

VERY LATEST.

Congress adjourned to Jan 6. Parnell says the downfall of the tories is at hand. Mallett has been reelected upon the throne of Samoa. Minister Lincoln's son, "Little Abe," is nearly recovered. The czarowitz is about to marry Princess Alice of Hesse. The English syndicate has secured the five breweries in Toledo, O. Father Wintauer, the oldest catholic priest in Wisconsin, died Friday. Americans in London will dine Stanley upon his return from Africa. France is considering a plan to tax all foreigners residing in the country. A "hoodle" gas franchise has been passed by the St. Louis city council. The scandal in the West End of London will probably be ventilated in the courts. The Londone Globe says there is danger that the United States will absorb Canada. A branch of the Afro-American League was organized Monday night at Detroit. The influenza has fastened its grip on New York, Washington and other eastern cities. Richard H. Johnson, of Idaho, a freshman at Yale college, is to be expelled for marrying. A blizzard raged in Dakota Sunday, while the straits of Mackinac are open to navigation. Dr. Gallagher, serving a life sentence in Chatham prison for dynamiting, nearly escaped. An unknown tramp was killed and burned by his companions recently near Lafayette, Ind. The mills of the Illinois Steel Company at Bay View, Wis., have closed down for the holidays. England has sent three war ships to Lisbon, B. and Portugal is consequently stirred up. The motion for a new trial of William O'Brien's suit for slander against Lord Salisbury has been dismissed. The next Methodist National camp-meeting will be held at Eaton Rapids, Mich., the last week of July, 1893. The Rev. Howard B. Grose of Pittsburg has sent his acceptance of the presidency of the University of Dakota. At Martin's Ferry, O., Saturday Walter Kelly fatally shot Richard Cotta for alienating the affections of his wife. Four young people at Wilkesbarre, Pa., were married "in fun." They are now asking the courts to release them. A constable attempted to arrest T. V. Powderly on a charge of conspiracy, but the warrant was found to be defective. Mrs. Irene Skeels, who shot and killed her husband last March was acquitted Monday at Spokane Falls, Wash. A new comet was discovered Thursday evening by Professor Brooks, director of Smith Observatory at Geneva, N. Y. The report that the Northern Pacific and Wisconsin Central are to be consolidated is denied by officials of both roads. Benjamin H. Day, one of the best-known old-time newspaper men in New York and founder of the Sun, died Saturday. A family named Wilhelm, consisting of the husband, wife, and one child, was suffocated by coal gas at Akron, O., Saturday. Three railway collisions occurred at Hastings, Neb., Lima, Ohio, and Bethlehem, Pa., Sunday. Several lives were lost. A cave-in in the Lane Mine in Calaveras County, California, on Sunday buried sixteen men and caused injuries to many others. Mrs. Nettie Walling, a young married woman, killed herself in Central park, New York, Saturday while temporarily insane. A Washington dispatch announces that Corporal Tanner has been admitted to the bar, and will practice law in that city in the future. At Pittsburg, on Christmas Day, unshaded thermometers registered as high as 85 degrees, and outdoor sports were highly enjoyed. Henry Crawford, the Chicago lawyer, was arrested at Lebanon, Ind., on a charge of forcibly releasing property seized by a constable. Howarth won the six days' walking match at Detroit, his record being 455 miles 10 laps. Horan was second with a record of 479 miles. It is said that Kilrain, the pugilist, will make New Orleans his permanent home, and become boxing instructor of the Southern Athletic Club. The President and Secretary of the Interior of Mexico, are said to be considering plans for the suppression of gambling of every description. In the vicinity of Los Angeles, Cal., the late heavy rains have done much damage. The levees have broken in many places and washouts are numerous. Mrs. Harvey Deffenbaugh, the wife of a carpenter living near Hilton, Ill., cut her throat with a razor Sunday night. Sickness was the cause of the suicide. Coal operators in the Monongahela Valley are conceding the demands of miners, and a general resumption of work is looked for by the 1st of January. All the saloons at Keokuk, Iowa, were closed Friday morning. Indictments against forty-two violators of the prohibitory law were found by the grand jury. The South Dakota Bankers' Association met at Huron Friday and decided to at once raise \$10,000 for the relief of the sufferers by drought throughout the State. Ella Wilcox, who celebrated his 100th birthday some months ago, died Monday at his home near Berlin, Ill. One of his sons is City Physician of Springfield. On Sunday, at Los Gatos, Cal., William Eubanks shot and killed his 16-year-old daughter, and then attempted suicide with a razor, but will probably recover. Miss Rutter, the wife of Paul Rutter, was near at Jarentum, Pa., was murdered Monday night by burglars who broke into her husband's store, and with whom she was grappling. Troops have been sent to Jessup, Ga., where a racial riot occurred Christmas. Two whites and several negroes were reported killed, and others on both sides wounded. A riotous division met at Louisville, Ky., and "begas a comparison of" being to an editor of the New York Times, with revised readings of a passage.

