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N. P. FEIL,
Notary Public. A new moon has been discovered and thus science joins with politics in adding to the list of useless things we have.

Up to date neither of the yellow jourthe Maine was done by one of their enterprising reporters.

The various home rule and autonomy proposals to the Cubans might now be filed away for reference in case any other nation wants to know how not to

Accidents will happen in the best regulated families, but the people of the United States would prefer to do without accidents of the kind that has overtaken the Maine,

General Lew Wallace may rest assured that he will never be called upon by the descendants of General McClellan to tell any new Lincoln anecdotes he may happen to remember.

Patriotic American citizens are not losing sleep worrying about what the administration will or will not do to protect the American flag. President Me-Kinley has a record as a flag defender.

Bryan may have found Mexico to be all that he had pictured it, but he has not shown any pronounced regret at leaving it and its free sliver coinage to States.

that the society leader of the city had broken one of her legs. A Boston se ciety leader never has any greater misfortune than to fracture a limb.

It is now asserted that long before-Columbus made his historic journey or the Norsemen made settlements in Vine land the Irish discovered America. This may or may not be true, but nobody will deny that they found it some years

The willow bark cure for the habit of intemperance in beverages is being tried in Iowa. If it is half as effective as the time-honored willow switch cure for the habit of laziness it will be a great improvement over some of the other cures for tippling.

Yellow dog journalism is trying to States by sensational fakes, but the masses of the American citizens are not likely to be stampeded into a bloody conflict in order to supply the yellow dog papers with material that will make them salable.

Emperor William's official genealogical experts have figured out that he is entitled to the throne of Great Britain because he is the eldest son of Queen Victoria's eldest daughter. This makes the English people think better of the prospect of having Albert Edward for king in a few years.

There is no good reason why the United States should not produce al the sugar required for its home consumption and produce it also without the aid or consent of Hawaii or any other country. By prudent encouragement of the beet sugar industry this much-desired result can be accomplished.

The governor of Missouri has refused to honor a requisition for persons charged with body stealing on the ground that it is too trivial a matter. This is no safe indication, however, that grave robbery is too trivial a matter in Missouri to warrant arrest and prosecution if the offense is perpetrated in that state.

Spanish papers still insist that the De Loine letter has been misunderstood. If so, it might be well hereafter to require their missions to go through a kinder garten that will teach them how to express their ideas and opinions in language whose meaning is unmistakable.

If the news from South America in regard to the secession of four of the leading states of Brazil proves not to have been exaggerated, a disastrons war is certain to follow this action. The population of the seceding provinces aggregates about 5,000,000 out of the total of 14,000,000 in Brazil. It is probable that a few other provinces might follow the example of the rebellious ones and make the contest so nearly equal that there would be great danger of a permanent division of the republic.

as embodied in the supreme court.

should come from one of its own members, but it is passing strange that the anniversary of Lincoln's birth should be taken as the occasion for glorifying that court as the bulwark of American liberty. People yet living in the state of hearing Abraham Lincoln stigmatize the most virulent attacks upon the repubracy.

Whether the supreme court has since Net total sales 695,796
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sence this lat day of February 1999 whose members, like feudal lords, hold rarely represents popular sentiment. While Judge Brewer proclaimed the supreme court to be the nation's anchor, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, is quoted as saynals has claimed that the blowing up of | ing after his retirement from the turmoil of public life that the supreme court was a corps of sappers and miners steadily undermining the constitution.

It is a matter of comparatively recent history that the legal tender decisions tendered by the supreme court under the chief justiceship of Salmon P. Chase, the sponsor of the greenbacks, held that the right to issue legal tender paper money could be exercised in times of decision was handed down and two vacongress to emit legal tender currency in times of peace. "It was no secret," order that the previous decision might be reversed."

