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## THE DESIRABLE IMMIGRANT

A colony of nearly 500 Danes have recently landed in this country and settled in Maryland, where they will take up the business of dairy and truck farming. Every few weeks, too, we hear of parties of Germans, Swedes, Norwegians or other foreigners coming here to locate on lands in the west or south. These people have made intelligent preparations for their entrance into the vocation which they have chosen. They have sufficient money to sustain themselves until the returns from their labor begins to come in. Most of them have had, in the countries which they left, more or less experience in the employment which they have selected. They, therefore, have a reasonable knowledge of the conditions under which they must labor, and have put themselves in a position not only to be entirely self-sustaining but to contribute their quota toward the wealth and prosperity of the land of their adoption. No favors are asked or looked for by them. In every contingency they expect to obey the laws of the country, and to conform to the moral requirements of industry and frugality which deserve and bring the respect of the community.

These are the sort of immigrants which the country desires, and which, in earlier days, formed a larger proportion of the aggregate than they do at present. They were always welcomed and always will be. In every section there is room for them, and chances to acquire a fair degree of independence. Even in crowded New England they are in demand, and they may and do find desirable openings in the older states of the central group. Their largest opportunities, of course, are in the west and south, and to these latter localities most of them come. Wherever they settle they form a valued and important element of the population. The restrictive provisions of the immigration laws are directed against them but, against the shiftless dependent or criminal classes. Objectionable persons to be sure, are found among the German, Scandinavian, Irish and English immigrants, but they are the exception, and they will be barred out when discovered. It is from the countries of southeastern Europe that the majority of the undesirable immigrants come, for this reason accessions from that quarter are less desirable than from the rest of that continent. The restrictions made by our laws, however, recognize no lines of race or religion among Europeans, but concern themselves wholly with the character of the immigrant and his fitness for the duties of honorable and self-respecting citizenship.—Globe Democrat.

At the custom houses of the country there has been an increase in the receipts of gold certificates and greenbacks, which are redeemable in gold, thus far in June as compared with May or April. This is a good sign. It shows that the persons who imagined the heavy gold exports would send the country down to the silver standard are convinced of their error. The hoarding of gold, if there has been anything of the sort, has stopped, and the yellow metal and its paper substitutes are being dealt out as freely by those who hold them as any other part of the circulating medium.

THREE democrats addressed an Omaha democratic club upon the uses of the alliance party in achieving democratic victories. One was for straight nominations, but for a platform which would capture their votes, another thought they should be the utmost care exercised not to offend the new party and the third frankly admitted that he was in favor of fusion. They all agreed that the alliance was a great source of strength to their party and united on the proposition to approve anything tending to destroy the republican party. Between indiscreet leaders and over-eager democrats the alliance scheme of assisting democrats is rapidly unfolding itself to the blinded eyes of good republicans who have supposed the third party was a party of principles.—Omaha Bee.

IT is the cool headed opinion of three-fourths of the tax payers in this city that the council made a mistake in refusing to allow the bond proposition to go before the people.

MEXICO is improving. Bullfights and cocking mains are now strictly prohibited by law, much to the disappointment of American tourists in that country.

THE government crop reporter says the United States will raise the largest wheat crop this year ever raised before in the history of the country. He places the amount at the almost inconceivable sum of 540,000,000 bushels.

SEVEN tons of block tin was recently received at San Francisco from the Timescal mines of Southern California. This was the first shipment, and yet there be those who will continue to claim there is no tin in this country.

Forty steamers have been chartered at the single port of Baltimore to load with grain for English ports between the present time and October. The foreigners must, eat, and Uncle Sam is able to trade them breadstuffs and meat for their ready cash.

IOWA has certainly noted the error of her political ways and may be counted on for a good rousing republican majority this fall. The experience of holding up a democratic governor has not been one to be proud of, and we opine it will not be tried again very soon.

If the English nobility had retained their preference for the square and simple game of poker as taught to them years ago by our Minister Schenck, instead of taking up with French bacarat, it would have been money in their pockets and a great advantage to their reputation.—Ex.

We are sorry for it, but it is a fact beyond peradventure that Grover Cleveland is fast losing ground as a presidential candidate. And if the landslide against him continues much longer his name will not be even mentioned at the next democratic convention.

Why can't Plattsmouth have a free delivery office here the same as Fremont and other towns in Nebraska only half as large? If some of the old fogies in this town could fall into the Missouri river and stay there we would not only have metropolitan conveniences but we would have a city twice as large as the one we have.

THE Ohio republican state convention in session to-day and yesterday at Columbus is a wonderfully enthusiastic body of prominent people. McKinley's nomination for governor is assured. And he will be elected in the humble opinion of this paper by 20,000 majority. The name of Blaine set the convention wild with cheers that lasted several minutes, showing that the American premier continues close to the hearts of the rank and file of republicans.

THIS will certainly prove a wonderfully successful year for the farmers. It has been extremely seasonable all over the grain growing belt in this country, while Europe has suffered by a late spring followed by withering drouths and intense hot weather. The most sanguine reports fail to credit the continent with more than half a crop. In many localities the cereals are an entire failure. This will make high prices here by furnishing a great market for our surplus grain.

