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Among the bequests of the late Jesse Hoyt is suitable grounds and $100,000 for the erection and maintenance of a public library and reading room in East Saginaw, and also to the city for a public park a grove containing some twenty acres on Washington avenue.

J. C. Clark, the cashier at the Detroit, Lansing & Northern depot, Big Rapids, came near losing $50, the money having been removed from the safe by a young man who afterwards replaced the amount, although he denies that he intended to steal it.

Elizabeth Davis, of Cadillac, mother of Frank Davis, aged 82 years, was thrown from the track by express No. 5. She will recover.

Mrs. Garfield has built a new house near Byron, Kent Co., for Thomas Garfield, brother of the late president.

As John Laird was going to work in Saginaw City not long since he was attacked by Wm. Watson and John Jarrigan, who struck and stabbed him, etc. When Laird got away from them he procured a revolver and in started forth. The two came at him in. when Laird struck Watson with the butt of the revolver, which was discharged by the concussion, the ball entering Watson's arm. It was later found that Laird's blow had fractured Watson's skull, which was successfully trepanned, and it is thought he will recover. Sympathy is with Laird, who is a peaceable young man. He was not arrested, but has himself sworn out an assault and battery warrant against Watson and Jarrigan.

Street cars will probably be running in Battle Creek before winter.

Unpaid notes given in aid of the Peninsular car work's bonus in Adrian have been placed in the hands of Messrs. Bean and Underwood, and delinquents will be called upon in a few days.

Mrs. Wm. B. Hawkins, a pioneer of '36, died at Paw Paw last week.

It is thought the west side cars, Grand Rapids, will run to the Union depot the early part of the week.

A Muskegon man named Hendrix has been "borrowing" sums of money at Grand Rapids, and skipping.

The convention of Michigan sheriffs at Grand Rapids last week wound up with an excursion to Petoskey.

No new arrivals at Jackson prison in three weeks. Only 644 state boarders there now the smallest number in 16 years.

G. A. Preston, who has been unable to walk or do business since injured by a fall on a bad Detroit sidewalk a year ago, has sued that city in the United States court at Grand Rapids for $5,000 damages

Blinn & Weidman's mill at Deerfield, Lenawee Co., destroyed by fire last week, makes the third institution of the kind burned on the same site. The opportune rainfall saved adjoining property All the stock of hops, staves, headings, etc, burned. Insured; loss not known.

Stephen Vandresser, night foreman in Emlaw's mill, Grand Haven, fell against a running saw and mangled his right arm in such a manner that it is feared it may be necessary to amputate it.

Nelson Lamare packed 47,000 shingles in ten hours at Ontonagon recently.

Mrs. Mary Rivard, accused of killing Johnnie Grant, Bay City, has been honorably discharged.

Reunion of Mexican veterans of Michigan at Grand Rapids, September 28. Isaac H. Parrish, Grand Rapids, will be the orator.

Look out for frauds who promise to secure old soldiers 160 acres of land without their having to live on it, for a fee of $10. No charge to homestead law.

The survey of the Wisconsin & Michigan railway is now said to be completed to the state line, where it will connect with the Ontonagon & Brule River railway.

Some Michigan farmers are signing orders for carpets very cheap, and the next day find their notes in bank for payment.

Mrs. Decker's house burned at Grand Rapids; loss $700. The fire also damaged E Meinard's grocery $600.

Two Lansing sisters, both married, have been arrested for robbing a Grand Ledge man of $300.

Tecumseh is alive on the F. & M. railroad. Notes given one year ago have to be renewed, and $5,000 have already been secured, while the committee are still vigorously at work.

Phineas Pearl, 90 years old, 50 years a resident of Berrien county, died recently.

Button Broe, are buying 500 sheep in Genesee county for their ranch in Kansas.

New Greenville is to have a new depot right-way.

C. E. Hing, South Saginaw, has invented a strange device for holding logs while being cut.

A Cincinnati boat and shoe factory wants to locate at Flint.

Alpena mills will cut 175,000,000 feet of lumber this season.

