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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Prof. Edson, of the Denmark Academy, Lee County, Iowa, is making a tour in Europe, being now at Geneva, Switzerland. He expects to join a party in the spring to visit Egypt and Palestine, thence returning to Constantinople and Greece. He is the writer of a number of entertaining and interesting letters in the Hawkeye.

The Governor of Iowa has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$400 for the arrest and delivery to the proper authorities, of the murderer of John Terrill, who died at Des Moines, October 7th, of wounds received a short time before, in another county, at the hands of another person.

A peculiar case is reported where the law works a hardship. A Board of Directors, in one of the southern counties of Iowa, resolved to build a school house, but had not the funds on hand to complete it. The tax books, however, showed that the taxes to be collected would soon provide the treasury with ample funds. On this expectation a citizen came forward and loaned the Board \$800 to be refunded when the tax should become due. The contractor completed the building and received the money. When the time to pay the \$800 advanced came round the Directors had found out that they had no right to borrow money unless so instructed by a vote of the people, and declined to pay. The citizen brought suit in the courts, and the courts sustained the Directors.

A Russian Dinner.

"Just going to dine; come in with us." The host was an officer in the Russian man-of-war Europe, and the invitation addressed to a reporter. The scribe looked at his watch. He had half an hour to spare. The odors from the kitchen suggested tempting viands, and the invitation was accepted. Captain Kleopin, a special favorite of Count Gripenberg, sat at the head of the table. Baron Stornberg, a German nobleman who swears now by the Emperor Nicholas, sat on his right. A dozen officers representing the various provinces of Russia, lined the table. Brown-faced sailors attired in snow-white jackets with blue lap-over collars stood behind them.

"Take a nip of brandy." The guest smiled as suggestive of temperance teachings. "No? Why, we always do before dinner," and sitting the action to the word, the assembled foreigners tossed off a thimbleful of the beverage. Soup was brought on. The Russians favored and tasted, and flavored and tasted again, and then began to feed themselves with diminutive spoons, which rendered the process of emptying the dish necessarily lengthy.

"Now for a cigar," remarked the host, handing a mill brand to the newspaper. He took it and wondered, and wondered again when the whole of the company lighted their cigarettes or cigars and began puffing away vigorously, taking their lights from a half dozen lamps (minus globes) which decorated the table. After the smoking came fish, then another smoke and white wines, then poultry and dark wines and smoke, then roasts and champagne and a smoke again. Then came puddings, and with them small-sized cups of black coffee, and after the coffee, cigarettes and cigars again.

The reporter became uneasy. His half hour had stretched into an hour and a half, and still the dinner was not over. Presently ice cream came out—ice cream of a quality which would do credit to our best confectioner, but which, as the presiding officer remarked, "was made on our own ship by our own cook, and with ice of our own manufacture." The ice cream dishes were removed, and the company smoked again. After a while came tea, blacker by far than the coffee, in glasses, with a slice of lemon in the place of milk.

IOWA.

A Des Moines boot-black has saved \$100, and with it purchased a good lot. Frank Mason, of Delaware county, was killed recently by the falling of a tree. Ed. Gosman, at Marion, has been found guilty of the murder of August Rhinehart.

Davenport packers are making contracts with farmers for \$2.15 to \$2.35 live weight for hogs. The Vernon cheese factory in Humboldt county, made \$20,000 pounds of cheese this season.

One of the Savings Banks reports to the State Auditor \$200,000 on deposit, and several others as high as \$200,000 each.

A family names Sipes in the vicinity of Eddyville have lost five children from diphtheria recently, being all of the family.

The Iowa Fine Stock Breeders' Association will hold its 8th annual convention in Des Moines, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 26th, 1897.

The Presbyterian church at Fairfield raised the money in one day to pay off its debt of \$4,000, and has several hundred dollars to spare.

Charles Holquest has been found guilty of murder in the first degree, in the killing of Peter Nelson, in Grundy county, and sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

A young man, name not given, attempted to commit suicide in Muscatine a few days since by shooting himself with a revolver. Disappointment in love was the cause.

