

But I bear a conscience. You may take back your word if you choose. "I won't that!" Mr. Topmark had made haste to say. "Ask just what you like. You'll get it or else I'll break your back. You see, I'm tryin' to make it give an take between us. One or these days, in short, I'll be askin' you for somethin'—somethin' I want the wust in the world."

"Oh, ho! So you are not generous—only want to trade!" Rob had said, laughing more than ever. Much as the man repelled her, there was a certain fascination in the sense of power over him. Besides, she was very human and fallible, this poor Rob. Socially she owed Mrs. Winfold a long long score. It was not strange that she felt a sort of half elfin delight in befooling and making a mock of Mrs. Winfold's brother, the man of men in that good lady's eyes. Then, too, the man himself was so crassly idiotic he had no right to consideration when in every action he invited mockery. There was no danger of hurt to ought save his vanity, for in the hardness of youth which tolerates no falling below its ideals Rob had instantly decided that a man so ready to be consoled could not possibly have a heart.

"You ought to have kept that part secret," she had continued. "I have not the least scruple left now that I know you are bargaining. You shall swear to do as I bid without knowing in the least what you are swearing to."

"Anything whatever unless it's to keep away from you," Mr. Topmark had said gallantly, and again Rob had laughed outright as she said with a pout that took all sting from the words: "That was one of the things. As you bar it I must make the other one harder."

"I'm your's ter command," the widower had returned, trying to take her hand. She had snatched it away, saying as she drew to the other side of the road, "Oh, you have got to give Brother Walton a new horse, saddle and saddle the day he marries Corintha."

"Agreed, agreed!" Mr. Topmark had almost shouted. "I like ter hear tell of weddin's. I do, now, for trine. I'll do that an' mo'. I'll engage the brother ter marry us a giv' him er hundred dollars cash for the job. An, what's mo', you shall have the finest horse in the state ter make up for losin' Bonnybelle!"

"Thank you! But how come you to know I had lost her?" Rob asked, with a keen look. "I charged Uncle Allen not to tell, and he is the only one besides myself that knows she and her colt were stolen from the pasture!"

What Topmark might have answered she was destined not to know. Her questioning was cut short in the most surprising fashion. Jack, in wait at the roadside, had caught Topmark's last speech and reined in his own horse so sharply the beast reared a trifle. Mr. Topmark rode at him, saying as he laid a hand on the creature's neck: "Hello, Jack! What's the rest er the family?"

Rob knew then he must have overheard, and she grew cold and sick in the knowledge, though underneath her qualms there was a strain of burning triumph in the thought that he was suffering, even as she had been made to suffer. But the mood passed quickly. By the time she was seated in the amen corner, whence Corintha could look undisturbed at her idol in the pulpit, she was as miserable a woman as ever lifted desperate eyes to a heaven blind and dumb.

Washington, March 27.—The senate adopted a resolution asking the president for information as to the death of two American sailors at Santiago de Cuba; also resolutions asking the attorney general for information of any proposition to sell the Union Pacific railroad. It was determined to print the supreme court majority and minority opinions on railway trusts as a senate document. A memorial from the Michigan legislature was presented by McMillan protesting against the executive order at the close of the last administration consolidating pension agencies. After an executive session the senate adjourned until Monday.

The house adopted several unimportant committee amendments to the tariff bill, of which nine pages of the 162 were disposed of. The Democrats tried to get in an amendment against the trusts, but it was ruled out as not being in order until the free list was up. Dingley said the trusts would be dealt with at the proper time.

Washington, March 28.—The house made slow progress with the tariff bill Saturday. Disposing of but five pages. Five amendments of minor importance were adopted, the balance of the time being taken up with discussion.

Washington, March 29.—The senate yesterday passed a resolution asking for information regarding the order reserving forests in the west issued by Cleveland, and another asking why certain classes of workmen were required to stand competitive examinations. Allen offered a resolution declaring that tariff duties should not be so laid as to tax one class for another's benefit. The bill to make it impossible to give kinetoscopic views of the Corbett-Pittsman fight was reported by Hear. In executive session the arbitration treaty was debated.

The house continued the consideration of the tariff bill and a number of amendments were adopted changing the schedules—raising the duties on some articles and lowering them on others. McCall and Lovering, of Massachusetts, attacked the bill as putting the duties too high. They are Republicans.

Washington, March 30.—The senate listened to a long speech by Allen of Nebraska against protective tariff. The house amendments to the bill appropriating \$250,000 for rescue work on the Mississippi were filed in the case of Corbett, appointed senator from Oregon. Morgan presented a resolution asking for a lot of information about Cuba.

The city attorney made a verbal report on the ordinance which was referred to him relative to the Street Commissioner's term of office which was adopted. It was decided that he did not think it was the intention of the charter to have it in that way and that he did not think this could be done in this way.

The committee on claims and accounts reported favorably on accounts above presented, unanimous consent being given, same was allowed. Ayes 88, Nays 9.

To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council of the City of Owasco:

By the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Owasco:

The Mayor appointed Guy Cole as Street Commissioner to fill out the unexpired term, caused by the death of David Dwight.

The following communication was presented and read:

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Bottled Up!

