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BRYAN STILL OUR LEADER

Must be Driven Into Outer Darkness

Editor Independent: The future co-

and Made to Stay There.

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others. That there is need of plain

responsibility where it does not be-

long or of shielding either men or

parties. I am not now nor never was

a stickler for party, most surely not

at this crisis, any party that will save

our republic and with it the people's

liberties intact, is good enough for

me. What that party shall be called

is of very little consequence if this

leadership of the democratic party I

do not believe. That party cannot

hope for more favorable conditions

than those prevailing in the late cam-

The question now is, shall Bryan

democracy prevail, or shall we be tied

to the Taminany tiger's tail for keeps?

Shall true Jeffersonian democracy be

our shiboleth, or shall it be bonds and

Cleveland panies? Unfounded preju-

dice is often a more potent political

factor than is argument and reason.

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MENTION THIS FAPER

POPULATION OF NEBRASKA

Increase For the Ten Years Less Than One Per Cent.

The population of Nebraska, as officially announced, is 1,068,539, against 1.058,910 in 1890. This is an increase since 1890 of 9,629, or .09 per cent. The population in 1880 was 482,402, showing an increase of 606,008, or 134.0 per cent from 1880 to 1890. The population by counties is as follows:

Antelope ... 11,344 Johnson 11,197

Cambridge, Neb.

talk I verily believe, therefore I shall try to talk plainly, yet without malice try to talk plainly, yet without malice toward any one, or intent of placing The Markets

CHICAGO GRAIN. Cash quotations Tuesday: Flour-Dull and unchanged. red, 70% @73%c.

That Bryan is the logical magnetic 26%c; No. 3 white, 24%@26%c. industrial forces in Rye-No. 2, 49c. the future, as he has been in the past, Barley-Fair to choice malting, 57 cannot be joubted. That he can suc-

cersfully lead to victory under the Flaxseed-No. 1, \$1 641/2; No. 1 northwestern, \$1 6614. Timothy Seed-Prime, \$4 25@4 35. Mess Pork-Per bbl, \$11 124@11 25. Lard-Per 100 lbs., \$7 00@7 05. paign-the vital issues were all in Short Ribs-\$6 62@6 721/4. our favor. The Lincoln republicans Shoulders-5%@6%c.

Sugars-Cut loaf, \$6.15; granulated, \$5 60; confectioners' A, \$5 55; off A, \$5 40.

Clover-\$10 00. confidence in Bryan, but the Kansas Produce-Butter, creamery, 15@ City eposide made them fear too much eastern democratic influence in his ad-

Eggs-Fairly active; fresh, 22c. is conversant with Wall street arro-CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. gance and methods. Those fellows got

steers, \$4 00@4 85; grass steers, \$3 30 @4 15; bulls, \$2 50@3 25. in 1896? How was Stevenson any better except in the name democrat than the noble Towne who had once sacrificed the emoluments of office for

> @4 95; bulk of sales, \$5 90. choice wethers, \$4 25; fat to choice

lambs, \$4 25@5 20. SOUTH OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

ty can possibly be afflicted with. That the democratic party has this affliction is known to all men. That Bryan and	SOUTH OMAHA LIVE STOCK. Representative sales Tuesday: Beef Steers.				
the Bryan people have done wonders	No. Av. Pr. No. Av. Pr.				
	401114 \$4 25 41370 \$5 00				
in redeeming and regenerating that	Cows.				
party is well known. No other than	11080 \$2 00 31006 \$2 65				
a Bryan could take it from the cess-	6 980 2 65 12 979 2 65				
pool of corruption into which Cleve-	41254 2 85 21085 2 85				
land had cast it, and rehabilitate it	4 937 3 25 21235 3 60				
into newness of life. But all of the	Bulls.				
Bryan disinfectants that can be ap-	11440 \$2 50 21540 \$3 00				
plied to it in twenty years cannot	11350 3 50 11800 3 75				
make it smell sweet to those whom	Stock Calves.				
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cratic friends may believe this is rath-	Stockers and Feeders.				
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the record shows. I will try to undo	HOGS.				
this wrong. It is the record that we	Representative sales Tuesday:				
have to tace when we run up against	No Au De No Au De				

people striving fer justice and reform as are those of the allied forces to seek that justice and reform through a party that has known little of official jus-

