France has decided that all the troops in the colonies shall henceforth be armed with weapons similar to those of the home army.

The number of marine disasters during the year just closed is smaller probably than ever before. An official of the New York Maritime Exchange thinks this is due to the fact that sailing vessels are disappearing, steam craft being better able to take care of themselves when in peril.

Perhaps the oddest suit of furniture in the world is owned by a certain hotelkeeper. For many years he has made it his business to collect match boxes, of which he has now a collection of 4,000. He ordered a skilled cabinetmaker to equip a room with furniture made of these boxes. The outfit consists of a writing table with smoking apparatus, a fire screen, a cabinet, a chair, and other smaller ar-

According to the census, the population of the farming country shows a falling off in New England and New York, and only a slight increase in Ohio and Indiana, but its growth is healthy in the states farther west. It is evident that the old states must look to their cities and larger towns for increase in population. In the newe: agricultural regions the growth of population seems to be spread over both city and country.

A recent notable dinner of the Harvard club of Japan calls attention both to the spread of western learning in the east, and to the wide influence of a great university. The dinner was given to celebrate the return of Minister Komura from St. Petersburg, en route to his new post in China, the presence of Minister Kurino from Paris, and the appointment of Baron Kaneko as minister of justice, All these eminent Japanese statesmen were educated at Harvard.

The recent celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding at Washington of the national capital recalls the description of its location given in an early newspaper letter, which is now preserved in the library of congress. "This metropolis," the writer says, "situated upon the great post-road, exactly equidisant from the northern and the southern extremitles of the Union, and nearly so from the Atlantic to Fort Pitt. is by far the most eligible situation for the residence of congress." Since he could not foresee the improvements in transportation and means of communication, perhaps it is fortunate that he did not know of the coming extension of our domains southward and westward.

* College football, during the season cently closed had no worthler representatives than the students of the Carlisle Indian School, in the essentials of manliness and sportsmanlike conduct generally. The games in which they engaged were as many and as flercely contested as those of any other college team, and the spectators, in some instances, were neither so considerate nor so sympathetic as they might have been. Yet their games wre exhibitions of clean, straight football-such as all true lovers of the sport like to see. The umpire's decisions were never once questioned, and their defeats were accepted with the spirit of men who had done their best, and who had, therefore, neither excuses nor explanations to offer. They have won a place for themselves in the regard of many who would rejoice in their success in other fields where the rewards are less fleeting than those of football.

Ghost stories, for some mysterious reason, have been revived of late in Washington. It is told again how the face of an old woman was depicted clearly on one of the white house pillars the day the president received word that his mother was dead. Capitol employes entertain their friends with the story of the shadow of a general looking like Washington between pillars in statuary hall at the capitol. A former senate page, now grown to man's size and employed at the white house, says that when lightning strikes the copper statue of Freedom on the capitol dome it rings loudly and clearly like the famous bell at Philadelphia in the days of the declaration of independence. At night, when the capitol's great marble halls and rotundas are deserted, strange sounds are freatly heard and old employes are at that they are made by the wile of dead patriots and statesmen back to haunt the halls where won fame. It is said that on nights ghosts are so numerous statuary hall that a man hidding of trembling behind a pillar can of the statues that are moving about.

es of bogus money, as discovered Wilkie's men, are quo For cois to a face value of price \$10; coin to face value of es value. Mr. Wilkie says count then \$50 in coin

When on my day of life the night is

falling,
And, in the winds from unsunned
spaces blown.
I hear far voices out of carkness call-HARRISON, - - NEBRASKA

ing My feet to paths unknown,

Thou who hast made my home of life so pleasant,
Leave not its tenant when its walls
tecay;
D Love divine, O Helper ever present.

Be Thou my strength and stay. Be near me when all else is from me

Earth, sky, home's picture, days of shade and shine And kindly faces to my own uplifting The love which answers mine.

