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our farms and manufactures; how prices upon almost every commodity the poor man has to buy has been reduced, and reflects upon the general prosperity that attends almost every avenue of living, he cannot but feel a deep sense of disgust; and yet if he be a considerate reader he cannot but have sympathy for that man.

This Omaha World-Herald appears to be greatly disappointed that the democrats in congress do not propose to repeal the McKinley bill and form a measure in keeping with the latest declarations of the leaders of that organization. The fact is the shrewd congressmen fear they will strike a snag if they attempt to repeal the McKinley law.

LA GRIPPE is becoming epidemic everywhere.

FACT AGAINST FICTION.

An Instance of the Misleading Character of Circumstantial Evidence. There is no figure of the imagination—if it is at all within the limit of possibilities—more curious or strange than some things that actually happen. The following is an instance in proof of this:

A few years ago Frank Millet, the well known artist, war correspondent and story writer, published a short story in a leading magazine which had as its principal feature the mysterious killing of a Parisian artist in his own studio. A web of circumstantial evidence led to the arrest of a model who had been in the habit of posing for him. But through some chain of circumstances which the writer of this has now forgotten, the murder—if murder it can be called—was found to have been caused by the discharge of a firearm through the force of capillary attraction. The firearm was used by the artist as a studio accessory, and was hung in such a manner that he was directly in line with it. Its discharge occurred when he was alone in his studio.

The story was a vivid and ingenious flight of the imagination. Now for its parallel in fact. The Albany Law Journal tells of the arrest of a man upon the charge of killing his cousin. The dead man was found lying upon a lounge about 3 o'clock in the afternoon with a 22-caliber ball in his brain. The cousin, who had an interest of \$100,000 in his death, was alone with him in the house at the time. The discovery of the real cause of death was due to the lawyer of the accused, who took the rifle from which the ball had been fired, loaded and hung it upon the wall, and then marked the form of a man upon a white sheet and placed it upon the lounge where the man had been found.

Then a heavy cut glass pitcher of water was placed upon a shelf above. The temperature was 90 degs. in the shade. The pitcher of water acted as a sun glass, and the hot rays of the sun shining through the water were refracted directly upon the cartridge chamber of the rifle. Eight witnesses were in the room, and a few minutes after 3 o'clock there was a puff and a report, and the ball struck the outlined form back of the ear, and the theory of circumstantial evidence was exploded.

This is interesting, not only because the real occurrence is quite as strange as the imagined one, but because the fact came after the fiction and paralleled it so closely.—Detroit Free Press.

One Cure for Malaria. A reputable and honored citizen living on the North Side in the vicinity of Lincoln park has had a terrible experience.

His wife became suddenly ill and he immediately called up the family physician by telephone. Subscriber—My wife complains of a severe pain at the back of her neck and occasional nausea.

Doctor—She must have malaria. Subscriber—What's the best thing to do?

At that moment the young lady at the central station altered the switch by mistake and the unlucky husband received the reply of a mechanical engineer in answer to the inquiries of a mill owner regarding his boiler.

Engineer—I believe she is lined with excoriations to a considerable thickness. Let her cool during the night, and in the morning before firing up take a hammer and pound her vigorously. Then get a garden hose, with strong pressure from the main, and let it play freely on the parts affected.

The doctor may count on at least one fat patron short.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

An Incident of Metropolitan Life. Down on South Broadway, standing beside a stairway which leads up stairs to the office of an electro-medical company, there stands a little glass case in which is displayed the life size figure of a human leg from the thigh down.

The other day two very well dressed young men were standing in front of the case. Two or three other people were staring over their shoulders to see what it was made the noise.

Finally one young man said to the other very solemnly: "In five minutes that leg will begin to move."

His companion looked at him very wisely, pursed his lips and nodded his head. Then they both walked away.

The other people stood in front of the case for half an hour waiting for the leg to move. Suddenly a thought seemed to strike one of them. Then the same thought occurred to another member of the group, and so, one by one, they silently stole away.—New York World.

A Volume in a Word. Friend—What became of that young man you were engaged to last summer? Miss Cathem (innocently)—Which one?—New York Weekly.

NEW LONDON IN WAR.

The Strategic Value of a Connecticut City in the Defense of New York.

Navy officers who have studied the region have often and urgently pressed upon their department the importance of developing the station at New London and making it efficient. One must admire their energy and faithfulness in continuing to lay before their superiors the vital importance of strengthening this strategic base in the outer defense of New York in the face of long continued pigeonholing of reports. That their anxiety is not unfounded becomes plain when we consider that Great Britain has a powerful station at Halifax, from which, if so disposed, she could hurl her thunderbolts of maritime war upon this unprotected spot at very short notice, precisely as she could strike our South Atlantic coast from the Bahamas. She may never even wish to do either thing, but isn't it rather foolish to remain unprepared for the blow when we have ample resources for establishing a guard against it?