J. Horton, a farmer living in the southern part of Woodbury county, who was terribly burned while trying to save his property from a prairie fire, ten days ago, died.

Judge Lewis, of the District Court, has sentenced twenty-five Sioux City saloon keepers under the prohibitory law of the State to pay a fine of \$50 and costs each. They all paid.

A man near Cedar Falls took \$18 worth of early potatoes off of a piece of ground four rods square, and has now taken from the same ground a second crop consisting of 20 bushels of turnips, 600 head of cabbage, and 10 bushels of pop-corn. So says the Gazette.

Near Alden, Hardin county, November 17th, Willie Bilibio, 14 years of age, met his death while out hunting. He jumped a stream, setting the butt of his gun down on the ground, when one barrel went off, the contents entering his left breast, inflicting such injuries that he died next day.

David S. England, 11 years of age, son of H. S. England, living eleven miles south of Ottumwa, was burned to death by powder a few days ago. He had the powder in his pocket, and by some means it became ignited, burning from the waist down to the knees. He lived four or five days and then died in the greatest agony.

David Carson, charged with arson in the burning of a barn, two horses and a quantity of grain, in Buchanan county, for the purpose of defrauding the Farmer's Insurance Company out of \$1,500, has been arrested in Kansas and returned to Iowa. Samuel Walton and Carl Stevens were arrested in Jones county, charged with burning property which was insured in the same company.

Willie Robinson, near Iowa Falls a few weeks ago lost his arm in a case mill. After the amputation of his arm he told his father that his fingers hurt him, and he knew that they were doubled up and cramped. The pain continued, and finally Mr. Robinson yielded to the request of his boy, and went out, dug up the buried arm, and on opening the box found that the fingers were cramped up just as Willie had stated. He straightened out the fingers, replaced the arm, and the pain at once left the boy.

A few days since Mrs. Reiter, wife of the leader of a gang of counterfeiters who were bagged at Keokuk, was arrested in Ottumwa and also taken to Keokuk. She waived examination and was held in the sum of \$2,500. She had \$25 in counterfeit trade dollars and halves upon her person. She had been making trips into the country showing the spurious coin. John Tancy, another of the gang was committed in default of \$5,000 bail. A young man named Taubason, was arrested at Hamilton, Ill., for passing counterfeit money, and is also in jail at Keokuk, making five in all who have been arrested.

A Prize in a Lottery.

Uneasy lies the head that wins a prize in a lottery. A Neapolitan priest, Don Mattias by name, recently drew nearly \$500,000 by investing in several lucky numbers, but strangely enough the Minister of Finance tried to avoid the payment of the sum on the ground that the fortunate man was an ecclesiastic. But this objection did not hold good, for there is no law in Italy, either canon or secular, against lotteries, so that the right of the priest to purchase tickets could not be gainsayed. But the wily Minister of Finance, seeing he could not confiscate the money in the way he first designed, induced Don Mattias to take it in installments, and thus immediate pressure on the treasury has been avoided. Still, however, the cares of the rich man pursue the wearer of the cassock. He is the recipient every day of hundreds of letters suggesting different ways of investment, and applying for relief. But his "sorrow's crown of sorrow" arises from the fact that he is looked upon as a necromancer, and he is followed by scores of amateur detectives, who hope by watching his movements to discover some fortunate combination of numbers that will lead them into similar dollarous paths in the coming lotteries. They obviously do not look upon him as a terrible example of the folly of gambling.

Two Irishmen took refuge under the bed-clothes from the mosquitoes. At last one of them ventured to peep out, and seeing a fire-fly said to his companion: "Mickie, it's no use, here's one of the craythurs searching for us wid a lantern."

WORKINGMEN.

Before you begin your heavy spring work after a winter of relaxation, your system needs cleansing and strengthening to prevent an attack of Ague, Bilious or Spring Fever, or some other spring sickness that will ruin you for a season's work. You will save time, much sickness and great expense if you will use one bottle of Hop Bitters in your family this month. Don't wait. See other column.

LATE NEWS.

General.