Dr. W. H. Palmer, of Jackson supervisor of the eighth ward and a prominent greenbacker, has been arrested for embezzlement in converting to his own use $5.0 of funds received at the picnic held for the benefit of the blind pelitcoats, Officer Sullivan, on the 11th of July. He is held to bail in $600.

The Buffalo Courier says: "Concerning the report that the New York, Chicago & St. Louis railroad contemplated a Michigan branch, President Cummings says that contracts have already been let for a branch of 150 miles in length from Toledo to Allegan, Mich., connecting at the latter point with the Chicago & Michigan road, and giving her access to Grand Haven and other Michigan lake ports. When completed it will be operated in connection with the Ohio Central, affording an outlet southward for Ohio coal, and southwest for Michigan lumber. The purpose of the syndicate is to build next year from Marshall, Mich., to Junction with the Detroit, Marquette & Mackinaw road in the iron ore region. Cummings says money for the first 15 miles has been already subscribed.

Fire at Mt. Pleasant destroyed the St. James hotel, McNamara's store, Wabon lodge, Richmond's tailor shop, Geo. McDonald's saloon, L. Friedlander's furniture store, and Daugherty Bros' agricultural warehouse. Loss $30,000.

A man by the name of Samuel Henderson, while in his boarding house at Au Sable, shot himself through the head with a revolver, and lived until morning. He was 12 years old, and his parents lived in the country back of Lenawee. The cause of the suicide is supposed to have been wine and women, as he was seen drunk, and reported ejected by a woman.

The Twenty-second Michigan infantry mustered about 100 survivors at Port Huron, Had a dinner, beat ride, and elected officers. The next annual reunion will be held at Pontiac on the last Wednesday in August, 1883.

A Kalamazoo firm has made 1,070 windmills since January 1.

England wants 1,000 barrels new wheat flour from Kalamazoo.

Three Rivers has shipped an invoice of velocipedes to Sweden.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

WASHINGTON.

A LETTER FROM LIEUT. HARBER.

The Navy Department is in receipt of a long communication from Lieut. Harber, U. S. N., dated Yokohama, Japan, June 11, giving in detail the story of his preparations to search for the Lena Delta. The news that De Long and party had been found dead had reached him. The main points of his narrative have been published.

INTERNATIONAL MAILS.

A general order has been issued from the Post-Office Department directing a daily exchange of international mails between St. Paul and Breckenridge, Minn., and the Canadian post-offices of Emerson and Winnipeg, Manitoba. The exchange is to commence September 1, and to include all international correspondence except book pockets from Canada for the United States.

TO BE A FREE DELIVERY OFFICE.

The postoffice department has made an order establishing the free delivery system at East Saginaw, Mich., after October 1st.

CLEANING UP.

Since the adjournment of Congress the Senate chamber and hall of the House of Representatives have been uncarpeted, preparatory to a general renovation. The only new work going on about the building is the inclosing of part of the space under the rotunda with a heavy brick wall. This space is to be divided into compartments, and will be used for the books belonging to the Congressional library, which have middened in the boxes in which they have been stored for want of a.t.

GARFIELD'S WASHINGTON RESIDENCE TO BE SOLD.

Mrs. Garfield has expressed a willingness to part with her late Washington residence and it is quickly the house will be purchased and used by the Ohio Republican Association.

REMOVED FOR CHEATING.

Assistant Postmaster General Hatton has removed E. Oakley, postmaster at Wau Fulton, N. Y., and appointed N. S. Fellows to the vacancy. Oakley was removed for cheating.

BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT SAID SO.

By order of the President, Acting Postmaster-General Hatton has removed Mrs Anna E. Thompson as Postmaster of Memphis and appointed Joe H. Smith.

WANTS A REST.

Gen. W. T. Sherman will request congress to place him on the retired list when it meets again. The general will make his home at St. Louis.

SECRETARY FOLGER IN FOR HEALTH.

Secretary Folger is not in good health and Assistant Secretary French has been acting as Secretary for several days. Secretary Folger continues at his desk, however, and gives his personal attention to important transactions. He was before the department He will go away for a short holiday in a few days.

NEWS NOTES.

DISASTER IN A MINE.