Through long trade that passes through Long Island sound coastwise is hardly conceived of by the majority of citizens. It amounts to a great many million dollars' worth a year, and all this trade could be paralyzed by a quick stroke from a foreign navy. In 1889 the entire munitions of war manufactured in the United States amounted to \$11,000,000. Of this total, \$9,000,000 worth was manufactured in Connecticut alone. A foreign fleet in the sound, therefore, would be able to deprive us of our main source of munitions without even attempting to attack New York.

Cut off a city's supply of air and what would it matter whether that city surrendered or not? Shut off from New York in war time nine elevenths of the material it needed for war and it would be as helpless as a city without air to breathe. But this is not all. An enemy in the sound could cut at New London and again at New Haven, the chief lines of land communication and railroad transportation between New England and New York.

If of the loss which would thus be caused a small percentage were now to be promptly applied to building up New York's outer line of defense, with a strong navy yard at New London as its base, the whole cost would be defrayed in a few years without inconvenience to any one. In time of action, while our battle ships and cruisers patrolled the Race or engaged the enemy, with support from the forts, our monitors, emerging from New London, would lurk safe behind Fisher's island, prepared to assist; for there again, on the north face, nature favors us with the sheltered waters of Hay harbor and West harbor. In case of injury, vessels could quickly run into New London, and repair at the navy yard. Thus, while the surroundings and topography are not the same as those of the entrance to the Mediterranean, we should still have what might well be called "an American Gibraltar," quite as invulnerable as the stronghold at the pillars of Hercules, and much greater in range.

Boston can be equipped effectually to defend herself; and Newport also, if fortified, is in a position to ward off an enemy. But neither of these, by so doing, can help to defend New York. New London, on the other hand, if her natural advantages are utilized, can repel any attack on New York from the east, and thereby relieve the metropolis from dread in that quarter. It is well, it is indispensable, to protect New York from assault by way of the Narrows. But what will it avail to bar that small front door if the broad rear entrance through the sound be left undefended?—G. P. Lathrop in Harper's Weekly.

A Chance for a Fortune. There survive in this city a few hand cork cutters who still contrive to make a sort of living in competition with the cork cutting machines and the peasants of Catalonia. One of these men hangs out a curious sign in an east side street. It is a glass case containing the model of a house all of cork. It is possibly the house that Jack built, for there are bits of cork to simulate bags of grain. The factory is a shed in the rear of an ordinary dwelling house. Here, with the aid of some simple machinery, the cork cutter manages to eke out an existence. His chief grievances are the competition of machinery and the problem of disposing of the waste.

Light as cork is, tons of clippings accumulate, and although various uses have been discovered for this refuse, it brings little or nothing when sold, and constantly accumulates to the embarrassment of the corkcutter. There is a comfortable little fortune for the man who shall devise some really profitable use for cork clippings.—New York Sun.

How They Got Along. A Nantucket woman tells of the annoyance to which the Mitchell household was subjected, after its daughter, Maria Mitchell, became famous, at the hands of two importunate tourists. Its privacy was so persistently and unwarrantably invaded that its members felt occasionally that politeness ceased to be a virtue. One persistent woman, who got herself admitted on a shabby pretext, so wearied a sister of Miss Mitchell, into whose hands she fell, that when the woman after a series of searching questions wound up with, "And what do you do in this dull town after the tourists are gone?" the other replied, with a drawl natural to her, "Oh, we cut off our coupons."—Exchange.

Mysteries of Manufacture. Cigar Manufacturer—Yes, sir, it's an actual fact that cigar boxes are not made out of cedar at all; they are made out of paper and colored with cedar extract. Friend—Well! well! Now won't you please tell me what cigars are made of?—Good News.

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EPISCOPAL.—St. Luke's Church, corner Third and Vine. Rev. H. B. Burgess, pastor. Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 2:30 p. m.

GERMAN METHODIST.—Corner Sixth St. and Granite. Rev. H. T. Pastor. Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m.

PREBYTERIAN.—Services in new church, corner Sixth and Granite sts. Rev. J. T. Baird, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30; preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The Y. R. M. C. E. of this church meets every Sabbath evening at 7:15 in the basement of the church. All are invited to attend these meetings.

FIRST METHODIST.—Sixth St., between Main and Pearl. Rev. L. F. Britt, D. D., pastor. Services 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 p. m.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN.—Corner Main and Ninth. Rev. White, pastor. Services usual hours. Sunday school 9:30 a. m.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.—Granite, between Fifth and Sixth.

COLORED BAPTIST.—St. Olive, Oak, between Tenth and Eleventh. Rev. A. Howell, pastor. Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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