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The unfortunate differences in the reduce the February crop of magazine

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

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France is making substantial preparations for the disarmament conference by borrowing \$50,000,000 to place its army and navy on a respectable fraternal

With the Hon. Jim Corbett and the Cherry sisters simultaneously on its hands Havana should begin to appreciate some of the beauties of American civilization.

Every republican member of the legislature should make it a practice to read over the republican state platform upon which he was elected at least once each week during the session.

renovate it, the state capitol building five millions goes to Jersey, while the United Kingdom is good and the not conflict with those of the other. But must have been in a deplorably dilapidated condition previous to the assembling of the present legislature.

The New York charitable organization that last year spent on the needy poor money they have is altogether a differ. Board of Trade, and the colonial secre. Wheeler deprived of his seat in conwas evidently proceeding upon the assumption that charity begins at home,

last year produced enough wheat and blossomed its trusty wings, something inent statistician. That authority, in corn to supply each of a population of less than \$5,000,000. When, where and an address before the Royal Statistical 75,000,000 with 320 bushels, a bread how it acquired the additional capital society, while unable to strike a favorfamine would appear to be a long way that would more than ten times pay off able balance, explained that there are

Senator Canaday's bill to shut out the trusts is a shot aimed below the waterline. The trouble with drastic measures will always be in their enforcement, so long as the courts almost universally hold them invalid.

American electric cars are soon to be running up to the great pyramids of Egypt. What a revelation it would be to the mummified Pharaohs if they could only be awakened from their centuries of slumber by slipping a trolley.

A conspicuous part of the cargo carried by one of our vessels to the Philippines was a million bottles of beer, Which was probably the advance agent of American civilization and the first installment of benevolent assimilation.

North Dakota has amended its divorce law, which now requires a year's residence to secure a severance of marital ties. People who want a divorce badly enough to stay through a North Dakota winter should by all means be accom-

The Illinois saloon keepers who secured the introduction of a bill in the legislature taxing themselves to maintain confirmed inebriates in asylums are showing a degree of generosity that is liable to get frostbitten after the first visit of the tax collector.

Omaha clearings continue to show a phenomenal increase over one year ago, being more than one-third greater. As compared with two years ago the increase is still greater. The predicted collapse after the close of the exposition ducers, turning the balance of trade in has not only failed to materialize, but our favor and producing general conthere is every indication that business conditions will keep on improving.

A glance at the reports of the clearing houses over the country will demonstrate more thoroughly than columns of argument the full extent of the revival of manufacturing and commercial industries in this country. As compared with last year they show an increase of from 18 to 125 per cent. The increase for the entire country was 38.4 per cent for the last week.

The Zamboagonas of the Philippines that they love Spain and will remain if they have to fight the Togals and the respondent of the Madrid press can explain. But if it is true, the explanation may lle in the fact that the Zamboagonas are said to be the most corrupt and worst of the Filipinos.

INVESTIGATION INVITED.

growing out of the statements of General Miles and others that beef unfit for human food was supplied to the army, tation is injuring the live stock interest of the country, protests against the statements as unwarranted and urges them to offset. the government to "invite all foreign governments to make a critical examinaprincipal market centers in the handling tem of ante and post mortem, state and municipal, inspection in vogue."

country that the government should representatives of the National Live be disposed to make the proposed examination, but the extension of an invitation to do so from this government would certainly have a reassuring effect, Unless the government takes some step tions there is no doubt that the foreign opposition in Germany and elsewhere in o Europe to the importation of American ment products will assuredly use these charges to the greatest possible advantage and there is reason to apprehend most effectively in support of their demand. The president proposes instituting responsibility for the statements re-

time our live stock interest would experience steadily increasing damage. It They are not only alarmed that the is to check this, if possible, that the gov. United States is buying less of the ernment is urged to invite foreign governments to examine for themselves the of her colonies, but on the other hand methods in our principal markets of this country is selling millions more to handling live stock and inspecting Great Britain and her colonies than it | meats.

with serious injury and it is the duty of the government to do whatever it can to avert the danger.

