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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 1881. QUITE A NUMBER of people in this country will pass dull holidays. They had expected the body of Gulliver for a Christmas gift.

FOURTEEN PRINTERS and about thirty proof-readers are said to have committed suicide since the name of Frelinghuysen was sent in.

THE FOREIGN POLICY of Mr. Frelinghuysen was decided upon last night at the residence of Mr. Blaine. It had a strong aroma of terrapin and champagne.

WE ARE PAID TO NOTE the departure of the Hon. Isaiah P. Christy from our midst. Divorce suits often require a man to go home to mend his financial fences.

IT HAS BEEN discovered that Speaker Keifer owns several thousand acres of land out in Nebraska, and the Western papers infer that he will incline his right ear to the improvement of the Missouri River.

THE LATE GEN. ANSETT, of Atlanta, left about \$750,000 which he had accumulated by the honest industry of stock speculation in a remarkably short time. It worried him to know what to do with his money.

THE WELCOME NEWS of the safety of the majority of the Jeannette's crew is saddened by the list of a few yet missing. Among these none will excite greater interest in this community than the name of John Danenhower.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON makes the streets a privileged thoroughfare at all hours for the lady shopper, and then, more than at any other time of the year, are they entitled to every sort of freedom and protection.

The Chicago Herald, in this connection, complains that every day unattended ladies, of the highest respectability, "are ogled upon the horse-car, followed on the streets and insulted in all public places by the infamous puppies who imagine themselves irresistible and are devoted to what, in their own vocabulary, is called 'mashing'."

It has long been a serious question how to deal with this vermin. They are particularly careful not to disclose themselves when gentlemen are at hand. Unprotected ladies are their prey; and heretofore ladies, burning with mortification and terror inspired by their insulting conduct, have brought the scoundrels to justice.

We have the same sort of reptiles here, but the gentlemen predominate. If a lady complains of annoyance, we take the offender's head off behind the ears.

SAMRANDELL yesterday gave a sample of his "leadership of the minority" that we have heard so much about. The subject matter was a resolution by Mr. Kasson, looking simply to the re-establishment of the Select Committee on the Inter-oceanic Canal.

This committee was created during the last Congress at the instance of Floyd King, who became chairman of it. The work of this committee being of paramount importance and far from complete, there was no reason to suppose that objection would be offered from any quarter.

There is then but one solution of Samuel's remarkable behavior: He has struck his proposed attitude as a watch-dog of the Treasury and struck it early. The fact, as King demonstrated, that the Treasury does not require the services of a watch-dog in this particular case, is quite immaterial to Samuel. In order to pose successfully or with credit as a watch-dog, it is necessary that there should be evil persons in the vicinity meditating burglary.

"THROUGH ONE ADMINISTRATION," A NOVEL OF Social, Political and Departmental Life in Washington, by Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett

This story was begun in the November number of THE CENTURY MAGAZINE (Scrivener's Monthly), and will run through the coming year. It will be of special interest to all who are familiar with life at the Capital.

The November and December numbers of THE CENTURY contain also two portraits of President Garfield, splendidly engraved. Dr. Bliss' story of the illness, a paper by E. V. Small on some characteristics of the late President, a capital short story by Mark Twain, Frederick Douglass' "My Escape from Slavery," a reproduction of the life mask of Lincoln, etc., etc.

The December number has been out of print, but a new edition is now ready. All dealers receive subscriptions and supply numbers, or the publishers may be addressed direct.

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