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The clerk in a dry goods store was waxing sarcastic at the boarding house table because the schoolteacher said she was tired. "I don't see how you have the nerve to say that," he said. "You have a snap. Your hours are short, and, although you say you have to look over papers in the evening, I reckon you don't have to spend much time on them. Then look at the vacations you have-a week or two at Christmas, another in the spring, two or three days at Thanksgiving time and then the entire summer. Look at me. I have to work eight hours every day, with only a half hour at noon, and once in awhile I have to put in an evening at the store when they take inventory of stock. And my vacation! I get the legal holidays, two weeks in the summer and during the hot months a half day off, and colds by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy heaven knows what a good half day

> During this harangue the schoolteacher listened carefully to the noise know of."

And the rest of the table grinned audibly, while the clerk grabbed a toothpick and went out.-New York

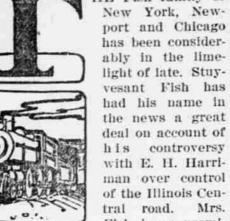
There is a service whose conditions that of the men on the dynamite ships that lurk in the shadow of Canvey isboat took fire near Canvey island. The dynamite, ships. By a miracle the blazing hulk steered safely between it back again she came. Another miracle and the floating inferno missed

them all a second time. A spark from Dec. 18. her blazing timbers, the least shock from a collision and she had exploded such a mine as would have blown the half of Essex into Ireland. She float-

ed, hissing and spluttering, down the tideway and passed away, to burn herself to the water's edge beyond the reach of dynamite. And the silent, lonely men stayed unstirring at their posts and twice saw the grave open and close before them. - Army and Navy.

Missed the Towpath. There was a little girl five years old





Fish is as prominent in society as her husband is in the business world. Their daughter Ma-

rian contributed to the family fame by furnishing the occasion for one of the he made while he talked. When he biggest and swellest weddings of the season when last summer she became Mrs. Albert Zabriskie Gray.

Stuyvesant Fish's quarrel with E. H. Harriman dates back to the period of the insurance inquiry. He was then president of the Illinois Central and in various matters of policy found himself at variance with the "colossus of

roads." This disagreement with the great railway financier and transportation expansionist led to Mr. Fish are little known to the outside world, being defeated in his campaign for reelection as president of the road. At a directors' meeting not long ago Mr. land. It once happened that a cargo Fish and his successor, James T. Harahan, had a clash, and it was reported crew could not extinguish the flames, that there was a "mixup" in which the vessel had to be abandoned, and President Harahan got the worst of Barber Shop the tide carried her straight for the the encounter. The fight now on for very readily. control of the road between Mr. Harriman and his allies and Mr. Fish and them. But the tide turned, and with his followers is a bitter one, and the public awaits with interest the out-

> they are making a fight for a principle, and rightly or wrongly an impression prevails in the railroad world that he aspire."



Wonderfully Good Sight. The Duchess of X. once went to Greenwich to see the marvels of the observatory. It was a lovely night, and for the fair duchess' benefit the great telescope was duly leveled at the dazzling field of stars. "What is that star?" she said, pointing to a very bright one. "Oh, that's Aldebaran, a star of the first magnitude." "Is it very far off?" asked her grace. "About six or seven light years, your grace."

"What is a light year?" "Merely an expression which one uses to convey an idea of the distance ly speaking, light travels at the rate of 190,000 miles in a second, and there are about 31,000,536 seconds in a year. In one year, therefore, light travels above 5,991.840,000,000 miles. The expression 'light year' includes these figures."

"And is that star all those millions of miles away?"

"Yes, your grace, as nearly as we can calculate." "Then all I can say," remarked the duchess, "is that you must have wonderfully good eyes to make out that star's name at that distance, even with this big telescope. It's really most marvelous."-London Tit-Bits.

Slaughtered the Anthem.

"When I went west first," said a Unitarian minister, "I was in a small town called L., and in the choir of my church the village blacksmith did noble work as baritone. He had a voice that could shake mountains, and whatever it lacked in any other feature it made up in volume. He couldn't read music any more than he could English, but he learned a tune

"One Sunday we were to be favored with a new anthem because it was a special occasion, and the baritone had one portion all to himself. Unfortucome of the meeting of stockholders on nately he had missed many of the practices.

> "The anthem went along excellently until it came to a beautiful part which reads, 'And, dying, bids us all

> "Here the rest of the singers stopped short in that quick, sudden way that choirs have, and in the ensuing stillness sounded the ponderous tones of the blacksmith:

"'And dving brides are filled with fire." "-Boston Herald.

