

The Virginia peanut trust has dissolved. It never amounted to much, anyway.

The London Chronicle has settled again the Venezuelan dispute. This daily "settling" in England convinces the Britons there are no grounds left.

"It is our duty to give the Sultan time," says Lord Salisbury; but meanwhile what about the Armenians, to whom time signifies the probability of extermination?

But one sugar plantation in Cuba is said to be left standing. As rations are scarce in Havana, it would be well to put tax-gatherers on the retired list and send them back to Spain.

Still, in case of trouble with any foreign power, it is some satisfaction to know that the Blacktail Buck Battalion of Washington County, Idaho—so called because of the fact that every member of the company can hit a black-tail buck at 300 yards every time—is ready for immediate service.

The slaughter of men, women and children in Turkey from religious fanaticism will cease when the sultan's authority is destroyed, and not before. England has 50,000,000 Mohammedans in India, more than three times the number found in Turkey, and not one of them is molested on account of religious belief.

Forest fires cost Pennsylvania last year \$1,000,000. But this is a small item compared with the \$1,200,000,000 which the State Forestry Commission says has been lost in forty years by the burning of young saplings in Pennsylvania. There are other losses connected with the wasteful destruction of forests, but these are enough to point the moral.

A French submarine boat recently invented is intended to carry passengers without sensibleness, or, in time of war, to explode torpedoes under the keels of hostile ships. It is driven by an electric motor, has fins and other queer appliances, and is entirely invisible from the surface of the waves. It is claimed that a roomy passenger ship can be built on this pattern to cross the Channel forty-five feet under water.

England in its isolation is a sort of Ishmael among nations, but the downfall of the British Empire is not quite so near as some of the prophets think. England's money has disarmed enemies and bought allies in more than one exigency when the world seemed to be arrayed against her. That country is almost as wealthy in proportion to the rest of the old world as it ever was, and it is fully as resourceful and audacious.

Western youths no longer go in great numbers to the older institutions of the East for a college education. They go to their own State universities or to the great Michigan university at Ann Arbor. The young men sent to the Mississippi valley to Harvard, Yale, Princeton and the University of Virginia are usually the sons or relatives of men educated in those institutions. The West is not always up in the latest Paris fashions, nor does it go wild after the latest fad of European capitals; but it keeps its schoolmasters busy. Come West, young man, and get a liberal education.

There is a measure of consolation even for the rude man who, in the secret operations of his intellect, curses the woman with the high hat who sits in front of him at the theater and keeps him dodging from side to side in his efforts to catch a glimpse of the proceedings on the stage. He knows that the eccentric movements of her occupant are made in an effort to establish a line of vision through the field of female plumage between her and the performance. By the middle of the third act he reaches an absolute state of felicity over the knowledge that she, like him, will go home supremely ignorant as to whether she has been in attendance on a tragedy or a Humpty Dumpty pantomime.

An exchange calls attention to the fact that a man weighing 150 pounds can travel rapidly on a "safety" bicycle only one-seventh as heavy as himself, while the vestibule train must carry at least twenty times the weight of its passengers. For equal rates of speed, and to carry the same weight of passenger, the train is fully a hundred times heavier than the bicycle. Since the latter is eminently a practical machine it follows that if the train be not now pronounced unnecessarily heavy it probably will be so esteemed a few years hence, with the result of earnest scientific effort to reduce it. It may be impossible now to say how the reduction is to be effected, but science may be trusted to find the way.

Lord Leighton's death removes a curious personality from the intellectual life of London. As Sir Frederick Leighton, the President of the Royal Academy of Painting, the eminent painter occupied a lofty place and filled it very gracefully. His annual speech at the Academy banquet was almost as important a function as the ministerial pronouncement at Greenwich. Lord Leighton was a delightful host in his lovely studio-home in Holland Park Road, where he had united the wonders of architecture and painting on a reduced scale in the happiest manner. It was once said of him by a witty Amer-

ican that he could do everything admirably—except paint—which was rather hard on a painter at the head of his profession. He was handsome and distinguished in manner, and leaves thousands of friends.

An architect is reported to have offered for a named sum to build for a great man in Rome a villa so constructed that no one outside could see anything that passed within its walls and to have received the reply that he could have twice as much for a building so constructed that every Roman citizen could see all that took place inside it. It now looks as if the idea of the great man is about to be actualized, at least in part, by means of the processes initiated by Roentgen. Not only what passes inside the house, but what exists and is going on inside the body, even to the marrow of the bones, may be exposed to the gaze of the curious by means of the new photography and its scientific consequences.

