THE MARKETS.

A Week of Great Activity in Securities of Every Description.

Gould and Vanderbilt Believed to Have Formed an Alliance.

THE SITUATION.

Special Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—No important change has occurred during the past week in the actual conditions of the markets. Some events, however, principally of local importance, have taken place in Wall street, which had quite a marked effect at that point. As regards, the commercial prospects, it is slowly but certainly improving. This fact is not everywhere discernible, nor can it be positively stated how much further it will develop. There is a revival in the iron industry, and there is also a marked improvement in some other trades, and although prices are still scarcely remunerative, yet, with transactions increasing and production falling off, the tone has become more hopeful. In some respects there has been a change of heart, so to speak, from the depression of the previous week as regards the markets for all securities. Two weeks ago a good many stocks and bonds touched a lower figure than they had for years, which caused considerable apprehension, but as no failure resulted, confidence has been again restored. The effect has been to revive the investment of capital in railroad bonds, which had been checked. United States bonds have been inactive, but prices have been well maintained at the advance lately established.

The railroad bond market has been of a very fair volume and of a much better character than in the preceding week. Prices advanced, and there was less violent fluctuation.

Cotton on the spot has been very firmly held, in the belief that stocks at this port (New York) are not likely to further increase. The market at the end of the week closed dull.

Flour at times last week was firmer, but has latterly been weak, on account of dullness of trade. The demand has been light, both from exporters and home buyers, and the supply here being large the market has accordingly been more or less depressed for several days past.

During the latter part of the week wheat was less active, both for export and on speculation, and prices have slowly declined.

SATURDAY'S REVIEW.

The market has been extraordinarily active and excited all day. A sharp advance began at the opening and continued all day. Shorts were forced to cover in Union Pacific, St. Paul, and Wabash preferred, and all the active stocks. Everything went booming. Vanderbilt and Gould brokers with traders bid up prices, and the great bears went to cover quickly. There was no reaction until 2 p. m. It is believed the bulls sold the market in the last half hour to check the advance. From 2 till 2:30 the market was weaker and lower on heavy realizing sales. In bonds the list was strong, except West Shores. The borrowing demand was very large. Trading was the largest for several months.

Gould had a personal interview with Vanderbilt at the latter's house yesterday, and shrewd men say there is little doubt that these two great capitalists are working harmoniously together for a further improvement.

It was reported last night that east-bound freights were cut, and a meeting of trunk lines was called for next Thursday.

Brokers say that new customers are coming in very fast and outside business is increasing.

Traders who have been out of the markets nearly two years are now buying.

Sales of stocks to-day aggregated 685,807 shares, including the following: Canada Southern, 8,810; Central Pacific, 11,800; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 67,050; Denver and Rio Grande, 6,820; Erie, 22,650; Kansas and Texas, 12,300; Lake Shore, 46,240; Louisville and Nashville, 18,800; Michigan Central, 5,000; Missouri Pacific, 23,900; Northwestern, 24,400; New York Central, 12,675; Northern Pacific, 10,000; Pacific Mail, 6,000; Reading, 29,300; St. Paul, 89,800; Texas Pacific, 19,500; Union Pacific, 128,860; Western Union, 52,175; Northern Pacific preferred, 28,790; Oregon Transcontinental, 24,255; Wabash Pacific preferred, 5,920; Canadian Pacific, 5,000.

STOCKS.

The following are the opening, highest, lowest, and closing prices of the principal stocks for the day, as corrected by special wire reports received by Bateman & Co., bankers, No. 1411 F street northwest:

Name of stock.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Delaware and Hudson	.....	109	108½	108⅝
Western Union	76⅝	77⅛	76¾	76⅞
Central Pacific	65⅝	65⅝	64	64¼
New York Central	115⅝	115¾	114⅞	115⅛
Erie	26⅝	27¼	26⅝	27¼
Michigan Central	92⅝	94¼	92	92⅞
Lake Shore	99¾	101½	99½	100⅞
Louisville and Nashville	49¼	50	48⅝	48⅞
Chicago and Northwestern	119¼	120¼	119¼	120
Union Pacific	79⅝	82	79⅝	81
Central of New Jersey	87⅝	87¾	87	87⅛
Chicago, Mil. and St. P.	90⅞	92	90½	91¾
Wabash, St. L. and Pacific	16⅝	18½	16⅝	18
Wabash, St. L. and P. pref	27⅝	30½	27⅝	29⅝
Missouri Pacific	91¼	92⅝	91¼	92⅛
Denver and Rio Grande	21⅛	22⅛	21	21½
Delaware, Lack. and West	122⅛	125⅞	121⅞	125¼
Philadelphia and Reading	54⅝	55¾	54½	55¾
Northern Pacific	23	23⅝	22⅞	22⅞
Northern Pacific preferred	47⅝	49½	47¼	48⅞
Chicago, St. Paul, M. and O	82⅝	84¼	82⅝	82⅝
Chicago, St. P., M. and O. pr.	93⅞	95	93⅞	94¼
Canada Southern	54⅞	55¼	54⅞	55⅛
Texas Pacific	20½	21⅝	20½	21
Kansas and Texas	20⅝	22⅞	20⅝	21¼
Chicago, Burlington and Q	123	124½	123	124
Illinois Central	137⅝	139¼	137⅝	138⅝
Oregon Transcontinental	24⅞	25	24⅞	24⅞
Rochester and Pittsburg	15⅝	15⅞	15⅝	17⅛
Ontario and Western	11⅛	.....	.....	11
Richmond Terminal	.....	8¾	8	8½
Richmond and Danville	.....	.....	.....	53
East Tennessee	6½	6¾	6½	6½
East Tennessee preferred	13½	13⅞	12¾	13
Ohio Central	3	3	2¾	2¾
Lake Erie and Western	19½	19½	19	19
Minneapolis and St. Louis	17¼	.....	.....	16⅞
Pullman Car company	112¾	112¾	112¾	112¾
Bankers and Mercants' Tel	123⅞	124½	123⅞	124½
Canada Pacific	53¾	55⅞	.....	54⅞
West Shore	53¾	.....	.....	.....
Memphis and Charleston	.....	37½	37	36¾
Pacific Mail	46½	46¾	45¾	46½
Mutual Union	.....	.....	.....	15
Rock Island	118	119	118	118¾

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.
United States 4½s, 1891, coupon	113¾	113¾
United States 4½s, 1891, registered	114⅝	114½
United States 4s, 1907, coupons	123¾	124
United States 4s, 1907, registered	123¾	124
United States 6s	100½	.....
Exchange	482½	489

WASHINGTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

District of Columbia.

Permanent imp. 6s, 1891, coin	113¾	.....
Permanent imp. 7s, 1891, currency	117½	.....
Market stock 7s, 1892, currency	117½	.....
Water stock 7s, 1901, currency	130	.....
Water stock 7s, 1903, currency	130	.....
Fifty-year funded 3.65s, 1924, cur'y	112¾	113
Twenty-year funded 5s, 1899, cur'y	112½	.....
Twenty-year funded 6s, 1892, coin	114¾	115
Thirty-year funded 6s, 1902, coin	123	124
Fire Insurance and Gas Light Companies.		
Washington City Gas Light ....par 20...	34⅝	35
Firemen's Insurance ....20...	.....	4½
National Union Insurance ....50...	17	19¼
Arlington Insurance ....100...	194	.....
Columbia Insurance ....10...	10	11
German-American Insurance ....100...	.....	129
Riggs Insurance ....5...	6⅝	.....
Railroad Stocks.		
Washington & Georgetown bonds	110	.....
Metropolitan ....50...	68½	75
North Capitol and O street ....50...	33	.....
Free List.		
Board of Public Works, green 6s, small.	96	96½
Masonic Hall bonds	97	.....
Washington Market Co. stock ....50...	11	12
Washington Market Co. bonds	.....	112½
Inland and Sea Coast Co. bonds	.....	70
Wash'n Brick Machine Co stock ....100...	.....	160
Bank of Washington ....20...	49	.....
Bank of Washington ....10...	20	.....
National Metropolitan bank ....100...	158	.....
National Bank of the Republic ....100...	159	.....
Farmers and Mechanic's National bank, Georgetown ....100...	140	.....
Citizens' National bank ....100...	104	.....
Second National bank ....100...	100	.....
Central National bank ....100...	140	.....
Great Falls Ice company ....100...	.....	65
Real Estate Title Insurance company ...	100	104
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co...	.....	66
Soldiers' Additionals ....per acre...	.....	15.00
Sioux Half Breed Scrip ....per acre...	.....	90.00
Land Warrants, war of 1812 ....per acre...	1.15	.....
Land Warrants, other wars ....per acre...	1.12	.....