NEW JERSEY'S TRUST FACTORY.

From the amount of money required to Nothing with a capital stock of less than ing on its capital. Although trade in hold, even where the duties of one do \$0,000 and \$54,000 for officers' salaries ent question. The latest one, capitalized at a figure that would have knocked what possimistic view of the situation. From the fact that the United States had in available assets, just before it among them Sir Robert Giffen, the emporators never lie. This wholesale same conditions represented by the Hon. Zepphania Scadder as prevailing in New Eden were now upon us. But those who understand the situation as it is cannot fail to see that notwithstanding the general prosperity enjoyed by the country existing, nor, indeed, any other conditions, justify the present output of stock companies and that the consethousands of minority stockholders,

OUR COMMERCIAL INVASION.

The general awakening throughout Freat Britain to the disastrous possibilthis government, is not likely to be di- when the United States will have atminished by the official report of our tained primacy in the trade of the world domestic exports for the past year. For the year of 1898 these reached the incomprehensible sum of \$1,233,564,828, which tells its own story. This increase does not so much admeasure demands created by increased population in those countries that have been our customers as it does new markets gained in the territories of our strongest competitors.

The process has been a commercial invasion. Our manufacturers and agricultural products have entered the countries of Europe and found profitable markets in competition with their prosternation, which is voiced not only by ground that if it is not taken the sumthe discussion to which Consul Halstend refers, but also by the frantic efforts soldiers there to be stricken down by that Germany is making to check the disease. inflow of our goods by discriminative

legislation. viewed the possibility of our crowding countries are trying to persuade them-

The executive committee of the Na- in mining and agriculture and new dis- can military authorities are teaching end of the year it seldom falls that the tional Live Stock exchange has very coveries each year enable the producer them how much better things can be money is all gone and the results are properly taken notice of the agitation to furnish them at a good profit and yet done and while progress in some direction more satisfactory than in the pre-The committee points out that the agt. while ours are inexhaustible. This satisfactory, gives us an advantage in trade competition that will grow harder each year for

to counteract the effect of the allega- and there would seem every indication imperative. of the fact that the next few years will o trade in meats, already said to have find the United States occupying the been injured, will suffer severely. The position held so long by England as the trade center of the world.

CONTRASTING COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS dented surplus of exports over imports, The foreign commerce of the United national banks to increase their circulaing a formal inquiry with a view to fix- Kingdom presented a striking contrast tion up to the par value of the bonds deto this, the exports having materially posited with the United States treasury 5 garding beef supplied to the army and declined, while the imports were largely as security for circulation. It provides ascertaining whether or not there was increased. The extraordinary progress for what some of the ablest financiers in any ground for them. This is well. It of the foreign trade of this country is the country have advocated and if 23,623 is in the interest of the government and causing some anxiety in England. It is passed would make an addition to the it is due to all concerned that there stated that some of the more prominent should be a thorough and searching in- financiers and in fact some of the statesquiry. It is a very grave matter and men of England who concern themselves there should be no concealment in re- with economic subjects, are taking a gard to it. But whatever the result of very deep interest in this new condition always encountered senseless opposition. army and navy have not operated to such an inquiry it might have little in- in the United States. They confess It is not pretended, of course, that the fluence abroad and besides in the mean. I that if it continues a serious problem will be presented to the British nation. products of Great Britain and especially has ever done and so far as some of the The live stock industry of the United colonies are concerned-Australia and States is one of our most important and | South Africa, for instance-is taking valuable interests. It is threatened away England's own market so long established in those countries.

