

Our Mother. From our earliest infancy we learn to cling to our mother. She is with us at all times. Night after night, while we are tossing upon a bed of pain, she watches over us with untiring and gentle care, thinking of nothing but that which relates to our comfort. Look upon the battle-field, after the conflict is over, and all is silent save an occasional moan from a dying soldier, and nought to light up the faces of the dying and dead but the pale light of the moon. Here and there we see a fluttering flag darting to and fro among the dead, now and then peering into the face of one who, she thinks, perhaps, may be her boy. What a picture of a mother's love is this? No rest for her until she finds her boy, and when he is found, weltering in his life's blood, the mother bends over him, and sob after sob escapes from her agonized bosom. Let us look into the hospital. See that poor fellow as he lies upon his low couch, kind nurses are around administering to his wants, but what cares he for the pains which she gave, and what does he care for the light of the moon? Why does his eyes light up and his whole frame quiver with joy? It is because his mother is coming to see him. Does not he love his mother? Yes, how many of us turn away from her when she gives us counsel, and it is only as talk; but, in after years, when we are thrown into the world and have only ourselves to depend upon for support, then it is we call to mind the lessons which she gave, and regret that it is too late, that we did not follow her loving advice. Speak to the drunkard, or the criminal, of his home and friends, you touch his heart; but speak to him of his mother, and recall to him the weary nights she watched over him while he was in pain, and you see a mist overpread his eyes—he will bow his head and think over the pleasant days of his childhood, remember them only as a delightful dream that is past and gone forever. In after years, as we stand beside the cold dead body of our beloved mother, the lesson which she taught us when we were young, and which we had before treated with contempt and scorn—those lessons we determine shall be our guiding star to heaven and to mother.

Change and Eng. THE SIAMESE TWINS TO BE SEPARATED BY A SURGICAL OPERATION. The New York Tribune says, "The scientific world, and especially that portion of it who have made the study of medicine and surgery their profession, cannot fail to be intensely interested in the fact which has recently come to our knowledge of the determination of Eng and Chang, the Siamese twins, to submit to a surgical operation for the purpose of severing the wonderful link that has so long bound them together. Some forty years ago these twins were introduced to the notice of the civilized world, having been brought to England from Siam in the year 1827 or 1828, by Capt. Bunker, a certain living in New York, and for a series of years they were exhibited to the public at the great centers of civilization. Having visited America, they determined to make this land their home. They bought a valuable tract of land in North Carolina, married two sisters, and settled down in the ordinary routine of a farmer's daily life. Each of them is now the father of nine children. The reason for their determination, at this late day, to call in the art of surgery to produce an entire physical separation, is, that having reached such an advanced age (fifty-nine years) they are fearful that one may become the subject of disease, which may prove fatal to both. The interesting question arises, What are the probabilities of a successful operation being performed? It will be remembered in pursuing these inquiries that the twins are bound together by a massive link of thoroughly normal and perfectly vitiated integument, some ten or twelve inches in circumference, situated near the vital organs, and in close proximity to the heart and lungs; and the connection is so intimate that each seems to be thoroughly an organized portion of the other, as much so as any of the ordinary members of a naturally constituted human body. Sensation, nervous impression, mental phenomena, morbid, physical, and neurological conditions, all show a most perfect psychical unity in this wonderful dual physical existence. The question in regard to the result of an operation is no new one, but soon after their first appearance in London and Paris it excited the minds of the foremost intellects in the surgical world. If we remember rightly the "Twins" were exhibited before the Academy of Physicians and Surgeons in Paris at that time for the purpose of ascertaining their position in regard to the probabilities of a successful operation. The disagreement in regard thereto we believed to the abandonment of the project. Has the science of surgery so rapidly advanced that to-day successful results can be promised when there was so much doubt a score or two years ago? We understand they contemplate visiting Paris for the purpose of having the operation performed."

GOLD QUOTATIONS.—The following table will be interesting and useful to many of our readers: When gold is quoted at \$1 10, a paper dollar is worth 91 cents nearly. When gold is quoted at \$1 15, a paper dollar is worth 87 cents. When gold is quoted at \$1 20, a paper dollar is worth 83 cents. When gold is quoted at \$1 25, a paper dollar is worth 79 cents. When gold is quoted at \$1 30, a paper dollar is worth 74 cents. When gold is quoted at \$1 40, a paper dollar is worth 71 cents. When gold is quoted at \$1 45, a paper dollar is worth 69 cents.

The editor out West has been elected town constable, and now arrests the attention of his readers. The young lady who took the gentleman's fancy has returned it with thanks. No man has yet been able to ride a clothes horse with the "spur of the moment."