This is, however, not the only instance when new appointments to the supreme court have resulted in reversing previous decisions and completely overthrowing principles enunciated as fundamental law. Within less than a quarter of a century there has been a marked tendency on the part of the supreme court return to the gold standard United to fortify the corporate power that or conspiracy, in restraint of trade or threatens to strand the ship of the rerecognize the right of the states to rebeing scooped out, leaving but empty shells for the protection of the people The Granger cases which were heralded forth as the safety valve against corporate encroachment have been literally expunged and popular confidence seriously shaken in the only tribunal that was supposed to withstand the temptations of corporate wealth and the pressure of grasping monopoly.

These criticisms may not sound agree ably on the ears of men who seldom come in contact with the masses and more seldom still hear anything but fawning flattery from the lips of lawyers and laymen interested in currying judicial favor. But the very fact that a instice of the supreme court feels it inumbent to defend at a public banquet the course which he and his colleagues precipitate a war upon the United are pursuing on the bench indicates with sufficient clearness that the whispered discontent of the people has made itself heard even in the robing rooms of the nine American popes. The nation's anchor is an untrammelled and fearless press sounding the alarm whenever the rights and liberties of the people of their free institutions are endangered.

# OUR MEXICAN FRIENDS.

It is a suggestive coincidence that on he fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the treaty which brought to a close the only armed conflict of the century between English speaking and Spanish speaking Americans the uppermost topic of the day relates to a possible war between the United States and the nation hat is mother of so many American cepublies. Just a half century ago representatives of the United States and be mutual helpfulness and the desire Mexico agreed upon terms of peace for a better understanding between the which, although forced upon Mexico after a sharp and decisive military campaign, were not made oppressive by the victors, for the \$15,000,000 agreed to be paid for the Mexican possessions north of the Gila river was looked upon then as a fair price for a few mountains surrounded by deserts.

In the army of the defeated there was a soldier boy not yet 18 years old, des- whelming divided Christianity might tined to play an important part in the not be checked again on the plains of work of nation making south of the Tours or at the walls of Vienna. But Rio Grande. Porfirio Diaz followed Islam has been receding for centuries the profession of arms for nearly thirty and Islam is today as greatly divided years, during which time peace was as Christianity with its creeds and de-Spanish diplomats before entering on brought to his country literally by the nominations. It would be no more possword, and then he commenced his marvelous career of statesmanship by which in concerted war against Europe than Mexico has been transformed from a to unite Christianity in another crusade loosely bound confederation of jealous for the recovery of Jerusalem. The states into a nation of peace loving and danger the alliance seeks to avert is industrious patriots. The battle-scarred largely imaginary. veteran had learned the priceless value

> benefit of that lesson. President Diaz is said to contemplate coming century. Yet there is work for journey through the United States. If it, if it is worthy of the trust, in exert- in the recent national convention of he comes he will be warmly welcomed. ing a broadening influence on all peo-As he has been the friend of peace and ples, in extending the bonds of friend- ment of dues to the national organizathe patron of the arts, sciences and in- ship, and in furthering mutual toleration tion are Utah and Colorado, states where dustry, he could not well be other than among the nations that have grown women have been accorded the right to a friend to the United States. The closer to each other. If the women vote. That these states where the adont the barbarous policy of laying sister republics of the North American of the world thus unite they may have women suffragists have gained their ob-

Brewer of the United States supreme Spanish families, are not bound by sen- of religion and philosophy prevail. Twen- unless explained on the theory that court responded to the toast, "The Na- timental ties to the land of the castanet, tieth century progression will not be woman suffrage is such a good thing need, which is a fact. tion's Anchor." The focal point of the for, by the victories of President Diaz within narrow confines. Judge's address was the assertion that on the field and in the cabinet council, the sheet anchor of our liberties and they have learned the meaning of freefree institutions is the federal judiciary dom and how to live for it. In any good cause the people of the United It is not in the least surprising that States may hereafter be assured of the part of the government that might lead disappointing and they see no reason line from Europe this exalted opinion of the supreme court sympathy or active co-operation of our Mexican neighbors.

