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It seems to us that there is opportunity for some judicious investigating right at home.
Make the Settlement Final.
There is no false modesty in the proposals of the Balkan allies to the Turkish plenipotentiaries at London.

A LITTLE NONSENSE. MEN WERE SCARCE.
She stood beneath the mistletoe. The butcher's boy was there; but he didn't know, or else he didn't care.
A plumber and a tramp or so were seen to pass that way. She stood beneath the mistletoe eleven hours a day.

Foreign Gossip Touching Matters of General Interest
How many more times is the Irish Home rule question going to make members of the British House of Commons lose their temper and dignity?
The Christmas pantomime hall at Albert Hall inaugurated fancy dress entertainments which promise to be a feature of the present winter.

TOLEDO
By GEORGE FITCH. Author of "At Good Old Seward."
Toledo, Ohio, was named from Toledo, Spain, because of its vast production of blades. It is a medium-sized big city located on the western terminus of Lake Erie and a large tangle of railroads intersect there.



The Case of Mrs. Grant.
This city stands aghast at the almost incomprehensible crime which was committed, if not exactly in the heart of the Capital, yet in a thickly settled and very respectable neighborhood.

Uncle Pennywise Says.
There is a growing belief in this country that a man who is convicted three times for the same offense ought to have a sporting spirit, and go to jail.
December 27 in History.
December 27, 1341—Henry VIII is forbidden to smoke his Christmas cigars in the house.

Not Proud of Them.
Why wouldn't that poet autograph this volume of his earlier poems for you?
A Pestiferous Kid.
Why do you limit yourself? Because My youngsters say.
Wireless.
You seem to know a great deal about Mrs. Wombat's affairs. I didn't know you were in the same circle.

STATESMEN—REAL AND NEAR
By FRED C. KELLY
An out-of-town military stopped at a home in Bardonia, Ky., to remain overnight with a neighbor of Representative Ben Johnson, who now steps up to the plate and tells about it.

UNCONSCIOUS HUMOR
According to the Times, Newspapers Are for Everything but Reading.
Place a newspaper on the floor which removes the ashpan from your stove; put one on the shoe box before blacking your shoes; in the bottom of the clothes basket on wash day, and under the pan of starch.

The Real Trouble with Mexico.
Revolutionary and counter revolutionary have become of such common occurrence in the Southern republics that one more or less scarcely attracts any attention.

THE OPEN FORUM
PRODDING CUNARD LINE
For Imposing a Hardship on Woman Who Held Passage Ticket.
To the Editor, I call your attention to the enclosed report and desire to learn from you if the contract held by Mrs. Marie Johnson was paid for, or any part of the Cunard Steamship Company for the trip on the Lethania as claimed in this report.

EARLY MARRIAGES.
They Are Advocated Under Certain Conditions.
To the Editor, I have heard it argued time and again that it is not proper for a good girl of high moral character, &c., to marry or associate with a man or boy whose ideas tend toward the lower things of life, such as drinking and immorality.

STEEL CORPORATION CUTS STOCK PRICES
Employees to Be Given Benefit of Reductions on Preferred and Common.
New York, Dec. 25.—It was announced in a statement issued last night that the employees of the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiary companies will be offered the privilege of subscribing to the preferred stock on a basis of \$10 a share, and the common at \$6 a share.

MOUNTAINEER LOSES WAY IN MAZE OF STREETS IN GREATER NEW YORK
New York, Dec. 26.—John H. Dawson, a hardy mountaineer from West Virginia, who has never been lost in the depths of a forest, was found to-day by the police, after searching a day and a night for his family, whom he had left at a friend's house the day before Christmas.

Military Service for Women.
A fight for the introduction of military lazzaretto service for women is in contemplation by the women of Denmark as a sequel to their expected victory in the struggle for women's suffrage.

Anarchists Show Activity.
Havana, Dec. 26.—A number of anarchists held a meeting here last night, and it is said formed plans to stop the sugar harvest.

DIANE AT SEA.
By ELIZABETH BELMONT POE
What does the sea sing to you, Diane? As you gaze the whirling dervish? And see the endless waves of foam? Do thoughts come of the land at home? Do dreams of you as far as you roam? Diane at sea, Diane at sea.

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