My democratic brothers honor Teller. Towne. Davis and their fellowputriots for abandoning their party when it forsook the people for the flesh pots of Hanna. It is asking too much of the patriotic democrat to abandon a party that forsook human rights and betrayed the people into the hands of the slave oligarchy fifty years ago, and which has not improved the record very much since? When you look back to the sacred memories of Jefferson and Jackson, pray consider the Tellers and Townes. who left former affiliations that thrill the heart of every truly loyal Americen-the associations of the immortal Lincoln, that struck the shackles of slavery from four millions of human

beings. Is the world to understand that these patriots are just good enough to vote the democratic ticket, but not good enough to be emulated by But Siney, H/H, Whitney and Clevelanism democrats? Give me one single logical reason, my democratic friend, why this should be so, and I will cease this agitation at once. I do not ask you to come to my party, we did not do this operation of the fusion forces is one in the late campaign. We went to that will soon be to the front, and is you, and asked you to come half way one that under existing circumstances to the will be immortal Tellers and should have the careful thought and Townes. All that we ask of you now is to shake the putrified carcess or calm consideration of every reformer the slave oligarchy and of Grover in the nation. Mark Hanna and his Oh, some say Hill, Cochran, Olney,

unbecsed the American republic will Whitney were penitant. Yes, and for be ridden into the sea. It is said that all that I know Morton and the devil shed tears. But this work accomplished fools and children learn by experience Kansas City, penitance ceased--we are not children, yet we ought to tears were dried. Hell-fire and brimhave learned something in the late stone was hurled at Bryan. Divorce campaign, and if we have, we should Bryan from that old Wall street harprofit by tast knowledge. We should lot. Scourge those old disease-infected calmly and unbiased, without prejucarcasses of the Hills, the Gormans dice or partisen rancor, weigh all of and the Mortons into outer darness to complications and conditions stay, and Bryan will lead us to the brought out by that campaign. If there greatest victory for the advancement was mistakes made those making them of man since the world began. should not seek to evade responsibil-

JONATHAN HIGGINS.

Wheat-No. 3 spring, 68@71c; No. Corn-No. 2, 48@491/2c; No. 2 yellow, Oats-No. 2, 22% @23c; No. 2 white,

and populists supported the ticket as Short Clears-\$6 80@6 90. loyally as can ever be expected in the future. It is well understood that some of this support was given under protest. Not, however, for want of

23½c; dairy, 13@20c. ministration. This fear was well Cheese-Active; 101/4@111/cc. founded, as every one must know who

Cattle-Natives, good to prime steers close enough to get into the service if \$5 35@5 85; poor to medium, \$4 25@ Bryan should be elected, yet far 5 25; selected feeders, \$3 50@4 25; enough away to connive at his defeat. mixed stockers, \$2 25@3 65; cows, \$2 65 If it was good government which they @4 25; helfers, \$2 70@4 65; canners. sought, why ship thonsands of Tam-\$2 00@2 65; bulls, \$2 60@4 25; calves, many shouters to the convention to \$3 50@5 50; Texans, receipts 300; fed make a great demonstration for a man who was a traitor-at least was one

Hogs-Receipts today 38,000; tomorrow 40,000, estimated; left over, 4,000; 5@10c lower; active; closing steady; mixed and butchers. \$4 65@4 971/2; good to choice heavy, \$4 70@4 95; rough heavy, \$4 55@4 65; light, \$4 65

Sheep-Receipts 13,000; good to choice strong to 10c higher; others slow; lambs 10@15c higher; good to mixed, \$3 70@4 00: western sheep, \$4 20; native lambs, \$4 25; western

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\$3 85@4 00; fair to good fed wethers, water, and he stood perplexed, his \$3 65@3 85; choice grass wethers, hammer in one hand and the soft, wet \$3 75@3 90; fair to good grass wethers, \$3 65@3 75; choice ewes, \$3 25@ 3 50; fair to good ewes, \$3 00@3 25; choice spring lambs, \$4 90@5 15; fair to good spring lambs, \$4 65@4 90; feeder ewes, \$2 25@3 00; feeder wethers, \$3 50@3 75; feeder lambs, \$4 00@4 40.