## AN ANTI-TRUST DECISION.

vated standard and whether it has been what was designated "free" and "pay" fundamental doctrines of human rights bers of the trust were allowed to sell and individual liberty is open to ques- pipe at any price they saw fit, while supreme court has been undemocratic submitted to a central board, which and unrepublican in its make-up. Not fixed the price and assigned the order feature of the arrangement was the astheir places for life, but their selection signment of certain large cities to parboth the price and the bonus were fixed by the board.

by the circuit court of appeals and the position of the attorney general sustribunal that the contract of association. even if the prices fixed under it were reasonable and its only purpose was to cendiary war talk. The people who do prevent ruinous competition as the defendants claimed, was nevertheless void at common law, because in restraint of needed by the government. trade and an attempted monopoly. It was further held by the court that the war only. Within three years after that prices were not reasonable and the purpose was an attempted monopoly; also cancies had been filled, the court re- that the trade restrained by the con- competition in Europe. Our manufacversed its ruling and upheld the right of tract of association was the negotiation and sale of pipe to be delivered across says ex-Secretary of the Treasury Hugh to the state of sale and that this was. McCulloch in his reminisciences, "in- under all the decisions of the supreme deed it was a matter of public notoriety court, interstate commerce. The con- plate for two battleships is a notable that these justices were appointed in clusion from these premises was that the contract of association was a restraint and burden on interstate commerce and a violation of the federal anti-trust law.

The position of the court would seem to be unassailable, except, possibly, in its application of the common law to the case. The anti-trust act of 1890 makes illegal "every contract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, commerce among the several states, or with foreign nations." The application the case shall be taken to that tribunal. The court took an advanced position in which there is the promise of further victories for the people over the monopolistic combinations. It must be that there are other trusts amenable to the common law, because of their monopolistic character, and also to the act of 1890, because of restraint of trade or

commence among the states. WORLD-WIDE WORK FOR WOMEN. The well meaning persons who have organized the Alliance of Oriental and Occidental Women are trying to frighten others into indorsing their plan for a and fellowship, by an appeal sent out from Pariscalling attention to the "electric war-belt which spans half the world," stretching from Morocco to China, along which a scintillation of diplomatic friction would spread carnage and rapine throughout the world. "On the one side it is divided Christianity," say these alliance makers, "on the other, undivided Islam. Christianity numbers about 400,000,000; Islam nearly 300,000,-000 souls."

To avert the cutastrophe of a conflict all along this line a number of women of the Orient and Occident have formed this alliance. The plan of work includes sending Christian women as teachers into the homes of Moslems and establishment of schools in the large cities of the world for study of Oriental literature and philosophy. There is to women of the east and the women of the west in all that pertains to social and domestic life. Thus with a new bond of friendship the peace of the world will be assured.

The ostensible purpose of this alliance is commendable; but that is no excuse for starting it off on the fright plan. The advance of undivided Islam oversible to unite all followers of the prophet | threw it in the lap of "his honor," who

The Alliance of Oriental and Occidenof peace and he gave his country the tal Women may not prevent the clash of the scimetar and sword during the continent are good neighbors and good great power in advancing civilization, ject and which have been proclaimed by wealth and well being.

At the banquet given by the Marquette club of Chicago in celebration of the of a half century ago are all healed.

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friends. They have many mutual interbut but this can be best done when the lines of their work cross and recross the borders of Christianic and Islam and existence to help spread the benefits to

INCENDIARY WAR TALK. to war, who seeks to inflame popular why the suffrage should be thrust upon passion and who endeavors to create distrust of the administration or of any department of the gov-