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 2.—Virginia 6s, consolidated, 40; past due coupons, 49¾; new 3s, 54⅞; North Carolina 6s, old, 110⅞ bid to-day.

BALTIMORE PRODUCE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 2.—Cotton steady; middling, 10⅝@10⅞c. Flour quiet and easy; Howard street and western superfine, $2.75@3.25; do. extra, $3.50@4.62½; do. family, $4.90@5.75; city mills superfine $2.75@3.50; do. extra, $3.75@4.25; do. Rio brands, $5.75@6.00; Patapsco family, $6.00; do. superlative patent, $7.00. Wheat—Southern quiet and steady; western firm, closing dull; southern red, $1.10@1.13; do. amber, $1.12@1.15; No. 1 Maryland, $1.13@1.13¼; No. 2 western winter red, spot and February, $1.07@1.07¼; March, $1.07¼@1.08¼; April, $1.08⅝@1.09⅛; May, $1.10¾@1.11; June, $1.11 bid. Corn—Southern steady; western firmer, closing dull; southern white, 61@62c; do. yellow, 57@58c; western mixed, spot, 58⅝c bid; February, 58⅛@58⅝c; March, 58⅝@59⅛c; May, 61¾@61⅞c; steamer, 58@58½c. Oats firm; southern, 41@48c; western white, 42@43c; do. mixed, 40@41c; Pennsylvania, 40@43c. Rye quiet at 67@69c. Provisions higher and firm; mess pork, $16.25; bulk meats, shoulders and clear rib sides, packed, 7⅞@8⅛c; bacon—shoulders, 8⅝c; clear rib sides, 10¼c; hams, 14@14½c. Lard—Refined, 10c. Eggs lower at 30@33c. Petroleum dull and nominal; refined, 9¼@9½c. Coffee quiet; Rio cargoes, ordinary to fair, 11¼@12¼. Sugar quiet; A soft, 7¼c. Copper—Refined quiet at 14¼c. Whisky steady at $1.18@1.18½. Freights to Liverpool per steamer dull; cotton, 3-16d.; flour, 1s. 3d.; grain, 5@5½d. Receipts—Flour, 1,195 barrels; wheat, 28,000 bushels; corn, 16,000 bushels; oats, 2,000 bushels; rye, 500 bushels. Shipments—Wheat, 45,000 bushels; corn, 25,000 bushels. Sales—Wheat, 197,000 bushels; corn, 172,000 bushels.

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Cotton Market.

The following were opening and closing prices:

	Opening.	Closing.
February	10.65	10.69
March	10.85	10.84
April	11.01	11.01
May	11.15	11.15
June	11.27	11.28
July	11.42	11.40
August	11.48	11.46
September	11.13	11.13
October	10.66	10.76
November	10.67	10.65

Sales, 42,000 bales.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Following are opening, highest, lowest, and closing prices on Chicago board of trade, as corrected by special wire reports to Cooke & Co., brokers:

Futures.	Wheat	Corn.	Oats.	Pork.	Lard.
Opening—					
February	91⅛	52¾	32⅛	$16 50	$9 15
March	92¼	53	32⅝	16 35	9 20
May	98¾	58⅝	36⅞	16 65	9 42½
Highest—					
February	92⅛	53⅛	32⅝	16 70	9 25
March	93	53⅝	32⅝	16 75	9 35
May	99	58¾	37	17 02½	9 57½
Lowest—					
February	91¼	52½	32⅛	16 50	9 15
March	92⅛	53	32⅛	16 35	9 20
May	98	58⅛	36⅛	16 62½	9 45
Closing—					
February	91⅞	52¾	32⅝	16 70	9 25
March	92¾	53¼	32⅝	16 70	9 35
May	98⅝	58⅝	36⅝	16 97½	9 57½

THE COURT RECORD.

Business Transacted Saturday by the District Judiciary.

Circuit Court—Judge Hagner.—Henderson vs. Wright et al.; judgment for want of plea. Woodbury vs. District of Columbia; order expert on oral interrogatories; Hassett vs. Baltimore and Ohio railway; motion to amend declaration granted. Crimson vs. Nicholson; new trial denied.