A conductor on a Pittsburg local train found a pocket-book recently containing \$12,000 in money and papers. The purse is believed to belong to a sea captain named Morris. Rioting was reported at Barnesville, Ga., late Wednesday night. Three negroes had been killed, and military were waiting orders to start for the scene of the trouble. The boom in the iron trade continues, and it is expected that another advance in prices will be made during January. The furnace, it is said, can not fill the orders they are receiving. Advice to New York dealers indicate that the unsettled condition of affairs in Brazil is interfering with the gathering of rubber, the receipts of which articles have materially fallen off. Expert burglars, apparently from Chicago, attempted to rob a bank at Kentland, Ind., Saturday night but were frightened away by the night watchman, and failed to secure plunder. At Kingston, Ont., Tuesday night, three prisoners, engaged in making Christmas pudding, overpowered three keepers and escaped. No clue to their whereabouts has been discovered. The Eastern Minnesota Road has been ordered to advance its rates east to the "Soo" figures. Not complying with the decree, it will be expelled from the St. Paul and Minneapolis Passenger Association. The flour output at Minneapolis last week reached 132,593 barrels, against 136,800 the preceding week. The market is slow, small orders being generally reported, but prices are about unchanged. An engine and sixteen cars on the Lake Erie and Western Road at Glynwood, Ohio, were completely wrecked Tuesday night by one section of a freight train crashing into another. No lives were lost. It is announced at Buffalo that negotiations for the purchase of the elevators by the English syndicate have been resumed. The aggregate value of the properties is between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000. The young man arrested at Brazil, Ind., for attempting to pass a forged check has confessed that his name is James Galgarr and that he has been swindling banks in that vicinity for several years. Carroll S. MacGill, of Baltimore, who, on Nov. 25, undertook the task of eating thirty quail in thirty days, on a wager, finished his last quail Tuesday. He says that in future quail and himself will be strangers. On the Elgin Board of Trade, Monday, 3,380 pounds of butter sold for 26 cents, and 11,040 pounds sold for 27 cents per pound. D. F. Barclay was elected President of the board, and R. E. Redall Vice President. Continued outrages by "White Caps" are exciting the people in the region of Concordia, Kan. John McKee, suspected of robbery, was severely beaten Tuesday night by a band that included a well-known physician. The visible supply of grain in store and afloat as reported by the New York Produce Exchange on Saturday, Dec. 31 was: Wheat, 34,274,799, an increase of 830,057 bushels; corn, 5,859,957, an increase of 587,674 bushels. At Meadville, Mo., Monday, Edward Davis, aged 11 years, became involved in a quarrel with John Barbee, aged 17 years. The disturbance ended by Barbee disemboweling Davis with a knife. The latter died almost instantly. At Glenwood Springs, Col., Robert Holmes was sentenced to be hanged, William Chambers to a life sentence, and Joseph Holmes to ten years' imprisonment for the murder of Henry Holmes on Cache creek last June. In the celebrated suit of the Brush Electric Company of Cleveland, against the Fort Wayne Electric Light Company, Judge Gresham at Indianapolis, decided that in all cases involved the Brush patents had been infringed. In the Metropolitan National Bank case at Cincinnati a verdict was rendered Friday in the United States Court, that William Means and John R. De Camp were not guilty of the charge of making false returns of the condition of the bank. A colored woman, Miss Maria Louise Baldwin, has been appointed principal of the Agassiz School at Cambridge, Massachusetts. It is the only school at Cambridge at which a woman is employed as principal for the grammar grades. Eugene R. Pike, of Chicago, a member of the senior class of Yale College, is charged by the faculty with conduct unbecoming to himself and which brought disgrace on the college. His case will be decided after the Christmas holidays. A rumor that the Northern Pacific Road proposed to remove its general offices to Chicago was denied at St. Paul Friday by the assistant to President Oakes. It is expected, however, that the traffic manager will be located in Chicago. Monday, at Boston, President Adams, of the Union Pacific, said in a speech to the news current in newspapers as to the plans and intentions and purchases of the Union Pacific on the Pacific slope are pure inventions, absolutely without basis. The reports that diphtheria in a malignant form was prevalent at Rockford, Ill., are emphatically denied by the officials of that city, who state that there is less of the disease known now than there has been at this time of year for several years. The news of the Brazilian provisional government's action in issuing a decree suppressing the allowance to the ex-emperor and forbidding the return of the imperial family to Brazil has been withheld from Don Pedro by the advice of his physicians. Two silver bars, worth \$20,000 each, were lost from a truck at New York Friday, while in transit to a steamship dock. It is considered singular, when each bar weighed more than half a ton, that no clue to their whereabouts has been discovered. Many additional arrests have been made at Salt Lake, Utah, of persons indicted for frauds in the city and county. Among the latest arrests are Mayor Armstrong, Bishop George Ramsey, County Clerk John C. Cutler, and County Surveyor Jesse W. Fox. At Conneville, Pa., Tuesday evening, a family of eight persons—father, mother, and six children—were discovered in a starving condition and sent to the county house. The parents had become ill of fever, and so were unable to provide for the little ones. Adj.-Gen. Vance granted permission to all camps of Sons of Veterans in the Illinois division to drill and parade with arms, but without ammunition,