Gen. Gordon has been re-elected U. S. Senator from Georgia.

A fire at Green Bay, Wis., November 26th, destroyed a saw mill. Loss \$25,000 to \$30,000.

The Howard Association, of New Orleans, needs \$30,000 to enable it to pay its debts and close its labors.

A fire at Ludington, Mich., November 26d, destroyed a store, including building and stock. Loss, \$26,000.

Thomas H. Power, a drug manufacturer of Philadelphia, died Nov. 26th, leaving property valued at \$10,000,000.

The saw-mill and handle factory of the Nelson Furnace Company, at Rhoads, Ind., burned November 26d. Loss, \$10,000.

A wagon was run over and a boy killed, at a railroad crossing, in Chicago, November 26th. The horses were also killed.

Three men were killed at Mahoney City, Pa., Nov. 26th, while tunnelling under a street, by the earth falling in on them.

A slight shock of an earthquake was felt at St. Louis, on the night of Nov. 18. The same shock was felt in different parts of the State.

Joseph Edger, a laborer on a canal-boat, fell into the canal, at Lafayette, Ind., on November 13th, while intoxicated, and was drowned.

The stables of the horse railway at Peoria, Ill., burned on the night of November 26th. Thirty horses were burned alive. Loss, \$5,000.

A fire damp explosion at Neeshoning, Pa., November 26th, resulted in the death of three men and badly injuring twenty others.

The Manchester paper mills, Dutchess county, N. Y., burned on the night of Nov. 19th. Loss, \$75,000. Two employees were badly burned.

The President has suspended Wellington Bird, Indian agent at Ft. Peck agency, Montana, and appointed in his place Elias H. Webb, of Illinois.

The Central Savings Bank of Jersey City Heights has closed, owing to a lack of profitable business. It is stated that its obligations will be met in full.

A \$125,000 fire visited Rochester, N. Y., on the night of Nov. 26th. The property destroyed consisted of shoe shops and other manufacturing establishments.

About seventy temporary clerks, a majority being women, have recently been discharged from the Post Office, the appropriation being exhausted.

The \$80,000 received from Angell, the fugitive Secretary of the Pullman Palace Car Company, were found in the Bank of Portugal deposited in his name.

Wm. B. Thompson, Superintendent of the Ninth Division of the Railway Mail Service, Cleveland, Ohio, will succeed Vail as General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service.

By a boiler explosion at a coal shaft one mile east of Springfield, Ill., November 21st, Thomas Murphy was almost instantly killed, and Edward Doughton received fatal injuries. Cause, a defect in the boiler.

Secretary Everts has instructed our Minister to Germany to inquire into the case of a German citizen of Oshkosh, Wis., recently arrested, with a view to interference of our government, if the facts in the case justify it.

The steamer War Eagle, of the Keokuk Northern Line, while backing out from Saverton Landing, seven miles below Keokuk, November 23d, struck some rocks, broke a hole in her hull, and sunk in four feet of water. She had no freight.

There was an exciting foot-race at Denver, Col., Nov. 23d, between C. H. Williams, of Denver, and Davis, of California, for \$1,000 a side. Williams won; time 95 seconds; distance, 100 yards. About \$30,000 changed hands on the result.

Mrs. J. Anderson has been on trial in Chicago, before a jury of Trinity Methodist Church, for conduct unbecoming a Christian and a Methodist, and for renting ground to be used as a beer garden. A verdict was rendered of guilty to both charges, with a recommendation of forbearance on the part of the Church.

An explosion occurred at a coal mine at Sullivan, Ind., November 30th, caused by lamp lighting the gas, and its communication with eight kegs of powder. There were thirty men in the mine at the time, 13 of whom were killed outright, 8 or 10 wounded, and many others injured by suffocation. Two of the proprietors of the mine were killed.

The Columbia River, Oregon. Expedition sent out by General Howard for the purpose of capturing renegade Indians, was a complete success. Capt. Boyle, with Lieutenants Carman and Shafter, surrounded their camp at night, in John Day Valley, and captured the whole outfit. Eight of the principal chiefs are en route to Vancouver, the remainder were sent under escort to Warm Spring Reservation.