An important decision was rendered a ernment, is a public enemy. The few days ago, in the case of the cast- United States senator who on Friday there were 12,437 men regularly emiron pipe combination, by the United made an incendiary speech in the senate Illinois, some of them in attendance States circuit court of appeals for the and cast a reflection upon the Navy deupon the Marquette banquet, remember | Sixth circuit, the effect of the decision | partment, for which he was deservedly being to prevent the trust from contin- rebuked, undoubtedly has sympathizers tribunal that rendered the Dred Scott uing to do business under its present in the country, but as was said by Sendecision as the bulwark of the slave form of association. The case was ators Wolcott and Lodge the really papower, and in the campaign of 1860 the begun in the federal circuit court at triotic citizens of the United States do Chattanooga by a bill in equity filed by not approve his utterances. These citlican candidate for president were based the attorney general against the six izens do not want war, they do not beon his bold arraignment of the supreme companies composing the combination lieve there is any justification for a court for its subserviency to the dom- and was brought under the anti-trust policy on the part of this government inant slavocracy and political aristoc. act of 1800, the attorney general con- that would provoke war and they feel, roads for the populist state administratending that the contract of association as Senator Wolcott said, that if war was in restraint of interstate commerce, should come "our course must be eterthe days of Lincoln attained a more ele- This contract divided the country into nally grounded on the right," so that brought in closer harmony with the territory. In free territory the mem- respect of the world and we shall be has not been wholly due to absence of able to respect ourselves.

The really patriotic citizens of the tion. From its inception the federal all orders from pay territory had to be United States-those whose patriotism heresy trials are quietly pursuing their only have the people no voice whatever to the company in the association which and his official advisers. They know theology before large classes and Prof. in the choice of this imperial tribunal would give the highest bonus. Another that these officials are as patriotic as Henry Preserved Smith has recently been ticular companies, on orders from which that they know their duty and their interrupted by being called before an with the game of eucher at home. In such fully discharge them. All such citizens The bill was dismissed by the circuit will fully concur in the declaration of court, but the decision was set aside Senator Wolcott that at this time help should be tendered to every demand of the government and all should refrain tained. It was decided by the higher from unjust criticism of those in power. The really patriotic citizens of this country are not now indulging in in-

that are not generally of the class who

would fight if their services should be

AMERICAN COMPETITION IN EUROPE. Almost every day develops some new fact showing the growth of American turers, particularly in the iron and steel industry, are steadily gaining ground in an order with the Carnegie company by the Russian government for the armor instance of American industrial success. come to the United States for armor for its war vessels unless it found it to be decidedly to its advantage to do so.

Reference has heretofore been made to the report of the American consul general at Frankfort in regard to the growth of American competition in Europe. The communication of the consul general appears in the consular reports for the current month and is a highly interesting and encouraging statement of existing conditions. He says the fact about that report sent out from Boston anchor. One by one the decisions which of this to such a combination as the has become recognized that in several cast-iron pipe trust is perfectly plain important lines of manufacture—notably of the young men who have been trying strict and regulate common carriers are and there can be no doubt that the de that of Iron and steel—the scepter of to get them and couldn't because they were be sustained by the supreme court if payment of the highest wages to labor, has passed from the old world to the new It is not simply as the defeat of one For years, says Consul General Mason, trust that this decision is important. European economists have struggled against the conclusions which practical men are now forced to accept. It has been argued that, through what they regarded a false fiscal policy and the exaggerated wages accorded to labor. high cost of living and lack of general technical education, American manufac tures in which labor formed an important percentage of cost could never se riously compete in the world's markets with the low wages, frugal living and patient twelve-hour toil of the old world, where, in many places, communities have been trained for genera tions in specialized forms of industry. union of all peoples through friendship It has been demonstrated, however, that under intelligent, progressive management, highly paid labor, especially when employed to use complicated machinery, is after all the cheapest, and that in the race for supremacy the inert, congested populations of the old world have been in many cases left behind by the people who, more than any other, have reduced economy of labor to an exact

science. Consul General Mason cites numerous facts illustrative of the advance of he evidently expects that our trade abroad in certain lines of manufactures will continue to grow, although European manufacturers, fully alive to the situation, are making every effort, in the direction of improved processes and economy of production, to combat American competition. The contest, says the consul general, will be one between natural resources, the inventive capacity to economize labor, reduce freights, save waste of material and, above all, the ability to skillfully sell surplus products in foreign markets, in all which respects, except the last, Americans are acknowledged masters.