The Empire coal mines, at Hopkinsville, Ky., caved in last week, killing John McIntosh and John Dunning, and fatally crushing a negro laborer.

A GRAND AFFAIR.

President Arthur, while in Newport R I, held a reception, said to be the grandest ever witnessed at that popular resort. Over 1,000 invitations were sent out. The guests included all the distinguished foreigners sojourning at Newport, together with the resident and American visitors. The President was supported on either hand by Gov. and Mrs. Morgan.

THE ANTI LIQUOR ELEMENT.

About 350 delegates met in Chicago August 26 and formed the National Prohibition Convention.

THEIR PLATFORM.

Aside from the plank demanding prohibition of the liquor traffic, the National Prohibition Convention at Chicago expatiated in its platform a plank calling for the enfranchisement of women; also, one against polygamy, and one demanding the abolition of executive, judicial and legislative patronage; selection of all officers by the people, so far as practicable, and civil service reform in other respects.

SUMMONS TO LONGFELLOW.

Sir Frederick Leighton, President of the Royal Academy at London, has written to Wm. Cox Bennett, LL. D., consenting to add his name to the list of those willing to promote the project of placing a bust of the poet Longfellow in Westminster Abbey, if there be a precedent for such a step in connection with a foreign poet. Mr. Bennett, in reply, states he has no doubt about the admissibility of the bust and says: "The Americans are not foreigners to us, but one in blood, language and institutions, and share in common the glory of our achievements."

FLOODED.

Terrible rains have lately caused the Concho rivers in Texas to overflow their banks and flood the country. Hundreds of houses were swept away, causing thousands of dollars' worth of damage. The town of Ben Ficklin is all washed away, except the lighthouses. The court house and jail are a total loss and uninured from loss by water. The people of San Angeles tried to render assistance, but the raging water prevented. It is impossible to cross the North Concho. The country presents a spectacle which beggars description. Houses, horses, cattle and clothing are piled up in heaps at every step. The dead of Mrs. Metcaf and daughter are the only ones found.

CHOLERA.

The dreadful Asiatic cholera is doing terrible work in the Celestial empire. Four thousand natives died in one single province of Philippine within a short time. The disease is said to be on the decline

THE CATTLE DISEASE IN NEW YORK.

The Texan cattle plague continues to spread at Auburn, New York. One of the cattle afflicted with the fever was discovered in a cow stable on the premises of Mr. Cornell has been notified that stringent measures will be necessary to stamp out the disease.

A FREE PUNCHING GAME ARRANGED.

Articles of agreement have been signed by James Elliot and Wm. E. Harding for Tug Wilson to fight Mike Cleary for $2,500 a side, within 100 miles of New Orleans

FIRE.

The four story building in Philadelphia occupied by Quan's planing mill, offices and box factory near Jefferson & marble works was destroyed by fire. Loss $10,000; partly insured.

IN FATAL CLAWS.

Capt. James Anderson, of the steamer J. S. Benson, met a horrible death at a lumber camp on the Serpent River, Lake Superior. A heavy iron grip used in loading timber became loosened and in flying past Capt. Anderson, fastened itself in his head, literally carrying his head from the body. Capt. Anderson was well known in every port on the chain of lakes. The J. S. Benson was owned by S. Neelson, of St. Catharines, Ont., and has been engaged in the Canadian timber trade.

A MANIAC'S DEED.

An insane woman named Mrs. Chapman assailed her sleeping husband, at Worthington, Ind., with a razor and cut his throat from ear to ear, severing the windpipe. She was committed to an asylum.

THE PRICE OF BRILLIANCE.

The excursion steamer Thomas Clyde was seized by the United States officials at Philadelphia for carrying 1 passenger over the number allowed by law. The penalty is a fine of $6,500.

DISCOURTEOUS TO UNCLE SAM.

Ill feeling prevails among the American resident in Japan, started by the repeated and apparently studied discourtesies to the United States flag on the part of the British naval officers. The American ship Swatara left Yokohama homeward bound July 27. She was saluted according to custom by the war ships of every nationality except the English. The British fleet at Yokohama were sent away on July 1 but not immediately on over the 4th, avoiding the necessity for a salute. Similar incidents were of constant occurrence during Grant's visit, and the determination of the British army officers at Hong Kong to withdraw salutes on Washington's birthday has been the cause of difference between the officers and Governor John Hennessy, who shows good sense on such occasions. It is rumored on behalf of the British navy that their conduct is regulated by orders from London.

