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RED CLOUD, - NEBRASKA

ME AND MARY.

All my feelin's in the spring Gus so blame contrary I can't think of any hing Only me and Mary!

Me and Mary!" all the time.

Me and Mary!" like a rhyme. heeps a ding in on till I'm Sick of "Me and Mary!"

" Me and Mary! Ef us two Playin' like we used to do In the April weather!"
All the night and all the day I keep wishin thataway Till I m cittin old and gray Jest on "Ne and Mary."

Musidy vit along the pike Sence the winter's freezin'. And the orchard's lacknid-like tileomin out this senson: Only heard one bluebird yit-Nary robes nor tomate; What's the how and why of it? Spect it's "Me and Mary!"

Me and Mary liked the birds-That is, Mary sorto' Liked 'em first, and afterwards Wy I thought 1 orto. And them birds—et Mary stood light here with me like she should— They'd be sin, in , them birds would, A.; for me and Mary,

Birds or not, I'm hopin' some I can git to plowin! El the sun il only come. And the Lord allowin' Guess to merry I'll turn in Andrit down to work up n: This here loaferin' won't win;

Not for me and Mary! For a man that loves like me, And s afeard to name it.
Talls the ofaer belier, he
has the giri-dad-shame-it. Wet or dry, or coud or sun-Winter gone, or lest begun-Out- no work for me or none.

#### -J. W. Rieg, in Indiana, odis Journal. MY FAIR ROAD COMPANION.

At Perote, where we halted for a reany and refreshments, all my fellowpassengers took leave of me, very solemnly assuring me that, if assailed by the ladrones or robbers, it would be much better for me to take matters ou etly, and suffer my-clf to be genteelly plundered than to run the risk of having me th oat cut for resistance, as I had somewhat boldly proclaimed it was my in ention of doing. I thanked them for their nevi e, and replied that I

At Ferote, I repeat, all who had been my companions from Vera Cruz took leave of me, this being the end of their journey in that dire tion, but there wes one new passenger here to go forward. whom, to my agreeable surprise, I found to be a beautiful young lady, some twenty years of age.

Senorita Lania, as I subsequently ascertained her name to be, was indeed one of those rare beauties seldom met with except in works of fiction-tall, graseful, with a profusion of long, hair-soft, clear, melting dark eyes-features as perfect as ever came from the hands of the sculptor, and with an an mation the most fascinating -valving in expression with every changing most of the intellectual possess r. A glance at her bewitching dark eyes showed me that she was one who was naturally of a social disposition; and as we rattled away from the gloomy town. I took the liberty of open- I fire it? ing a conver-ation.

"They tell me," said I, "that the route between here and Mexico is a very dangerous one to travel."

"There is little to lear," she replied, with a sweet smile and in a melodious tone, Sexcept from the pro-essional roobers, and they seldom harm any one who makes no re-istance."

"It seems strange to me." I rejoined. "that you Mexicans should take such things as a matter of course, and deem resistance a very impolite way of treating the knights of the road, instead of boldly asserting your rights and abating the evil by a manly spirit of resistance. For myself, I must consider it the most cowardly of proceedings for any respectable party to set out prepared to quietly gratify the cupid ty of the ladrows, and conrepared to treat them to their just deserts.

"Every traveler, senor," she replied, "should, before setting out, count the cost of his ourney; and, as of course, it is natural he should value his life highly, it seems to me natural that he should pay a certain sum for positive sa ety, rather than put that life in jeopardy. For instance, in traveling from Vera Cruz to Mexico, if he will first reckon that so much is the fare by the diligencia, and that so much will be required for entertainment on the way, and so much for the contingency you speak of, he will then have the exact cost between the two points; and if he will look at the whole as the sum total of his journey he will not seem to be rob ed by any one party more than

"That," I replied, "may be, I believe is, the Mexican mode of doing business, but does not tally with the preconceived ideas of foreigners."

"flut every one," replied the fair speaker, "should conform to the cus-1 toms of the country he visits."

tear in thus journeying by yourself?"