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Antelope		Jonnson	11,10
Banner	1,114	Kearney	9,86
Blaine	603	Keith	1,95
Boone	11,689	Keya Paha .	3,07
Box Butte	5,572	Kimball	75
Boyd	7,342	Knox	14,34
Brown	3,470	Lancaster	64,83
Buffalo	20,254	Lincoln	11,41
Burt	13,040	Logan	96
Butler	15,703	Loup	1,30
Cass		McPherson .	51
Cedar		Madison	16,97
Chase		Merrick	9,26
Cherry		Nance	8.22
Cheyenne		Nemaha	14,95
Clay		Nuckolls	12,41
Colfax		Otoe	22,28
Cuming	14.584	Pawnee	11,77
Custer		Perkins	1,77
Dakota	6.286	Phelps	10,77
Dawes	6.215	Pierce	8.44
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Douglas	40.590	Rock	2,80
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Fillmore	15.087	Sarpy	9,08
Franklin	9.455	Saunders	
Frontier	8.781	Scotts Bluff.	2,55
Furnas		Seward	15,69
Gage		Sheridan	6.03
Garfield		Sherman	6,55
Gosper		Sioux	2,05
Grant		Stanton	6,95
Greeley		Thayer	
Hall		Thomas	62
Hamilton		Thurston	8,75
Harlan		Valley	7,33
Hayes	2 708	Washington	13,08
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Holt	12.224	Webster	11,61
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Awful News

A New York dispatch says that the Prince of Wales does not crease his trousers, and that he has not done so for months, perhaps years. It was an awful shock to fashionable New York.

The startling news reached there last week. It did not come over the cable nor by word of mouth. It came in a more reliable form-in that of a photograph of the Prince, showing that his trousers are absolutely creaseless.

While the Prince has gone back to unironed trousers, President McKinley hasn't.

The "first gentleman of America" has dis dressed every morning by his private secretary or some one else before he puts them on. The crease is a most emphatic one. It is made with a very heavy flatiron

wielded by a man with a large biceps.

who must work for many minutes developing the crease. It now devolves upon New York dudedom and John Hay to say under which leader they will follow-the

prince or the president.

One of Moody's Jokes. D. L. Moody was always full of fun. He saw the comic side of things, and as a boy enjoyed putting practical jokes upon any one whom he well knew. In the rear of his Uncle Samuel's retail shoe store in Boston was a cobbler's repair kit-seat, tools, awls, etc., and the seat was, as usual, a piece of leather concavely shaped downward at its center.

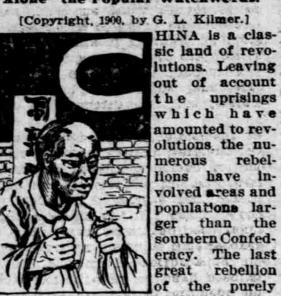
One day the workman on this saucer shaped seat felt it becoming uncomfortably damp, then really moist. He rose and saw a damp spot on the seat. Supposing that a few drops of water had been accidentally dropped upon the seat before he sat down to his work, he folded an old newspaper and placed it and sat comfortably down to resume his work. But the moisture seemed strangely persistent. Rising again, he Quotations: Choice fed wethers, found the paper becoming soaked with

> paper in the other. Looking this way and that in his perplexity, he soon heard a half chuckle, half snicker, which could no longer be repressed, and there behind the door was the country boy, learning how to be useful in a city shoe store, as he really and rapidly did, but taking his fun as he went along. He had placed a shallow dish of water close up to the underside of the center of the leather seat, which only touched the water when the weight of the occupant was upon it, so three or four small awl holes served his purpose for that time.-Congregationalist.

CHINA'S WAR SPIRIT.

WHY THE MOSS GROWN EMPIRE IS STIRRING FOR ACTION.

Influence of the War With Japan. China Angered and Aroused-"Chinn For the Chinese" and "Let Us Alone" the Popular Watchwords.



sic land of revolutions. Leaving out of account the uprisings which have amounted to revolutions the numerous rebellions have involved areas and populations larger than the southern Confederacy. The last great rebellion

of the purely ninese element continued in full force over 15 years. This was the Taiping rebellion, which was finally crushed by English aid.