Equity Court—Judge Cox—Lewis vs. Lewis; divorce a vin. mat. granted. Eldridge vs. Eldridge; alimony pendente lite required.

NEW SUITS.

R. S. Thomas vs. District of Columbia; $25,000 damages.

COURT CALL.

Court in General Term—Chief Justice Cartter, Justices Hagner, and Cox—Nos. 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20.

Circuit Court—Judge Hagner—Nos. 17, 21, 22, 24, and 25.

Equity Court—Judge Cox.—No assignment.

Criminal Court—Justice Wylie.—Nos. 15,152, 15,181, 15,168, 15,175, and 15,167.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate were filed for record Saturday:

Penn. ave. s. e., south side, bet. 6th and Public sq., lot K, sub. of sq. 874, fronting 20 ft., William B. Marche and wife to Maurice B. Flynn; dated Feb. 1	$4,100
14th st. nw., west side, bet. R. I. ave. and P st.; lot 80 of G. W. Riggs's sub. of sq. 210, Thomas Evans to Samuel Ergood; dated Jan. 15	5,000
Tenn. ave. and 13th st. n. e. northwest side, lot 5, sub. of sq. north of sq. 1032, B. U. Keyser and wife to B. Burnstine; dated Jan. 28	10
Tenn. ave. n. e., northwest side, bet. 13th and 14th sts., lot 4, sub. of sq. north of sq. 1033, John Jay Knox to B. Burnstine; dated Jan. 28	10
I st. n. w., north side, bet. North Capitol and 1st sts., lot 75, sub. of sq. 628; also, on North Capitol st., bet. Defrees and I sts., west side, lot G, sub. of sq. 623, Virginia Young and husband to John P. Franklin, trustee; dated Feb. 1	3,600
11th st. s. w., west side, bet. E and F sts, lot 5, of Chas. B. Church's sub. of sq. 328, Myron E. Gregg and wife to James H. Clear; dated Jan. 31	2,750
Conn. ave. n. w., east side, bet. Q. and R. sts., lot 47, sub of sq. 111, Samuel T. S. Marsell and wife to Mary E. Pitcher, of Indiana; dated Jan. 29	2,352
Conn. ave. n. w., east side, bet. Q. and R. sts., lots 48 and 49, sub. of sq. 111, Charles E. Rittenhouse and wife to Susan P. Okie; dated Jan. 3	4,551
10th st. n. e., west side, bet. B and C sts., lot 23, sub. of sq. 939, Mary V. Chilton to Robert and William B. Chilton; dated Jan. 29	10
B st. n. e., north side, bet. 6th and 7th sts., lot 26, sub. of sq. 866, W. Partello and wife to James W. Somerville; dated Feb. 1	5,000
Boundary st., V and 17th sts. n. w., all of sq. 149, James E. Sawyer and wife to George A. Sawyer; dated May 25, 1883	5
Same sq., John W. Moore and wife to George A. Sawyer; dated Nov. 1, 1883	5
Same sq., R. W. Sawyer and others to George A. Sawyer; dated Jan. 23	5
Same square, George A. Sawyer and wife to Margaret H. Fillebrown, dated Feb. 1	1,323
P st. n. w., south side, bet. 1st and 50 sts., lot 19, sub. of sq. 553, Charles H. Knight, trustee, to Daniel O. Knight, dated Jan. 30	179
G st. n. w., north side, bet. 4th and 5th sts., pt. of lt. 26, sub. of sq. 518, J. Miller and A. A. Dale, trustees, to William T. Eaton, dated Jan. 15	5,162
G st. n. w., north side, bet. 4th and 5th sts., pt. of lot 26, sub. of sq. 518, J. Miller and A. A. Dale, trustee, to Louis Behrens; dated Jan. 15	2,559
G st. n. w., north side, bet. 4th and 5th sts., pt. of lot 26, sub. of sq. 518, J. Miller and A. A. Dale, trustees, to Stephen Galli; dated Jan. 15	3,587
G st. n. w., north side, bet. 4th and 5th sts., pt. of lt. 26, sq. 518, J. Miller and A. A. Dale, trustees, to John J. Hawkins; dated Jan. 15	2,412

Proposed Amendments.

