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THE "Haytian Republic" has arrived in New York all safe. She is the little steamer about which Secretary Bayard made such ado and bluster, with Hayti.

Tomorrow both houses of congress will meet in the hall of the house of representatives, and canvass the electoral vote for president and vice-president. This will be the final act in electing Gen. Harrison President of the United States.

SECRETARY WHITNEY has just awarded a contract for seven dynamite canons to be stationed at different points on the Atlantic coast. This is a move in the right direction, for big canons of the modern sort cannot be built in a week, and, at the best, the country's facilities for building them are not great. The time to begin is now.

GEN. HARRISON continues to show the same good judgment which characterized him during the campaign. In spite of the criticisms which have been made upon his cabinet appointments, in spite of the fact that many newspapers have tried to lead him to commit himself by publishing cabinet news alleged to be authentic, the president elect has kept his own counsel, and probably not over a dozen persons today know anything regarding his intentions. It is becoming more and more apparent that the next president is a man to be trusted.

EUROPEAN naval experts have begun to have doubts as to whether their war vessels are able to compete with American ships of the Vesuvius pattern. The Vesuvius is the swiftest war vessel afloat, and with its dynamite gun is supposed to be the most formidable. It is true it can shoot but a short distance, but it will be remembered that the Monitor class of vessels, devised during the rebellion, made the costly and bulky war ships of Europe useless. There will be some improvements in the dynamite gun and then there will be another revolution in the conduct of naval warfare.

It is practically certain that General Harrison's official family will consist of eight members. The bill creating the office of Secretary of Agriculture has been for a long time in the custody of a conference committee, the house insisting that the weather bureau should be transferred to the new department. This position has been finally receded from, the conference committee having rejected the amendments to the bill as it came from the senate, and yesterday the house adopted the measure without a division. No doubt is entertained that President Cleveland will approve it, and General Harrison will have the honor of first filling it.

A few weeks ago word came to the outside world that Mwanga, the despotic and blood-thirsty King of Uganda, in Africa, had been deposed and his more humane and modern brother put in his place. Intelligence is now received that the brother has, in turn, been overthrown. The brother was favorable to the Christians and opposed to the slave trade. If he had been permitted to rule, the probabilities were that Stanley and Emin Pasha would be enabled to communicate with the world by the Eastern Coast, instead of by the longer and slower route to the mouth of the Congo. The removal of this latter sovereign, therefore, shows that Arab and European influence is still predominant in Central Africa.—Globe Democrat.

THE TARIFF IN AUSTRALIA. In the quarterly journal of Economies for October, 1888, is a long and labored article purporting to show the relative effects of protection and free trade on the two Australian colonies of Victoria and New South Wales. Throughout the article it is assumed that the policy of Victoria illustrates protection only, and that of New South Wales, free trade. It would have been well to have shown at the onset how far this is true. A somewhat careful perusal of the tariffs of the two colonies satisfies us that while the Victorian tariff includes a greater number and variety of duties, there are some

products on which the New South Wales duties are protective. The clew to the whole situation, however, is, we think, to be found in a fact lying outside of the tariff policies of either colony—viz., in the supply of and demand for their public lands. During the eight years 1879-86, New South Wales sold more than 46,500,000 acres at a little less than 20 shillings an acre, while Victoria disposed of less than 15,000,000 acres at a trifle more than 30 shillings per acre. Victoria exceeds New South Wales in those crops which devote more labor to less land—viz: wheat, barley, oats, potatoes and wine. Victoria unites best labor with most land, producing maize, horses, cattle and sheep.—American Economist.

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Jack. Jack was one of the train of mules with which the earl of Dunraven made an excursion in the Yellowstone park a few years ago. It is not often that a mule gets so good a character from his master as Jack receives, but it was well earned.

Jack would ascertain, by some means best known to himself, the exact width of his pack, and would measure his distance between the trees to an inch, running through apertures that looked far too narrow for him, but never striking or getting jammed. He had some extraordinary method also of determining the height of his pack, and could tell precisely whether he could pass under an overhanging bough without stooping, and, if not, how much he would have to stoop.

If necessary, without pausing for a moment in his trot, he would double down until his belly almost touched the ground and wriggle himself through under a fallen tree in the most ludicrous manner.

It is no easy task for a man, even though he be accustomed to the mountains and the forests, to make his way through the tangled labyrinth of these improved woods; but through such places, if they were practicable at all, he would run, jump, climb or crawl, seeking his way without pause.

His faculty of stooping under branches though very useful at times, was inconspicuous when he was required to ride a riding animal. He would forget for a moment that he had not a tail upon his neck, and in passing under some leaning tree, to avoid which the rider would crouch down he would go, and with a wig and wriggle of his body wriggle himself under the supposed obstacle, much to his rider's surprise and discomfort.—Youth's Companion.

