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THE DEMOCRATIC THEORY.

The protests against the Dark Lantern Tariff bill will make no difference with the plans of its chief supporters. Their objects are purely political. Whether the bill would help or hurt industries, if passed, they do not care. Neither do they much care whether it will help or hurt their party outside of certain localities. To them it is only a question of tacties. If the party can free-trade support enough to carry New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, or New York and two Northwestern states, holding the south, it can win. To force the party to make that sort of fight, and to nominate Mr. Cleveland as the only practicable candidate for that sort of fight, is the object to which the free-traders are ready to sacrifice votes and posibilities elsewhere.

The glass workers protest, and that industry is represented in New Jersey. The earthenware duties affect more voters in that state than in any other. But Mr. Cleveland's friends have been convinced that the position of the republican party on the temperance question has made New Jersey surely democratic this year; that all the manufacturers and workingmen who may be influenced by the threatened injury to industries of that state will count for less than the wrath of the opponents of temperance legislation. It is part of the same calculation that the New Jersey prohibitionists, whether in favor of protection or not, will continue to help the democratic party to the full extent of their power. Belief that temperance men are more anxious to defeat or punish temperance legislation than to defend their industries, and that liquor sellers and their customers are also more anxious to defeat | have compressed them to this shape. They or punish the same temperance legislation than to defend the industries of their state, is the cause of democratic indifference to all protests from New

There is the same reasoning about New York. But in this State it is held that free traders have strength enough to insure Mr. Cleveland a plurality, in spite of any losses that may result from threatened injury to iron, woollen, knit goods, salt and farming industries. The election of last year is accounted conclusive proof that this state can be carried by free trade, with the aid of prohibitionists, by a much larger plurality than it obtained in 1884, when Mr. Cleveland's position as to the tariff was unknown. It is need less to repeat that last year's election had no such meaning; the Democrats give it that interpretation, as it was predicted they would. They count largely, too. upon the great power of the public service, thoroughly organized and used as a partisan machine. At the same time they believe that profound faith in Mr. Cleveland as a great reformer will secure for him the votes of Independants who have followed Mr. Curtis.

The Democratic calculation is that Minnesota, with its leanings toward free trade, can be carried if the party adopts unreservedly Mr. Cleveland's position on the tariff. With the same influence, and with the control of patronage in Wisconsin by Mr. Vilas and in Michigan by Mr. Dickinson, it is hoped that one or bath of these States may be won. The framers of the Mills tariff bill were not sufficiently well-informed to see that its repeal of duties on farm products would hurt them in States near the Canada border. The salt, iron and lumber interests they have been in the habit of treating with contempt for years past, appealing in Michigan to the prejudice of ignorant voters against monopolies and millionaires. It is supposed that the party must be stronger now, with carefully organized patronage ana supposed free-trade sentiment to helpf, than it was in 1884, when the plurality for Mr. Blaine in Michigan was only

Such are the Democratic calculations. It is only necessary to add that the belief that Mr. Blaine would not be a candidate has largely influenced Democratic action, and estimates. Against any other Republican candidate, they think their disappoint you. 30 pills 25c. At War-chances in Minnesots and other Northern rick's drug store. States particularly good, while in this region the party will not be exposed. they reason, to any serious defection of for, so if it does not relieve your cough Irish voters. With a different candidate, they also think, their chances in the Pacific States are not to be despised.

If the free-trade wing of the Demo critic party can force the issue and elect its candidate this year, it will then be in position to fight for a real and sweeping change of the tariff. The bill proposed I nothing about the Hennepin canal.

is what Mr. Dorsheimer would call 'a first firm step toward free trade." That

COWARDLY AND CONTEMPTA-

A disposition on the part of some of the strikers yesterday in shamefully cursmen, who have seen fit to accept the prices and terms offered them by the rail- his position on the bank of the irrigating read company, and have entered the ditch that ran through the village of Lascompany's employ as engineers and firemen, if generally known in connection subject the Brotherhood to pretty severe He then presented himself to the barber.

The Brotherhood has claimed all along to be law-abiding, and objects to violence, &c. If that is true some of the better element of the order had better ly abuse of men who have seen fit to go in the employ of the railroad.

We hope THE HERALD will not be called upon again to mention this matter, as it is certainly to the interest of the Brotherhood that this treatment of men who are minding their own business should be promptly stopped.

COMPANIONSHIP.

After some thought that leaped life's boundary Unto that icy night that broods afar, Beyond the gleam of the remotest star,

The night from whence we came and whither A golf of darkness and vacuity; Ultimate dread and doom of all that are, With which the throbbing pulses are at war,

As sacred child affrighted by the sea; With what a shuddering speed we seek again he living contact of our own home fire, Whose ruddy comfort bickers higher and

Round which the dear, familiar faces stand, Clasping the warmth of reassuring hand, Happy to be aware of even pain!