I have but Thee, O Father! Let Thy Be with me then to comfort and uphold; No gate of pearl, no branch of palm, I

Suffice it if, my good and ill unreckened. And both forgiven through Thy abounding grace, I find myself by hands familiar beck-

Unto my fitting place.

Nor street of shining gold.

merit;

Some humble door among Thy many mansions, Some sheltering shade where sin and striving cease And flows forever through heaven's green

The river of Thy peace.

There from the music round about me stealing, I fain would learn the new and holy

And find at last beneath Thy trees of The life for which I long.

-John G. Whittier.

For Love of Madelaine.

BY JAMES O'SHAUGHNESSY. (Copyright, 1900, by Daily Story Pub. Co.) Although I had been a frequent caller at the home of Madelaine Zimmer, as I had a right to be, I had never met Charles Newkirk there. Indeed. there were many other young men of my acquaintance whom I had never met at her home, for that matter, but the fact that Newkirk and I never happened to be callers in the luxurious house of the Zimmers at the same time is worthy of mention. This was the Newkirk who was in love with Madelaine.

His tenderness for her was hardly within my knowledge, as he had never told me of it, but it was so firmly a matter of belief with me that it interfered with my ease of mind. I knew he called to see her; that was sufficlent to make out a plain case of rivalry against him. After that whenever I encountered him at the club or at receptions the very sight of him quickened my sense of envy. His handsome features, his rakish mustache, his correct clothes and his graceful carriage had the distressing effect of putting me in despair of winning Madelsine so long as he was in the field. For that reason I was glad I had never met him when I was paying my devotions to her, as I felt I could suffer, by comparison, in her

If he was handsome and dashing, he was devoid of some of the essentials for a good husband. I knew this. Madelaine, I was sure, did not know it. herefore, as one who loved her with self, fainting, in my arms. every fiber of his heart that was sensible to passion, I felt a double purpose in my wooing-to save her from him and to win her for myself.

I wanted to tell her what sort of a fellow at heart Newkirk was. Being his rival, however, I dared not. I knew from the discoveries LeBruyere made in dissecting the souls of women

that it would have a contrary effect. Newkirk never spoke of her to me. I never spoke of her to him. She never mentioned him to me. Still he kept calling to see her. So did I. Still he and I never met there. When he called I stayed away. When I called he did not come. It might have appeared to Madelaine we were dodging



The very sight of him quickened my

sense of envy. each other. I was glad we were, for I feared my impetuous disposition would have spoiled my chances.

Fortunately I was able to preserve an unruffled demeanor, but I was atchful and determined. Newkirk had affairs of business that called him often to New York. I heard also in the club goesip that he had an affair of the heart there, too. From that moment I was resolved to put a literal construction on the maxim: "All is fair in tove and war."

Soon after this Newkirk went East main a month, he said. In happy sidence the Zimmers left the very next day to pass the summer session at Charlevoir. The day following I miled for Charlevoix to pass my vaca-tion. She welcomed me there with svidences of delight. It was a period

ettadel, I made a plan. It was simple MADE BY THE PEOPLE enough. It was to tell her that Newkirk was dead. That would leave the field clear. In her moment of bereavement I would naturally be the one man to whom she would turn for consolation. The rest would be easy.

I broke the sad news to her one day while we were strolling along the cliffs. She didn't take it much to heart, and I feared for my success. Women are so much more confiding in times of grief. It was too late to change the plan then. I did the best I could. I held her hand, I pressed it to my lips, I muttered things so tender that they escaped my articulation. When I thought there was nothing proper left for me to do but jump over the cliff and hope they would never find my body, she turned to me with an expression of tenderness in her great brown eyes that filled my scul with joy.

"And you love me, Madelaine?" I sighed.

"I have loved you with all my heart for a long, long time, John," she

whispered. There we plighted our troth. The



She gave a scream and threw herself fainting in my arms.

birds sang sweeter than ever they sang before. The sun shone brighter; the lake and the sky were bluer and the air was perfumed as we slowly paced along. We forgot the dinner hour and didn't care, for we were

happy. It was late in the afternoon when we returned to the hotel. We were sitting in the cooling shade of the great veranda. Another boatload of visitors hauled up from the wharf were being discharged from the hacks and we were studying them as they passed into the hotel.