until June 3, 1890. Leave of absence until Jan 10 is granted to Col. William S. Brackett, inspector general. An attempt was made in a Kansas City (Kan.) gambling-house early Wednesday morning to murder Bob Ford, the slayer of Jesse James. A man known as "Fat" tried to cut the ex-outlaw's throat with a knife, but was unsuccessful and made his escape. Tuesday at Rochester, Minn., the mayor and city recorder signed railway bonds to the amount of \$40,000, despite instructions of the city council as to the insertion of certain clauses in the securities. Some citizens say that the bonds will be void in the hands of the purchasers. The influenza has reached Detroit, Mich., but thus far bank employes alone are affected, owing as alleged, to the fact that the microbes travel in paper money. The disease has also made its appearance at Lima, Ohio, several well-defined cases having been found, and the citizens fear an epidemic. Reports are published showing that since 1880 the taxable property of the United States has increased \$6,983,000,000, and that in the same period the actual wealth of the country increased \$18,002,000,000. The total wealth of the country, exclusive of public property, is placed at \$51,459,000,000. James J. West, late editor of the Chicago Times, was found guilty of fraudulently overvaluing times stock and his punishment fixed at five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary and a fine of \$1,000. His co-defendant, Charles E. Graham, the former secretary of the Chicago Times company, was acquitted. At St. Louis the franchises, privileges and property of the St. Louis Gas Light Company were sold to the Laclede Gas Light Company for \$4,000,000, which means, as reported, that the Hallins syndicate has secured the prize, and that stockholders who did not sell to the trust will lose about \$41.50 per share. A terrific thunderstorm with vivid lightning passed over Monticello Saturday night—a phenomenon unprecedented for this time of year. The grass is growing there, wild flowers are blooming, and fruit trees budding as in springtime. The "coldest inhabitant" has never seen such a warm weather in midwinter in central Illinois. A cable dispatch received from Rio Janeiro states that Marshal Dodores Da Fonseca, Chief of the Provisional Government of Brazil, is dying. The question as to will succeed him is engaging serious attention. It is believed that the changes in the Ministry which would follow Marshal Da Fonseca's death would lead to serious complications. Dispatches from St. Paul de Loando report that numerous photographs of the eclipse were obtained by the American expedition during the period of totality. The effect was much obscured by clouds. All the apparatus in use worked to perfection. The photographs made in the Peninsula, which worked far out at sea, are likely to be particularly good. Henry W. Grady, the famous southern editor, died at Atlanta, Ga., at 8:40 o'clock Monday morning. He was born in Athens, Ga., May 17, 1851, and was educated at the University of Georgia and the University of Virginia. His father was a wealthy business man of Athens and was killed at Petersburg while leading the Twenty-fifth North Carolina regiment. The reorganization of the Cincinnati, Baltimore and Washington Railroad is to go into effect Jan. 1 with General Orland Smith as President. The capital stock is to be \$5,000,000, and the company will be known as the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, covered by the initials "B. O. S." which it is expected, will cause the line to become known as the "Boes" road. An effort is being made to negotiate a purchase of the control of the manufacture of Kentucky whiskeys by an English syndicate. E. Hofheimer, who has been acting as an agent in the matter, has options upon seventeen of the largest distilleries in the state. In some cases it is said that the sale has actually been made. The property sold, or upon which options are held, is worth about \$3,000,000. In the Probate Court of Cooper County, Missouri, Tuesday, a negro secured a decree for \$700 against the estate of Joseph Hickham, who died three weeks ago. Hickham had bought the woman in a slave market twenty-five years ago, and since that had not permitted her to go beyond the bounds of his farm, and never told her of the results of the war. After Hickham's death she ran away, and discovered that she was a free woman, and brought suit for wages with the result as previously stated. According to a letter received from Capt. Woodhouse of the trading schooner Elma Fisher, Boat Steerer Nelson of the schooner Enterprise of Sydney and three natives of his crew were killed and eaten by cannibals of Solomon islands. The Enterprise was trading among the islands, and natives from Hammond island, one of the Solomon group, induced Nelson and others to go ashore to purchase some coconuts. One on shore they were knocked on the head and their bodies were then roasted and eaten. The letter states that her majesty's ship Royalist shelled a village on the islands. The prize-fight for the heavy-weight championship of England and \$2,500 a side between Sam Smith of England and Frank Slavin, the Australian pugilist, came off Monday morning at Bruges, Belgium. Fourteen rounds were fought, lasting twenty-seven minutes. Slavin had the best of the fight throughout and repeatedly felled Smith to the ground. The latter finally left the ring, but Slavin remained and claimed the prize. A mob of spectators thereupon intimidated Referee Vesey, threatening his life if he decided in Slavin's favor. They also broke into the ring and attacked Slavin with sticks. The situation was becoming desperate when the referee declared the fight a draw. Dear Little Buttercups. Siam is the land of the short-haired girl. All of the women of this country wear their hair from one to two inches long, and their locks stand up like black or gray bristles out of their cream-colored faces. A Siamese buttercup of sixteen, with her plump, yellow cheeks, her bright, black eyes, and her lithe, symmetrically formed frame, loosely clad in the Siamese sarong, is a beauty, notwithstanding her black hair is short and her teeth are reddened with betel-nut chewing. She is as straight as an arrow, and is as graceful as a gazelle, and her hair makes you think of the sandy page boy of the stage.—Philadelphia Press.