It certainly is disheartening to a patient to find that the treatment he is given for a disease is more disastrous than the disease itself. Such is the case, however, with the usual treatment given for disease of the blood. Notwithstanding the great progress made in many branches of medicine, the doctors have failed absolutely to find a successful treatment for blood poison, and the many diseases having their origin in the blood. They give but one kind of medicine, they know but one treatment, and whether in the form of powder, pill or liquid, the doctor's prescription is always the same—potash or mercury.

Two such cannot be said of the harmful and disastrous effects of these drugs. The doctors are unable to find the system of the poison, and direct their efforts toward covering up the symptoms from view. There is but one effect to be obtained from potash and mercury—they bottle up the poison and dry it up in the system, but it must be remembered that they dry up the marrow in the bones at the same time, gradually consuming the vitality. Those disfiguring copper-colored blotches are but indications of worse results to follow. No sooner has the system taken on the full effects of this powerful drug than that suppleness and elasticity of the joints gives way to a stiffness, followed by the racking pains of rheumatism. The form grad-

ually bends, the bones ache, while de crepitude and helplessness prematurely take possession of the body. Under this treatment, it is but a short step from vigor and health to a pair of crutches. With this wreck of the system often comes falling of the hair and eyebrows, loss of finger nails, and decay of the bones—a condition most horrible. This is no overdrawn picture, for the world to-day is full of those hobbling mercurial wrecks. Contagious blood poison is the most horrible of all diseases, and has been appropriately called the curse of mankind. Until the discovery of S. S. S., it was incurable. It has always baffled the doctors, and it is in this disease that the evils of mercury and potash are most common, because these drugs are given in such large doses in an effort to counteract the poison. While they succeed in bottling up the poison in the system, it always breaks forth again, attacking some delicate organ, frequently the mouth and throat, filling them with eating sores. S. S. S. is the only known cure for this terrible disease.

It is the same in other diseases of the blood. Scrofula, Eczema, Cancer, Rheumatism, all are given the same treatment by the physicians—mercury and potash, and the result as above set forth is always the same.

State Notes.

The men who were seen to go through the ice at Traverse City, Mich., were Tom Chesick and Wences Kabout. Kabout's body has been recovered.

George Schlustrum, a cigarmaker of Sycamore, Ill., committed suicide by swallowing two ounces of laudanum.

The residence of C. H. Dick in Bedford Park, Evansville, Ind., was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$7,000; insurance, \$2,900.

Anton Christensen, of Michigan, was arrested at New York charged with having swindled the Ridgeway (Mich.) Creamery company out of \$40,000.

A Michigan man has patented a pump by which water is raised automatically when the cattle approach the trough.

Superintendent Cole, of Negunnes, Mich., has received orders to close down the Sunday Lake mine at Waukegan. The Sunday Lake is a high grade Bessemer mine, employing about 150 men.

The prospect is that there will be no navigation at Mackinaw, Mich., earlier than April 10.

UNTOLD DISASTER.

Culmination of the Flood Situation in the Mississippi River.

Greenville, Miss., March 31.—The flood situation culminated yesterday in untold disaster to the great Yazoo delta region. By 9 o'clock yesterday morning three additional breaks were reported. One at Stead's Landing, Bolivar county, near Australia and thirty miles north of Rosedale, occurred at 4 p. m. Monday. At 3 o'clock yesterday morning the levee at Mound Landing, just fifteen miles above this city, gave way, and at 9 a. m. news was received of a third break at Stopp's landing, seven miles north of the Mound break. The break at Stead's Landing is now 2,000 feet wide and the last breaks at Mound and Stopp Landings are now over 200 yards wide, while the break below here on Lake Lee is about 600 yards wide. These four crevasses are hourly pouring their torrents into the bottom formed by the Yazoo river hills on the east and the Mississippi river bank on the west.

Thousands of flood-bound people are caught and penned in between the three Bolivar county breaks, and no communication can be had with them. Refugees coming into the city from this side of the Mound break report many families in peril of their lives on the other side of the crevasses, as there is only seven miles of country between them and Stead's, and it is next to impossible for all to escape. Yesterday morning a movement to build a protection levee was started, but abandoned as a useless waste of labor, as the water would be here before it could be completed. Two hundred and fifty towns and villages will be under water in three days, and thousands of families will be homeless.

Every lake and stream is out of its banks and literally filled with bodies of drowned animals. Many thousands of horses, mules and cattle are being swept away. Homes and property are gladly abandoned in the mad rush to preserve life. It is impossible to estimate the amount of destruction in dollars and cents. Every town and village along the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad is full of homeless refugees, and half naked men, women and children are grouped in squads along the levees in the vicinity of the breaks. In the next two days two-thirds of this entire valley will be one waste of water, from the banks of the Mississippi eastward to the Yazoo river. It is fully 100,000 inhabitants.

Drowned in Charles Creek.

Pittsburg, Mo., March 31.—At Keokuk, Mo., a body of the city yesterday killed by the flood.

THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE.

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T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 95 Pine Street, New York. When writing the Doctor, mention this paper.

WASHINGTON GARDNER, Secretary of State.



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