The Chinese social and political organization tends to armed uprisings. The imperial government is weak, and the people look to themselves for redress against all classes of evils. Although under an imperial regime, China is really ruled in its local affairs by the simplest form of democratic principles. After patiently enduring grievances for a long period the populace arises and in its blind yet irresistible way enters a bloody protest. More powerful than a red sealed edict from Peking is the mysterious appeal placarded in every village of the disturbed provinces.

Whether or not the present movement indicates that China is making her last stand against the encroachment of foreigners, either Asiatic or European, it is certain that the people have been for generations at least brooding over the sway of influences which are not purely Chinese. There are vast districts in China where it is said the population prides itself upon being of a purely Chinese strain and that in those districts not only the national spirit, but what passes in other countries as patriotism, is the strongest. That fact shows that there is an element at work in China and has been for centuries which in time of general upheavals must assert itself either in blind fury or in a methodical and systematic movement to assert its views and principles

The last national struggle of China was against the Tartars, who came down from the north and first conquered and overran the country, then were driven from power and forced back across the border. Eventually they reconquered China, and since that time the dynasty and dominating influences have been Mantchoo, or foreign from the point of view of the true blooded

It would be strange that if in an old civilization like China there should not be degeneracy, and in the Mantchoo element in the government may be found evidences of degeneration. The court, courtiers and the royalty have gone from bad to worse until at the present time the souls which dominate at Peking are of the vilest stamp. In other words, the government of China is rotten ripe for change. Is the best element of China determined to make the change, and when the change comes will that element get the upper hand? It may be that China has for the last 50 years been simply brooding over the evils which have rested upon or threaten her, but the events of the last few weeks show that the powers of Europe have underrated the strength of the national movement among the Chinese. The war with Japan unquestionably opened the eyes of the thinking man in China as nothing short of war and a defeat would have done. There were two parties at the time of the war, one for and one against clashing with Japan. The throne secretly entered into the war, met with humiliating defeat and was compelled to show that humiliation in public, whereas the conservative Chinese element was not in favor of the war until after it had begun and the nation was humbled by the pygmy race from across the Yellow sea. Then the dormant faculties of the empire began to awake. China was not ready for war when it came, not ready in sentiment and not ready in military preparation, but when the war ended the entire nation was filled with a fighting spirit. The peace which the rulers negotiated with Japan was more unpopular than the war itself, and under some forms of government undoubtedly there would have been an armed revolution, overthrowing the dynasty and at the same time recovering from Japan what had been taken from China by force of arms. After the cession of valuable territory to Japan as the result of the war there followed the cession of domain to Russia, to England and to Germany, all of which the conservative element op-

The encroachments by the foreigners since the irruption by Japan into the affairs of the old kingdom may seem trivial, but taken in conjunction the wise heads of China must be convinced that the work cannot go on much longer without not only destroying the integrity of China, but the structure of her civilization. It is for her civilization that China will fight if she fights at all. Material wealth is under the ban of the religious teachings of China. For this reason all the promises of greatness through the adoption of foreign ways do not appeal to the Chinese. Their cry is and has been for generations, "We wish to be let alone!" And under all the conquests of China by outside peoples the

Chinese have always held their own. When the Tartar hordes swept down from the north, they destroyed nothing in China except what they cut down with a sword and wiped out with a torch. They did not impose Tartar civilization upon the Chinese, and when the final conquest of China was made the conquerors adopted the civilization of the Chinese rather than force their own upon them. It is this same conservatism that causes the Chinese in all parts of the world to live in coloforms of government, subject of course to the general laws of the country in which they live. But they do not adopt foreign civilization, and they do not want foreign civilization imposed upon China. Recently a Chinaman in London, stating the case of his people against Europeans, said:

Consider your missionaries. They come with a new religion, upon the main principles of which they are bitterly divided among themselves. They tell us that unless we accept their doctrines we shall suffer eternal punishment. They frighten our children and the more weakminded of our older people and create all kinds of dissensions between families and individuals. No wonder that we will not tolerate them.