The war cloud between England and Germany grows smaller each day, evidently not because the Emperor has any less sympathy for his Dutch cousins in the Transvaal so much as his discovery that he cannot make an alliance against England, and that if he should go to war alone against his grandmother he would be overwhelmed in speedy order. He could not get his troops to England, and England would not need to get her troops to Germany. If his handful of vessels went out upon the ocean to try conclusions with the huge British fleet he would soon have no vessels. For this reason, and because Russia has not consented or agreed to help him, and because the French are saying that they do not intend to interfere between England and Germany, the Emperor is climbing down from his lofty perch and is giving it to be understood that his original warlike dispatches were simply expressions of personal opinion growing out of his irritated state of mind; that his irritation has now passed away; and that the relations of Germany and Great Britain are again cordial and everything is lovely—which is better after all than fighting or making faces at each other.

The early reports of the astonishing investigations made by Prof. Roentgen of Wurzburg seemed almost incredible, but there is little reason to doubt longer that the German scientist has made a discovery of prime importance in the world of science. Since the news reached this country a number of American students have been investigating and experimenting for themselves as to the practicability of photographing the interior of opaque substances and the result of their efforts more than confirms the importance of Prof. Roentgen's discoveries. Prof. John Trowbridge, of Harvard University, and Prof. A. W. Wright, of Yale, have both succeeded in photographing with the cathode rays, and Edison announces similar results from his own investigations. Prof. Trowbridge, with imperfect apparatus, has succeeded in photographing not only the bones of a human hand but the graphite in a lead pencil and two dimes through an inch of wood. He also succeeded in photographing coins in a pocketbook through three thicknesses of sealskin leather. The explanation of the phenomenon by which these remarkable results are obtained is not easy to make clear. As Edison says, this new work of photographing through opaque substances is not an invention but "a new development in the field of physics," which is now in its infancy and may yet grow to be of incalculable practical importance. The medium by which the photographs are obtained—the so-called "cathode rays"—are the rays of energy emanating from the cathode or part of a galvanic battery by which the electric current leaves. Roentgen's discovery was that a sensitized plate placed near a cathode pole will be affected by the cathode rays when the latter are passed through substances opaque to ordinary light. If a sensitized plate is placed in a camera obscura, and in front of it there is suspended an object impervious to light rays, there is shown on the plate a shadow due to the sun rays. Substitute for the sun's rays the rays of energy from a cathode and let a wooden instead of a glass plate be placed before the sensitized disk and the cathode rays penetrate the board as the sun does glass. The experiments, important as they may be in their practical application, have an additional value as demonstrating the existence of a force which has long been known only in theory. This force is itself but a form of energy, or, as Edison terms it, a "disturbance of ether" analogous to the ethereal agitation or vibration which is known as electricity, and as little understood as the motion of ether which results in what we call light.

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Now Called "Gypsy" but Used to be Known as Empress.

CHICAGO, March 25.—W. H. Harris' big elephant Gypsy became unmanageable at its winter quarters on the west side yesterday afternoon, and before she could be got under control killed her keeper, tore down a frame building and created general excitement, which drew thousands of people to the scene. Harris' circus is quartered at the corner of Robey and Jackson streets, in a six-story brick building, and Gypsy occupied the greater part of the first floor. Her regular keeper is Bernard Shea, but he is at present engaged at a music hall in Omaha, and the animal was temporarily in charge of Frank Scott, a lion tamer. In the afternoon Scott, against orders, took Gypsy out for a walk in the alley. Gypsy did not seem inclined to stop at the boundary of the alley and Scott gave her a jab with an iron hook. The beast became enraged and throwing her keeper from her head, proceeded to pound him with her trunk and succeeded in killing him. Mrs. Harris came to the rescue with a pitchfork. She was knocked down, but pluckily recommenced the battle and the beast ran toward the end of the alley. Here was standing a large crowd, and many were the bruises received in the scattering which took place when the elephant started out of the alley. Gypsy did not go far, but went back for Scott, who, in the meantime, had been moved into a wooden building just opposite the elephant's quarters. The animal knocked in the whole side of the building in her efforts to get at the man again. During this time Harris had sent for fifty loaves of bread. The animal quieted down somewhat while she was eating and after she had finished walked into the barn and the heavy door was shut. The door had no sooner been closed than the elephant shattered it and ran out again. By the time every street in the vicinity was crowded with excited people. Three wagon loads of police came to the rescue, but did nothing further than keep back the crowds. The elephant had her own way for about four hours, when she went back to her stall and allowed Claude Orton, a horse-trainer, to chain her. Harris has owned the elephant for five years and has had no trouble with her before.