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It will be seen by the statement herein contained that the business of this company is a necessary growing out of the commercial and business wants of the country, and that it is a business which is increasing in importance and demand for its facilities at a rapid rate.

Competition versus Monopoly. 1. The whole telegraph system of the United States is now in the hands of one company. The evils inseparable from a monopoly, and dangerous to the public interest, are already manifest and increasing. It is to be feared that the monopoly will be found only in legitimate competition.

Distribution of Stock. 2. It is proposed that the benefits of this company shall be enjoyed, not by a few favored persons, but by the business men of the country, whose interest it is designed to promote, and whose liberal patronage will insure its success. To this end it is decided to place the stock at all commercial points. It will be distributed to Bankers, Merchants, Manufacturers, and others in limited amounts.

The Capital Stock. (3) Is Ten Millions of Dollars, divided into shares of One Hundred Dollars each. Call—How to be Made. 4. One per cent of the stock will be required on subscribing, and subsequent calls, not to exceed five per cent per annum, will be made by the Board of Directors, from time to time, as may be necessary to supply the capital stock and equip the lines; but no calls will be made after the one per cent is paid until the entire capital stock shall have been subscribed.

Actual Capital Required. 5. The company confidently believe that thirty-five per cent of the capital stock will be subscribed fully equipping the lines, and the balance of the stock will be subscribed by the commercial centers and important places upon the most reliable estimates and responsible offers to construct and equip the lines.

Dividends. 6. In all cases the net earnings of this company will be applied to the payment of dividends on its capital stock, and in no event will dividends be diverted to the construction of new lines.

Income. 7. With the stock in hands of the active business men of the country, exerting their influence to augment its business, and with a range of twenty-five miles of telegraph lines, and an operation, the company believe that, at reasonable rates, its business will pay liberal dividends on its entire capital.

Reasons for the Belief. (8) May be found in the enormous profits of every considerable telegraph line operated in this continent. The present telegraph monopoly has "watered" its stock to the extent of over one thousand per cent on the amount of the original investment. The stock thus inflated, satisfactory dividends. Our company will duplicate all the remaining lines now operated by the monopoly, and subscribers will pay for our stock only the exact cost of our lines.

Additional Reasons. 9. The existing telegraph monopolies have never sought to supply adequately the demand for the use of the telegraph, much less to reduce its rates. The demand for telegraph facilities, and the reduction of rates, while their facilities are being extended, and their rates are steadily advanced, until the use of the telegraph has come to be a prodigious tax upon the commercial business of the country. An advance in rates is their uniform expedient for limiting the amount of their business to their restricted facilities.

Increased Facilities and Lower Rates. 10. Every intelligent man knows that an enterprise founded upon the necessities of trade is a healthy and more durable basis when it aims to do a constantly increasing business at fair rates than when it does merely a restricted business at excessive and increasing rates. The success of cheap postage in Europe and America seems never to have been doubted of by the telegraph monopolists. It is believed that if ten times the present telegraph facilities were furnished to the public at one-tenth the present rates, the increase of business would justify the change.

Our Proposed Telegraphic Range. 11. Trunk lines throughout the United States and Territories, which shall ultimately connect with lines to Europe, Asia, and South America.

When to be Done. 12. Within one year from the time the capital stock is subscribed, a company expected to have finished twenty-five thousand miles of wire of the best material, equipped with instruments of the latest improvement, and the whole range in successful operation.

Continuity of Business. 13. It is provided that every stockholder, in addition to his regular dividends, shall receive an equitable rebate on the amount of business furnished by himself, payable annually; thus, the stock being widely distributed, and every stockholder having a special interest in augmenting the business of the company, success is deemed inevitable.

Distribution of Dividends. 14. To secure in the management an equitable representation of the large commercial centers will be represented in its Board of Directors, and local agents will be appointed at the various localities, and the operations of the company shall become generally in its management, as well as its business.

The Company's Form. 15. Hereafter every telegraphic enterprise shall sooner or later be absorbed by the dominant company; but the third section of the act of Congress which created this company, its valuable franchise absolutely requires it to maintain a separate and independent existence. (See the Act below.)

The Old System. 16. Under it telegraphic companies have been organized by a few wealthy capitalists, these companies have been consolidated under one Board of Management; they are made up of opposition companies, with parallel, lateral, and useless routes, costly to maintain. Their liabilities are heavy, and they employ a multiplicity of clerks who receive large salaries; yet they pay large dividends. With their capital stock largely watered, amounting now to aggregate forty-five Millions of Dollars, they seek to monopolize the business at exorbitant rates, and thus benefit the few at the expense of many.

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