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**HOME AGAIN.**  
New Orleans Picayune.  
To the cold and unimpassioned sense of reason there seems nothing so unimportant in the world as the spot in which a man's body shall be buried when he is dead. When life and knowledge have gone away, when the busy brain shall throb no longer with love and longing, what matters it where the senseless clay shall lie? What does it matter whether alien skies arch above a lonely tomb, or the fierce winds of the desert pile its sands above a forgotten grave? What matters it whether the crimson rain of the pomegranate of the south drifts across it, or the pale star-eyed daisies on some sweet New England hillside keep watch above the unknown dust. Strange and inexplicable is the impulse of the human heart that makes us all turn, when the end of life is near, to the spot where we were born. Men who have wandered over the whole earth, and who have sickened and died in foreign lands, have begged with their last breath that their bones might be carried back to some quiet country churchyard. Adventurers of fortune, who left their old homes when boys and never went back, have raved in delirium of the cooling waters of some babbling brook, and dreamed that there might be peace and rest if they could only stretch themselves beside it once more. At the last memory reaches out a thousand silken cords and draws us back home again. We are like tired and homesick children, crying in the dusk for our mother, and feeling that if we might only be cradled once more on the breast that bore us the last long, long, sleep must needs be more peaceful and sweeter. It is an impulse that knows no gradation of rank or circumstance, but is as common as the heart-throb of humanity. The other day the papers told how the gifted writer, Edward Bellamy, whose prophetic vision looked away into a millennium, was being taken back home to die. Out in Colorado, where he vainly sought life on the mountain top, his eyes turned no longer towards a fair and radiant future. He could only look backward to the old Massachusetts home where he was born, and yearn once more to lie within its sheltering arms. Not long ago, in a neighboring state, a poorly-dressed and haggard man was noticed slowly wheeling a push cart along a little, straggling village street. Within the rude wagon was a faded quilt, and on it laid something covered carefully with a sheet. A curious passer-by asked the man what the object was, to which he returned no reply, but went on his weary way. By and by an idle crowd gathered about the cart; rough gibes and questions were hurled at the man, and vulgar curiosity demanded of him the name of the thing he wheeled with such care and gentleness. At last, in despair, the man turned back the sheet, and showed the livid face of a dead woman. It was his wife, he said. She had been reared in the next county. They had left their old home, had gone west and had not prospered, and were tramping back when she died. She had begged that she might not be left forsaken in some lonely graveyard, and he was keeping his pathetic covenant with the dead, as best he might. It was the universal instinct of the human heart. When the dark shades begin to fall the soul, like a homing bird, would wing its flight to the old, familiar spot from whence it first spread its pinions in flight.

**PUBLIC OPINION.**  
Shreveport Progress: War now exists between the United States and Spain; due to Spanish treachery and Spanish cruelty. Had the Maine not been blown up and 266 of her crew murdered, we firmly believe that the two Nations would have been at peace to-day.  
Bossier Banner: We do not recognize the independence of Cuba at all; we merely observe that the island is and ought to be free. Don't you see the difference? No! Neither does Spain,  
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