A MEACER REWARD. The Pay Received by Hay and Nicolay for Their Life of Abraham Lincoln. "What is to be the ultimate form of the publication of the life of Abraham Lincoln which you [Col. John Hay] and Col. Nicolay are publishing serially?" "It is to be published by the Century company in ten volumes, and I have just been reading some of the proofs. It has now been nearly twenty-five years since you first announced in one of your newspaper letters that we were to write this book. I told you at the white house just after Mr. Lincoln's death that we were resolved to undertake it. At the time we commenced this publication a great deal was said and printed about the large sum of money we received for the manuscript. It is true that the \$50,000 we were paid between us was probably the largest sum that a serial publication had paid for any series of contributions, but I made a computation a few days ago upon what had been paid for our time in preparing this book. We have received \$1.50 a day each and no more. The rest has gone for expenses. I have been compelled to buy hundreds of books and manuscripts, of which individual volumes have cost me \$25 apiece. Look here." Col. Hay showed me from a dozen to twenty volumes of manuscripts bound carefully. "These," said he, "are the original archives and letters of Jefferson Davis, his cabinet and the confederate government. I bought them from Col. Fickett, the same officer who sold to the United States for \$75,000 a similar set." The colonel opened one of the volumes and showed me an indorsement in lead pencil by Jefferson Davis to Judah P. Benjamin, his secretary of state. The whole penciling was in Mr. Davis' handwriting. He orders Benjamin to write a state letter to Mr. Merrier and Lord Lyons, calling them to take action upon Mr. Seward's revelation of his policy toward the French under Maximilian in Mexico. The letter was written in Davis' generally passionate oratorical style, with abundant adjectives. "Why, I thought that these letters were in the state department." "They are; you see these official papers were very often issued in duplicate or in triplicate, because a good many of them had to be sent by blockade-runners between the south and Europe, and if one set was to be lost another set would be preserved. In that way the papers which I bought are frequently originals, while those in the state department are copies, and in other cases the state department papers are original and mine are copies. I have thought that after we finish the publication of Mr. Lincoln's life I would issue a limited edition of these dispatches in a particular book." "Then you have not been getting for all your original contributions and compositions upon this work of 25 years more than a laborer's wages up at the new Library building by the Capitol building." "Just that. Our partial papers in the Century Magazine will come to an end next February and will have occupied three years in their publication. Everything has been cut out of the magazine chapters which did not directly bear upon Lincoln here in the east. All reference to Sherman's campaign and important matters in the west have been omitted, which properly come within the compass of Lincoln's life. In the book publication this expected matter will be contained."—Cincinnati Enquirer. The Emperor's Boys. The young emperor of Germany, William II., has five little boys. The eldest is seven years old. He is the crown prince and the heir to the throne. He will some day be emperor of Germany. He is a fine manly little fellow. Germany is a very military country, and the emperor William is such a thorough soldier that strict military discipline is the order of the day in the nursery of his little people. As soon as petticoats are left off the tiny boys are dressed in baby uniforms, and the young crown prince looks quite like a soldier. When their father visits them in their own quarters (as I suppose I ought to call such a very military nursery) the crown prince commands his smaller brothers to "fall in." Then Frederick and Albert, who are scarcely more than babies "fall in." Little Prince Albert is such a mite that he is not able to keep his position for long, and he soon tumbles to his nurse's side. But the crown prince and Prince Frederick stand stiff and starched like real soldiers till their father returns their salute in proper fashion. When the little crown prince was six years old he was given a bedroom to himself, instead of sleeping in the nursery with the others. He was very pleased and said: "Oh! that is nice, now I need not be with the children any more." In the summer of 1888 all five boys had a charming holiday with their mother at the beautiful castle of Oberhof, in the forest of Thuringia. Their father was away. A Neglected Branch. We are taught in school to read and write but how many of us are ever taught how to talk? And if we wished to learn where should we seek a suitable teacher? And yet among all the accomplishments which men and women possess there is not one that can give so much pleasure as an ability to talk pleasantly and entertainingly. Think how many things go to make up good talk—a good voice, well disciplined, "soft and low" one that rests rather than tires, a voice with music in it. Next, a well stored mind. Next, possession of the art of putting things, for it is quite as important that you say a thing right as that you say the right thing. Then to communicate information in such a way as to make it appear that you assume no superiority. Wendell Phillips, who was perhaps as delightful and charming a conversationalist as Boston ever had, would always put it: "You remember that Socrates said—" It was a harmless fiction and a pleasant one.—Boston Budget.