Life insurance companies of New York are considerably excited by the death at Birmingham, of Colonel Walter Dwight by suicide a few days ago. Within three months previous to his death he had obtained life insurance policies amounting to \$253,003 in favor of his wife and son. The insurance companies will test the validity of their obligations on the ground that Dwight willfully made away with himself for the purpose of defrauding the companies.

Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., has recently been elected to Congress by nearly 3,000 majority. This, we are informed, will not interfere with his extensive practice in the treatment of chronic diseases. Until the time arrives for him to take his seat in the 46th Congress he will still give his personal attention to his practice, and then it will be intrusted to his brother and other experienced medical gentlemen who have long been associated with him in the Medical Department of his celebrated World's Dispensary and Invalid's Hotel.

Later accounts in regard to the coal mine explosion twenty-five miles south of Terre Haute, Ind., November 21st, say it was the gas only which exploded. A dozen kegs

of powder had been stored in the magazine in the upper vein, but it was not ignited. The depth of the upper vein is twenty feet, and the other vein is sixty-five feet lower. There were, at the time of the explosion, twenty-nine miners at work, of whom fifteen were in the lower vein. Seven men were killed, two of whom were, in part, proprietors of the mine. One of the surviving proprietors estimates the damages at \$200,000.

Crime.

Nine convicts—six black and three white—were publicly whipped, Nov. 23d, at New Castle, Delaware.

Jacob Ross was captured in the Chicago post-office, Nov. 24th, while stealing letters, and was held in \$3,000 bail.

Charles Lescke, clerk in the brewery of David Jones, New York, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling \$25,000 of the funds of the concern.

Seventy head of horses were stolen from Paxton, and sixty from Skelly Ranch on the North Platte, Nebraska, Nov. 20th, supposed to be by Indians.

Warren Tate shot and killed William Love, in the court house at Indianapolis, Nov. 19th. Love had been a witness in a law case wherein Tate was plaintiff.

A dispatch from Pottsville, Pa., of Nov. 21st, says John Kehol and Martin Berger, without emotion, heard the warrants read for their execution on the 18th day of December.

At New Haven, Connecticut, Wm. W. Bromham, accused of attempting to drown his brother in the Sound, and thereby increase his inheritance, has been held in bonds of \$2,000.

Juan Antonio Hernandez was hung, Nov. 21st, at Refugio, South Texas, for the murder of Walter Mabon. He protested his innocence.

Ben Case, an employe of McKeith, was found murdered forty miles from North Platte, Nebraska, up North Platte river, Nov. 23d. The murderer is unknown, though the killing was done after the Indian fashion.

The grand jury at Zanesville, Ohio, have found indictments against the grave robbers Lyman Eaton, Capt. Hilliard and Dr. Hoyt. It is thought Hilliard, who is much affected by his position, will make a full confession.

A package of \$25,000 in transit by the Southern Express from Charleston to Athens, was lost some time ago near Tennessee, and now the messenger, Walter S. Lynch, an old employe of the express company, has been arrested.

John Brady, Lieut. of Police, Cincinnati, who has been on trial in the United States Court, charged with interfering with Francis Terry, Supervisor of Elections, in the discharge of his duties at the last October election has been convicted.

Charles W. Angell, the late defaulting Secretary of the Pullman Palace Car Co., has been arrested in Portugal, and \$80,000 of the money taken by him found on his person. It is believed there will be little difficulty in securing his extradition.

Warren Tate, the murderer of Wm. Love, at Indianapolis, was fined \$10,000 for contempt of court by Judge Burns. Love at the time the shooting was done, was a witness in court and had not concluded his evidence. Tate's counsel took an appeal.

At a town meeting of De Ruyter, Madison county, N. Y., a few days ago, it was voted to repudiate the bonds of the town, amounting to \$130,000. It is alleged that the bonds are payable in 1891, and were issued in aid of the western extension of the Midland Railroad.