My eye fell on one of them and it made my love-laden heart stop beating. Madelaine saw my sudden emo-"What is the matter, John, dear?"

she exclaimed in affright. I could not find words at that moment, but she followed my fixed stare with her terrified glances until she, too, saw the cause of my attack of momentary paralysis.

She gave a scream and threw her-

There, among the new arrivals, stood Charles Newkirk, back from the grave in which I had so recently placed

"What does this mean Newbirk?

I demanded as savagely as I could when I recovered a part of my senses. Whatever answer he made was lost to me, for at that moment Madelaine's mother came shricking to her daughter's aid. A score of other women rushed in upon me. I surrendered my fainting loved one to their more skillful attentions, and extricating myself from the hysterical concourse, I went to meet Newkirk face to face. Madelaine was mine at last and I had nothing to fear from him. As her protector I felt it to be my plain duty to punish him for his impertinent intrusion.

He was gone from the veranda. went into the hotel rotunda looking for him, but he was not there. I went to the clerk's desk.

"Where did that insolent fellow go?" I demanded. "Whom do you mean?" asked the apprehensive clerk.

Why that fellow Newkirk." "They have gone to their room."

"They? Who are they? Newkirk is the only one I want." "I mean Mr. and Mrs. Newkirk. They just arrived-on their wedding trip, I believe."

I looked at the hotel register and there was Newkirk's familiar handwriting tracing the words:

"Charles Newkirk and wife." "Shall I send up your card?" asked the clerk.

"No; I guess I have made a mistake," I said softly. Then I hurried back to see if Madelaine had recovered. She was sitting beside her mother looking pale. I sat

on the other side of her. She leaned

over to me with a faded expression in

her erstwhile lustrous eyes. "Was it his ghost, John?" she asked in a hoarse whisper. "No, dear, that was his wife you saw with him," I said calmily.

"But you told me he was dead," the said, with a tone of deep injury in her voice. 'Well, aren't you more surprised to

bear that he is married?" "Why, no. He told me he was goin East to marry some other girl when I jilted him the week before last."

The Archbishop of Canterbury reently entered his eightleth year, ng been born on St. Andrew's 821, at Santa Maura, in the Ionia inds. It is generally stated that he as born in Sierra Leone, of which is father, Major Octavius Temple

LET ALL LAWS BEAR THAT STAMP.

The Initiative and the Referendum the Only Safe Form of Government-The Bankers Have Begun to Fight It-Alarms Them.

A Chicago newspaper published by (and chiefly for) the banking interests of the city has been bothering itself about the initiative and referendum which the Federation of Labor desires to see introduced in America. Says the newspaper: "In a pure democracy, or, if the Am-

erican Federation prefers, under the initiative and referendum, the people would originate laws, if they desired, and if they took the trouble to elect representatives for any purpose, they would be called upon to vote upon all measures of importance which might be proposed by their agents. Without public sanction no bill would become law. Without popular approval at every step there would be no government. The government of the states and of the nation would be town meet-

ings in session most of the time. A better way to paralyze all government it would be difficult to devise." Yes? Oh, we think not. Why n say that the referendum means the spreading of smallpox or the introduction of yellow fever? No advocate of the referendum has ever suggested that all measures should be submitted to

the people, but that the people should have a chance to pass upon such measures as they might desire to pass The bankers' organ very likely thinks that if the people of this country were not restrained by beneficent legislation devised by the wise and wealthy classes, they would be doing something foolish all the time. They might, for instance, if they had the referendum, abandon all their business

and work and do nothing all the year

round but vote about legislative en-

As to the paralyzing effect of the referendum on government, we need only to remark that the government of gressive republic in the world, seems to have proceeded many years under the referendum and without a degree eye at least. While this terrible referendum has been in operation there the Swiss have had more freedom, comfort, happiness and general prosperity than any other people on earth. They have enjoyed a system of taxation that does not grind the poor and fatten the rich, and a government that is not in league with corporations, trusts, robber steamship companies and thieving contractors. If there is any paralysis in this sort of thing, we suggest that

we impart a little of it. Pessibly this is one reason why the corporation newspapers are so sensitive about it.