GOVERNOR BUCKNER, of Kentucky, he who held Fort Donelson against Grant after Pillow and Floyd had skedaddled, has been at West Point enjoying the old scenes and telling stories. He was at the academy with Grant for three years, and he says of him: "Grant was the most fearless rider I ever saw at West Point. He rode a horse named Rocket. And I have seen him take a six-foot hurdle in the basement of the old Academical Building, when nearly every one present expected that he would have his brains dashed out against the low ceiling or his leg or back broken by coming in collision with the posts that are distributed throughout the hall."

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has taken up at his pasture west of Cullom one white horse, branded on left shoulder; weighs about 950 pound, with heavy fetlocks. The horse is in good condition and had a small rope tied about its neck. The owner can obtain the property, by showing ownership and paying charge at the residence of Wm Gilmore 3 miles south of Plattsmouth or of C. L. Creamer one mile from Cullom, w5t.

## BASEBALL IN CITY STREETS.

It Has Its Delights and Difficulties and It Produces Good Players.

With the boys' games I am more at home. Let us see whether you will not learn from these boys some games to take to your friends out of town.

First and foremost comes baseball. If any one doubts the universal popularity of this game, one afternoon upon the street will convince him that the American boys' love of baseball has become hereditary. It seems almost as if these boys no sooner left the cradle than a baseball found its way into their hands. They commence to play as soon as they can roll a ball across the pavement. From a real game, with nine "men" on a side and three bases, we shall see everything in ball playing, down to the solitary youngster who rolls the ball up an awning and catches it as it returns to him. And these boys can play baseball too. I hesitate to admit it, for I was a country boy; but I'll warrant you that from the inhabitants of a block I can select nine boys, none of whom shall be over ten years of age, who can defeat the best nine of thirteen-year-old fellows your village can produce.

They play in the streets; they play on the sidewalk; and they go at it with a vim and earnestness one grows enthusiastic in watching. They pitch "curves," and why their catchers' intent and maskless little faces are not more frequently damaged by the bat they "catch off" of, no one can say. All this, remember, on the cobblestones, with slippery car tracks dividing the "field," and wagons, drays and cars constantly passing.

On any field a quick and practiced eye is required to measure the arc of a "fly ball," and to select the spot from which it may be captured; but when the ground is a crowded street, and there is added the more or less rapidly passing vehicle, the chances are even that the fielder may get under a horse's hoofs and the descending "fly" at the same time. Many narrow escapes have I seen, but somehow the active little bodies always manage to be missed.

But the cars and wagons and pedestrians are as nothing; the players look out for the former two, the last must care for themselves if they wish to avoid a batted ball or a runner making a frantic dash for "first." What these boys really mind, because it is an effectual preventive of ball playing, is the blue coated policeman, known by the boys as a "cop," an abbreviation of "copper," the origin of which name is uncertain.

Here is a game in active progress; there is intense excitement; shouts of encouragement fill the air. Turn away your head for an instant. Now look again. Where are our players? Not one of them to be seen; only a few boys strolling along the sidewalk; not a bat nor ball in sight. What does it all mean? Truly, you have never seen so abrupt an ending to a game of ball. But look; coming up the street, a block or more away, in all the stateliness of blue uniform and brass buttons, idly twirling his club, comes the awe inspiring "copper."

For you must remember that it is illegal to play baseball in the street, and every player is liable to imprisonment. How would you like to have one of your games so interrupted? Is the game ended? By no means; wait a moment, this is only "time." Slowly the retreating bluecoat fades in the distance; then like magic each player resumes his place, and the game is resumed with all its former ardor.—Frank M. Chapman in St. Nicholas.

## A Deaf and Dumb Policeman.

There are many positions that a deaf mute can fill as well as a man in possession of all his faculties, but patrolling a beat as a policeman is about the least likely occupation in which a deaf and dumb man might be expected. Cleveland, O., however, has, or had not long ago, a deaf and dumb policeman, who has walked a beat for years and never given occasion for complaint. It is said he lost the power of hearing and speech by a stroke of paralysis, but recovered his health without regaining all his faculties. He was on the force at the time and begged to be retained.

The authorities were loth to discharge him, so gave him a trial. He proved as efficient as the others, and so held his position. He wore a badge, "Deaf and Dumb Policeman," but answered in writing any questions that were asked him as intelligently as any one. As he cannot hear a sound, he is obliged to be more than usually watchful; his eyes are always on the move, and he sees everything that occurs in his vicinity.—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## Washing Away the Earth.

A French geologist has made a careful calculation of the amount of solid matter yearly carried off into the ocean by the action of the rivers of the world and other causes. He estimates that the reduction of the average height of the surface of the solid land is 0.006 inches each year. Making allowance for the corresponding rise in the bed of the ocean, and taking into account of the occurrence of volcanic and other exceptional phenomena—the general tendency of which is to hasten the process of disintegration—the period at which the solid land will have ceased to exist and the surface of the earth will be covered with water has been estimated. As, however, that period is 4,500,000 years distant, the prediction need cause no immediate disquietude.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

## Advice to Women.

A good piece of advice floating about now in the magazine world is: "If you wish to be agreeable in society, you must be content to be taught many things which you know already." It might be well to add that you must be more interested in other people's good stories than in your own, in their afflictions than yours, and be careful not to far outdo them in dress or entertainment, and if you are a woman don't be too pretty.—Exchange.