On the morning of Nov. 23d, the stage from Ft. McKeeth, Texas, was halted near Pelly station, and two men compelled the driver to deliver the way mail and inform them as to the time the Mason stage was due. They offered no violence. The loss could not be ascertained.

S. S. Pereschin, U. S. Deputy Surveyor, now at Umatilla, Oregon, reports that the Indians in that region are being murdered by the whites. Every Indian found beyond the limits of the reservation is killed. A few days ago two Indians were found near La Grande hanging from a tree.

The Portuguese authorities have placed Charles W. Angell, defaulting cashier and Secretary of the Pullman Palace Car Company, in the custody of the United States Consul at Lisbon, and his early return to this country may be expected, although no extradition treaty exists between this country and Portugal.

Joseph Toothman, an employe in the freight office of the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Sedalia, Mo., and John County, a car repairer, were arrested in that city Nov. 23d, charged with stealing 3 boxes of silver bullion valued at \$4,000 from the cars between that place and Kansas City, the early part of this month.

The mail which left Ft. McKinney on the 10th of November, was stopped and robbed by two masked men on the morning of November 23d, twenty miles north of Ft. Fetterman, Wyoming. Two passengers, Thomas D. Williams, of Omaha, and George W. Chubb, of Cheyenne, lost all the valuables in their possession. The mail bags were cut open, and the contents taken.

The grand jury in Chicago have returned indictments against the following persons for conspiring to defraud the government in connection with the construction of the Chicago Custom House, by means of fraudulent vouchers, out of \$50,000: James J. Hill, Supervising Architect of the Treasury; Edward Buleigh, Ex-Superintendent of Construction; Wm. A. Patten, Ex-Superintendent of Construction; John Mueller, Stone Contractor, of Cincinnati; A. G. Mills, Mueller's Agent, and reputed partner; George J. Reed, Mueller's Foreman; Alexander C. Whiston, Ex-Stone Inspector, and George C. Prussing, Ex-Assistant Superintendent of Construction.

Foreign.

THE ORIENT. A dispatch says the Russian commander in Rumania has been suddenly ordered to postpone his departure.

Negotiations between Austria and the Porte for the joint occupation of Nova Bazar have fallen through. A letter from the Sultan will be taken to St. Petersburg thanking the Czar for his promise to observe the

Berlin treaty stipulation, and begging him to stop the Macedonian insurrection.

The Bucharest government, it is said, has refused Russia increased facilities for inter-communication during the occupation of Bulgaria. Said Pasha, the Governor of the province of Broussa, has been recalled to Constantinople. It is rumored that he will assume the position of Minister of Public Works. This is an indication of the supremacy of English influence in Turkish affairs.

The correspondent at Pesh says the Turks are regarding more favorably the Russian proposition that the Sultan should recognize the validity of the San Stefano Treaty stipulations not abrogated by the Treaty of Berlin. The latest advices from Salamed are to the effect that Turkish troops are ready to assume the defensive against the Macedonian insurgents; something decisive may be heard of shortly. A dispatch dated Pashawar, Nov. 20th, says: Traveling from Thull yesterday, I passed the Khurum force advancing, and 30 miles of road were covered with troops, elephants, camels, and cattle. The Peshawar force is marching on Junroof. The Amerer is again spreading the report that the Russians will defend Candahar.

ENGLAND.

Appalling distress and destitution exists among the mechanics and laborers of Sheffield in consequence of the business depression. Hundreds exist in tenements without clothing or furniture, all sold or pawned to procure food. They are without fuel, and depend upon the charity of neighbors. The Mayor has called public meetings to devise means of relief.

Lord Lawrence's committee has passed resolutions regretting Lord Beaconsfield's refusal to see the deputation, and emphatically condemning his apparent determination, in the event of war being declared, not to advise Her Majesty to consult Parliament until hostilities have commenced. Several regiments have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to advance from Quetta immediately. Merchants from General Asia say that no indications of a movement of the Russians toward Afghanistan are observable.

RUSSIA.

A dispatch from Berlin reports that Gen. Kaufman, in presenting his sword to the Afghan Envoy, at Tashkend, for transmission to the Amerer, declared that whoever siled with Russia need not fear that a hair of his head would be injured.