"Well, senor, what can I do? I am, selves to my view. as you perce ve, an unprotected lady, who, for certain reasons am required to I cried, grasping at her arm make the journey between Perote and the Capital some two or three times a senting one of my own revovers to my would doubtless have followed me in year, and you certainly could not ex- head. "Resistance is useless-you are hot pursuit, but for the wholesome dread peet me to go prepared to resist an our prisoner!" armed band. As to fear, I will not far. I have never met with any rough d.d you say? It is not possible that one town of Puebla in triumph; where, it is

"And have you real'y been robbed on quired.

ladrones for my transit through their pointing the other to the door. "You me an inside passenger of the same dili pountry, she laughed.

tion of the same for the rest of your life?" east I hope to be always prepared." "have you never seen any disposed to may have to spare?"

"And did the roobe s are back?"

unately in ured none of our party?"

sion, I suppose?" foreigners subse nently paid dearly for just at the point where she knew the their resistance, for in ourneying ba k attack would be made; and her disand forth both were killed, separately charge of the pistol, as if by accident, and at different times, near the same was the sign to show them that all was spot. You see these crosses by the side secure. of the roa i, senor?"

but here they seem to be much more senorita. numerous" I replied, looking forth from the vehicle.

"Each stands on the spot where door of the diligencia, I continued: some one has met a violent death," she the places where the foreigners met country, all I have is yours. theirs."

resolved to emulate their example, let smile: the conse uences be what they may?" claimed; "you are not in earnest, a traveler may have to be-tow." senor."

"Seriously so, I assure you." "You would only bring certain death

upon us both.

"Say, rather, I should lighten the put them to dight for once,"

to them, senor and you are only one." and my friends have repeatedly told me I am not a bad marksman.

resistance terrifies me! "But not the idea of robbery?"

history, business and prospects, and, test. altogether, became more communicawould take the matter into serious constrange country. As we continued our journey, the

suddenly brought it back to the point the money. where it first opened.

"We are coming upon a dangerous part of the road, she said: "are you st.ll resolved to defend vourself if as-

tion, I think it no more than right that danger will be as gr at as yours."

"And have you really the nerve, after all, to defend yourself?" I inquired. "If I had the means, senor,"

"I have two pistols," said I: "if you

"You are very kind, senor-but can the manner in which it was to be used.

" And this, you say, will shoot some tion? half a dozen times?"

"A very formidable weapon, indeed!" other, you say, like this?"

I produced it. observed, reaching over and taking it down to pick it up.

ing it toward the road. dis harge it!"

The words were scarcely uttered. when her finger pressed the trigger, and wrenched them from her. one of the barrels was evploded with a sharp report. A minute after, and while I was gently chiding her, we moment. The first shot, fortunately, heard a load, quick tramp of horses, stretched out the chief, the second took

stopped suddenly, and we saw ourselves its mission, there arose one simultanesurrounded by some eight or ten mount- ous yell of dismay, and the astounded ed men, one of whom, in a loud voice, robbers began to scatter in every direc-

"Yield you prisoners, or die!"

"Quick senorita" said I, extending my hand; "quick! in Heaven's springing forward. I grasped the reins name give me one of those weapout, for now is the time for dec sive action. ons behind her, "you will be too hasty! the body of the chief, her laughter open the door.

"Oh, no! it will then be too late!" "And do you, then, go prepared for this highway robbery, and have you no thrown open and three or four swarthy. I. bitterly: "he laughs best who laughs heavily-bearded men presented them-

"Quick, senorita, for the love of God."

"Hold!" she exclaimed, instantly pre-

"Gracious Heaven" exclaimed I, weapon. deny I have my share of that, but, so perfectly astomided. "Our prisoner. As it was, I escaped and entered the

your ourney back and forth?" I in- with one of her most bewitching smiles: and trappings for enough to indemnity still keeping one of my own weapons me for what I had disposed of in the will oblige us by stepping forth and geneia en route for Mexico, where I ar-"And you expect to continue a repeti- giving yourself into the care of these rived in safety, without any further good gentlemen, who will see that you event worthy of note. "And your fellow travelers," said I, any little change and valuables you but the lesson taught me on that our-