Unless all signs fall New York City will be ripe for another Parkhurst crusade before the Tammany regime can be routed at the polls. The new Tammany mayor set the page by attending a variety performance at a concert hall, and when the star actress of the company reached that point in the act of disrobing when she loosened her garter and was occupying a box, the newspaper ac count says "he bowed and applauded vigorously." If that is not sufficient sign of four years of Gotham gayety Van Wyck knows how to make it plainer.

It is worthy of note that two of th four states excluded from participation woman suffragists because of nonpay

that they want it all to themselves. It would be much more plausible to explain the indifference of Colorado and The public mgn or newspaper who at Utah women to the agitation on the other side of the Atlantic. Uncle Sam

other women who do not want it.

According to the report of the Nobraska State Board of Transportation, ployed on the railroads of the state, as compared with 12,155 for the preceding year, and even the popocratic railway shame that novelist or explorer should invade commissioners are forced to admit that America but to regret it. the number of employes has been materially increased since their statistics were gathered. This looks more like prosperity than calamity. The only strange part of this report is that It does not claim the credit for the increased employment on Nebraska rail-

There has been a noticeable decline in our conduct and position shall have the heresy hunting in recent years, and it game worthy of the chase. Two of the most conspicuous victims of recent does not herald itself in reckless bra- labors each in his own way. Prof. vado-have confidence in the president Charles A. Briggs is still a teacher of themselves, that they are as earnestly elected to a chair in Amherst college, devoted to the welfare of their country, where he can continue the work rudely responsibilities and that they will faith- ecclesiastical council. Heresy trials are games it is the part of wisdom to give the entirely out of date.

> Boston milliners complain that the enforcement of an ordinance compelling women to remove their hats in theaters has injured their business. One dealer declares that the business in theater hats has fallen off 75 per cent since the ordinance went into effect. This may have been intended as a hint for the theatergoers to make up a purse to as suage the dis essed milliners, but the protests thus far have fallen on deaf

The press correspondents at the nathat the department officials did not give out enough news about the Maine state lines from the state of manufacture | the European markets. The placing of disaster, when, as a matter of fact, they were kept busy all the time denying the fakes set affoat by the sensational newsmongers. It is an unusual case where the government officers do not get the The Russian government would not have first authentic news of affairs of international moment from the press.

## A Center Shot.

An eccentric statistician calculates that a woman's tongue travels 5,600,000 yards be fore she is 70. The wife of a man devoted to such sums probably has to travel out to the woodpile to keep up the fires, and it is unfair to emit this from the computation.

# Now Catch On.

The president of the Union Pacific rallad has declared that the young woman typewritists on that road must go. The resident probably stands in with some everlastingly indepe

# No Call for Alarm.

There is no questioning the scientifithe sun which were the astronomical nsation of the year 1893, are again on the But inasmuch as they have not interfered with our enjoyment of an unusually mild winter nor prevented the weather with which we have recently been cause for alarm in their appearance.

# Pleasure and Profit.

There is no greater agency to stimulate forming and the whole life of rural communities then the building of roads; no other so easy to be resorted to. It is not ecessary to invite foreign capital; it can be one at home. It will relieve the hard conditions of rural life so fully that the drift of the population to towns and cities would b t once arrested. When pleasure and profit improvement why should there be hesita-

# If We Must. We Can.

"We don't want to fight," but the figure of Adjutant General Breck's report show that we can if we must. In the five states o New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Macy land and Delaware, section of the union, he finds a total of 2,233. 747 men available for military duty. Com-paratively few of these are trained in military tactics, but most of them are familiar with arms and intelligent enough to use them properly without much deilling. It this connection it is well to remember American competition in Europe and of the large number of foreigners included in the report by far the greater part recoived a thorough military drill at home befere coming to this country, reality, trained soldiers. Should they take up arms in defense of their adopted co they would of themselves be a formidable