To the Editor.

The proposed legislation, recommended by a number of merchants of this city in their petition to congress, asking that employes of the United States government (executive departments) should be compelled by law to pay all debts incurred since the date of their employment in the government service, does not go far enough, and proposes to make an unjust discrimination. The army and navy officers and senators and members of the house of representatives should be added, and, perhaps, all persons born and naturalized in the United States who may be resident in the District of Columbia, and a proviso should be added prohibiting assignments by merchants to preferred creditors, and other methods of swindling so frequently resorted to, under penalty of fine and imprisonment in the penitentiary; a further proviso preventing any distinction in proposed payment of debts on account of race, or color, or previous condition of servitude. These amendments will perfect the proposed bill and remove all objection to its becoming a law. FAIR PLAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.

At Grace Church.

The children's meeting at Grace M. E. church, corner of Ninth and S streets northwest, yesterday afternoon was largely attended. The programme for the evening consisted of singing, reading, and remarks by the pastor.

ELM GROVE, N. C.—Dr. G. N. Roberson says: "I prescribe Brown's Iron Bitters and find it all it is recommended to be."

OVER THE CATARACT.

The Current Leading to Death's Whirlpool, and How a Prominent Man Avoided It.

Albany (N. Y.) Journal.

Among the hundreds of thousands of tourists who have visited Niagara Falls and stood in awe before its miracle of power, there is, probably, not one who has failed to notice the large stone building which stands directly opposite the cataract and a short distance below the railroad suspension and cantilever bridges. This building is known to all as the "Monteagle House," and it has been a popular place of resort for hundreds of travelers during many years. Nearly every place in America possessing unusual natural scenery has its legend, and a most tragical one is located on the site where this stone building now stands. Monteagle, a young chieftain of the Miami Indians, loved the daughter of a mighty chief among the Iroquois. His wooing, unlike that of Hiawatha, was not received with favor by the father chief, and hence he was compelled to resort to the usual methods of abduction and flight. The escaping pair were overtaken on the banks of the Niagara, where the hotel now stands, and rather than submit to capture the lovers cast themselves into the cataract below. Their bodies were subsequently found at the mouth of the river, clasped in an embrace which even the cataract could not sunder. Many occurrences since that time have tended to make the Monteagle famous, and it was with surprise that it was learned a short time since that the edifice was to be entirely transformed, rearranged, and refurnished for the benefit of tourists, and especially invalids.

Feeling that this is a subject in which the public would take unusual interest, especially as the National park question is being so strongly agitated, a representative of this paper visited Niagara Falls yesterday and learned the following facts:

Dr. W. R. Crumb, who is about undertaking this important task, is a gentleman who is well known throughout the land, having successfully practiced medicine in the city of Buffalo for nearly thirty years. He is exceedingly well preserved, though nearly 60 years of age, while his energy and ambition are something wonderful. In conversation with the reporter he said:

"I anticipate great success here, although a few years ago I should not have dared undertake it, for I was then what people call 'a dead man.'"

"How was that, doctor? How did it occur?"

"It was brought about, as such troubles usually are, by mental and physical depression, arising out of troubles and reverses. The mind has a remarkable effect upon the body and when one meets with misfortunes financially, or in any other form they are likely to be accompanied by misfortunes physically. Such, at all events, was my case. I was irritable, restless, and feverish. I had a heavy and irregular pulse, my food did not assimulate, my heart would throb violently and then stop and the fluids I passed were profuse, high colored, and thick with deposits. I was obliged to abandon my practice, and also to suspend pushing my valuable invention, known as 'Crumb's pocket inhaler,' for the cure of catarrh and asthma."

"How long did this continue?"

"For about two years. I realized that I was quite sick, but, like everyone else, I felt it would only be temporary. The majority of people drift along the way a man might who knew nothing about these great falls and was floating with the current. It is so easy to drift, you see. At the end of a year, however, my condition became simply horrible. I had a serious irritation of the throat, a hard, sluggish pulse, a swelling of the limbs and numbness extending down the thighs. I had terrible night sweats, and my urine was loaded with albumen and acids. I called in several of the most skillful physicians, but I continued to sink rapidly. I was the victim of Bright's disease of the kidneys, and I looked forward with almost certainty to a few weeks of terrible agony and then—death!