If we wanted your railways and machines, we could, of course, buy them. But we do not. We have no use for them. We have learned to do without them. Yet you say you will force us to buy them whether we will or no. Is that just? I say it is an impertinence, an outrage. A good deal is made of the fact that we are not soldiers. Well, we have ceased to be soldiers because we have become civilized. War is barbarism. The effect of our having arrived at our present stage of civilization is that we have increased and multiplied beyond every other race on the face of the earth. In spite of our great mortality, which seems to be very shocking to you, although we recognize in it only a wise provision of nature, the Chinese race is increasing at a greater rate than any other people in the world.

We could if we chose overwhelm the rest of mankind. That we do not do so is due to the perfection of our civilization, our philosophy and our morals. We number 400,000,000 human beings, and who could withstand us if we chose to assert our power? Do you think we are unconscious of it? On the contrary, we understand it only too well. Let the white races of the earth appreciate the fact that we and not they are its masters. There have been 20 so called successful invasions

of China. But what has happened? Have invaders dominated the Chinese? No. The conquered have absorbed their conquerors. All have become Chinese. The very Jews who have come among us have been absorbed by our race, a thing which has never happened elsewhere. Let me repeat that all the forces which divide

men in the west have practically no existence in China. Politics, religion, private ambitions, the necessity for expansion, land hunger, gold hunger-all these have no existence in China. You think that because the Chinaman is inert, careless and simple he is a child. There never was a greater mistake. He has learned the secret of being happy. His

life is placid, and nothing troubles him so long as his conscience is clear. There you have our character in a sentence. Let us alone, and we will let you alone.

minds in China. He declared in a re- of it!" cent interview, printed in the New York Journal, that foreign missionaries ask the Chinese people every day of their lives to refrain from obeying the laws of China. As to the charge that the Chinese play false in politics, the viceroy says it is only what other nations do constantly. Besides, it is done underduress for self preservation. "One great nation after another comes along with a knife at our throats and wants to rob us. As long as we feel the point of the steel we say, of course, what you want us to say, but when the danger is over we forget all about the

No nation, he says, respects the contracts made at the point of the sword after becoming strong enough to fight the foe. Only the envy, rivalry and hatred of European powers save Chi-

Li Hung Chang has faith in his own people. Looking forward to a clash with the European nations, he says: "You criticise our sullen attitude. Do you expect us to make love to you because you robbed us? Ah, we know your programme well enough. The and central China for England, the rest for France and Germany-so it has been planned. We are to retain nothing. Everything for the foreigner, nothing for the Chinese. But one cannot do away with 500,000,000 people by sleight of hand. It may not be very difficult to defeat



"KILL THE FOREIGNERS!" us, but to conquer us will be a hard job, I assure you. It is like eating a real Chinese meal. A courageous Englishman or American may tackle it,

but I doubt that he will digest it." The fact that China has rested so peace. The people are slow by nature and averse to strife. From the Chinese point of view domination of the Asiatic foreigner has lasted 300 years too long. The irruption of the European foreigners began half a century ago. Possibly John Chinaman thinks that now or never is the time to call GEORGE L. KILMER. a halt.

Quite Frank About It. He-I have come to ask for your hand.

She (teasing)-Which hand?

AN INCORRIGIBLE

"Cousin Percy has returned from his wanderings," announced Mrs. Brandenberg, laying down her paper. "I do wish, Mortimer, that he would marry and settle down. But I fear he's incorrigible."

Mr. Brandenberg laughed. "I suppose you've already picked out the girl, and Percy will have her for dinner and tea, for ball and luncheon, at charming little nies by themselves with their own tete-a-tete meetings, etc., until he'll have to give in from sheer helplessness and marry her."

"I fail to understand you, Mortimer," said his wife crossly.

"Come, now, don't get angry, Floss; but you know you love nothing half so well as making a match for people who are too stupid to arrange one for themselves. But you must confess there are just two people you cannot do anything with, Percy and Virginia Tarelton."

"Go away, Mortimer, and don't be so silly. I tell you they were made for each other, and I am only doing my duty in bringing them together," said Mrs. Brandenberg, tossing her head defiantly. "Gang yer own gait, missus," replied her husband smilingly, "and meet with defeat. But I'll wager that is all you'll meet.