THE SAILOR'S DARING.

"Man overboard! Stand by to lower away the boats!" With what alacrity every man on board springs to his post at the loud cry, knowing a fellow creature's life is at stake! Yet that life is in no more danger than that of the man or woman who trifles with what may seem "a simple blood disorder," but which in reality is fast sowing the seeds of a fatal disease, when the early use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery would cleanse the blood, restore impaired digestion, tone up the vital organs and ward off consumption. It would take the place in the family corresponding to that occupied by the life preserver on shipboard. If taken in time, and given a fair trial, "Golden Medical Discovery" is guaranteed to cure. This it will do if taken in the earlier stages of consumption, but after a large part of the lungs have broken down, no medicine can stay its fatal progress. How important then that the earliest premonitory symptoms be heeded! Short breath, spitting of blood, occasional chilly

sneezing creeping up the spinal column, hacking cough, variable or poor appetite, feeble digestion, with gradual loss of flesh, cold feet, lamitude or general debility, should admonish one that all is not right. You can't afford to fool away precious time if suffering from any considerable number of the above significant symptoms of approaching danger! It's madness to trifle and experiment with uncertain means of relief and cure when thus afflicted! Don't forget, at such a critical time, that the only medicine possessed of such positive curative properties as to warrant its manufacturers in selling it, through druggists, under a positive guarantee of its benefit or curing in every case, is the world-famed "Golden Medical Discovery." For all Bronchial, Throat and Lung Affections, Weak Lungs, and kindred ailments, it is an unequalled remedy. For a Complete Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases, or for one on Bronchial, Throat and Lung Diseases, enclose ten cents in stamps, state which book you want and address, WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 263 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

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DOWN ON THE BABOON.