In 1898 the exports of merchandise produced in the United Kingdom fell below the imports by the large sum of \$1,152,000,000. This was unprecedented The state of New Jersey is again work. in the history of British trade and it law, but is also consonant to the prining on full time granting charters to all has raised the question whether the kinds of companies, except small ones. British nation is not to some extent livmost of these corporate Frankensteins, country seems to be more than ordinarthat will some day bound their creators lly prosperous, many Englishmen are tradictory and conflicting that it would to financial death, have more stock than apprehensive that the appearances may be quite impossible for any man to hold could be handled with the next year's be deceptive. Such men as Sir Court- and discharge the duties of both. Many total product of autotrucks. How much ney Boyle, president of the British persons will dislike to see General tary, Mr. Chamberlain, take a some-Colonel Mulberry Sellers hors du com- There are others, however, who do not not one of sentiment. bat with sheer admiration and wonder, regard the conditions so seriously, the debt that the United States don't owe | certain unknown quantities which if they to the Cuban army is not altogether could be accurately ascertained would apparent, but the incorporators say they give a different aspect to the situation. have it and, of course, incor- A great many items, it was pointed out, enter into British exports which are not creation of gigantically capitalized included in the government statistics, corporations would lead the un- one of these, the value of vessels built initiated to believe that these financiers in Great Britain for foreigners, amounthad become the residuary legatees of ing lately to \$50,000,000 or more a year. the count of Monte Cristo and that the Mr. Giffen and others present arguments to prove that Great Britain can stand a surplus of imports amounting to even a thousand million dollars a year without touching the capital of the nation or causing it to live beyond its legitimate income.

There is no doubt that the wealth of the British nation is steadily increasing. Its vast investments of capital in all quences must be loss and suffering to parts of the world bring returns which constantly add to the national wealth and undoubtedly the addition from this source during the last few years has been very large. But it appears to be no less certain that British supremacy in ties of American competition, to which the world's commerce is passing away Consul Halstead calls the attention of and that the time is not very far distant and as a necessary consequence financial pre-eminence also

ADVISES PUSHING THINGS IN CUBA. Mr. Robert P. Porter, whose success ful mission to Gomez has been cordially commended by the president, and who has observed pretty thoroughly the conditions in Cuba, is of the opinion that the American authorities generally are not pushing things as vigorously as they should. He is reported to have said that there is "too much disposition to discuss minor details, too much hesitancy in bringing matters to a head," and he urges more energetic action on the mer will find too many American

Mr. Porter of course views the matter from the standpoint of a practical man Only a few years ago the idea that of affairs. He would apply to the situawe could furnish England with struction strictly business principles and tural steel, locomotives and agricultural methods, whereas the military men who implements cheaper than she could pro- are administering affairs are by force duce them would have been received of education conservative, moving cauwith the same incredulity that Germany thously and perhaps observing more or less of the "red tape" methods with it out of its own markets with our which they are familiar. It is a queswoolen goods, bicycles and entiery. Yet tion wether this is not the better way have notified the Spanish government we are doing both today, and while these under the circumstances in Cuba, if it be a possession of that country irrespective selves that the invasion is only tempo- purpose of the military government is of treaties or other considerations, even rary every indication points to the fact the pacification of the island and the es that it is not only permanent, but is des- tablishment of order and it is perhaps United States to do so. Just why this tined to increase in volume with each important to the accomplishment of this ardent attachment only the Manila cor- year. The reason is not far to seek. that the people shall be impressed with The conservatism of these countries the value of systematic progress, in fered for every increase in public exhas made them slow to adopt new which proper attention to minor details methods and their raw materials are is essential. The people of Cuba were wonder. Almost without exception the not growing cheaper, while in labor- badly instructed under their Spanish officials who propose them prove con-

