The bodice, the lower edge of which is slipped under the skirt, has the back, side forms and short, rounded jacket fronts of embroidered cloth. A silk vest is draped across the front below a cloth guimpe; this vest is attached on the left side and caught together in plaits on the right, where it is looped over, together with the guimpe part, the lining of the bodice being fastened down the middle underneath. The sleeves are of silk, moderately full on the upper arm, with close cloth sleeves emerging on the forearm. A soft silk belt, fastened in an unstudied knot on the left side, covers the junction of skirt and bodice.

### What Pride Will Do.

[From the Rider and Driver.]

Wife—My dear, why do you dress so shabbily when you go out driving with me?

Rich Husband—Pride.

Wife—Pride? Want of it, you mean?

Rich Husband—I mean what I say. I don't want people I meet on the road to take me for a dry goods clerk or a plumber.

## TALKED OF BETWEEN ACTS.

### Sidney Drew's New Play, "That Girl from Mexico."

**Tale of a Cat in the Cast of "A Trip to Chinatown."**

Paul Potter took as his subject for "The City Directory" the complications arising from the frequent occurrence of the name Smith. John H. Russell cut out the subject, for farce-comedies must be absolutely destitute of ideas. Archie Gordon has used it in his play "That Girl from Mexico," in which Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew will make their first appearance as stars. The hero of the play is compelled to find the heroine, Diabella Smith, and marry her within a certain time or forfeit a fortune. He rushes all over the country distributing handbills and interviewing about thirty thousand Smiths. Finally he discovers that she is the daughter of a man with whom he has been playing billiards for months, but who has changed his name to Smythe. He meets the girl—of Mexican descent—and a warfare commences, in which he avails every possible device of strategy that his agency and nervous excitement suggest. He removes a foolish rival, and finds at last that he has married a tartar. The scene of their first marital meal is said to be very funny. The lambkin husband suddenly asserts his authority and a modern "taming of the shrew" ensues.

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Paulus has already an imitator. Young Al Bellman, a clever actor, is this week doing "Le Pantomimiste," with the Vaudis Sisters company at one of the west side variety houses. Bellman saw Paulus Sunday night and was greatly struck with his work in the pantomimic line.

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John F. Kelleri has been engaged as leading man of Charles Frohman's stock company for the Columbia Theatre, Boston. Mr. Kelleri will play the hero in "The Lost Paradise" in the Hub, where Fulda's—beg pardon, De Mille's work will soon be presented.

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Great excitement at the Lyceum Theatre. Georgie's lustrous eyes filled with an extra dose of soul; Kelcey, tenderly interrogative; Effie Shannon subdued, yet interested. The baby used in "Lady Bountiful" has cut its first tooth. The event was duly observed on Tuesday evening.

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"A Man Born in Missouri" is to be the name of Charles H. Hoyt's new farce. He has completed "A Temperance Town."

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This is a cat story, and it is vouched for. If, however, you do not care to believe it, do no violence to your feelings. In "A Trip to Chinatown" a large black cat is introduced by Harry Conor in the first act. The feline has been a source of great annoyance to all the people behind the scenes at the Madison Square Theatre. A couple of nights ago, just as Mr. Conor was to make his appearance, the cat was missing. Horror, imperfections floated around, and the air was redolent with the balmy fragrance of profanity. In desperation Mr. Conor was going to make his appearance without the cat. When, as he stood at the wings, about to go before the audience, it jumped into his arms. Curtain.

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E. J. Ratcliffe, who plays the leading part in "The Junior Partner," was "loaded" for the occasion by good brother Dan Frohman to his admiring brothers, Charles Frohman, Mr. Ratcliffe, however, does not mind being tossed about among Frohmans. There was no part for him in "Lady Bountiful," but he will appear in the piece to follow that shortly after the holidays. He has been all Summer on tour with the Lyceum company.

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Miss Genevieve Ward, who is always giving farewell performances, on the principle that parting is such sweet sorrow, has a new play by Mrs. Oscar Beringer called "Bess." It has just been performed in London for copyright purposes, and the performance was "entirely private."