It has become sadly demoralized with the Advance of Civilization. The baboon, writes the Graaff-Reinet Advertiser, a south African paper, seems to be changing climatic conditions. In former years he was a vegetarian, his worst offense being stealing mealies in the gardens when he got the chance. Now he has taken to other ways of getting a livelihood. Some say he has joined the carnivora. Anyway it is certain that he makes it a food business to get hold of lambs, tear them open, and drink their mothers' milk in their stomachs. Said a farmer the other day to a brother farmer: "Have you lots of honey on your farm?" "No: the baboons rob all the nests." "How do they do it?" The bees would sting them to death?" The answer was that probably the baboons did the work in the night, when the bees were drowsy, sleepy, and dull. Anyway he believed the baboons got off with the swag of honey whenever they could get at a nest. Then Peter Booysen of Mootfontein has his story to tell of the new development of the baboon: It attacks the wild aloes, pulls it down, and tears out the pith for food. Mr. Booysen, Sr., does not object to this, as he would be glad if all the wild aloes on his farm were cleared out by any means whatsoever. The special wish of father and son is that the baboons would take some food-providing operations which would get rid of the prickly pear. But as the substance of the leaf and of the trunk of the prickly pear is nothing but water the wish is not likely to be gratified. Anyway the poisoning clubs have classed the baboon with the wild carnivora, and the rifle and arsenic are now busy destroying them. Farmers give interesting instances of the difficulty of poisoning the baboon, the fellow being about as "slick" as a human being. One farmer believes the fellow tastes the poison as prepared and disgusted for him, and if he finds it is not a good thing for the stomach spits it out. That farmer, however, has succeeded in giving the arsenic such palatable surroundings that the shrewdness of the baboon is not proof against the palatable temptation, and he dies.

A New Jersey Accommodation Train.

The days of old in which knights were bold have passed, but fortunately the successors to some of these old covers are occasionally to be met with, even in these degenerate times. Some little time since a pretty little German-town girl sat in a job-tail car, and opposite her was a young man who made many apparent attempts to begin a flirtation. Next to the young lady was an awkward looking youth, trawny and tall, who evidently lived on a farm in New Jersey. He observed the ogling of the man across the car for some minutes, while his face assumed an expression of great disgust. Turning to the young lady he stammered: "Don't you want that fule to stop?" The young lady said she did. The Jerseyman arose, and without further ado grasped the flirtatious youth by the neck with one hand, yanked the bell-strap with the other, opened the door, jammed the prisoner through it, and as he went out administered a parting kick. Then the farmer sat down again by the young lady, murmuring: "S-s-sorry I d-d-didn't hev a c-cage 'n' a chain—I'd er liked ter t-t-take it home fer a p-p-pet.—Philadelphia Press

Women Are Very Aggravating.

A Boston business man, who is something of a crank, met the writer yesterday afternoon, and, after exchanging a few words about the result of the elections, said: "Did you ever notice what aggravating creatures women are? Or have I been singularly afflicted in having one of the worst of them for my wife?" "Why, what's the matter now?" questioned the writer in return. "Oh (with a sigh), my wife has the life worried out of me with her foolish questions and aggravating remarks. Now, for instance, only the other day I had quietly sneaked up-stairs so that I might shave myself without interruption, and had sharpened my razor, fixed my glass in the window, lathered myself and had just commenced operations on my beard, which is not one of the easiest to shave by any means. I was not in a very pleasant frame of mind, you may believe, and, to make it worse, just at that juncture, my wife stuck her head in the door and asked: "Are you shaving, dear?" Now, it was only the day before that I had dropped a flat-iron on my pet corn, and then she ventured to ask me if I did not know it was heavy, and what made me drop it on my foot; so you can bet that I was mad clear through. So, when she said, 'Are you shaving, dear?' I turned on her and snapped out: 'No, you fool, I'm not shaving. If you had any eyes you could see that I'm shoveling coal.'" He sighed as he turned to go up the street and said: "But it's just like a woman, you know, to ask foolish questions like that. I suppose if I were to tumble out of a second-story window and should land on a pointed iron fence, my wife would come flying out and with an air of solicitation say, 'Darling, did you hurt yourself?'"—Boston Globe.

Graphite in Washington Territory. An immense deposit of graphite has been discovered in Lewis county, Wash. T., at a place in the Cowitus river. The ledge is three miles long and eight feet thick.