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A Discussion on Vivisection.

The New England Anti-Vivisection Society publishes in its official organ some interesting things which happened during the hearing on the bill for the restriction of vivisection in Massachusetts. At this hearing vivisectionists and professional men closely connected with their interests spoke against the bill, while on the other side were disinterested petitioners representing all the learned professions, including that of medicine.

President Eliot, of Harvard College, made the remarkable statement that he should not feel like putting an animal to the suffering of vivisection for one child. In other words, he would, if necessary, torture a thousand guinea pigs, cats, or rabbits if by so doing he could save the life of one human being. This statement is worth thinking about. Such a radical settlement, ingrained in the civilized mind, involves the continual measuring of the value of one existence with another.

Commenting upon the fact that a man who had prosperously and successfully practiced palmistry in this country was caught and convicted in London, certain critics are inclined to remark the credulity of the American people. When one considers the practical good sense and general skepticism of the average American, the success of certain fortune tellers, wizards, and clairvoyants does seem remarkable.

But that is not all of it. When the foreign-born American outgrows his superstition, in his original, dense, and pristine purity, he takes on the attitude of insouciance. This is characteristic of this age of the world, and particularly of the American people. The Yankee is distinguished above all things for his straightforwardness and candor, and with a simple faith in certain fundamental principles of right and wrong.

The Work of the Gymnasiums. Notwithstanding all the paragraphs which have been piled on at the college football player and the athletic girl, both continue to flourish, and it is a very good thing for the country that they do. No one can deny that without physical strength in its people no nation can be great, and one of the best ways to avert the dangers which come from a highly nervous organization is to take plenty of exercise of the right sort.

POLITICAL NOTES AND GOSSIP.

Will Pass Today—There is no doubt whatever that the Porto Rican Tariff bill, as amended by the Senate, will pass the House today by the same vote with which the original measure was put through.

The human constitution was never known to reach its highest development by artificial light or under cover. Neither can exercise of one set of muscles make up for the atrophy of another set. One of the great dangers in the civilized life of today is one-sided development.

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Uraced by Hanna to Be McKinley's Running Mate. Senator Hanna returned yesterday from his visit to New York and Philadelphia. He will make no statement for publication about his visit to Cornelius N. Bliss, at this time, but it is said at the Senate, on good authority, that during the conference Monday Mr. Hanna urged Mr. Bliss to allow his name to be considered for the Vice Presidency.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS FROM MANILA BRANDED AS FALSE.

The greater part of the Cabinet meeting yesterday was devoted to a discussion of newspaper reports, recently sent from the Philippines, which the President and his advisers claim give an entirely erroneous impression of the military situation there.

REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS IN THE PHILIPPINES had called upon General Otis for more troops, and the commanding general in turn had called upon the Washington Government for reinforcements, were denounced as false. It was intimated by one Cabinet officer that these reports were sent off to place the Administration in a false position for political purposes.

A PROTEST FROM MICHIGAN. Mr. McKinley Told of Opposition to the Porto Rican Bill. There were but few callers at the White House yesterday morning before the Cabinet meeting. Representative Henry Smith presented a party of friends and constituents and showed them through the parlors. Representative William Alden Smith saw Mr. McKinley on a private matter.

THE DEWEY CLAIM APPEAL. Argument was begun in the Supreme Court yesterday upon the appeal of Admiral Dewey from the judgment of the Court of Claims upon his claims for bounty for his part in the battle of Manila Bay.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEET. Matters Disposed of at the Board's Monthly Session. A meeting of the Board of School Trustees was held yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at the Franklin School, Thirteenth and K Streets northwest.

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