But the whole subject is an apt illustration of the irresistible, if slow, advance of democracy. While the corporation organs scream and rage and lie against the referendum, the referendum steadily advances upon us. Whenever any community determines by a vote whether it will issue bonds, build school houses, increase its taxes, dig sewers, found public libraries, engage in public works and improvements, it vindicates the referendum. New York city adopted the referendum bodily when it voted to build the rapid transit tunnel, and the steadily increasing number of similar elections throughout the country shows that the people have already approved the principle involved. Nothing more is needed than the extension of a practice already begun.-Chicago American.

THE PARTY IS TOP HEAVY.

The fact that though the President was re-elected by a large popular majority, renders suggestive the fact that coincidently the party behind him is going to pieces.

Tom Reed stayed out during the campaign. General Harrison leads in open revolt since. Other distinguished Republicans, even including the genial Mr. Kohlsaat, are on the bench of criticism. Says the Philadelphia

"Congress has now only been in session a fortnight, and we see the administration literally crucified in the senate, where a majority of the Republicans recorded themselves in open rebellion. No such exhibition of political revolt has ever been exhibited toward a present and re-elected President by his own party in either branch of congress, and it means that the disintegration that made its first record in the senate on Thursday last will assert itself in both branches of congress, and that there will be very general revolt against the policy of the administration among Republican peo-

"The real or imaginary business or financial strain that made such men as Harrison and Edmunds, and Lodge, and Reed, and others favor the reelection of McKinley has entirely perished, and they are now absolutely free to assert themselves by fearless criticism of the policy of the administration and independent action against the President in congress. With the Pay-Pauncefote treaty knocked to smithreens, chiefly by Republican votes, on what particular test of party faith can the administration hold the Republican congress to unity of action?

It is always the case that when a man is feeling cock-sure he is standing

Just keep your ear to the ground .- Atlanta Constitution.

WELCOMES EDITOR BRYAN.

The Associated Press dispatches convey the gratifying information that Mr. Bryan will commence in January the publication of a weekly paper to be devoted to the discussion of public questions. This is, indeed, news that will be received with delight by Mr. Bryan's millions of friends and admirers throughout the United States and the world. The National Watch man hastens to extend the glad hand and welcome Mr. Bryan into the highest and broadest field of human endeavor and to predict for his new paper, the Commoner, a brilliant and useful career.

Mr. Bryan enters upon his chosen work with rare equipment and under the most favorable conditions. He is the trusted and worthy leader of the grandest movement in the history of the human race-a movement to marshal the intellect and conscience of the nation to stay the hand of greed and rescue the one great free republic of earth from the grip of monopoly, to be the hope of mankind for-

He is fortunately endowed intellectually and morally, combining the highest order of intellect, fortified by strength and resolution, with impulses that are just, generous and noble. Through actual contact and experience he has acquired a wider knowledge of his country, its resources and its people than is possessed by any other man. Upon the whole it may be said that no American ever undertook a journalistic enterprise under more favorable conditions, or with better promise of usefulness to his country and to mankind.

The Commoner will be furnished to subscribers for one dollar per year, and we predict for it, at an early day, a circulation larger than has ever been acquired by any other American paper. Success to The Commoner.-National Watchman.

BULWARK OF TRUSTS.