—Cornhill Magazine.

In the Comstock Mines. Then when you think of the great depth of these mines; the gigantic, incomprehensible weight of the mass resting upon the timbers, and the traveling mountain in which are the mines and on which is Virginia City, you involve propositions that have stumped the deepest thinkers. For instance, queer ished sticks, as smooth as mahogany, and no thicker than my cane, are every once and a while taken out of the old workings. They are as hard and as heavy as iron, and a knife will not make a mark on them. Now, what are they! Originally they were twelve by twelve inch solid timbers, and the millions of tons bearing upon them in all directions, perpendicularly as well as laterally, for it is only in this way that mines can be timbered, are found sometimes in bits, sometimes in long pieces, taken out where caves have occurred and the workings displaced. known mechanism at present, nor in any age of the past, so far as history recounts, has such power to compress and work marvels with wood,-San Francisco Examiner.

Chew Your Food More.

I am not much of an advocate of prepared foods for dyspeptics. They may spare the stomach some extra work, but it is better to do that by thorough mastication of the food before swallowing it. Let the teeth earn their board, and they and you will be all the better for it. The fellows in the army who ate "hard tack" had the strongest and best preserved teeth. What if they did knock off a piece of enamel occasionally, they gave their teeth pretty lively exercise and strengthened the roots. In many cases of dyspepsia there is nothing whatever the matter with the stomach. The furnace is all right, but it is not given a chance to draw properly. Coal is piled on too fast and the fire becomes choked up. Be a little easy with it, and it will work all right.-Physician in New York World.

St. Petersburg's Novel Ceremony.

The spring break up usually occurs about the middle of April, when all crossing upon the ice is stopped by the police, and the ceremonies of opening the river take place. No boat is allowed to be launched till the governor of the city has passed up and down the entire distance and taken a goblet of water with his report to the emperor, who drinks it, and fills the silver cup with gold coins for the poor. Then the governor rows over the course again, declares the Neva open to navigation, and all the inhabitants who have boats or can hire them follow him with bands of music by day and fireworks by night, great festivities occurring in their houses and the places of public resort. A state ball is sometimes given to celebrate the opening of the river.-William Eleroy Curtis in Chicago

Raising Buffaloes as an Industry.

A writer from Manitoba says it seems to him that the raising of buffaloes is an important question for the farmers of the northwest. The national government ought to take measures for the encouragement of the raising of the buffalo stock. A cowhide is worth 82, but it is useless as a robe, while an average buffalo hide is worth \$10, and as a robe' is almost indispensable in the northern climate. The buffalo sheds its woolly hair once a year. This wool is easily gathered and works up well into a coarse yarn. One animal will yield from ten to twelve pounds of raw wool.-New York Tribune.

Old Enough to Feel It. A girl of 10 slipped and fell in front of the Detroit opera house yesterday, and a kind-

hearted gentleman who assisted her to arise thought to comfort her by saying: "Never mind, sis, you ain't old enough to lose any dignity by it." "Yes, but I'm old enough to know that it

loosened the whole top of my head, and that I bit my tongue almost in two!" she tearfully answered.-Detroit Free Press. The standard remedy for liver com-

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Wnat's the matter with Himois congressmen this time! We have as yet heard Blood Letting in Persia.

In Persia blood letting is the same panacea for well nigh all fleshly ills to-day it would be, if the people should justify that it was with our ancestors in thedays Democratic calculations. - New York of bluff King Hal. In the spring every Persian hies him to the barber surgeon to have that professional phlebotomist relieve him of, say, half a pint of blood. One sunny March morning I sat up on the bala Khana of a village chapa house and watched the barber bleed a goodly share of the whole male population. With his arms bared to the elbows, a bunch of raw ing and abusing sober and industrious cotton in lieu of lint beneath his arm, and his keen edged razor inserted beneath his cap, the traveling tonsorial artist took up gird. Candidates for his services soon began crowding about him. Each sturdy ryot bared his right arm to the shoulder, with all the surrounding facts, would and got one of his neighbors to bind a handkerchief tightly just above the elbow.