There will be general concurrence, office to private employment. however, in the view of Mr. Porter that there should be no unnecessary delay in The logical sequence of this industrial effecting such arrangements as will on Boston free lectures, baths, a newspaper condition will be a still greater trade in able the government to withdraw most tion of the methods employed at all the vasion than that effected in Europe, If of the troops from Cuba before the finds it necessary in order to continue the two greatest commercial countries sickly season arrives. He says that the of live stock, cattle and dressed meats have been unable to hold the markets bulk of them should be taken out of the and of the efficient and thorough sys- of their own territories proper intact, it island by April and he urges that the would seem wellnigh hopeless for them entire policing of the island should be they render. If it has not occurred to to stay our advance in other countries | done by the Cubans themselves, only a This matter is of such vital importance | heretofore supplied almost exclusively | couple of regiments of American solto one of the great industries of the by their manufactures. They have no diers being kept in each province to supadvantages in the Orient that our enter. port the native police. This is in line America all of the advantages are in our Greene and it is to be hoped that Mr. Stock exchange. It is impossible to say favor. Statistics demonstrate the fact Porter will be able to so impress the whether any foreign government would that during the last year our trade in suggestion upon the Washington aucreased with China, Japan and South thorities that they will take prompt America in a ratio that indicates the steps to carry it out, since there appears beginning of the same commercial inva. to be no doubt as to its practicability. sion of those countries that we have The duty of saving as many as possible made an accomplished fact in Europe, of our soldiers from Cuban disease is

BANK NOTE CIRCULATION.

If there were any probability of currency legislation at this session of congress it might be boned that the bill reported from the banking and currency The foreign commerce of the United committee in regard to national bank cir-States last year showed an unprece. culation would receive consideration, This measure simply proposes to allow circulation that would be quite as much benefit to the public as to the banks

Such legislation has been proposed from time to time for years, but has security would not be ample, or that there is any danger of the depreciation of the government bonds below par, but the possibility that the banks might derive some benefit in loaning the additional notes. The advantage to the borrowers in being able to secure loans in times of money stringency is ignored.

The report of the house judiciary ommittee will finally settle the question vhether a member of congress can hold his seat in that body and at the same time a commission in the army. The committee is said to be unanimously of the opinion that he cannot and the decision is not only in accord with the ciples of common sense and justice. One office is quite enough for any man to in this case they are so manifestly congress, and no one will regret it more than his colleagues, but the question is

People who cannot explain how we are going to get our share of commerce in China and Japan without owning the Philippines might amuse themselves with figuring out how we last year sold to England more goods than were imported into China by all nations. Acording to their arguments, to have acomplished this we should have owned reland or at least the Isle of Man. The absurdity of such an argument is only equalled by the fallacy that the trade of the Philippines has, like Colonel Sellers' Siberian republic, billions in it. The total imports of the whole archipelago have never exceeded \$10,600,000, of which we furnished less than \$200,000. by occupying the islands we could corner the total imports the amount would not pay the pensions that will arise among the soldiers stationed there.

Abdul Hamid has discovered another plot. In fact, it is a dull day when he does not discover one. This time he has unearthed a well concocted plan set on foot by some Albanians and having for its immediate object the sending Abdul to the bosom of the prophet. Of course, irrespective of their guilt the Albanians' final reckoning will be with the fish at the bottom of the Bosphorous. But in the meantime the sultan will keep up his hunt for suspects and when business grows dull in that line it is always in his power to vary the monotony by ordering an Armenian massacre.

The effort being made to enlist the Great Northern road in the projected ne across the Sioux reservation to the Black Hills will bear watching by Omaha business interests, Already a large portion of the trade of South Dakota, which of right should come to Omaha, is diverted elsewhere through lack of adequate railroad communication. this new road is built it will give other cities access to the Black Hills market in which Omaha has heretofore held an advantage. Self-protection demands the construction of a direct line central South Dakota.