Prof. Jenks of Cornell university is a Republican ,and a protectionist, but Switzerland, the freest and most pro- he is not mentally blind. In a recent essay on the relation between the tariff and the trusts, he frankly admits that the Dingley tariff is the handmaid, of paralysis observable to the naked if not "the mother of trusts," as Havemeyer, the protected sugar monopolist, openly stated before a congressional committee. These are not the only admissions made by prominent Republicans concerning the effects of the tariff as the bulwark behind which monopolies and trusts are entrenched. A while ago Commissioner John A. Kasson, the able man selected by President Mc-Kinley to negotiate reciprocity treaties, declared that the Dingley tariff could not have been passed but for the argument that its harsh and malignant features would be mitigated by treaties of reciprocity; and yet while many of have been written and signed, not one has been ratified. The failure of Congress to approve such poor reciprocity treaties as Commissioner Kasson has beer permitted by tariff provisions to negotiate, shows how this hope was frustrated. Quite recently Mr. George E. Roberts, director of the mint (another strenuous Republican) said that the party should revise the tariff and reneal or reduce such duties as the development of our industries has shown to be superfluous. Exports show that the tariff is without the excuse of protection from foreign commodities, but it is needed to enable American manufacturers to extort higher prices from American consumers than they are glad to sell for to foreigners. One can go to Africa and buy American plows cheeper than they are sold in Michigan. It is a very smooth game the tariff barons with their billions of wealth are playing to the detriment of American consumers.-Boston Post.

THE CHINESE MUDDLE.

Philadelphia Times: Since Mr. Mc-Kinley has got out of his military enterprise in China and is confining himself to efforts to find out what Mr. Conger is doing Chinese affairs have ceased to be exciting. We seem to be engaged in some kind of a general compact to do something, but nobody appears to know what it is that is to be done, and not many appear to care. Even the senate asks no questions, and the whole subject is involved in as complete obscurity as others of the foreign relations of this remarkable administration.

ORIGGS' EMBARASSMENT.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: May congress establish in newly acquired territory any other than a republican form of government?" WAS asked Attorney General Griggs by one of the supreme court justices. And Mr. Griggs, it is said, promptly answered in the affirmative. But when Justice Harlan asked him if congress could confer titles of nobility in the territories, or "dependencies,"the attorney general did not answer. Of course he must have answered again in the affirmative to have reserved his logic.

Calculated to "Jar You." Hon. Mark Hanna's declaration of disinterested patriotism as the cause of his anxiety to get the subsidy bill through is one of those things calculated to "jar you" a whole lot .-- Troy (Obio) Democrat.

Genuine prosperity has come to some of the free lunch route political spouters, since the campaign fund tapped.-Binghamton (N. Y.) Inde-

Consumption's Lessening Fatality Deaths from consumption in Philadelphia are estimated to be one-third less than they were fiftten years ago. The health authorities say the improvement is due to their contin-

uous bettle against the disease,

Briefest Blography.

The shortest biography in the new congressional directory is that of Representative Allen Langdon Mc-Dermott of Jersey City, N. J. It takes up only three and a half line.

THE DUTY OF MOTHERS.

What suffering frequently results from a mother's ignorance; or more frequently from a mother's neglect to properly instruct her daughter!

Tradition says "woman must suffer," and young women are so taught. There is a little truth and a great deal of exaggeration in this. If a young woman suffers severely she needs treatment, and her mother should see that she gets it.

Many mothers hesitate to take their daughters to a physician for examination; but no mother need hesitate to write freely about her daughter or herself to Mrs. Pinkham and secure the most efficient advice without Mrs. Pinkham's address is charge. Mr Lynn, Mass.



Mrs. August Pfalzgraf, of South Byron, Wis., mother of the young lady whose portrait we here publish, wrote Mrs. Pinkham in January, 1899, saying her daughter had suffered for two years with irregular menstruation-had headache all the time, and pain in her side, feet swell, and was generally miserable. Mrs. Pinkham promptly replied with advice, and under date of March, 1899, the mother writes again that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cured her daughter of all pains and irregularity.

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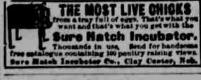


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