There seemed to be no help for it— the remainder of my stay in that countries and an ever longorest, and during will be worthy of cordial support. It is the remainder of my stay in that countries and an ever longorest, and during will be worthy of cordial support. It is the remainder of my stay in that countries and an ever longorest, and during will be worthy of cordial support. It is the remainder of my stay in that countries and an ever longorest, and during will be worthy of cordial support. It is the remainder of my stay in that countries and an ever longorest factor of a comic journal in the beautiful Senorita Pania Valende try no pretty woman ever had the hore. Englishman who were in the same dili- was a spy and accomplice of the la- or of being my business confidence prevails. It should be en- at the sing. This is putting the oke the myths which he multiplies in order to confidence prevails. It should be en-

ascertain the exact condition of thing. ") es, but fled immedia ely, and fort- inside and be able to signalize her asso crates as she passed along, so that they "As I should have expected," returned might know exactly in what manner to I. "You were not roobed on that occa- conduct themselves and make their work sure without risk. By a simple "We were not, senor, but the two stratagem she had obtained my arms

"I acknowledge myself conquered by "I have observed them frequently, being outwitted." said I, bowing to la

> Then turning to the robbers, who had now collected in a body in front of the "Gentlemen, will you permit me to

rejoined: "and, as we go along, I will alight and make you some valuable call your attention to those which mark presents? In the language of your The leader of the party bowed po-

"Do you know," said I, "that I am litely in return and said, with a grim "Si, senor, we shall be most happy to

"Holy saints defend us!" she ex- receive anything which so distinguished With this I quietly stepped from the vehicle, and one quick, searching glance

of affairs. The diligencia had been stopped in a expenses of the journey-for your wild, gloomy place, and the driver was knights of the road understand retreat sitting carel salv on his box, taking as well as advance-and you yourself everything as a matter of course. He have acknowledged that firm resistance might also be an accomplice of the robbers, or he might not; but, in either "But there were numbers opposed case, there was little hope of assistance from him-for any attempt of the kind "But, fortunately, I have a couple would certainly bring upon him a of revolvers, which, in two good hands, severe punishment, sooner or later. I amount to some ten or a dozen shots, glanced up and down the road, where it wound between dark, evershadowing trees, but discovered nothing to give "Ah, Santa Maria! you will think me any hope. The robbers, some eight better of this, senor? - the very idea of or ten in number, and all well armed. were collected around me, part of them mounted, and the others standing on "Because I have never met with their feet, holding their mustangs by the bridle. Looking upon my case as a We continued to converse in a simi-desperate one, so far as being plundered lar strain for some time longer-my was concerned, I still retained my presfair companion gradually changing the ence of mind, and did not wnolly subject, and seeming much interested despair. True, I had been outwifted in myself. I learned that her family and disarmed, and now stood singly bename was Valerde, that she was un-tween numbers, but the idea of yielding married, that her father and brother tamely to this outrage was repugnant were officers in the army, and so forth, to my very nature, and I resolved to and so on: and in return I gave her my put any favorable opportunity for deown name, stated something of my fense and retaliation to the strongest

"Will you accept this purse?" said I. tive than I would advise any friend to producing one that held several gold be with any stranger of either sex in a coins, and handing it to the chief of the

"Thank you, senor! you are very conversation gradually changing from kind?" he said, as he took it in his has held them there ever since all in the ally, that he was determined to "auone thing to another, Schorita Paula hand, with a polite bow, and chinked country who preferred principle and thorize" no more interviews. This is