CRIME.

AN OFFICER KILLED.

In a desperate fight at Fayetville, Ark., between a deputy sheriff's posse and a band of horse thieves, Webb, one of the sheriff's men was killed and three of the robbers escaped.

COULDN'T STAND DEFEAT.

A special from Shelbyville, Ky., says: Aleck Julian, brother of Ira Julian, committed suicide on the Fair grounds a couple of days ago by shooting himself through the brain. He was a candidate for Sheriff in the late election and his defeat is believed to be the cause.

SPRAGUE'S FOOLISHNESS.

It is evident that the ruined ex-Governor of Rhode Island is daft. Some time ago, I will be remembered, Trustee Chaffee sold the Canonchet estate to Mrs. E B Moulton. Mr. Chaffee repaired to the premises the other day, in company with the purchaser, to deliver possession of the property, but was met by a heavily armed lot of men and boys, who had the entrances, lawns and roof were heavily guarded, while an anomalous flag was flying on the house. Mr. Chaffee held an interview with Sprague's boy, who said entrance would be resisted by rifles, Gatling guns, etc, and concluded to return to the city and call upon the state of Rhode Island to uphold the law's dignity.

A REFUGEE FROM JUSTICE.

A special from Alma, Ark., says: At Mountainburg Tom Simcoe, David Pope and Frank Lane got into a quarrel when playing cards. Lane drew a knife and cut Pope in the arm and neck, disembowelling him, and finally stabbed Simcoe in the breast. Pope lived one hour. Simcoe is still alive. This morning at last accounts Lane was in the hands of a mob, and is believed will be soon lynched.

THE BOND OUTRAGE.

Miss Bond, the victim of the outrage in a school house some weeks ago at Taylorsville, Ill., and for which the suspected perpetrator was arrested and then released on bail, is rapidly failing, and threats of lynching are renewed.

NEWS NOTES

CONFEDERATE BONDS IN DEMAND.

An Atlanta, Ga., dispatch says: There is a boom in confederate bonds, caused by a demand from Amsterdam, where they are now selling at $5 to $9 per thousand.

LASHED FOR REBELLING.

A special from Indian territory says that the trial of the prisoners engaged in the Sands rebellion has concluded in a verdict of guilty and punishment of 100 lashes on the bare back has been duly inflicted.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

TRIUMPH OF THE MODERATE PARTY.

General confidence is expressed in diplomatic circles and by the press that the moderate party has triumphed and that a military convention will be concluded. Lord Dufferin's elective talents are already conceded and the question of form only awaits decision.

VICIOUS WOMEN.

Over 100 women are on trial at Grosse-Beckereck, Hungary, charged with poisoning their husbands. The guilt of thirty five of the women has been proven.

OUR EX VICE PRESIDENT.

Hannibal Hamlin is at Gibraltar and will visit Tangier.

AID FOR ARABI.

Some of the principal Arab merchants of Port Said and Damietta have contributed money towards the cause of the rebels. Five hundred horses have been sent to them from Damietta. Wild country is said to be circulated among the natives of Arabi Pasha's great successes.

A POINT SETTLED.

Lord Dufferin informed Said Pasha and Assym Pasha at Constantinople that his government, yielding to the objections of the Sultan, were prepared to waive the demand that any movement of Turkish troops must be first approved by the British. Lord Dufferin therefore proposed that the English and Turkish commanders should deliberate together, and if the Engli h General should not approve the proposed operations, the Turkish commander would still be at liberty to carry them out. Said Pasha now urged that the landing of Turkish troops in Alexandria was indispensable for the future combined action of the two armies. He suggested that the Turks should make Alexandria, which the English would evacuate, their base of operations, while the British base should be Ismailia, As far as regards military affairs this is the only point of difference between Lord Dufferin and the Porte.

NO HELP FOR GRAY.