# SOURCE OF NATIONAL WEALTH.

### American Farms the Greatest of Money Makers.

The Department of Agriculture has is special bulletin, treating of the nation's foreign trade in agricultural exports In this report is disclosed the astonishing fact that of exports for the finel year amounting to \$1 032 007.603, over 66 per cent, r \$689,775,193, had their origin in agriculture a gain over the previous year of some 20

Cetton shows the greatest increase among exported articles. In 1897 there was a gain of 768,528,564 pounds over the previous year Wheat comes next, with a record of 20 00,000 bushels over 1896. The total export of Indian corn amounted to 176.916.26 sushels, an increase of more than 75,000 000 over 1893, and despite a decline in pric from 37.8 cents to 20.6 cents, the amoureceived for the moduct showed an increasof about \$17,000,000.

So the report runs along the whole line of cerea's the final summing up showing a total expert of breadstuffs amounting in value to \$197,857,219, against \$141,356,993 in 1896, an increase of \$56,500,226.

Equally astorishing have been the in creased exports in other lines of food. Then are important gains in the export of cattle horses, fresh beef, hams, bacon, butter and cheese. In 1896 the export of cattle amounted to 372 461 head. Lest year it amounted to 392,190. Horses, 1896, 25,126; 1897, 39,532 The exportation of fresh beef increased from 224 783,225 to 290,395,930. The exports of bacon increased from 425,392,187 bounds to 500,399,448 pounds. The increase in the ex-ports of butter and cheese is proportionate. ed a similar record holds in the matter of

These new factors of coming wealth permanent ones un'ess foreign nations shou'd soll to be the real foundation of the national HOSPITALITY ILL-REPAID.

Cleveland Leader: Anthony Gope says the club of Chicago in celebration of the of a half century ago are all healed. ders of Christiania and Islam and ex-birthday of Abraham Lincoln Justice. The Mexican people, descendants of tend into realms where other systems their less favored sisters is significant not conceiled enough, however, to believe that authors of their own nationality are a matter of any consequence to it capable of furnishing all the literature they

Chicago Inter Ocean: Hawkins, as well as Dr. Nans Lome, will have to apologize , as well as Dr. Nansen and De content to remain with his books on the this juncture counsels a course on the ground that their experience has proved enough gramblers of his own without importing an army of literary specialists in that

> Philadelphia Press: The "one-night stands" America worried the intrepld Nausen, and now Mr. Hope-Hawkins is unburdening him self to his compatriots to our disparagement. Of course, it must be true that reither it Norway nor in England can one find rude ness or bad manners. At least it is only or such a supposition the criticisms of our two ecent visitors are understandable. be this heavenly perfectitude of the classes and masses abroad it really does seem a

St. Louis Republic: Mr. Hope would write he fail in proper appreciation of the American woman. He would also seriously injure From Mr. Hope's point of view, can any woman be laughed at or adversely criticised who buys and reads Mr. Hope's novels and flocks to see the dramatized versions of those Not on your life. Nor is Mr. Hope going to antagonize such clients by laughing at or criticising them.

#### PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The precipitate retreat of Senor de Lome is a touching tribute to Uncle Sam's foot power. One of the wealthiest citizens of Dover.

N. H., saws wood for his health. Others do it to rest their jaws. It is the refinement of cruelty to prevent Von der Ahe making a home run. The whole

kidnapping affair smacks of foul play. A pretty woman teacher of a Brooklyn Sunday school has been expelled for trifling

ieacon the first prize. The highest-prized American coin is the Lord Baltimore farthing, a tiny piece, for which as much as \$360 has been paid. The expression "Not worth a farthing" has no

reference to this coin. When one considers the surplus of 18,000 inmarried women in New Jersey, the significance of the proposed bachelor tax is goes to accept a professorship apparent. It is time bachelors were lined offered him by Emperor William. up and marched to the music of the union. Some women of Ponca City, Okl., hav