The National Zeitung, of Berlin, says that Russia being satisfied that the Afghan war must result in a British victory, does not contemplate intervention or interference while hostilities last, but intends to claim a voice in the settlement of terms of peace. It bases its claim upon the proposed rectification of the Indo-Afghan frontier. Russia will not consent to the annexation or destruction of Afghanistan, nor to the permanent acquisition by England of portions commanding the passes of Balkh.

ITALY.

Pasquanti informed his examiners that his intention was to finish King Humbert, and that if he had had money enough to buy a revolver he would have succeeded. He had no personal feeling against the King or Government, but he intended the assassination as a means toward a Universal Republic. Signor Mellis, editor of the Censor newspaper, has been arrested. He was formerly an associate of Pasquanti, and was arrested with him in 1879 for posting revolutionary placards. The shop-keeper who sold Pasquanti the knife with which he attempted to kill the King, has also been arrested.

Pasquanti, the would-be assassin of King Humbert, in reply to the question whether he intended to kill the King, or merely to wound him, answered: "My intention was to finish him." He said he was neither an Internationalist nor Socialist; that he did not know the meaning of those words. He manifested the most perfect unconcern and brutal self-assurance at his preliminary examination. When the magistrate expressed horror at the deed, the prisoner said: "It seems to me you are getting too excited." On being asked if he had not observed that the people would have torn him to pieces but for the police, he replied: "The people are fools; they always act that way."

A dispatch from Madrid says that the naval authorities at Carthagen have discovered a Federalist plot and ousted some of the officers, who will be court-martialed.

The belief gains strength that Pasquanti had accomplices in two noted Internationalists, who quitted Naples immediately after the crime. When Pasquanti was arrested some years ago, at Palermo, for posting revolutionary placards, he told the police that he was studying French for the purpose of going to Paris to kill Napoleon.

The King and Queen, Prince of Naples, and the Duke of Aosta arrived at Rome, Nov. 25th, and were most enthusiastically received. A correspondent telegraphing from Rome before the procession, stated that soldiers and gens d'armes were placed every fifty miles along the whole route. There have been 300 arrests in Naples. It is stated that the government has proof of the existence of a vast association the object of which is to kill the King. A report has been circulated, and appears to be confirmed, that dynamite was found on the rails shortly before the passage of the royal train to Rome.

King Humbert has conferred on Signor Carloti the military gold medal for bravery.

AFGHANISTAN.

The British column advancing into Afghanistan by way of Quetta, has occupied without resistance Sibi Duc, east of Dazar.

A Jumrood dispatch announces the occupation of part of Ali Mujid by the British without the firing of a shot. The Afghans had abandoned the fort the night before. At day-break Gen. Brown stood on a little plain near Jumrood watching the march to the front. A picket of the enemy's cavalry was visible, beyond which the advance marched briskly on. A skirmishing fire was opened on the enemy's picket. The latter retired after a desultory reply, the British force pressing on and occasionally firing. A spirited action ensued. The Afghans left a considerable quantity of stores, 11 cannon, and 40 or 50 wounded. A considerable number of prisoners were taken. It is believed the Afghans are not in a condition to make any further resistance.

INDIA.

The proclamation of the Viceroy of India sets out the ingratitude of the Amerer

for the kind treatment and favors ever accorded him by India, his ill-will and discourtesy, and his partiality toward the Russian Embassy, and his open insult to the British mission. The killed and wounded in the operations in Khyber are estimated at 300.

Styles in Jewelry.

In Paris more jewels are worn this year than ever before. Engagement rings are made after models found in the Isle of Bornholm. They are in the form of a twisted cord, and are not soldered together. The ends lap over each other, and the ring can be made larger if necessary. The Alexandra cross is also in general favor; this is an exact copy of a cross found in Denmark, and worn by the Princess of Wales. Its shape is very peculiar; on each point is an enameled figure in red, green and blue. The newest portebonheur is composed of three circles, linked together by fine chains. One circle is adorned with pearls, another with turquoises, and a third with diamonds.