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Sharias - Uncle Sam

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Mavroyeni Bey, son of the sultan of Turkey's Greek physician, who since 1887 has been Turkish minister to the United States, but who has now been recalled, according to reports from Constantinople, was closeted with Secretary Olney for a considerable time yesterday morning, this being diplomatic day at the state department.

On the 31 of December last the senate passed a resolution asking the president, with the usual qualification, "if not incompatible with the public interest," to communicate any information to his possession as to alleged cruelties committed on Armenians in Turkey and whether these cruelties had been committed on persons who had declared their intention of becoming American citizens or because of their being Christians. The president was also asked to inform the senate whether the United States had expostulated with Turkey in regard to these matters, or propose to act in concert with other Christian powers in regard to the same.

On the 11th of December the president sent a response, which included a report from Mr. Gresham, then secretary of state, in which it was stated that no information had been received as to cruelties committed upon citizens of the United States, and that consequently no "expostulations" had been addressed to Turkey. Secretary Gresham further stated that the United States had declined a proposition to participate in an investigation of the alleged cruelties by "a Turkish commission" for the reason that the United States was not a party to the Berlin treaty of 1878 which provides as part of what is known as "the European concert" as follows:

The sublime porte undertakes to carry out without further delay the improvements and reforms demanded by local requirements in the provinces inhabited by the Armenians and to guarantee their security against the aggressions of Kurds. It will periodically make known the steps taken to this effect to the powers which will superintend their application.

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION the house and senate adopted, more than a month ago, the following concurrent resolution on the subject, upon which, as far as known, the president has taken no action:

Resolved, By the senate of the United States, the house of representatives concurring, that it is an imperative duty in the interest of humanity to express the earnest hope that the European concert brought about by the treaty referred to may be given its just effect in such decisive measures as shall stay the hand of fanaticism and lawless violence and as shall secure to the unoffending Christians of the Turkish empire all the rights belonging to them both as men and Christians and as beneficiaries of the explicit provisions of the treaty above recited.

Resolved, That the president be requested to communicate these resolutions to the governments of Great Britain, Germany, Austria, France, Italy and Russia.

Resolved, Further, that the senate of the United States, the house of representatives concurring, will support the president in the most severe action he may take for the protection of American citizens in Turkey and to obtain redress for injuries committed upon the persons or property of such citizens.

At the state department the usual reticence is observed and Secretary Olney declines to give any information either affirming or denying the reported recall of the Turkish minister. Mavroyeni Bey himself states that he is entirely ignorant of any action on the part of his government to recall him, except as he hears of it through the newspapers.

Mr. Alexander W. Terrell, the United States minister to Turkey, has been anxious to obtain leave of absence for some time, but the threatening state of the Armenian situation has made the granting of his request difficult heretofore. Should the situation become less critical it is probable that Mr. Terrell may be granted leave of absence and it is regarded as likely that Mavroyeni Bey may then be given a release from his official duties in Washington at the same time, with an opportunity of visiting Turkey.

INHUMAN FATHER.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 27.—A case of the most inhuman treatment of a father to a son came to light yesterday afternoon, when Elbert Herndon, eleven years old, was brought here by a minister and several other gentlemen. For two years the boy had been chained to the floor of a stable and only on a few occasions was he allowed the freedom of the lot, and then it was under the guard of some member of the family. The boy lived with his father, William Herndon, about two miles from Jefferson town. Two years ago he ran away and when his father found him he said the boy should not repeat it and, it is claimed, securing a chain, he welded it to the boy's leg and fastened the other end to the stable floor.

LAND GRANTS.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Secretary Hoke Smith has approved land grants to railroads embracing hundreds of thousands of acres. They are: Northern Pacific railroad, 587,647 acres in the Bismarck, N. D., land district; Northern Pacific railroad, 26,824 acres in Washington state; Northern Pacific railroad, 608,452 acres in Montana; Northern Pacific railroad 41,621 acres in Idaho; Southern Pacific railroad 8,854 acres in California.



Voice of the Western Wind.

Voice of the western wind! Thou singest from afar, Rich with the music of a land Where all my memories are; But in thy song I only hear The echo of a tone That fell divinely on my ear In days forever flown.

Star of the western sky! Thou beamest from afar, With lustre caught from eyes I knew, Whose orbs were each a star; But, oh, those orbs—too wildly bright— No more eclipse thine arm, And never shall I find the light Of days forever flown!