that the members shall remain single, furnish a verbatim report in open meeting of all offers of marriage, learn how to smoke garettes, write a poem or story every ionth, become perfect in the use of a revolver and learn how to fence. The country is safe, no matter what the

future has in store. It is gravely announced tional capital have been complaining that New York national guardsmen may onceal on their person the stump of extinguished cigar. Even at Fort Sheridan a court-martial has decreed that a private may ask for two doses of hominy and lasses at the same meal without fracturing army regulations. An Australian organization of

sawers and choppers has challenged Americans to a contest for money, marbles halk, and are coming over in pairs to do this glorious republic. If they will be patient until the fall campaign opens they will be accommodated to their heart's con tent. It is only during a hot campaign that wood sawing approaches perfection and per sistency in this country. A combination of love, whisky and rasp-

berry jam blew up the concord of a New York family. The husband, in resisting a divorce, ascribed his misfortunes to his anxiety to please by tickling the trainer taste of his better half. With soulfu pathos he read a letter in which were these With soulful ndearing suggestions of future trouble "Tonight we meet! Do not fail, Horace, to bring me a bottle of rock and rye and a bottle of raspberry jam."

# FOOLS' ERRANDS.

of Fortune. Philadelphia Record.

There would be an extraordinary addition the gold supply of the world in the near future if only a comparatively small number of these who are bound for Alaska chould find paying quantities of the precious metal. Regardless of reports that every claim known to be profitable has been staked, and of the fact that there are many unemployed and hungry men is and about Dawson, thousands of others, undeterred by the prospect of old and famine, are on their way to that inhospitable region, and still other thousands are preparing to follow. The stories of hardhips and hazards told by returning prospectors are as nothing to these adventurous spirits, each of whom dreams that he may be case of the lucky few to find pay dirt

and sudden riches.

The perils of living in an icebound wilder ness appear to possess a fascination. In fact this gold fever has spread to all parts o the world; from Europe, Africa, Australia and Acia fortune hunters are flocking to the Klondike. It is reported that thirty-five or forty steamers are now ready to carry pas songers to Alaska. Every available craft on the Pacific is making ready for this serv-ice, and many vessels from Atlantic ports and other quarters are bastening that way Conservative estimates place the number of persons who will go there within the next few months at from 50,000 to 100,000. Proba bly not one in fifty of these will find enough handed, but broken in health.

gold to cover the cost of the journey, and will return not only empty But, after all, without the bold spiri which prompts such ventures the world would be sleepy and life would be tame; and those of us who are wedded to the comforts and luxuries of home are much indebted to the ventursome ploneers who are ever pushing civilization into the wildenicss Besides. Alaska is a broad land, bearing eral wealth. The multitudes who are now oing there will open up much new territory and doubtless make many mineral discoverie of rich advantage to the world. Incidentally he furnishing of outfits and mining supplies will cause a considerable and welcome stimuto trade in come parts of the country and the increased passenger traffic will be a boon to many of the western railway lines

#### SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

New York Sun: The resignation of eight members of the session of Dr. Hall's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church ought not to be are rich men, it is true, but their riches are on earth, and is it not the treasure iaid up in heaven which alone is of vital consequence

Buffalo Express: The attorney general of Missouri has given an opinion in which he bolds that it is a violation of the state law to have pupils recite the Lord's prayer or for the teacher to read the bible as a part of the school exercises. He takes the ground that these exercises are forms of religious worship. The Hiegality depends upon the language of the constitution, but in holding that the exercises are forms of worship, the attorney general's position is massailable.