If the recent restrictions imposed on alien miners by the Canadian government will keep several thousand away from Alaska during the coming season, as has been alleged, they will not prove an unmitigated evil. From the recent discoveries in Colorado and Arizona it is evident that we have just as rich mines in territory not beyond the pale of civilization as can be found in the Klondike, and in the long run it would prove more remunerative to our miners to devote their energies to discovering and developing these mines than it would to take chances around the Arctic circle

The plausible excuses which are ofpenditure are a source of never ending saving machinery the United States rulers. Spanish administration was clusively that the added expenditure is be accomplished by proxy.

leads the world and improved methods neither orderly nor honest. The Ameri- in the interest of economy, but at the cheaper to the manufacturer. In other tions may seem a little slow to a practiceding period. Public officials are atwords, the natural resources of these cal man who believes in push, there ways overworked and yet it is a genercountries are gradually being exhausted, can be no doubt that results will be ally recognized fact that people looking for a soft berth always prefer public

Mayor Quincy, who has been giving and a great many other free things, now the free show to cut 7 per cent off the wages of 5,000 city employes already not overcompensated for the services Boston's mayor that the man who works for a salary has a slightly better right to it than the fellow who wants it spent in a free performance for his benefit a promptly comply with the request of the prise cannot overcome, while in South with the recommendation of General little study of the question might benent him and incidentally the city's finances.

Great Britain is now building for its own use 119 war vessels. Of these sixteen are armored battleships and thirtysix are cruisers. They exceed by two the protected vessels of the Russian navy and just treble our armored war ships. They are to be completed by 1903. In the meantime Lord Goschen of the British admiralty is urging the necessity of further appropriations to increase the strength of the navy. From all of which it would appear that the day of disarmament is still distant.

Fact and fancy are often at variance, Young Mr. Leiter recently announced that trusts never advanced the price of products but uniformly reduced them so low as to shut out competition. The Kentucky distillery combine, although only a few days old, has already shoved the price of its product up from \$10 to \$15 per barrel.

The farewell speech of Governor Bob Taylor to the Tennessee legislature denounced political ambition as a snare and a delusion and is altogether as doleful as the last expiring notes of Gabriel's trump. One unacquainted with the facts would imagine the retirement voluntary.

> Too Cheap to Sift. Boston Transcript,

Sugar is so cheap now that it pays the grocers to take the sand out of it.

Talking of lawyers, would wearing gowns

each any the more forcibly the necessity of seeing that their skirts were clean? As Swift as They Make 'Em. St. Louis Republic. The way in which Mr. Agoneillo is avail

ing himself of the freedom of speech facilities of the country shows that, even if not born to rule, he is swift to catch on.

A Possible Calamity. Philadelphia Ledger. Germany is not afraid of American competition in the sugar business. She is only afraid that America will produce so much sugar of her own that she will no longer care to buy the German article, and thus Germany will be forced to eat her own sugar-which she evidently regards as a

The South American Market.

It is rather an extraordinary thing that with the exception of a few cheap prints no American cotton fabrics can be found in the stores of Venezuela. The same condition which prevails in Venezuela prevails also in the greater part of South America. There is no doubt whatever that the South American market belongs to the United States by nature. There are lying south of us 150,000,000 people, who, by the very nature of the climate, are large consumers of cotton goods, and yet nearly everything in the manufactured line comes to them from Germany, England and France.

Do Onths Make Perjurers? Leslie's Weekl Do oaths make perfurers? is the question raised before the State Bar association of New York by Judge Robert Earle, of the court of appeals in an address recently delivered before that body on "Too Many Oaths and Their Consequences." Judge Earle has observed that perjury is rapidly increasing and that the crime is committed in a least half of all litigated cases, by reason of the weakening in the belief in future punshment and the apparent certainty of freedom from present punishment. The learned judge fears that, unless perjury is checked, he administration of justice may be seriously imperiled. To this end he would have fewer oaths, so as to make them more impressive. He would do away with all promssory oaths for the violation of which no ounishment is provided, and retain the oath in only two cases, namely, for witnesses at a trial and for persons whose right to vote is challenged. This is an interesting subect and opens a fertile field for discus-

THE AGE OF EASE. Conveniences that Contribute to the Comforts of Modern Life.