The tonsorial artist pressed out with his thumb and foretinger the small vein he wished to slit, and, with the air of a man who knows his profession and its importance, deftly inserted the point of his razor, The blood spurted out in a tiny stream; put a stop to this disgusting and coward- haunches and watched it bleed, occasionally working the elbow joint to stimulate the flow. Half a pint is considered about the correct quantity for an adult to lose at one bleeding; the barber then completes his services by binding on a small

wad of cotton. Many prefer being bled in the roof of the mouth, instead of in the arm. I observed that these were old men mostly, and judged them to be knowing customers, who had wise theories of their own as to why the mouth bleeding was preferable to the others. I have seen as many as thirty or forty of the Persian barber's patients squatting in a low row on the bank of a stream or ditch, each one letting the little stream of blood from arm or mouth spurt into the water.-Thomas Stevens in Inter Ocean.

Wanted-An Endurable Pen.

As for pens, will mankind ever invent an endurable pen? The quill makes a dreadful noise, as Dora found when she tried to keep accounts in the presence of David Copperfield. Indeed the adventures of Dora with her pens are only those of less feather headed scribes. The quill splutters a small shower of ink, a murky drizzle, over the fingers, as over the lace ruffles that Buffon wore when he wrote. The descending drizzle dots 100 i's where no i should be, nor indeed is, and per-plexes printers. Meanwhile the steel pen begins as badly as a lame cab horse, and rusts readily. After an hour's work the wretched instrument needs to be taken twice over every stroke, otherwise it does not mark at all. One of its legs becomes shorter than the other.

Paper is the only thing that has made an advance on birch back, sheets of lead, potsherds and parchment; nor can paper bear comparison with the vellum of the past. A kind of "pad," otherwise useful, has become hairy, and the hairs cling to the pen. No fountain pen has yet proved successful. You have to blow down them, to thump them, to humor them in a dozen ways, and they explode in your pocket and flood you with ink. The wonder is that when writing is so difficult so much is written. Nature may wisely desire to handican authors. But it is the business of science to thwart nature and to invent and perfect tout ce qu'il faut pour ecrire.-Saturday Review.

Lotta's Collection of Shoes,

The intellectual and imaginative Jack St. Maur has been telling some interesting stories about Lotta's unprecedented collection of shees.

"Why, gentlemen," said the enthusiastic relator, "there are velvet shoes, satin shoes, silken shoes, canvas shoes, grass cloth shoes, Turkish and morocco slippers, and sandals from Borneo and far off Sarawak, where Rajah Brooke, whose charming wife is an old schoolmate of Lotta's, holds supreme sway over his heathen subjects. There is one particular pair of slippers made from the skin of a favorite cat that quitted catterwauling and nocturnal adventures some two years ago. If you ask Lotta what these slippers are made of she will tell you with a mischievous smile that they are 'peau de You can't imagine anything softer or more comfortable. It really must be that the spirit of that departed tortoise shell animates those slippers; for as truth is my witness, I have heard Lotta make a sort of purring sound when putting them on. Lotta's size? Oh, come now, what's the use of making all the women in the world envious? You probably don't remember Cinderella's size. Well, it's my belief that the glass slipper would fit Lotta very well. Anyway, her feet have played as lively a part as her face in the extraordinary success she has won."-Detroit

Reporting Prince Bismarch's Speeches. A member of the official stenographic corps of the reichstag, in writing of Bis marck as a speaker, says: "It is not the speed with which he speaks that makes the reporters' task of taking down his words an especially difficult one, for there are swifter talkers than he; but Prince Bismarck speaks at a very unequal rate, and as a rule it is quickest at those very places which are most to the point. Not unfrequently, too, he interrupts himself with intermediate sentences; and he has a peculiar style of his own, with quite unexpected turns of speech; in addition to which he often interweaves quotationssometimes in foreign languages-with his remarks, and occasionally, toward the end of a sentence, speaks so low as to make him difficult to be understood at our desk, although it is in the immediate vicinity of where he stands. And then the stenographer cannot altogether get rid of the feeling that he is working under the pressure of the weight and importance of what he is taking down, as well as under the consciousness that he is preserving 'the words of the man at whom all Europe is looking."-John P. Jackson in New York World.

The Universal Skeleton.

Hidden troubles, securely locked in the breast of many a man who goes about his ordinary business with a composed face, constitute a large part of the tragedy of everyday life. The theme is one of which Thackeray, as his admirers de not require to be told, never became tired; and I think that the older one grows and the more one sees and knows of his fellowmen, the stronger becomes the impression of an omnipresent skeleton in the closet. I like the sturdy Anglo-Saxon nature which, keeping the skeleton well within his closet, turns the key on him and confronts the world with a face which makes no sign. Toward the more emotional characters, as they are called, who yield to the desire for expression and the craving for sympathy, I am afraid that I feel somewhat as do those British barbarians who regard the French as so many "shricking, poor devils,"—Taverner in Boston Post,

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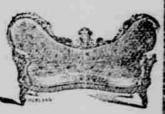
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