quietly removed it from the bosom of chicanery, demagogism, and absolute some one else demas the situation for my short, and handed t to the gentle- corruption a political thought and ac- them always. Imagine Mr. Tilden's man on the left, who received it in the tion. It does not militate against the delicate tact in flatte ing the correspon-"With your permission, senorita" same polite manner. "This diamondfring truth of this statement that long posses"I do not think it advisable," she reI trust you will retain as a keepsake!" sion of power has brought many unplied: "but st ll, if such is your inten- I continued, drawing the jewel from my worthy men into the party who have probably do. The correspondent does finger and presenting it to a third. "I too frequently scandalized it by their not say so, but he certainly must have you should give me a chance to take a beg cour pardon, senores!" I pursued, rascalities. This must be expected imparted the desired information. part in my defense, since my risk of glanc ng at the Senorita Paula, who, from any human organization. But When informed that he was the only with my pistols still in her possession, what makes the Republican party pre- man that the Democratic party could wes quietly standing within the dili- eminent above all others in the history rely on to lead them to victory next gen ia, regarding the whole proceed- of the country, is its power of purifying November, Mr. Tilden leaned o er ings with one of her sweetest smiles; itself. Unl ke any other that the Na- close to the reporter's ear, and said, "I must not forget this beautiful lady! tion has ever known, the Republican very slowly and distintly: "I do not will accept of one of them, it is at your I have here," I went on at the same time party has never had a man or an or want the nomination, and cannot take producing the article, "a very beautiful ganization of men in it that it feared to it." Were there any quest on of Mr. Tilden's acuteness of hearing. with damonds-will your ladyship hon- doing. It has never hesitated, even would forever settle it. Men who hear "With ease, senorita:" and producing or me by accepting this as a slight token when loss of power was certain, to ex- well always do this way. Mr. Tilden one of my revolvers. I explained to her of my regard for the pleasure a forded pose and punish unworthy men, no mat- sa d he had thought of writing a letter me by your company and conversa- ter bow powerful nor what their serv- stating his p sition, but Mr. Bigelow,

"I think it safe to calculate that five senor!" she laughed, taking the two red find out and expose its bad men -it has charges out of the six will explode, volvers in ne fair hand and present- done it itself. The Credit Mobilier ining the other.

she replied: "and with such I can all my hand trembled a little—and, just as of party managem at either in England face of the truly great man brightened, most laney we are safe. You have an- the present was about to touch her or in this country. fingers, it slipped and fell between us. | Would the Democratic party have ex-"What a beautiful invention" she my awkwardness." I said as I bent and brought him to the doors of the

from my hand. Then extending her Now was the all-important moment m ght almost count h mself safe against tive glance, showed me that the girl still a host! You say this is fired in this held my weap as care essly in one hand. "Have a care, senorita, or you will startling yell; and as the senorita

To wheel and commence firing upon the party, was now only the work of a and several sharp, rapid exclamations. effect on the one nearest to him; and The next moment our conveyance was by the time the third had been sent on tion. I had no disposition to follow them, however; another minute they might rally and turn upon me; and. of a freed mustang, and vaulted into the saddle. One more glance around "Nay," she replied, putting the weap- me, showed me the Senorita Paula upon Let them suppose we yield -let them changed to grief, and some of the scattered cowards bringing their weapons to bear upon me.

The next moment I was dashing away

down the road, the half-rallied robbers pour ng after me a volley, but fortunately not to ching their mark. They they had of my still und.scharged

for the time.

"It is even so, senor," she replied, Here I sold my captured mustang

There seemed to be no help for it— the remainder of my stay in that coun-

Gratitude is not the basis of the Republican party's claim for sup ort. Past services, no matter how glorious, are not sall cient reason for unfaltering allegiance to the nominees and principles of t e party which has performed those services. Previous good conduct is indeed the strongest foundation upon which to build credit and confidence, but it is not everything re uired. The merchant who asks for a heavy loan, or the man who desires to have confided to him great responsibilities or trusts of any kind, must not only be able to point to a good record in the past, but he must make it manifest that he can acouit himself equally well of new demands that may be made upon him.

If, for instance, another war were to break out, it would not be sufficient that Generals Grant, Sherman and Sheridan had won brilliant victories in the past. We would want some assurance that their powers were equal to the new emergencies.

Leaving the question of advanced years out of the question, it might be possible that in the new conflict their sympathies might not be in the right put me in possession of the whole state direction, or the art of war might have

outgrown their methods. So it is not all-sufficient that the Republican party has fought heroic and successful battles for the right in the past,-that every great issue found it on the side approved by the wise judgment and the conscience of mankind, and that it battled unflinehingly for that side. Glorious as were its victories for National unity, National honor, freedom, human rights and good government of all kinds, these do not constitute any claim whatever for the perpetual allegiance of even those who most warmly upheld it in those great struggles.