To a Higher Table. John Barrett, chief of the bureau of American republics, after various other experiments in diplomacy, came to

Washington from Oregon during Pres-

ident Cleveland's second term to get

anything he could. He brought a

bunch of Oregon boomers with him,

and for a time they stayed at the best

hotels. The job was slow in coming,

and they went from cheaper place to

cheaper place, like Mark Twain's office

at one of the lunch places on Penn-

sylvania avenue. One night while they were at dinner word came that Presi-

dent Cleveland had decided to appoint

Barrett minister to Siam. Barrett rose

"Hold on, John!" cried one of his

companions in misfortune. "Where

are you going? Aren't you going to

"Gentlemen," said Barrett as he

stalked out, "this is no place for the

minister to Siam to dine."-Saturday

Not Certain About That.

various ailments. "I haven't kept track

of all of 'em," she said, "but one of

the first things I had was the lumbago

in the small of my back. Then I had

"It would be an interesting list," said

"I'm not certain but what I did," an-

Made a Record.

"Yo' said in yo' sermon, Brother

"Well, den, how comes he live ter

That seemed to stagger the old man,

Mrs. Verdigris was enumerating her

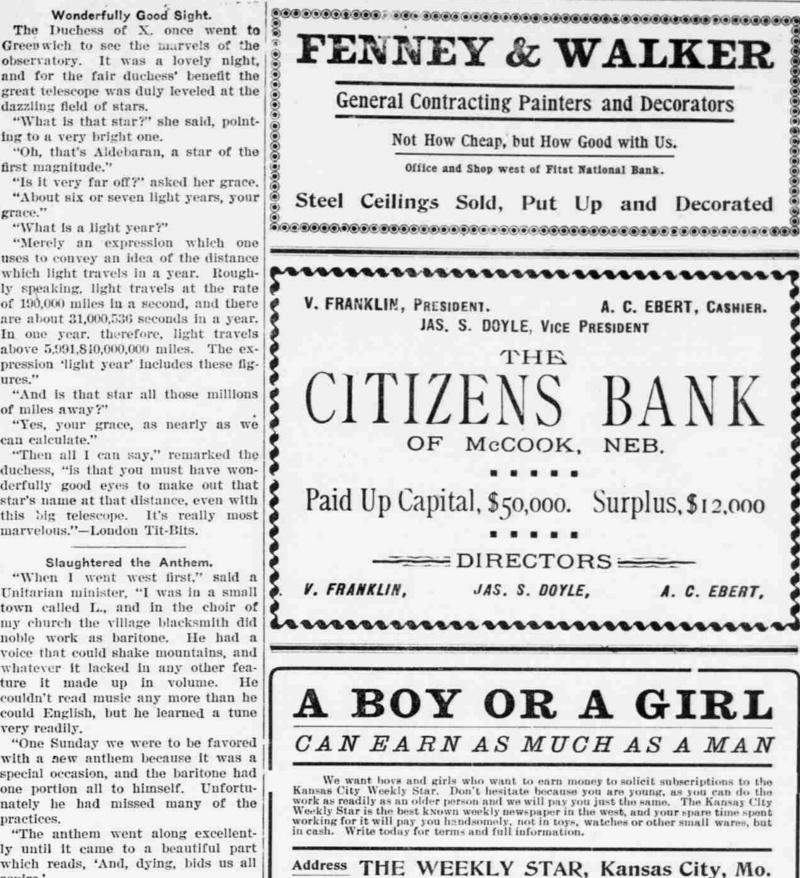
from the table and put on his coat.

finish your dinner?"

Evening Post.

"I sho' did."

seeker, until they were forced to eat





Mr. Fish and his friends claim that

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finished she said sweetly: "Well, why don't you become a schoolteacher? There's no law to prevent you that I

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On the Dynamite Ships.

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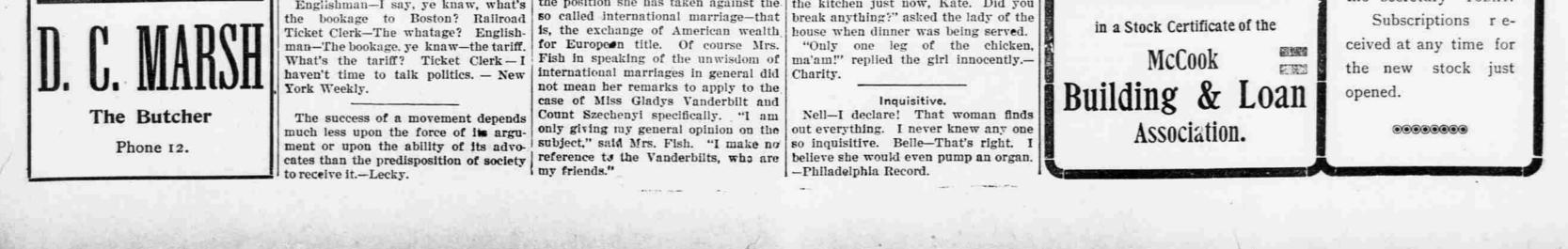
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or so living in an inland town up the state. Near her home there was no river nor, in fact, any water but the Erie canal.

The child's mother made a visit to New York and on her return was telling of her trip down the bay and of how wonderful the sea had looked to her. Her little girl was listening eagerly.

