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In Sir George Campbells book about his travels in America, recently publish-ed, he tells this "good one:" "I heard a story of my friend Mr. Holmes, the memher from Paisley, who made a tour in the United States, and when he got to Chicago he was very anxious to see a typical American, with his slouched hat, big boots, belt with revolver stuck in it, and so on. He could not find one for a long time. At last he found a man who exactly came up to his ideas; and entering into conversation with him, he said, 'Have you been long here?' 'Na.' was the Scotchman's answer, 'I'am jist a month frae Giasca'.' "

The Canadian government having appointed a commiss.oner to investigate and report on the coal question, he states that the world's coal deposits are distributed in square miles as follows: 192,000 in the United States, the largest in the world; 60,000 in Canada, 30,000 in Russia, 24,-000 in Australia, 11,000 in Great Britain, 5,000 in Japan, 3,501 in Spain, 2,086 in France, 2,004 in India, 1,770 in Germany, and 510 in Belgium. The coal mined in the United States in 1866 was 21,856,844 tons; in 1876 it was 48,273,447 tons. The drain on England's mines has been excessive, and the probability is that she will soon be compelled to import American coal, as she already does our beef and clievee."

#### Sagacity of the Pig.

A Kansas farmer writes: I had a couple of sows, each of which raised me nine pigs. I let the little ones run out (it was grasshopper year and they could hurt no-Kansas was considerably pestered with wolves that year, and my neighbors predicted that I would lose my pigs. I met them all over the neighboring country, but at sundown they were generally at home. I used to think they were lucky, until one day, while shooting prairie chickens, I saw a woll dancing around in the grass in a very pe culiar manner. I watched him from a Collins' Voltale Plasfors plus for best ratisfac-Mon have of a philaid to their best ratisfac-Hon have of a philaid to their best ratisfac-rore right away. June 10, 177. distance, but could not comprehend his behavior. So I walked toward him, and, by taking advantage of a ravine, was able to get within foriy yards of the beast. Lying down behind a bunch of blue-joint

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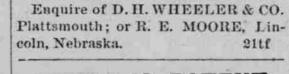
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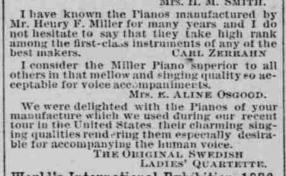
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