Its past record is chiefly valuable not as a mortgage on the country's gratitude, but as a demonstration beyond a doubt that it is the most reliable and fit engine with which to accomplish any good wo k in the future. It is because it shows by a host of tests that no matter how unexpected or grave the issue presented, the Republican party will infallibly take the course dictated by wisdom and ustice, and make that course prevail against all the evil elements that can be arraved against it.

This is not because of any greatness of leadership. The Republican party occasi as to reply when the great man has always been greater than its leaders. It was for red in the first place for men who cared only for principles. Bigelow to explain that Mr. Tilden had and nothing for men, or offices, or party been so cruelly misreprepented in spoils. It brought into its ranks and the money.

"This diamond pin may prove acceptable to your friend?" I added, as I of its opponents all those inclined to They always remain silent while ices to the party had been.

"You are a very gallant gentleman, It has not waited for its opponents to vestiga ion and the Star-route exposure I reached the box toward her, but are simply unprecedented in the annals

"A thousand pardons, senorita, for posed Dorsey, had he belonged to it, let fall each arm" -each arm, mind you penitentiary whence he only escaped by ribing t e urv? Impossible. Did any hands, one of the revolvers in each, she of life and death! All were in a meast other party ever drive such an inques continued: "Armed like this, one ure off their guard: and one quick, fur- as the Credit Mobilier investigation relentlessly through its highest ranks, hibition of helpless senility than th's with utter disregard as to whom it manner? she proceeded, cocking one with the other remaining extended or sould in ure or destroy? Never, since of the weapons as she spoke, and point- the prize. I lifted the box carefully; the beginning of time. T e great mass, but, as I raised myself, I gave a wild, the controlling element of the Republican party, cares only to have justice started back, I, with the quickness of and right prevail, and is simply relentlightning, seized both weapons and less in demanding that these shall prevail. Whoever thinks and desires otherwise has no place in the party, and sooner or later goes into the Democracy

where he belongs. This is why the Republican party has the first claim to the vote of every man who wishes the country well. It is his duty to vote for it, because it is the only e | cent political agent for the ad ance ment of his ideas, and because he can rely upon it, without any pro ession of principles, or protestations of purity, to do, in whatever emergency may arise, whatever is absolutely the best thing that can be done, where its opponents are equally sure of doing the worst thing. He knows that it will invariably unmask and bring to punishment its unworthy members, and oppose a wall of granite against the malign work of the wicked and perverse men who by the law of their perversity and wickedness have found their appropriate place in the Democratic party. and who stand ready to espouse any selfish or corrupt thing that may menace the prosperity and well-being of the country .- Toledo Blade.

## The Situation.

Presidential campaign does not signify ning may not be what it once was, but that Republicans are unconcerned, that matters little, for a John Bigelow They are thinking. The hopeful feat- will be kept pear him to direct his wantreatment, and of course I trust to the so fair and lovely as yourself is in any almost needless to add, a narration of ure of the day is that the masses are be- dering wits and to say what he shall saints that my fortune will ever be as manner connected with these b.n. my exp oit made me a hero and a lion ginning to be more trustful of their and shall not do. His name and fame, readers. Not before in twenty years whatever they may be worth, are still have they felt more contiden e, not only left, and his m ney and his method will in conscientions leadership but also in be as potent now as they were eight its au uries of success. The question years ago. - Indianapolis Journal. "I think I have paid my share to the turned against myself and significantly way of presents; and the next day saw as to who shall be nominated at Chicago is in mind, but the masses of the party are not troubled over it. They feel that reckless enough to pick up a pocket-book there are a thousand men in the land which he found lying on the street on any one of whom could with honor and the 1st of April, and by some mistake or "Who knows?" she replied. "At are treated as a brave man should be, What became of the robbers and their ast I hope to be always prepared."