Philadelphia Times.

How few of the many who move in the

great bustling everyday world stop to consider the ease-producing facilities that are at their command on every hand. Turn where you will human effort through human ingenuity has been reduced to a minimum. Chicago twenty years ago.

We do not have to climb the stairs, a lift awaits us; we have no occasion to journey either equares or miles to have a business talk, the telephone eliminates distance. And as in the business world so also in the social circle. Marketing, shopping, the sending of invitations or the retailing of gossip can all be accomplished with the magic ease that was part of the phenomenon of Aladdin's wonderful lamp. The great stores cater in every way to

he innate desire to shirk exertion that exists in human nature until the fair shopper considers it almost a personal grievance f she misses any one of the hundred pleasing etceteras that were unknown to women who did their buying in another generation. We are so used to all this pandering that

we fall to appreciate it, but a moment's that has had brought to bear upon it all greater lengths ingenuity may go in this next century sees as great advancement over this one as this one has over its predeessor mankind will be so far accommodated that even the mastication of food will within and without congress during the

BLASTS FROM RAMS HORN.

The praying heart makes the willing Talebearers furnish the fuel for the fire

f strife. It is the black life that makes death cok dark.

Faith is God does not mean credulity tosard men.

Light thoughts are often heavy enough o drag men dawn.

The flower of boliness blooms in a swamp as long as the sun klases it. Filling the church is a more common aim

than the filling the congregation. Sermons, of themselves, will no more save nen than pitchers will quench thirst.

God has to take some people out of the vorld to set their money in circulation. Some folks think they are Christians imply because they want to go to heaven. The snows of winter are welcome when hey come down from the mountain in Au-

When you talk about the check book of faith, you must remember that God's bank is for deposit, also,

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

It may be remarked at this stage of the game that there are no curves of spring on the backbone of winter.

If the laundry trust would only promise to reate less fluting and lace on the cuffs it dsinfects it would be greeted as a genuine benefactor. A Chicago lawyer recovered only 8 cents

damages. This comes perilously near the wofer class of lawyers. The leader of a gang of white caps underook to chastise the husband of a Kentucky woman. Where is the leader now? Dead. The Kentucky woman did it with her little

from a street railway which he sued for

Boston aldermen blew in \$20,000 of the city's money for carriage hire last year. Now the generous solons threaten to economize by reducing other salaries than their

Last year's profits of John Wanamaker's Philadelphia and New York stores are said to have been \$1,000,000. He attributes his success to the generous use of newspaper advertising.

Patti sets an example which other wives are at liberty to follow. She has given her usband a salary of \$15,000 a year. The duties and responsibilities of husbands are great enough to rank with the salaried professions. Senator-elect Depew having remarked

that Ambassador Choate is a most charming orator, the ambassador retaliates by saying he senator is one of the few prominent speakers in America who "never shrinks from the duty of talking." The New York Tribune, in one column,

notes a decline in the sense of humor and n the next column solemnly remarks that 'M. Jansen, the French astronomer, is now more than 70 years old and is not so vigorous physically as he was once."

The director general of the American display at the Paris exposition avers that we will have no show at all unless he gets about one and a half millions from the naional treasury. If the director would hold his breath until he gets the increase he will escape a peck of trouble.

Hon. Dick Croker says that when he gets his autotrucks to trucking that he proposes to haul people from Harlem to the Battery or 3 cents apiece. If he lives up to that promise there will be much to say on the ther side of the proposition, sometimes advanced that the honorable gentleman is an unmitigated evil.

It is said the new Belgian postage stamps are adorned with a picture of ex-Princess Chimay, with her coat of arms. This leaves some doubt as to what appears on the stamp sides Mrs. Rigo's likeness, but if it is th symbol of the house of Rigo it is probably monkey rampant on a patch of nearuts quartered with a hand organ.