Overlived Pain. In the long struggle to assuage my woe I searched the sleeping past; each little pain, Each childish trouble I endured again. And as I watched the long procession go Great wonder were within my soul, for lo, Each one had been a grief of death full pain. Or so I had been wanted to complain And with my tears attest it to be so.

Wheret within my breast began to rise The hope, no sooner born than thrust away. That I, through tears, might learn to smile again; And looking back with disillusioned eyes Upon my conquered sorrows smiling say, Almost incredulous, "This once was pain!" —Elizabeth C. Cardozo, in the Cosmopolitan.

My Little Girl. My little girl is nestled Within her tiny bed, With amber ringlets crested Around her dainty head; She lies so calm and still, She breathes so soft and low, She calls to mind a lily Half hidden in the snow.

I kiss your wayward tresses, My drowsy little queen; I know you have carresses From floating forms unseen; O angels! let me keep her To kiss away my cares, This darling little sleeper Who has my love and prayers. —Samuel McInturn Peck.

When the Day is Done. Darling, when the shadows fall, And the day is done, When the crimson veil is drawn O'er the sunken sun, Through the meadows, moist with dew, Swift I lie away; All my hours of pleasure come With the close of day.

As the perfumes from the flowers Grow more sweet at night, As the dewdrops softer glow In the pale moonlight, So, the hours of care all passed With the sunken sun, Joy comes springing to my soul When the day is done.

For thy pleasant face I greet And thy smile I see, When across the dowy fields I have come to thee; When I hasten home, my love, With the sinking sun, All my sweetest pleasures come When the day is done. —Daniel J. Donahoe, in Boston Transcript.

Old Times. Love to think of old-time days—brightest an' the best; Roses in the roughest ways—joy from east to west! Moon was rising right on time, with a lot of stars, An' sweet girls done the milkin' where the cattle cross the bars.

Love to think of old-time days—the sunshine in the dells— The milk-white daisies blossomin', the chime o' village bells; The birds that sung lots sweeter than these new-time birds can sing, The maiden with the red lips and the lover with the ring!

Love to think of old-time days—goin' all too fast! Love was always sweeter then, an' more inclined to last; All the world looked brighter, an' the blossoms sweeter, Spread a shinin' carpet for the fallin' of Love's feet!

Love to think of old-time days; but the days to be, Still will beam with beauty an' blessedness for me; For still the blue sky's bendin', and still there's light and song; The Lord's love is unceasin', an' he's leadin' us along! —Frank L. Stanton.

Heavenly Messengers. How many weary hearts, Tired of this life's alarms, Find their sweetest comfort In the clasp of childish arms? Messengers straight from heaven Are little children sent To teach us to love the Giver Who our treasures to us hath lent.

God help the sorrowing mothers And fathers all over our land Whose children have joined the chorus Sung by the heavenly band. Oh! the little cribs are empty, Once so full of happy life, While we are left in this weary world To toil in its hurry and strife.

But when our work is over, And death has brought its calm, In heaven, once more a round our necks Shall we feel the childish arms. And then how sweet the thought! How glad we are to know Once more we'll hear our darling say: "Mamma, I love you so!" —Boston Globe.

Device to Remove Wrinkles

The long-sought-for device to remove wrinkles has at last been invented by a Philadelphia woman, who has secured a patent upon her clever invention. The arrangement consists of two bowed arms of watch-spring steel, ending in chamois pads. The arms fit around the back of the head, drawing the flesh back until it is smooth. When worn during the night it is claimed that the device is very effectual.

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There is no question but what smooth wire fencing is bound to take the place of all other styles of fence for farm purposes. The progressive and successful farmer has already realized this and is making preparations to profit by the use of it. Land too valuable to not be able to pasture every field as soon as the crop can be removed. It has been demonstrated in many ways that these pastures will, inside of two years pay for inclosing the field with a close mesh smooth wire fence itself. Besides it keeps stock healthy and seems to be the only true method of keeping the hog cholera out of your herds.

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FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1898.

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I know that my life was saved by Plao's Cure for Consumption.—John A. Miller, Au Sable, Michigan, April 21, 1896.

The woman who wouldn't stop to look in a window when its wares are exposed will almost break her neck trying to peep through the cracks when the shades are drawn.

To prevent the hardening of the subcutaneous tissues of the scalp and the obituration of the hair follicles, which cause baldness, use Hall's Hair Renewer.

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Watch two women who have been holding forth about a third when the latter steps into the very car in which they are riding. Description fails at this point.

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