Gentlemen's rings are chased in Byzantine style, and have colored stones. They are mounted in dead gold. A ruby, with two sapphires, and emeralds with rubies are good combinations. The stone called the cat's eye is also used by gentlemen.

Guided ornaments are still extensively used. Materials shot with gold and lace, and ribbon with gold tinsel intermixed are all used. Rows of gilded pearls are in great demand for bonnets and have a very good effect. Small green and gold lizards, butterflies, bees and even serpents are in use. The serpents are taken around the crown.—N. Y. Times.

Kleptomaniac Brains.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says since it has been discovered that Dion Boucault, borrowed his version of "Clarissa Harlowe" from a play produced in London in 1846, a perfect avalanche of criticism and blame has descended upon the prolific author of "400 plays." It is just now suddenly discovered that 392 of these plays are "out and out" plagiarisms. If he had only gathered up old iron from the roadside and converted it into useful and beautiful articles, no one would make an outcry, but to scrub up already "beautiful and useful articles," slightly discolored by time, and palm them off for his own invention, is a little too much. Many of Shakespeare's plays are founded upon an English monk's rendition of a French monk's rendition of the "Gesta Romanorum," an assortment of Oriental and German tales, come down from heaven knows where. The facts, authors copy each other fifteen or twenty deep, until there is no tracing the idea to its far-away, original fountain-head. Charles Read was accused by Mrs. Southworth of copying her plot in "Foul Play." A story of Thomas Hood's called the "Sicilian Lover," includes the whole plot from which it is likely both of these writers obtained the framework of their stories.

Fighting for Life with a Cougar.

Ned Wallace, of Jesus Maria, Cal., killed a cougar the other day that measured eight feet in length. Mr. Wallace was out hunting, and came across a couple of young cougars, or young panthers. Ned shot one of the young cubs dead and wounded the other. The wounded one set up a crying and whining that was heard by his mother, and before Wallace could reload his rifle, the cougar could be seen scrambling up a tree. Wallace was startled by a scream so shrill and piercing that the sound seemed to penetrate the marrow of his bones. Wallace is an experienced hunter, and he well understood the significance of that cry. He knew it came from the female cougar, an animal which, when aroused and enraged, has no superior in strength, activity, and ferocity. A crash in the brush on the hillside above him, and a repetition of the frightful scream that sounded almost human in its expression of deplorable situation, warned Wallace of his perilous fury, and he prepared to face the danger. His rifle was empty. With the utmost celerity he threw a handful of powder into the barrel and shoved a bullet down after it. As Wallace hurriedly finished capping the weapon and drew his knife, the cougar was within twenty feet of him, preparing to spring. Quick as thought Wallace leveled his rifle and fired, the bullet striking the panther in the breast and inflicting a fatal wound. The cougar leaped fully ten feet into the air, and fell dead at Wallace's feet. The skins of the cougar and her cubs are on exhibition in Jesus Maria. That of the full grown animal measures eight feet in length.—Calaveras (Cal.) Chronicle.

Small Means.

We think that the power of money is, on the whole, overestimated. The greatest things which were done for the world have not been accomplished by rich men, or by subscription lists, but by men generally of small pecuniary means. The greatest thinkers, discoverers, inventors, and artists have been men of moderate wealth, many of them little raised above the condition of manual laborers in point of worldly circumstances. And it will always be so. Riches are often an impediment than a stimulus of action; and in many cases they are quite as much a misfortune as a blessing. The youth who inherits wealth is apt to have life made too easy for him, and so becomes sated with it because he has nothing left to desire. Having no special object to struggle for, he finds time too heavy on his hands; and his position in society is often no higher than that of a polytupus over which the tide floats.

A little girl in Hartford, Conn., was sent to the store the other day to buy some lace. The clerk, after putting up the package, said: "Well, there is one yard. How much does it come to?" To which the miss pertly replied: "Well, I'm not going to tell; I have to study arithmetic all the rest of the week, and I'm not going to bother my head with it Saturdays."

There are 450 in the hospital for the insane at Mt. Pleasant.