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When Francis Wilson and his company leave New York in the Spring, they will go direct to Omaha, Neb., then to Denver, Salt Lake City and San Francisco. They will also be seen in Portland, Ore., Los Angeles and Mexico. This will be Wilson's first appearance west of Chicago and St. Louis as an independent star.

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John Dillon, who has been playing the minister in "A Midnight Bell" for a couple of years, and who has really grown to look quite clerical off the stage, will make a very grave descent when "A Temperance Town" is presented. In this piece he has been cast for the part of a bookeeper.

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Imre Kiralfy, who is going to put on "Venice in London" at the Olympia in the English metropolis, threatens to be very kind to the British masses. The spectacle is to be extremely imposing. The open space between the stage and the ten thousand seats on the opposite side of the hall will be covered with real water, and it is on this that all the aquatic processions will take place. The gondolas and barges will be manned by Venetian gondoliers. "Everything" that history tells of the Bloody the doctrine Venetians will be presented. The visitor to Olympia will be able to take a gondola and make a tour of the place, passing under the bridges and skirting all the buildings on all sides; or he may stroll around the spacious promenades which environ the whole city. Special reserved tickets will sell for 25 cents. Fancy lines selling reserved seats in New York City for 25 cents! Not much.

## KILLED BY KINDNESS.

### A Canary Bird Saved from One Fate Only to Be Suffocated.

A lady was walking along the crowded street of a city when she saw a small green bird flying wearily above the roar and din of traffic, says the Detroit Free Press. It was so tired it gradually lessened its flight and soon fell at her feet at the curbstone.

It was some one's pet canary, escaped from its cage. The lady picked it up tenderly, and carried it struggling and exhausted into a drug store, where she inquired if its owners were known. The drug store people did not know, and she borrowed a paper bag, into which she carefully placed the bird. Then leaving her name and address she took the bird with her and went on her way.

She walked some distance to call on some friends, and when she arrived at the house set the paper bag on a table and did not think of it until greetings were over. Then she called attention to her find, but the little, bright plumaged thing lay dead, she having never once thought of the necessity of giving it air. The closed paper bag had proved air tight, and the bird was literally killed by kindness.

### Accommodating.

[From the Clothier and Furnisher.]

Clubberly—Has the boy been here with the package from my tailor's?

Servant—Yes, sir.

Clubberly—Then, where is it?

Servant—He said to tell you as soon as you were out, sir, he would call again with it to-morrow.

### More than Likely.

[From the Comic.]

Patient—Doctor, I fancy, somehow, I've got a touch of the gout."

Doctor—Fancy, my dear sir! If you had you wouldn't fancy—you'd know.

### The Horse Was Poisoned Right Through.

[From Rider and Driver.]

Police Justice—Where was your horse poisoned? On the east side?

Complainant—He was poisoned all over, Yer Honor. He died all to onct.

## SPORTING NOTES AND NEWS.

### Secretary Sullivan Thinks Walking an Unpopular Sport.

**Hugh Leonard, the Wrestling Instructor, Wants to Make a Match.**

There are almost as many styles of walking as there are men who indulge in the sport. Every one has his pet idea and notion of the way a fast mile can be turned off. It is surprising what a difference of opinion there is regarding the benefits to be derived from what is known as the hip motion. W. W. Scott, of the New Jersey Athletic Club, in giving his views, said: "The average time made by walkers nowadays is up to the standard, but there is a decided decline in the brilliant work which characterized the sport years ago. At many handicap games you will find but one walking event and that will be for a mile. Sometimes this is omitted. The pedestrians don't get a chance to go longer distances, and as the mile walk is nothing more than a sprint they are not able to show what they could do. Accordingly they get discouraged and quit long before they make a record. To become a fast walker it takes more practice than any other sport. A man must have real grit and lots of endurance. Then some of the styles of walking are artificial. If a man should walk a race in the street style he would soon get off his feet and be disqualified. He is supposed to walk strongly, the heel and toe, aided by a peculiar hip motion which swings the body at the hips, and this aided by the arms lengthens the stride. A man is very apt to get disqualified four or five times in succession, which is a rather discouraging feature of the sport. It takes years of hard work to make a champion."