It is painful to describe this experience and it is sufficient to say that I am entirely well and that my life has been saved by means of Warner's Safe Cure, which arrested the disease, effected a cure, and has preserved me in health ever since."

"Then it was this remedy that saved your life, doctor?"

"Yes, I can testify from a grateful heart that it is invaluable for men or women who are depressed by reason of disappointments and reverses, who are losing flesh and strength, and who must find relief or a fatal termination awaits them. I prescribe this great remedy to my patients constantly, and the wonderful effects I observed in my own case I see repeated in their experiences. It is this that makes me certain I can endure the cares of the great Sanitarium I am about to establish."

ABOUT PLAY PEOPLE.

Mr. Lester Wallack and Arthur, his son, are in Florida on a tour. The old gentleman is said to be much benefited in health by the trip.

Since the determination to erect a new opera house in Chicago at a cost of $600,000 John Stetson has about given up his idea of building a theater in that city.

John Woodward, who has been playing Old Rogers in "Esmeralda," was given, by mistake, a dose of morphine for quinine. His life was despaired of for twenty-four hours.

Buffalo Bill closes his season in Chicago, March 8, and departs for his Nebraska ranch to prepare for another Wild West tenting season. His season, though short, has been very successful, especially in New England.

Dion Boucicault's tour in Australia will last only eight weeks. He will produce "Arrah Na Pogue" and a new play of his called "Robert Emmet," in which he plays the title role. He will start on April 10 and return here in August.

Joseph Jefferson closes his season at Nashville to-night, and then goes to his Louisiana plantation for the remainder of the winter. The company return to New York in a special car. Mr. Jefferson starts out again in April. The present season has been very profitable.

Mrs. Langtry has cleared $30,000 thus far this season over and above all outlay, including her personal expenses. She has the sum mentioned lying in cash to her credit in a single bank, and unless unforseen circumstances occur before the winter is over, she will make from $65,000 to $75,000 out of her present tour.

Miss Annie Russell's engagement with the Madison Square theater to play Hazel Kirke with the traveling company gives Mr. Frohman the control of her services for the next two years. Miss Russell is a pretty girl, and she has considerable talent. She has certainly made a good deal of popularity for herself within a comparatively short time.

Mr. Abbey's representative while in Europe tried to secure Verdi to direct the performance of one of his operas at the opening of the Metropolitan opera house. But it happened that the maestro had just received the news of Wagner's death, and his only reply was, "Too late, too late. Wagner need not have died so soon had he not worked so hard, and as I am old I must take warning."

There was a decided coldness between the management of Mrs. Langtry and that of the Fifth Avenue theater, New York, during her engagement there. It comes from a clause in the contract that Mrs. Langtry should have a man in the box office as well as one at the door. John Stetson felt hurt that there should be a suspicion of his honesty, but Mrs. Langtry insisted, just the same, and Charles Mendum, her manager, found it pretty disagreeable there.

Don't go to the opera without a hat if you wear a Langtry front. Next to seeing a woman's front teeth jump, the most heart-rending spectacle is to see the top of a woman's head wobble. A movable scalp is not desirable. Some old actor, whose name has escaped me, had the faculty of moving his scalp back and forth a couple of inches. This operation taking place with a hat on gave you an impression that he was coming to pieces. But when a lady settles a hairpin on the back of her neck and her entire roof rises, you feel as if you were going to pieces. I watched an old girl the other evening at the academy; she had a heavy dagger set with brilliants piercing the knot of hair behind. Every little while this big ornament, having no grip on any hairs belonging to a skull, would sag, and my interesting friend's intellectual developments would all be discovered, the dagger would be down in the nape of her neck all of a sudden in some mysterious way. She would get in a snatch on that Langtry front, down would come the delicate curls close to the eyebrows, and the old dagger would take a fly up to the center-board of her head.—*New York Mirror.*

Mme. Modjeska's California ranch, which has cost her an outlay of about $60,000 up to date, last week brought her in the first return upon the amount invested. This was the sum of $5,000, profits upon the past year's crops. The money was regarded by Mme. Modjeska as lucky money and she promptly invested it in a diamond diadem and a pair of solitaire earrings, which she will wear for the first time as a kind of mascotte, in the production of her new play at the Star theater, two weeks hence.

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