Getting Even. When the "Tin Soldier" was done in Chicago for the first time I played the plumbier. Eugene Field was present and seemed to enjoy the performance immensely. Next day he gave the piece a very flattering criticism, and said that all the people played their parts well with a single exception. The actor who played the plumber seemed to have no conception of what the author intended. I had to good naturedly take the general laugh at my expense and foot up the bill for numerous "smiles," whose combined frequency was sufficient to make a very respectable laugh. I determined to get back at Field. He is as well known and as familiar a figure in Chicago as Col. Ochiltree is in New York. On the following evening I had him occupy a box at the theatre. In one of my scenes I took a copy of The News, and advancing to the front, pretended to read. "Gen. Field's Sharp and Flats," I said, as if just coming to the column of his bright exploitations. Then, with a broad smile, I apparently continued reading. After a while the smile gradually faded, and was succeeded by an expression of positive pain. The paper was thrown to the floor, and, with a very tired expression, I threw back the lapel of my coat and rang a chestnut bell. The chestnut bell was something new in Chicago then, and the little piece of business went tremendously. Field's box was so situated that he could not withdraw from the view of the house, and he had to take the laugh like a good fellow. The "Tin Soldier" has made on an average about \$24,000 a season.—Charles H. Hoyt.

Careless Talking. What grave errors are frequently committed through mere thoughtlessness. If we could foresee the pain that is often caused by lightly spoken words, how much more careful would we be in weighing their significance before uttering them! One of the gravest errors of the kind I have ever known occurred the other day. I had called at the office of one of our leading citizens on a matter of business. He had just returned from a visit to his old home, where he had been attending to the sad duty of burying a dear and dear relative, and, as we sat talking about the business affairs that engaged our attention a friend of the leading citizen walked in, shook him warmly by the hand and asked him when he had got back. Their mutual greetings were warm and cordial until the caller wound up his by exclaiming, thoughtlessly, no doubt, and without for a moment appreciating how apropos was the remark: "Hope you had a good time." I shall never forget the look which passed across the face of the invited man as, without replying, he waved his visitor to a seat and resumed his conversation with me. I thought to myself, if that man knew what a mistake he had made he would be more careful in future of speaking without thinking.—Chicago Journal.

A DREAM. Behold, there was seen of my heart, A place of great shadow and tears, Shadows and trembling and fears, Death, and the pain of his dart. Love in his grave clothes by there Dead—with no smile on his face, Dead—in that sorrowful place, With scorn for a wreath in his hair. He that had once been so great, Mighty of wing and so fleet, There, lying still at my feet, There, at the foot of my hate! Looking thuswise on him there, I, being softened in part, Touched, for one heart beat, his heart, Leaving my lips in his hair. But, as repentant I knelt, Torn with the battle begun, Shamed for the thing I had done, Lo! on a sudden I felt Warmth of his wings overpread, Yes, of his lips and their smart, Of his eyes, and his hands and his heart— Love had come back from the dead! —Amelie Rives in Pittsburg Bulletin.

The Antiquity of Man. With regard to the discoveries on the slopes of the Sierra de Managua, Dr. Flint considers that the human bone prove indisputably the existence of man in Pliocene times. Still we must recollect that in such an active volcanic region as Nicaragua, with its hot and moist climate, sudden upheavals and subsidences may be expected to have occurred, while the rich tropical vegetation would rapidly repair the ravages caused by the most devastating eruptions. The footprints themselves tell us little as regards their antiquity. As before mentioned, they present no evidence of belonging to an inferior type of man, while the sandal shoe footprint indicates a certain advance in civilization, since a man who wears shoes at all can hardly belong to the earliest stage of human culture. Considering all the circumstances, therefore, it will, perhaps be wisest to adopt Dr. Brinton's cautious conclusion, that there is not sufficient evidence to remove these remains further back than the present Post-Pliocene or Quaternary period.—Knowledge.

A Hunter's Curious Mishap. Luellen Haley, of Ocala, a lover of hunting, was taking his favorite recreation in the fields northeast of Ocala and filling his game bag with quail, when an accident happened to him that came within a hair's breadth of ending his existence. His dog had set a quail and he shot it, and was in the act of drawing the trigger on another when a strange dog came rushing towards him from the rear, ran under his legs and upset the young sportsman, while his gun was hurled from his grasp. The butt hit a stump, causing the weapon to discharge, and the charge struck Haley in the left side, tearing away every particle of clothing and blackening his flesh.—Savannah News.

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