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James E. Sullivan, Secretary of the A. A. U., does not seem to have a very good opinion of walking as a racing sport. In talking about the matter he said:

"Walking never was a popular sport and it never will be because it is artificial. The novice classes show an increase in numbers, but the tyro-makers are very scarce. Walking as a pastime can in no way be compared to running, jumping and other kindred sports. Usually there is but one event at athletic games, while running is divided into eight or ten parts. I used to do some walking myself. In fact, the first race I ever won was a walk in 1877 at Jones's Woods.

"The reason why there are so few fast walkers to-day is because it takes so much real hard work to make a man skilful. It is very difficult to judge a walking race, owing to the wide difference of opinion as to what constitutes square walking. There is no effort being made to encourage walking nowadays, and it is little wonder that it is on the decline.

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Fred Tillstrand, of the West Side Athletic Club, said: "I like walking as a sport very much. There is real excitement in it and plenty of excitement for the man who puts mind and heart into the work. I know walking does not receive the attention from athletics that it did when Frank Murray, Billy Purdy, Fred Mott and the rest of the crack men were doing such good work. There are many reasons why this is so, but I think walking still has a place in athletics, and a necessary one."

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In speaking of the present troubles in the ranks of the Manhattan Athletic Club an official of that organization said: "The coming election is causing a great deal of talk because of the misunderstanding between Secretary C. C. Hughes and Vice-President W. J. Swan. They are both good men and have done much for the cherry diamond. I am neutral as far as my preferences go, but if Mr. Swan puts up a man to run against Charley Hughes, I will remove my coat and fight for the present Secretary to the last ditch. That is the feeling of many others, too."

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The Rugby Football Club will play a match to-morrow at Livingston, S. I., against a team from the Staten Island Cricket Club. Frank Stagenger will captain the Rugbys and C. S. Metcalfe the Cricketers. Many of the Cricketers will don their football suits for the first time in years and a lively time is anticipated. The match is creating much local interest. Admission will be free. The kick-off will be at 3 o'clock.

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Capt. Pat Friel, Brooklyn A. C., will lead his pack of harriers over a new trail on Sunday afternoon. The start will be made from the club grounds at Maspeth. From Maspeth the pack will run three miles towards Flushing, through Whitlock, Corona and Newton, returning over the fields, making a run of about eight miles.

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Capt. J. H. Smith, of the Columbia Athletic Club, is announced as having entered the ten-mile flat championship run of the A. A. U. at Berkeley oval to-morrow. He will not run, however, as he is very sick at his home with a heavy cold.

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There will be a bout at the boxing tournament of the Eagle Athletic Club to be held at Clermont Rink, Brooklyn, Dec. 16, that will be full of interest and gore. The principals will be the clever boxers Burke and Dowdell. There is considerable feeling between the men and a hard battle will be the result. Burke gives Dowdell ten pounds.

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R. S. Baird, M. A. C., will wrestle in the 115 and 125 pound events at the A. A. U. championships, and he expects to win in both.

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Bob Fitzsimmons is now in New Orleans and will second Jimmy Carroll for his fight with Billy Myer. It is quite likely that Jack Dempsey or Tommy Ryan will second Myer. Fitzsimmons is still anxious to meet Ted Pritchard for the middle-weight championship of the world.

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Hugh Leonard, the new instructor of wrestling for the Manhattan Athletic Club, is looking for a match with some good man. He says: "If Ernest Roeder is willing to wrestle a mixed match, that is, Graeco-Roman and catch-as-catch can, best for odd, for a small stake, I would only be too happy to meet him. He is twenty-five pounds heavier and has the advantage at Graeco-Roman. I am willing to wager that he can't throw me once in an hour."

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Sam See will start the games of Company E, Ninth Regiment, at the Armory, Dec. 28. The events are well selected.

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Corbett, the Pacific coast champion, has cancelled his theatrical engagement, refused to meet Pete Maher, and will wait his chances to get a match on with foxy Charley Mitchell.

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A St. Louis despatch states on good authority that Chris Von der Ahe, acting for the American Association, has secured an option on the Columbus Club, whose directors have chosen to sell out rather than be squeezed out. This will reduce the Association to an eight-club circuit.