"What'll you wager?" queried the little

woman briskly. "The price of your portrait painted by Chatran," he responded, confident that

e would never have to pay it. "Done! And I intend to win," Mrs. Brandenberg cried gleefully just as, by a strange coincidence, the door was thrown open and Virginia Tarelton was announced. Mr. Brandenberg cast a quizzical glance at his wife as he escaped from the room, but she was already embracing her dearest Virginia and did not notice him. Miss Virginia was a rather stately young woman of eight or nine and twenty, handsome, accomplished and very wealthy; but, having been raised by a maiden aunt who had met with a disappointment in love in early life and had in consequence turned into a veritable man hater, Miss Virginia had been led to believe that men at best were tatrustworthy creatures. Besides, she was constantly haunted by a fear of fortune hunters and was almost unapproachable

to all unmarried men. Flossy Brandenberg, who was very fond of her, had made several unsuccessful attempts to make her happy for life by marrying her to some venturesome suitor, but Virginia fought shy of all such well meant aid.

When, therefore, her friend began to recount the many attractions and virtues of her cousin Percy, Virginia listened but coldly. Finally, being rather hard pushed, she turned at bay.

"Look here, Flossy," she said, energet-Li Hung Chang is still more em- ically, "please say nothing more about 90c, 1 year \$1.60 phatic and speaks for the highest men and marrying to me. I'll have none "Marrying!" exclaimed Mrs. Brandenberg tartly. "Why, Virginia, pardon me

if I say what seems uncomplimentary. but Percy Pentacoast would not marry you nor any other woman under any consideration. "And why not, pray?" demanded Vir-

ginia, quite huffed.

"Because," her hostess replied solemnly, "Percy has just as intense a loathing for matrimony as you have. I never knew a man so insanely opposed to anything as he is to marriage. And it's a shame, too, for Percy is so companionable, enormously wealthy, has traveled the world over, paints, plays divinely; in short, I know of nothing that he is not master of." "And nothing could induce him to marry? Are you sure, Floss?" Virginia in-

quired cautiously. 'Quite sure." was the decided response. "Then," said Virginia, drawing a breath of relief, "you may introduce him,

Floss. Mrs. Brandenberg seemed suddenly to lose all interest in Cousin Percy. She stifled a yawn before replying carelessly: "I will if I ever get a chance, but Percy so seldom goes out. But perhaps I could arrange it," doubtfully.

Miss Virginia's feathers were ruffled. She colored up angrily. "Pray don't put yourself out on my account. It's of not north for Russia, a good part of south the slightest interest to me," she said stiffly, and then plunged animatedly into a discussion of the new play. But when she had taken her departure Mrs. Brandenberg laughed aloud as she said to her-

> "Point one scored." The day was an eventful one for Mrs. Mortimer Brandenberg, for Miss Tarelton had hardly left the house when Percy

Pentacoast ran in to pay his respects. "You came just too late to meet one of my most interesting friends," his cousin said as she greeted him warmly, after which she broke into praises of Virginia and kept it up until Percy interrupted her sarcastically.

"In fact, she's a perfect female paragon, I suppose," he said. "No," returned Mrs. Brandenberg,

looking sad, "far from it, Percy. She would be if it were not for the unnatural antipathy she has for marriage. I wish it were possible for you to meet her, Percy, for you have so many congenial tastes and pursuits, and you would be perfectly safe in her society and could enjoy it freely, knowing that even if you wished she could not be induced to marry

"You wish it were possible. What do you mean by that?" demanded Mr. Pentacoast, stung into interest at last, "Oh, Virginia has built such a Chinese wall about herself that she's almost inaccessible," she replied.

"I've scaled some pretty high walls and broken through many others," Mr. Pentacoast said rather sulkily, "and if I wanted to make myself agreeable to any woman I would do so, whether she willed it or not." "You're game, Percy, my boy, but

you'll not likely be tempted in Virginia's case, as you'll probably not meet her.' And then, having accomplished her end, the wise woman changed the subject. When her cousin left her, he was pledged to attend a small dinner the next week, long under the evils of the time with- which she gave in his honor, and, singuout protest is not a guarantee for larly enough, he took Miss Tarelton in to

"Mortimer," said Mrs. Brandenberg to her husband two months after her dinner party, "you'd better arrange with Chatran for my portrait."

in surprise. "I was sure I could do it," said his wife, dimpling with delight, "There are more ways than one to gain an end, my dear. Virginia writes to announce her

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