The lord lieutenant of Ireland has decided not to interfere with Gray's sentence.

A STRIKE.

Three thousand ship joiners have struck at Glasgow.

THE KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Says a dispatch from Alexandria, August 27: The losses on both sides in Thursday's fight are said to have been heavy. The Egyptians' loss in killed and wounded reaches 473. During the battle, the Arab army was conspicuous by his activity, frequently being seen in the most exposed positions along the lines. A shell fired by the Egyptians passed over his head, falling within a rod of the spot where he was riding, and killing a horse at his own.

THE NEW CABINET.

The new Egyptian ministry has been formed, with Cherif Pasha as president of the council and minister of foreign affairs; Haider Pasha, minister of finance; Osmar, Lofti, minister of war; Mouhanna Pasha, minister of justice, and Khairy Pasha minister of public instructions.

ANOTHER POINT GAINED.

The British have taken possession of Kassaine lock. Arabi withdrew his forces without attempting to resist the advance of the British troops, and is evidently anxious to draw them on to rel el Kebir, only 10 miles distant, where he promises to make a determined stand. On receiving possession of Kassaine Lock the British found to their amazement that the waters had been filled with dead horses and the corpses of Arabs, and he been in every possible manner polluted and rendered undrinkable. This discovery led to a feeling of intense alarm operations of Gen. Wolseley's troops from Ismailia being dependent upon the waters of the canal, the march along this line having been chosen on account of the abundant supply of water it offered. Mahmood Fehmy, Arabi's chief of staff, is among the prisoners taken at Mahsameh. The former's son was also captured.

THE WHOLE FORCE TO RESIGN.

Telegrams inquiring what day will be fixed for the resignation of the constabulary in a body are passing between different stations in different parts of Ireland. A large number of men have made inquiries at various emigration offices. The position is present that hundreds of men of ten years' service and under will shortly resign.

THE COREAN REBELLION.

Yokohama advices confirm the recently reported outbreak at Seoul, the capital of Corea, where the royal residence was attacked and the inhabitants had to escape. The queen was murdered, but the king's life was saved by his alacrity in leaving the place. The proceedings are said to have been directed by Fai-in Kun, a relative of the king's, who has always been a violent opponent of foreign intercourse. Seoul is in a state of anarchy. Japan has stationed troops and ships in the vicinity of the capital, and restoration must be complete or war will ensue.

WHEN HE WILL FIGHT.

Dispatches say it is evident the Egyptian army will make a strong fight at Kafr-el-Dwar, where, in case of defeat, the rebels would have a chance to escape into Tripoli.

THE DISSATISFIED CONSTABLES.

A meeting was held in Limerick and many of the constabulary deserted their posts to attend it. The disaffection has extended to Ennis and Tuam, in Galway, 400 of which held a meeting in Dublin and complained that they were not compensated for extra time. While the meeting was proceeding the chief commissioner appeared and ordered the chairman to quit the chair. The chairman refused. The commissioner threatened to make an example of the chairman. The meeting dispersed shortly after. At a subsequent meeting the men pledged to compensate themselves for any loss he might sustain. Later advices say the authorities will inquire into the case of the metropolitan force, and the agitation will probably cease.

THE THRONE USURPED.

The latest telegrams from Corea state that the uncle of the King has seized the throne.

VICTORY FOR THE ENGLISH.

On the 28th ultimo, the Arabs attacked the British position at Kassaine, and were repulsed with heavy loss. The British lost 120 men, and captured 11 of the enemy's guns.

PUNISHED FOR MUTINY.

Those afloat in the Alexandria harbor recently witnessed an unusual sight, the keel hauling of three Arab sailors on board the Egyptian frigate Sonda for mutiny. They were first flogged and then dipped in water and hauled up to the port side yard-arm. They were then dropped into the sea, dragged under the keel and hauled up to the starboard yard-arm. They were soon dead.

ANOTHER WAR.

Dispatches from Constantinople and Athens report an engagement between Turkish and Greek troops on the frontier. The immediate cause of the battle was the attempt of the Greeks to take forcible possession of the disputed territory of Karalik Deraond, on the Thess ian frontier, but they were repulsed with heavy loss by the Turks under Raghed Pasha, while eight of the latter were killed. Two other engagements are reported, in both of which the Greeks were repulsed.