It is estimated that the wealth of the United States now exceeds the wealth of the whole world at any period prior to the middle of the Eighteenth century.

## SHIPS PULL UP CABLES.

QUEER FISHING WITH PROPELLER SCREWS OF BIG BOATS.

An Ocean Steamship Carries a Piece of Submarine Cable from New York to Liverpool and Back—Experience of a Ship That Ran Into the Mud.

Submarine cables laid in shallow waters are often exposed to greater risks and rougher treatment than the great ocean cables, which sometimes cost their owners a small fortune in repairs. Not long ago an ocean going steamship, in leaving her dock at Jersey City, plowed up the soft bottom with her powerful propeller, and secured a costly and valuable catch in the shape of about a dozen submarine cables, which crumpled themselves in the blades of the propeller so effectively that all the cables were torn asunder, and the ship had to go into dry dock to clear her screw of the garlands of iron, hemp and Kerite with which it had become embellished—not to say embarrassed.

The learned judge who presided over the argument as to whether the telegraph company, which owned the cables, or the steamship company, which owned the inquisitive vessel, was the aggrieved party, decided in favor of the latter, holding that a harbor is to be kept free for navigation, and that a steamer is entitled to plow through mud as well as water, cables or no cables. If the cables were thought to be secure because they were lodged in two feet of silt, why, so much the worse for the cables, or rather for their owners.

According to the learned judge, ocean steamers possess the right of way through the silt, even down to hard rock, and the waters of a harbor for purposes of navigation have no "bottom." This is cold comfort for owners of submarine cables in harbors, but by way of adding insult to injury the very practical suggestion was made that cables might be laid in a species of submarine trench, and thus be kept out of harm's way when ocean steamers (or others) find it necessary to "take the ground."

## TUGBOAT AND CABLE.

It is quite conceivable that the powerful machinery of an ocean steamer should make light work of gathering up and rending into fragments a dozen or so of submarine cables, but that a river tug should take to the same game and twist some hundred feet or so of heavily armored seven conductor cable into a bunch of Gordian knots is a little too much. The cable is the property of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and serves to connect the pole line across Staten Island with that running through New Jersey, the cable crossing the Kills between Linoleumville and Carteret.

The tug caught up the cable in the most approved manner, according to the laws of harbor navigation, snatched it from its quiet resting place in the silt, and a stern battle between the pugnacious propeller and the inoffensive and defenseless (though armored) cable ensued. Needless to say, the propeller was victorious. The iron armor resisted vigorously, but it was never intended to withstand the attack of a river tug's propeller, so, after a stout resistance, accompanied by endless writhings and contortions, it succumbed.

The sea serpent itself could not have made a better fight. If the cable was vanquished, its enemy was also, at least for a time, placed hors de combat, for, so closely were propeller and cable interlocked in their deadly feud that the tug had to be brought to New York and put in dry dock in order to separate them. The snarl contains about one hundred feet of cable, and bears strong evidence as to good construction.

Few would believe that a cable could resist long enough to be twisted up into such hideous shapes instead of breaking almost at once. The cable, which is a seven conductor, Kerite make, has been down for about five years, and was found to be in perfect condition when repairs were made. Indeed, the snarl testifies to that.

## SOME CABLE STORIES.

Not long ago Frank Stockton contributed to one of the magazines a nonsensical story, in which a startling incident was narrated. By a stroke of lightning a steamer had been converted into an immense magnet, and had attracted to itself a submarine cable, which held it fast until the cable ship came to the rescue. This flight of fancy is not altogether without excuse.

There is a story of an ocean steamship catching up a piece of cable in the North river, and towing it all the way from New York to Liverpool and back without discovering to what mysterious cause the strange reduction of speed on the round trip could be attributed.

There is yet another story of a sound boat which fouled a submarine cable in New York waters and towed a goodly length of it to New Haven. There the piece of cable was cleared away, coiled down on the dock, and subsequently sold by the steamship company to another corporation whose business it is to maintain electrical communication between places. That corporation put the cable into service, and (so the story goes) is using it at the present time.—Herbert L. Webb in Electrical Engineer.

## To Preserve Shoe Leather.

A German chemist has invented a preparation which, it is claimed, when applied to the soles of shoes, has the effect of increasing their wearing capacity from five to ten times, besides making them waterproof. The preparation is applied after the shoes are finished and the soles are buffed. The right to use it has been sold to the Bavarian government for the army. The inventor says it has been tested in the German army satisfactorily.—Exchange.

## An Every Morning Incident.

Mr. Suburb (slowly waking up and rubbing his eyes)—What time is it?  
Mrs. Suburb (looking at watch)—It's three minutes of train time.  
Mr. Suburb (springing out of bed)—Tell Mary to hurry up the breakfast.—New York Weekly.

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