A Memphis paper disposes of a foul slander on the character of a member of the Cennessee legislature in these warm words: The report that Senator Reaves was roped into a game of craps at the Hermitage club few nights since and lost his socks to one of the society leaders of Nashville is a foul and malignant slander. Senator Reaves loesn't wear socks."

Muras Kahn, the brother of Abdul Homis who was deposed by the latter in 1876, is sick and the sultan, who imagines there is a colitical bug under the chip, is showing a true brotherly interest in his afflictions by locking him up in the Yildiz Klosk and foubling the guards over him. the faults of Abdul may be, he is not open to a charge of nepotism.

Lady Jeune, who seems to be to the ultra ashionable set of London what Ward Mc-Allister was to the "four hundred," has exressed her vigorous disapproval of the New ork habit of feasting in opera boxes during the play. If Lady Jeune had ever lived in Gotham she would not mind a little thing like that, but would rather feel thankful And th that something more serious-a Seeley dinner for instance-were not pulled off on such occasions.

THE FIGHTING PAYMASTER. Deserved Tribute to the Army Record

of General T. H. Stanton. Boston Transcript By the retirement of Paymaster General Thaddeus H. Stanton, because of age the

army loses one of its most picturesque and

creditable figures. When recommending him for the post in 1895 General Crook sald: "His entire army life has been period of unselfish, untiring, intelligent and oftentimes heroic performance of duty." is difficult to conceive a higher tribute to any soldier. It is remarkable that at the time of the breaking out of the Spanish-American war so many of the army leaders this time? were not graduates of West Point. Shafter, The traveler can loll at his ease in Miles, Esgan, Brooke and Stanton are luxuriously-equipped - cars or steamship among those of that class, Mr. Stanton was salons, with the facilities of a great hotel the editor of a small country paper in lowa responsive to the touch of an electric but- and a member of the lowa legislature in There are no more days of weary 1852 and at once volunteered his services. plodding over the plains or the briny deep | He was during his entire service connected in pack trains or uncertain and slow-going with the pay department, but was called With money a trip around the "the fighting paymaster," for he undertook world can be far more delightfully accom- all kinds of hardships and dangers in getplished than the move from New York to ting the money to the fighters. After the civil war he continued in the service and won additional honor by remarkable acts of bravery during the campaign against hos tile tribes on the frontier. On one occasion, tile tribes on the frontier. On one occasion, in the 70s, during an Indian uprising in made suits. Nebraska, he volunteered to carry dispatches from one section of an army to another through the very heart of the enemy's country and his ride on this occasion h declared to be one of the momentous rides o history. It was as useful and timely as 1 was brave, for it caused a junction of the two sections of the army without which one of them would have been wiped out. He was, also, who secured the services of "Buffalo Bill" and the two men have continue to be warm friends. There was nothing of the martinet in General Stanton. Homely, rugged and cordial always, he despised tinsel and show and was one of the most highly esteemed men in the army. In this way he has done much to remove that popular thought or a single day of deprivation and distaste which officers of the army often we would soon come to regard ourselves as seem prone to inspire in their civilian peculiarly blessed to be living in an age neighbors. Added to these qualities has been a pronounced literary taste and ability that science and thought can do to make and some of his works have been widely t one of luxury and comfort. To what rend and very much lauded by critics. It unfortunate that the present stress of was respect still remains to be seen, but if the aftermath should have prevented this deserving man from being promoted to be major general before his retirement, as has been advocated by many of his friends

last few months.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Detroit Free Press: The death of Rev. Myron W. Reed recalls the ardent support the popular preacher received from the newspapers of the mining towns of Colorado when he made his congressional campaign. "D-n a cathsh in a trout counry!" wrote the editor of the Solid Muldoon of Ouray, Colo .- "vote for the Rev. Myrea W. Reed.