What became of the robbers and their beautiful accomplice I never learned, disturbing element, for the lath abides. Boston here d. disturbing element, for the lath abides | Boston hera d. that whoever the nominee may be te general with me fired upon the robbers, drones. She had entered the diligencial of getting possession of my trusty and couraged and intensified. The hold that on the other fellow with a vengeance.—

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Why a Man Should Be a Republican. heart came from the sagacity he displayed in consulting public opinion. This was one of the great elements of dom of the martyred Presidents should teach a lesson to the men of prominence of feeting there may be on the part of some toward President Arthur, Senator for insisting with rancorous zeal on the nomination of any one of them. The demand of the great body of Republican voters, and we can say their expectation, too, is that delegates shall be sent to Chicago so conservative, so thoughtful and so sincere that they will prefer delegates from other State that will be presumably Republican, and ascertain sense delegates to Chicago and all will be well .- Albany Evening Journal.

### Democracy's Jumping-Jac't.

The last man accorded an insight into Governor Tilden's house was one of the Baltimore Sun's "most trusted correpondents," and the report he sends out is at once assuring to Democrats and Republicans alike. Mr. Tilden has none of the characte istics of age. His voice may be "a trifle more feeble," it is true, but that signifies nothing. His hearing is acute, so the correspondent says, though for some reason John Bigelow, w o was present, had frequent of Gramercy Park failed to understand the question asked. It was so kind in print, sometimes, perhaps, unintentionfor some reason or other, had forbidden

it, and that was not to be thought of. When the correspondent rose to leave. he formally expressed the hope that Mr. Tilden would enjoy good health and a prolonged life. Then the marvelo s as he exclaimed: "I do enjoy good health," and with that "he raised and - "struck out from both old shoulders. and followed this with a vigorous s amping of first one foot and then the other," crying joyously: "No paralysis there." Was ever more pitiful exfaded, withered old man, making a jumping-jack of himself in order to convince himself and to try to deceive others into the belief that he has lost none of his manly vigor? The feeble display cf wan ng physical powers was only too suggestive of impaired mental acumen to thus allow him to make "a circus of hims lf," and to act the clown for the benefit of every strolling correspondent. What must the iriends of Mr. Tiden think of all this, and of the urther statement, made as remarkable exhibition of his strength, when it is seriou-ly stated that he actually walked with a firm step "the whole length of the spacious library." The move pent to nominate Tilden is a farce so far as he is concerned; but the play is no farce to the Democratic party. Pushed to desperate resources, it sees no way but to again put up the man who in 1876 corrupted the politics of this Nation in a way never attempted before or since. The idea of putting up this maundering old man, this lean and slippered Pantaloon, but lately so shrewd and unscrupulous, would be ridiculous, but for the fact that the Demo ratic party hopes to break into power through the desperate and unscrupulous methods pursued in the campaign of 1876. Left to himse f now, Mr. Tilden doubtless would prefer to continue to toast his

-A man in Winsted, Conn., was

### Brutal Soldiers in Tonquin.

More disagreeable to notice than this Pres dent Garfield's strength. The wis- anwholesome tippling is the conduct of the soldiers towards the townspeople. The Anamese have gained sufficient in politics to-day. Whatever of warmth | confidence to come back to their houses. or to come back and build new houses where the old ones have been swent Edmands, Mr. Blaine, General Logan sway, but they have no love for their or General Sherman, there is no occasion conquerors. It is no great wonder. The first thing one sees in one of the commanuely narrow cross streets is a nuge Turco swaggering down the midlle o the way, twirling a vicious-looking stick. The worsen scuttle indoors; the men squeeze themselves as near the walls as they can; the children salaam to go untrammeled by instructions and reverentially, and can hardly get out misled by no recommendations. Meeting thus, it will be the duty of the dele- ror. A little further on we come upon gates from such great States as New a couple of marine fusileers, one York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Ohio of whom takes umbrage at the to confer with each other and with the animated tone in which an old woman is conducting a bargain. With a kick of his foot he scatters the ruling sentiment of the people. The her tray and little pile of cash over the result of such a free and op n confer- length and breadth of the street, and ence would be to suggest the name of his companions laugh boisterously at some acceptable Republican to head the poor creature's misery. Even the the party's ticket. The man to nomi- officers, as they stroll along, relieve nate is the man who can carry the their ennui by playful cuts of the cane States we have named. Upon their on the buttocks of passers-by. The safety success depends. The conven- Anamese is a cringing, pititul crature at tion of 1884 must be a common sense the best of times, but he has still a litconvention if it would nominate a suc- tie sel -respect, and he scowls as much ressful ticket. The action of the Re- as he dares under such treatment. It publican National Committee and of is not wonderful, therefore, that when the State Committee, in leaving the he finds a solitary European he proceeds choice of delegates in the hands of the to wreak his vengeance upon him and respective Congressional districts, was wipes out a score of long pent-up grieva very proper recognition of the voice ances. The Torqu nese is a very differof the people. It is a still, small voice ent man from the timid inhabitants of this year, but it is potential for good. Cochin China, and will require many and must be obeyed. Give us common years and a strong m litary occupation before the country is brought to anything like a peaceable state. - Cor. Loncon Tomes.