### Bargains in Dress and Business Suits.

"In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." About the middle of December it generally gravitates in the direction of a dress suit. The dress-suit financial problem is a problem no longer, for at Marks Arnheim's store, Bowery and Spring street, you can have just the article you've been pining for made to order at $30. They are in English whipcords, and lined with the best material, but this is only one of a series of bargains. Double-breasted sack overcoats, lined throughout with satin or with half plaid, half satin linings, are sold for $20. These coats are made of Meltons and Kersey goods of the best quality. Business suits of warm, stylish, all-wool materials (cut up) $18. There is no danger of being cheated at this establishment, for Mr. Arnheim gives a guarantee with every article of clothing he makes. Everything is plainly marked. The prices are low, and no reduction can possibly be made on them. Besides this, if you buy a suit there, it will be kept in repair free of charge for one year. Everything is made on the premises, and a different pattern is cut out for every customer. ••

### Commercial Travellers Attention.

The opening of headquarters of the Commercial Travellers' Club of New York will take place at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, Dec. 12. All Commercial Travellers are invited and will be made welcome.

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## MANLY INDEPENDENCE.

### Didn't Know His Wife's Middle Name and Wouldn't Ask It.

There is an attorney in town who is telling of a little experience he lately had with an odd character from the rural districts, says the Minneapolis Journal.

It seems that the granger went to the lawyer's office for the purpose of getting a deed made out for some swamp land he was selling. The listener of woes heard the old man's request, and then, picking up pen and paper, he proceeded to jot down the particulars of the deal.

"Your name?" from the attorney.

"Phillip Ward," from the farmer.

"What's your wife's name?"

"Eliza A. Ward."

"Eliza A. What does A stand for?"

"I don't know—never asked her," replied Mr. Ward, unconcernedly.

"Don't know your wife's middle name, and you an old man and married to her for a good many years, as you say? Why, this is rich. What's the reason you never asked her what her middle name was?"

"Well, see here, young fellow," returned the uninquisitive Ward, "I'm a pretty independent cuss—allus have been and allus intend to be—and the fact is I'm too independent to ask her."

## A REMARKABLE ROSE.

### It Grows Upon a Field Where Much Blood Was Shed.

One of the wars of the roses, the fiercest and deadliest of them all, was fought on a field where, curiously enough, a rose peculiar to the spot grows, or used to grow, says the London News.

It is a rare plant now, and the reason is explained by Mr. Leadman in his account of Yorkshire battles.

After describing the terrible battle at Towton on Palm Sunday, 1461, he says: "I cannot conclude this story of Towton Field without an allusion to the little dwarf bushes peculiar to the 'Field of the White Rose and the Red.'

They are said to have been plentiful at the commencement of this century, but visitors have taken them away in such numbers that they have become rare. Such vandalism is simply shameful, for the plants are said to be unique and unable to exist in any other soil.

The little roses are white, with a red spot on the centre of each of their petals, and as they grow old the under surface becomes a dull red color."

### In Boston.

[From Life.]

"Mamma, I don't like my new phonograph doll at all!"

"Why not, dear?"

"Oh, it speaks with such an offensive New York accent."

### A Genuine House-Warming.

[From the New York Weekly.]

Mr. Wayback—The next time I go to one of Brother Stumpland's house-warmings he'll know it. What d'ye think the mean cuss did?

Mrs. Wayback—I'm sure I don't know.

Mr. Wayback—Well, he waited till all the guests had assembled, and then he led the way to the back yard and set us to choppin' wood.

### Natural Pathos.

[From the Pittsburg Bulletin.]

Fair Californian—In tears before a little dried up brown leaf. Penelope! Why this emotion?

Fair Bostonian (weeping)—I cuk—cuk—can't help it, dear. I've been from home so long, and this little leaf is the tip-top—precise shade of a bub—bub—Boston bub—bub—baked bean!

### Wanted His Address.

[From the Jewellers' Circular.]

World's Fair Manager—I think we ought to get the Strasburg clock over here.

Assistant—Would it be a good feature?

Manager—A remarkably good one.

Assistant—Well, then, I'll get the address of Mr. Strasburg.

### Rounding It Off.

[From Comic.]

"Why did you break off with Charley, dear?"

"Oh, he is such a perfect 'flat.'"

"Well, you're to blame for that—you used to 'sit on' him too much."