Minneapolis Journal: Last Sunday the riest of St. Patrick's church, Jersey City, said: "I understand that some of the young men and young women in this parish have been keeping company for from six to ten years. I hope the young men will take more courage on this question." The girls have evidently given the preacher a tip 'to hurry 'em up.

Brooklyn Eagle: What with the bill esablishing a Catholic and a Protestant university in Ireland and the prospect that the ritualistic question in England will be a prominent topic in the coming session of Parliament, religion will occupy the principal place in domestic British politics for some time. This is the penalty attaching to the union of church and state. It is the good fortune of the United States that it is firmly planted on the principle of separa-

Buffale Express: A New York magistrate lately ordered an old and dirty bible which had been kissed by many a witness removed from the court. In doing so he said: "I'm not going to use the bible any more. There is no law compelling its use and hereafter shall have all witnesses sworn by raising the right hand. The bible is nothing but a preeder of disease when used in this way. All sorts of bums and diseased persons kies it and it is dangerous to have it about." This action may be radical but it will be approved by the cleanly.

Milwaukee Wisconsin: Archbishop Ireland lways does comething to render himself a rominent figure before the public eye. He is now at Rome, where he is received by the dignitaries of the church with great cordiality. He now proposes to make himself more European in public estimation by delivering in May at Orleans the anniversary address upon the life, service and character of the renowned Jean of Arc. Her anniversary has been celebrated for 360 years and the French people propose to continue It in her honor. Joan was burned by the English general, the duke of Bedford, as a witch to the disgrace of himself and the nation which he represented.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Chicago Tribune: "These are splendid bischicago Trioune: These are spicadol bis-nuits, Maria, You made them with your own fair hands, didn't you?'
"No. These are buns from the bakery, dly fair hands simply paid over the money or them, You've been drinking again, John,

Syracuse Herald: The drummer looked across the aisle. The seat beside the pretty girl was vacant. Going over, he said: "Is this seat engaged?" "No," said the girl, "but I am; so it won't do you any good,"

Chicago Post: "You say the question is ot whether he will marry her?" "Not if you wish to be technically cor-ect. The question is whether she will let im escape

Philadelphia North American: Harry Newed—I can't believe my little wife made this cake all by herself. Mrs. Newed—Why, dearest? Harry Newed—Becaust, darling, it seems to me that some one much more vicious than you must have been particeps crim-ins.

Chicago News: "There goes one of the hardest worked men in this town." "How can that be possible? He's rich, isn't he?" "Yes, but he has three married daughters who work him for the support of their hus bands right along.

Pittsburg Chronicle: "I notice," remarked Mr. Gaswell, "that published articles on the management of husbands are slways written by single women."
"That's all right," replied Mr. Snaggs. 'You won't catch a married woman giving way her secret."

> How the Row Began. Denver Post,

Twas just a little photograph, a face exceeding fair, med in a pretty, fluffy mass of comic op'ra hair; Framed in Two lustrous eyes that seemed to glow with living emphasis. es coyly pouting as if pleading And rit for a kiss little photograph, yet what a lively Only a scrap
It brought with lightning flerceness to the very careless chap
Who on the pretty features pictured there so loved to dote—
His good wife found it nestling in the

pocket of his cont! LIFE.

Paul L. Dunbar in New York Sun. A crust of bread and a corner to sleep in.
A minute to smile and an hour to weep in.
A pint of joy to a peck of trouble,
And never a laugh but the means come
double:
And that is life!

A crust and a corner that love makes precious, With a smile to warm and the tears to re-And the joys seem sweeter when care comes mean is the finest of foils for

laughter And that is life! "Shall

see the tailor, or risk the ready-made suit

Some men face this query every season.

Some again to the tailors.

Some risk a ready-

But if its ours they reverse the question next season-"Shall I buy a ready-made, or risk the tailor?.

So much for the tailor's risky price.

Suits are the same every way.