Mark Twain's Life.

Mr. Howells contributes to the September Century a notably clever and sympathetic sketch of Mark Twain, which contains the following authentic account of his family and his adventures:

In one form or other, Mr. Samuel L. Clemens has told the story of his life in his books, and in sketching his career I shall recur to the leading facts rather than to offer fresh information. He was remotely of Virginian origin and more remotely of good English stock. The name was well known before his time in the South, where a senator, a congressman and other dignitaries had worn it; but his branch of the family fled from the destitution of those vast landed possessions in Tennessee, celebrated in "The Gilded Age," and went very poor to Missouri. Mr. Clemens was born on the 30th of November, 1835, at Florida, in the latter state, but his father removed shortly afterwards to Hannibal, a small town on the Mississippi, where most of the humorist's boyhood was spent. Hannibal as a name was hopelessly confused and ineffective, but if we can know anything of Mr. Clemens from Hannibal, we can know much of Hannibal from Mr. Clemens, who, in fact, has studied a little, outlandish town, of down-at-the-heels, slave-holding, Mississippi river town of thirty years ago, with such strong reality in his boy's romance of "Tom Sawyer," that we need inquire nothing further concerning the place. The original perhaps no longer exists anywhere; certainly not in Hannibal, which has grown into a flourishing little city since Mr. Clemens left it. In his time, the two embattled forces of civilization and barbarism were encamped at Hannibal, as they were at all times and everywhere; the morality of the place was the morality of a slave-holding community: fierce, arrogant, one-sided — this virtue for white, and none for black folks; and the religion was Calvanism in various phases, with its predestinate aristocracy of saints and its rabble of hopeless sinners. Doubtless, young Clemens escaped neither of the opposing influences wholly. His people like the rest were slaveholders; but his father, like so many other slave-holders, abhorred slavery—silently, as he must in such a time and place. If the boy felt that injustice suffered anything of that perversion which so curiously and pitiably maimed the reason of the whole South, it does not appear in his book, where there is not an ungenerous line, but always, on the contrary, a burning resentment of all manner of cruelty and wrong.

The father, an austere and singularly upright man, died bankrupt when Clemens was 12 years old, and the boy had to suffer to make what scramble he could for an education. He got very little learning in school, and like so many other Americans in whom the literary impulse is native, he turned to the total printing office for some of the advantages from which hewas otherwise cut off. Certain records of the three years spent in the Hannibal "Courier" office are to be found in Mark Twain's book of Sketches; but I believe there is yet no history anywhere of the *wanderjahre*, in which he followed the life of a journeyman printer, from town to town, and from city, penetrating even to the inns of the Alps and the Apennines, and into the vague and fabled East as Philadelphia and New York.

He returned to his own country—his parts—satisfied, if not satisfied, with travel, and at seventeen he resolved to learn the river" from St. Louis to New Orleans as a steam-boat pilot. Of this period of his life he has given a full account of the delightful series of papers, "Piloting on the Mississippi," which he printed seven years ago in the "Atlantic Monthly." The growth of the boy's character, the outbreak of the Civil War put an end to profitable piloting, and at twenty-four he was again open to a vocation. He listened for a moment to the loudly calling drum of that time, and he was actually in camp for three weeks on the rebel side; but the unorganized force to which he belonged was disbanded, and he finally did not "go with his section" either in sentiment or in fact. His brother having been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Nevada Territory, Mr. Clemens went out with him as his private secretary; but he soon resigned his office and withdrew to the mines. He failed as a miner, in the ordinary sense; but the life of the mining-camp yielded him the wealth that the pockets of the mountain denied; he had the Midas touch, without knowing it, and all these grotesque experiences and since turned into gold under his hand. After his failure as a miner had become evident even to himself, he was glad to take the place of a local editor on the Virginia City "Enterprise," a newspaper for which he had amused himself in writing from time to time. He had written for the newspapers before this; few Americans escape that fate; and as an apprentice in the Hannibal "Courier" office his humor had embroiled some of the leading citizens, and impaired the fortunes of that journal by the alienation of several delinquent subscribers.