"Tell me just what the sea is like. mamma," she said.

Her mother made an effort. "There's the beach," she said, "all smooth white sand. You stand on it and look out over the ocean, and all you can see is water, just moving water, waves coming in and breakingnothing but water and sky." The child sat trying to picture it, then in an awed little whisper asked: "Oh, mamma, isn't there a towpath?"-New York Times.

Little Mamie Rose Rose.

"It doesn't take these little Russian children long to catch on to things in this country," remarked a teacher of the Educational alliance. "When one explains a word to them they never forget it, and they are always ready with an illustration of its meaning has been made a martyr to principle. too. I remember that some time ago He has contended for the right of the I had explained to the class the mean- Illinois Central stockholders to have I've had neuralgy, nervous headache, ing of the word 'ambiguity,' and then, that road managed in its own interests sore throat, indigestion, a breaking as the custom is, I turned about and rather than in the interests of other cut on my skin and ever so many other made to ra explain the word to me. "'Now, is there any one.' I asked. Ne.' If the railroads of the country member." who can give me an in a cation? "A grimy lit of the room study we hadd. the my be grand "'Here's a ::. + ichie . at ca a cried. 'Little 1 tack-little Manual or, "you rate" with "Oh, no," com h to the survey don't have to when ant Sun. Mai 16. east side child two

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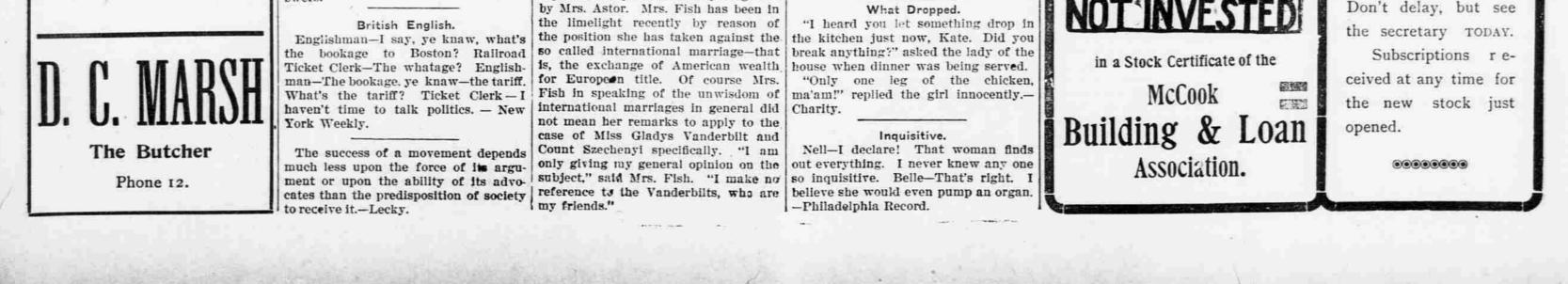
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MR. AND MRS. STUYVESANT FISH.

the influenzy awful bad. The next thing was the rheumatiz. Since then lines, and he is credited with the be- pesky little troubles that I can't reshour. ' and for the benefit of the , the back poorly : her than to build up great her sympathizing neighbor. "Why domy here fortunes. He once said, didn't you take an inventory?" the Illinois Central: swered Mrs. Verdigris. "I took ever

mer run this railroad from -11 We have a list I shall never do so, no so many things. I'll try it if you think happens. With all the it'd help me, but unless it's very mild power that is in me I I just know it won't stay on my stumceep this property from mick."-Youth's Companion. the state of the money octopus

with sented by Edward H. The way but the

Dickey, dat Jonah wuz eat up by de Section is a six footer and well presolvel at his is, so that he makes a whale?" contrast physically to Mr. Harriman, whose outward appearance and slight is y a figure give little indication of the tell it?" be an array of the brains he possesses. Mr. Fish is not the kind of man most persons like to six. Harahan is not a large man, and 's said that when Mr. Fish took 1 of him in the encounter at the ant directors' meeting it was like a

tier shaking a rat.

: H. Harriman was recently quoted saying it was about time to divorce the railroads from Newport. That was dred. Mr. Fish himself is not overtein for heine the tish eggs, fond of society, but he does not inter- because his opportunities were so cheese gather to a trand in beans | fere with the social programme of Mrs. and personal of the .- London An- Fish, and she is generally reputed to of Trevelyan's History. aspire to the place in society long held

An English View of Robert E. Lee. General Robert E. Lee was indeed fully Washington's equal as a hero and a gentleman and much his superior as to a slap at Mr. Fish on account of his a soldier. It is only in the larger polit-.th and wife's prominence in the Four Hun- ical or semipolitical sphere that he stands lower and there perhaps only

much smaller .- London Times Review

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but he gathered himself together and replied: "Dat's easy. You see, Jonah wuz de fust fisherman, an' he had ter make a record!"-Atlanta Constitution.