Chicago Chronicle: The renewed agitation for equal lay representation in the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will receive the favorable consideration of the clergy if they be wise men has equal lay and clerical representation The Methodist clergy alone refuse to grant to those who foot the bill an equal voice in the government of the church. It is upon this point that trouble will arise if represenliterary standing, so largely contributed to by the generous vordict of American women. From Mr. Hope's point of view They need only refuse to vote supplies. In that case the ministers will have to choose between continuing their labors without scrip or stuff, according to the apostolio mode, or granting the appeal of the laymen. It will be far more graceful to surrender now than to be forced into surrender under peril of starvation.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: Mgr. Schroeder allowed himself to reflect with verity on his late associates in the Catholic university at Washington, in his address at the farewell to him at Columbus, the other day. It was a remarkable gathering soyhow, as forty-five German pricsts from all parts of the country had come to make their protest against his removal from the Washington chair of dogmatic theology, and to give him a nurse of \$1,000-they and the purco representing 2,000 priests, it is said, and giving evidence of as great a distante for the "Roman machine" as Dr. McGlynn himself. Schroeder declared that it was not he who had taught uncatholic doctrine, but the rest of them, for they taught many things which the people of the church no longer accepted. But have not things come to a curious pass when a Roman Catholic priest can bring forward the people's opinion of doctrine or discipline as a matter to be regarded by the church? Mgr. Schroeder goes to accept a professorship at Munster,

#### DOMESTIC IDYLS.

Detroit Free Press: "You're my first and only love." he declared. "I can believe you." she answered with a shiver, for they were sitting at least ten feet apart.

Boston Traveler: 'I can say for myself that I never have been mean enough to get another woman's cook away from her." get another woman's cook away from her,
"Neither have I; but I must confess that
once or twice I tried to work our cook off
on some of my neighbors." Pittsburg Chronicle: "You shall be queen

of my home," said young Mr. Northside, en-tausiastically, when Miss Perrysville had given her promise to marry him. "I'd rather be the chancellor of the exchequer, George, dear," replied the practical maiden. Chleago Record-"When I got married I

had an idea I was going to be my wife's "After we were married I found out I needed a protector myself."

Boston Transcript: "This coffee, my ear." said Kickles. "reminds me of what dear," said Kickles, "reminds me of what mother used to make."
"Does it, really?" exclaimed his wife, a pleased look coming into her face, "Yes; and she used to make about the worst coffee I ever drank."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Mrs. Bungle's bushand seems like a regular domestic "He's a perfect Nero. However, I did

"Yes; he was late and breakfast was ready."

Detroit Free Press: "Do you know what a prize you would be getting in my daugh-ter?" asked the old gentleman of the young man, wao was trying to negotiate for her hand.
"Not precisely, sir, but from what I gather through the most authentic sources, precisely, sir, but from what I through the most authentic sources,

gather through the most authentic sources she will be worth close on to a million." Cleveland Leader: "Madeline," said Mr. Dwiggins, "I can't understand why sist on wearing your new sealskin such warm weather as this. I shoul would be very uncomfortable." "It is." Mrs. Dwiggins replied, "but it makes Mrs. Twickley, next door, nearly wild every time she sees me with it on."

# GOD'S MIRACLES.

We seek by miracles to satisfy ourselves Of the mighty presence of a Power divine, And think to see His being manifest By means of wondrous, supernatural sign.

th, none so blind as we who will not see What daily doth before our gaze unfold; he evidence that 'round us He hath placed, That we of His omnipotence be told.

The miracle of violets, that safely sleep
The mortal frost of ice-ribbed winter
through,
And, hearing faintest whispers of the coming spring, Lift hopefully their eyes of heavenly blue. The miracle of tiny seeds, which fall to

A homely grain of gray, or somber brown, and in a few short weeks flaunt gaily in On stem of living green, a gorgeous crown. The miracle of tiny shells that in the trees,

Within the nest of thrushes safely lie, Are warmed, burst into life, spread eager And singing, soar into azure sky.

The miracle of budding trees in bithesome The mystery of death's twin-sister, sleep; snowy apple blossom merging into The ceaseless pulse of tides upon the deep;

All testify to us with clear and potent force, God's mighty Spirit ruling over all, And still so strangely blind are we, who will not see! So deaf to Him we do not hear His call!

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