But it was in the "Enterprise" that his humor first became conspicuous as "Mark Twain," which he borrowed from the vernacular of the river, where the man heaving the lead calls out "Mark Twain!" instead of "Mark two." In 1864, he accepted, on the San Francisco "Morning Call," the same sort of place which he had held on the "Enterprise," and which made his nom de guerre familiar "on that coast"; for he still wrote "local items" in the "Call," but he printed humorous sketches in various periodicals, and, two years later, he was sent to the Sandwich Islands as correspondent of a Sacramento paper.

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In 1867, Mr. Clemens made in the Quaker City the excursion to Europe and the East which he has commemorated in "The Innocents Abroad." Shortly after his return he married, and placed himself at Buffalo, where he bought an interest in one of the city newspapers; later he came to Hartford, where he has since remained, except for the two years spent in a second visit to Europe.

East River Bridge.

Marked progress has been made toward the completion of the East River bridge. All of the floor beams have been placed, the foot bridge is removed, the approaches have been brought almost to completion, and the work on the superstructure has been commenced and is now progressing, having reached a distance of ninety to one hundred feet each from the shore, each tower, and the overfloor stays are correspondingly advanced.

The bridge is designed to carry three lines of tracks in the outside roadways being for wagon traffic, the middle one for a promenade, with the railway tracks on either side of it, and between it and the roadways.

The approach on the Brooklyn side differs from the New York approach in having iron street bridges at all of the streets. The New York approach has but one iron street bridge, and this is located at Franklin Square. All the other streets are spanned by massive arches of masonry.

The total weight of metal in this bridge in round numbers is one thousand tons. Of this 1,658,279 pounds are wrought iron, 82,092 pounds steel, 27,140 pounds cast iron, 146,894 pounds cast iron. The width of the bridge over all, 88 feet.

Each cable contains 5,296 parallel (not twisted) galvanized steel, oil coated wires, closely wrapped in a solid cylinder, 15¾ inches in diameter.

Total height of towers above high water, 278 feet.

Four lines of bridge in center of river span above high water, 135 feet.

The depots at the ends of the bridge are to be elaborate structures of glass and iron. On the one on the New York side is to be 260 feet long and 59 feet wide, with a platform on the bridge end 70 feet long.

The cars will pass through the depot, and are shifted from one track to the other on switches between the depot and end of the approach.—*Sci. Am.*

Americans and Arabs

When caravans meet upon the scorching sands the sheikhs and draglomen, after having passed the usual courtesies, begin to inquire as to the nativity of the travelers. This dialogue is conducted something like this "Is yours a French party?" "No." "Is English, then?" "No." "Ah, American?" "Yes." "Ah, you don't say; Americans?" and the swarthy face of the stately Arab is immediately wreathed in smiles, from his heart, for some unfathomable reason, away in the boundless stretches of burning sand, he nourishes a tender feeling for the sons and daughters of Columbia. Mr. Wilson found an old sheikh at the Pyramids, who, out of pure, spontaneous admiration for him personally and naturally, and without the slightest hope of reward, followed him to Cairo and continued in his company for two weeks. When they parted American and Arab hugged each other with a warmth only found in the Orient and both the ship under trying circumstances.—*Phil. Record.*

The cultivation of habit is no less important than the cultivation of mind; for by the action of the one the other is readily kept in order. How is it in the working of machinery? You see every movement is regular and precisely at the same time; if not so, something is wrong and our machinery stops. Just so in the cultivation of habit. Unless regularity and promptness are aimed at not only aimed at, but actually secured, there is a stoppage in our own interests, perhaps fatal, and perhaps an incentive which only daily experience can give.

Father is Getting Well.

My daughters say: "How much better father is since he used Hop Bitters. He is getting well after his long suffering from a disease declared incurable, and we are so glad that he used your Bitters. — A lady of Rochester, N. Y.

A Woodbury woman accidentally swallowed some arsenic that had been got to destroy ants. As s e was not an aunt she was not destroyed.—*Banbury News.*

Duty to Others.

