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THE GIFTS.

Life, thou wast rich with promises; What dost thou give? What precious boon hast thou to show and say: "Take this and live!"

A SUBURBAN EXPERIENCE

"It isn't because I am tired of our flat that I want to live in the suburbs, but the doctor says we both need change," concluded Mrs. Perry Thorne.

A week later both families were settled in the row which fronted a street and a railroad track, and was equidistant from two depots.

Saturday night! The invisible bridge spans the distance between the world of the city and the world of the country.

laden to the cars with brown paper packages and had just time to make the train, after purchasing their commutation tickets.

That sounded discouraging, but Smead was not anxious to ride ten miles further on an accommodation train, that slowed up for every cow on the track, and he wrapped himself in a speculative reverie until the brakeman called "Pack-in-d!"

"Neither has Perry, but perhaps they will come together. Isn't it dreadful? I don't go back with that man in the house. I know by his looks he's a murderer. Our girl hasn't come, and I'm all alone. Oh, if Mr. Smead were only here!"

"What's the row?" he asked, dropping his bundles on the veranda. "A man," said both women at once. "Where is Smead?"

The coming congress, we venture to predict, will not put a tax on imports of the wool. It is rightly held to be a measure of protection.

IMPORTS AND THE REVIVAL

The republican press continues to groan that over the increase of imports. Catching at every straw which they think may serve to keep them and their McKinley tariff issue above water, our republican friends point to the difference between the imports of the last few months and those of the corresponding months last year.

Table with 3 columns: Month, 1894, 1895. Rows include Woolen goods, Silk goods, Cotton goods, etc.

It is not that the imports for the eleven months in the last fiscal year were less by 15 1/2 per cent. than those of the eleven months of 1893, under the McKinley duties, although the free imports in 1893 were swollen by \$20,000,000 worth of raw sugar.

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The lesson of Free Wool. The coming congress, we venture to predict, will not put a tax on imports of the wool.

Besides being a public robber, the McKinley bill was due to the American industry. Besides being a relief to the masses, the present tariff has had a stimulating effect on all lines of industry.

BLOODY FRUIT.

Nostrife is so bitter and relentless as that engendered by racial prejudices or by national jealousies. Nineteen hundred years of Christianity have not been so potent for the inculcation of the brotherhood of man as to counteract the continued impachment in favor of so-called patriotism.

The Hun and the Slav have taken the place of the American laborer at mines. Tumult and disorder have arisen in various places as the result of lockouts and of strikes and of encounters between contending savages.

PARAGRAPH POINTERS. If Gen. Harrison isn't a candidate, Gen. John C. New and the rest of his machine workers don't know it.

Tom Reed's new plan to bring the republican party into prominence as an anti-monopoly organization, friendly to labor, will be taken with a great deal of salt along the Pacific slope, where they have not forgotten that a republican president vetoed a bill to prohibit Chinese immigration.

Republican "thunder" is nearly exhausted. Campaign ammunition—the ammunition for an intelligent, earnest, patriotic campaign is being expended largely for its absence.

Under the operations of the McKinley law the Waverly Scorer and Belle came to hand yesterday. Considerable money into a manufacturing enterprise at Youngstown by backing the company with indorsements and otherwise.

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