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THE EVENING STAR has a regular and permanent Family Circulation much more than the combined circulation of any other Washington publication.

Fix the Responsibility. There is to be an immediate and a thorough investigation of the destruction of the Maine.

De Lome's Love for America. Senator De Lome's parting words before he left these shores for his own land were affectingly suggestive of a great change of heart.

Bicycles and Telephones. The telephone company does not seem to have correctly estimated the progress the world has made in certain lines of development.

The Telephone Controversy Centering. The telephone war is beginning to take definite shape. Last night's meeting of business men indicated that the feeling of protest against the company is strong.

A Costly Case of Sickness. The committee has ordered a telephone to be put into the smallest room while the man who is now suffering from that disease is there under treatment.

Hold the Skirmish Line. The silver forces, by formal announcement, are united for this year's Congress campaigns.

Let us be inclined to the opinion that there is a fate even worse than being compelled to listen to continuous expert testimony.

credit as was the union two years ago? The republicans have organized for the fight and have placed at the head of their committee the same man who directed the Congress campaigns of 1896.

A Doubtful Commendation. Among the matters mentioned in connection with the appointment of Polo de Bernabe as the Spanish minister here, purporting to show his entire fitness for this duty, is the fact that his recent work in the diplomatic offices in Madrid has brought him into close connection with the arrangements for commercial treaty between Spain and the United States.

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Smaller Warships. From the Baltimore Sun. The destruction of the Maine—a vessel costing over \$2,500,000—by a single explosion, whether of the torpedoes or of a torpedo or of a torpedo boat, is a question of the wisdom of putting two and a half millions in one ship.

The Negro Industrially and Politically. Booker T. Washington is the Independent. The negro can work with wood and iron and no one objects so long as he does his work to the felling of trees and the sawing of boards.

Buy More Ships. From the New York Times. We could ill spare the battle ship Maine. Considering the necessarily slow construction of naval vessels, it is a matter of administration and Congress would do well to buy immediately two or more ships of her class if any shipbuilder or nation can be found willing to sell.

A Mistaken Opinion. In commenting upon the awful fate of the Maine the London St. James' Gazette finds occasion to remark: "As bearing on this however, it is worth noting that the discipline on American war ships is usually, to English ideas, rather lax."

Investigate, but First Send Another Ship. From the Philadelphia Press. In the fact of this disaster, the one immediate pressing duty is to provide at the earliest moment for the fullest and most complete investigation.

There appears to be no danger of Spain's losing its facility for explaining unfortunate occurrences, because of a lack of practice.

SHOOTING STARS. The Only Fault. "I understand," said Willie Washington, "that Mr. Haylow has no bad habits."

An Exception. No song is sweeter as "Home, sweet home"—That is, provided that The person who is singing it Is not a diplomat.

Unpoetic. "What a beautiful, impressive line that is," exclaimed the man who quotes poetry; "if the waters could speak as they flow!"

An Imaginary Conversation. When February comes around The people all turn out And cause the welkin to resound With song and joyous shout.

STOCK-TAKING SALE. Gregory's, 431 Eleventh St. N. W. Men's Department. 34 Unlaundered Shirts, plated colored bosoms and cuffs to match. Sizes 14, 14 1/2, 15, 15 1/2 and 16. Reduced from \$1.00 to 75c.

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