CHAMBERSBURG, July 25, 1875.

This is to let the people know that I, Anna Maria Krider, wife of Tobias Krider, am now past seventy-four years of age. My health has been very bad for some years past. I was troubled with weakness, bad cough, dyspepsia, great debility and constipation of the bowels. I was so miserable I could hardly eat anything. I heard of Hop Bitters, and my daughters resolved to try them. I have only used three bottles, and I feel wonderfully good, well and strong again. My bowels are regular, my appetite good, and cough all gone. I feel so well that I think it my duty to let the people know, as so many know how bad I was, what the medicine has done for me, so they can cure themselves with it.

ANNA M. KRIDER,
Wife of Tobias Krider.

"I Thought It Was Mary."

A racy story is going the round of summer resorts upon a leading Philadelphia lawyer, who indulged in an occulatory venture at the Byrn Mawr Hotel a couple of weeks ago. The gentleman is quite as prominent at the State bar as he is in the county courts, and his presence at summer watering places has always been gladly welcomed. One evening at Byrn Mawr, the story goes, he left his room on the second floor and started down the long, dark corridor to wake the man in charge. Suddenly he heard the tripping of feet, and soon descried the well-rounded form of a female approaching.

As the fair creature was passing, the man of the law very adroitly entered the tempting waist with his right arm and kissed the damsel full in the mouth. Instead of responding, the girl drew away indignant. The freebooter saw he had made a mistake and said: "Oh, I beg pardon! I thought it was Mary." The lawyer had mistaken a sweet girl of 18, acknowledged to be the handsomest and coyest lass in the house, for the chambermaid. Next morning he suddenly disappeared with his family, taking the first train for the city. Up at the Hotel Kaaterskill, we have the hero of the corridor act has been accustomed to kiss the girls every summer, the guests say that the chambermaids are raising a fund in expectation of his coming. They intend presenting him with a handsome testimonial, should he come their way. His short, compact form, slick and clean face and sparse autumn locks will probably not be seen on the Kaaterskill porch this summer. The password now among the swells at all the fashionable resorts is: "Beg pardon! I thought it was Mary." The strangest part of it all is that nobody knows where the kissing counselor has gone.

Philosophy of Amusements.

Whatever occupies the mind and influences the heart, tends to good or to evil; and that which affords pleasure will dwell in a person's thoughts, sometimes affording relief from disagreeable and irritating reflections. If, therefore, the exciting cause of gratifying sensations be innocent, it will afford relief, and direction from proper duties, the effect is to keep the mind in a healthful condition, and it is not injurious.

Thinking persons cannot fail to perceive the moral effect of a variety of revelations and amusements; and they are frequently brought up for discussion by those who think they are authorized to indicate to their fellow men what is proper and what is wrong in the matter of recreation.

Assembly of Baptist ministers recently gave their views upon this subject, and while condemning the theatre and dancing generally, they differed greatly in opinion.

Painting, sculpture, poetry, eloquence and music, when properly used, are uplifting; and we find them more or less in the houses of the most intelligent people of every age. Some amusements are yet the most austere sorts have found it impracticable to conduct their worship without it.

Those who undertake to inculcate correct principles of religion and morality should not be too fastidious of language for it is true, as a great poet has said,

"God and Nature will the same."

Jubilous recreation is essential to mental health, and it is said, and one of the good gifts of the benevolent Creator to man is the ability to laugh. The lower orders of creation do not laugh; and much of the enjoyment of life is found in the enlivening conversation and humor which causes smiles and laughter. The most efficient teachers of religious truth are those who always wear a cheerful countenance, and are not afraid to uplend and to laugh at innocent mirth and genuine witty, elevate fantastic ideas.

In the existing condition of our social circumstances and surroundings of people are not religious; and when we consider how powerful is the educating influence of amusements, and how many of our people have them, it will be wise to provide and encourage such as are good and innocent, rather than make futile efforts to abolish all of them. Solomon says "There is a time for all things;" and the time spent in innocent recreation is not incompatible with the most devoted piety. The youth of our land should not be led to believe that religion means more of all that is pleasant in our present life.—[The Episcopal Register.

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