#### Disturbances at the North Pole.

Congress has pra tically decided to send out an expedition to relieve Lieutenant Greely and his party, and bring them back to their own country. Old sea captains say that in all probability an expedition could now reach the North Pole. There have already been disturbances in that region of a very unusual character. Icebergs rarely make their appearance in the North Atlantic before June or July: in May they are very rare; but this year they made their appearance early in February, and vessels were distroved by them off the banks of Newfoundland during that month. The recent heavy fog and rainy weather have been attributed to the presence of these icebergs in mid-ocean at this unusual seas to of the year. The earthquake volcanic eruption last summer at Java may have had its analogue somewhere in the frigid zone, breaking up the huge fields of ice, driving the bergs far out at sea. Volcanie eruptions and ho sprin s of water are as liable to make their appearance in the frig d as in the torrid zone. There is abundant evidence of continuous volcan e action as far north as Iceland. Should these guesses of the sea captains prove true, perhaps the road may be opened this summer to some point nearer the Pole than has ever been reached. It is a curious fact that we know more about the Polar region of the planet Mars than we do about that of our own earth. With a very ordinary modern telescope the amateur astronomer can distinctly see the extent of the ice ocean which surrounds the poles of Mars. But we will never be at le to explain our poles fully unt I some motor s invented which will enable us to navigate the air .- Demorest's Montaly.

## Alarm Among the Emperors.

All accounts agree that the Czar of Russia and the Emperor of Austria are in a constant state of bodily fear of assassination. The killing of the head of the spy system in Russia, by the Nihilists, has made the Czar halt crazy. He does not know whom to trust. Something must be done to give the Russian people the rights of free speech and the press. In Austria the working people have revolted against the police, and have killed several of the most obnoxious officers. The workmen claim that the police will not allow them to meet or state their grievane s. and invent imaginary crimes to have innocent men punished. How much wiser we are in this country in allowing the utmost freedom of speech and of the press! The very people who have pro ed dangerous in Europe do no harm in this country. Her: John Most was considered so incendiary a person in ngland that his paper, the Freibut, was seized and he was imprisoned. This same anarchist has been in the United States for over a year, making innammatory speeches and calling on the working people to kill the capitalists. but no one heeds him. When the rederal Republic of Europe is established we will hear no more of Nihilists or incendiary Socialists. The poor of Europe are not treated justly by the powers that be, and hence the danger. -Demorest's Monthly.

## Who Osman Digma Is.

Osman Digma's whole relation to the revolt and the amalgamation in him of religious, political and me cantile aspirations are hard to comprehend. A broker and trader, and principally a slave-trader in Suakim and Jeddah. he received a financial blow, when, some six years ago, a British cruiser captured emaciated shins by his library fire. For two slave-dhows full of victims, on the him there can no longer be any satis- way to Jeddah. Osman Digma's trade faction in earthly ambition. But the then sell from bad to worse, his house This anomalous quiet on the eve of a party must have him. His ancient cun- property in Suakim was all mortgaged, and he became hopelessly involved. Being of no great distinction by birth, his selection by the Mehdi to lead a religious rebellion in these parts is not in accordance with the structure of Arab society and feeling, and is attributed to the accident that Osman 1-igma, in one of his incursions far south for slaves. met the Mehdi, who formed a high estimate of hs ability and of his influence, acquired through successful trad-

> If this history be trustworthy, passions for other objects than holiness are the key-note of Osman Digma's charaacter and motives, and it is against all probability that he will cast his goods and his position into the broken bal-