

**A Sign in the Heavens.**  
On October 28, A. D., 312, Constantine the Great is said to have "heard a great and mighty noise above and to the east of him," and upon turning his eyes in that direction "was astonished beyond measure at what he beheld." Clearly outlined upon the blue sky was a cross of pure white, and in the halo which surrounded the top was the Latin phrase, "In hoc signo" ("By this sign"), in letters of deep scarlet. Mackey, the great historian, says that there was a second inscription in Greek, the letters of which in English would be "En to nikra."

**The Delineator.**  
The May number of The Delineator is called the Commencement Number, and its resume of Up-to-Date Modes includes a lengthy illustrated article on the appropriate attire for this season's fair girl graduates. The lithographic plates show the Summer Styles in Costuming and Millinery. The literary miscellany of the number is excellent, one of the most noticeable papers being the first of a series of "Metropolitan Types" by Jeanie Drake, author of the "Metropolitans," one of the cleverest novels of 1896. Lillian Whiting discusses the Social Life in Boston from a pleasantly personal standpoint. Issued by The Butterick Publishing Co. at 7 to 17 West Thirteenth Street, New York.

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Space is devoted in the North American Review for April to a consideration of "The Uprising in Greece." Sir Charles W. Dilke, M. P., presenting an English view of the affair, and the Greek Consul-General at New York, Demetrius N. Botassi, the Grecian. Mr. Botassi claims that the present conduct of Greece has enlisted the sympathies of the entire civilized world, and justified her people in their claim to be reckoned with as an important element in the regeneration of Eastern Europe.

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"Scientific Kite-Flying" will be the subject of three papers in the Century for May, each one written by an expert, and illustrated by accurate drawings. Mr. J. B. Millet describes the meteorological investigations carried on at Blue Hill Observatory, near Boston; Lieutenant Hugh D. Wise, U. S. A., tells of his experiments at Governor's Island, including the first ascent by kite-power made in this country, and William A. Eddy writes of his experiences in photographing, telephoning, and telegraphing by means of kites.

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**The Reign of the Typewriter.**  
The introduction of a typewriter envelope, as a universal boon to careful typewriters, proves how extensively commercial correspondence is carried out by means of the ingenious typewriting machine and how manufacturers of the day are constantly on the alert to meet every need in all that concerns art and industry. The peculiarity of these novel square envelopes is to offer a splendidly even surface and regular thickness of paper just in the space where the address has to be written. In this wise, whatever typewriter is employed, any unsightly "shadowing" is avoided and perfect alignment secured. It is worth noting, too, as a sign of the advance of modern civilization, that the very first parcel of the new invention dispatched from England was for Rejkiavik, which boasts of the only typewriter in the whole of Iceland.

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**Mistaken Kindness to a Crocodile.**  
The superstition of the Hindoo displayed itself in a strange fashion not long ago. Some fishermen at Kidderpore, on the Hooghly, had captured a crocodile, and being unable to kill it, were compelling it to accompany them to the nearest police station—were "running it in," as we say—for the sake of the reward usually offered for such creatures. On the way a native gentleman met them, and persuaded them, for a bribe to allow the animal to return to the river. In doing this foolish action he argued that, having shown kindness to it, the crocodile would not attack him and his family when they went to bathe. It is to be hoped that the pious man possessed more sense in the water than he owned on shore, else his life would not be worth the purchasing if he came within reach of that selfsame crocodile.

I believe that Piso's Cure is the only medicine that will cure consumption.—Anna M. Ross, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 12, '95.

**New Meaning in an Old Line.**  
"Do you mean to say that you are going to charge me all that just for doing a little surveying?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"Wouldn't you take the land instead of the money?"  
"Possibly."  
"Well, I guess you'll have to. This is the first time I ever really appreciated that poetry about 'I am monarch of all I survey.'"—Washington Star.

**Travel in Switzerland.**  
The greatest travelers in Switzerland are the English; then come the Germans, the Americans, the French and the Italians in the order given.

**IT MEANS BUSINESS.**

**McKINLEY CONGRESS PUSHING WORK.**

**The Tariff Bill Going Forward Rapidly—New Evidence of Returning Prosperity—Voice of the American Press on Returning Good Times.**

(Washington Correspondence.)  
This is a business administration and a business congress. It has been only two weeks since the meeting of the house of representatives, which is controlled by the Republican party, and in that time has been introduced, discussed and passed a new tariff bill, which will bring increased and sufficient revenue to the government in place of the shortages of the present inefficient Wilson law. This has been quick work. The bill now goes into the hands of the senate. There it will be considered in committee and then in the senate, and it is hoped passed and signed by the president in time to begin its operation by July 1, the first day of the fiscal year.

**Japan Shocks the Free Silverites.**  
Reports from Japan show that she is determined to "crucify" her people "upon a cross of gold." She has adopted the gold standard despite the denials of the silver people. Those who express surprise that Japan is not going to throw any of her silver upon the markets of the world, even if she adopts a gold standard, are evidently not familiar with the history of the growth of silver currency in the world. The mere adoption of the gold standard has not decreased the silver currency at all. In the United States, for instance, the per capita circulation of silver in 1873 before the adoption of the gold standard was 15 cents, while in 1895, after 22 years of gold standard, it was \$8.78.

**Large Output of Silver.**  
Silver miners and mine owners, while they want of course to get as big a price for their produce as possible, recognize the fact that the refusal of the United States to adopt a sixteen to one standard is not going to destroy the demand for silver. Silver mine owners who have been here this week report that their mines are not only still running, but turning out unusually large quantities of the white metal, and that the improved financial conditions and business activity which have followed the election of McKinley are having their effect upon the mining industry, and the demand for the product of the silver mines.

**The Sugar Trust Suffers.**  
The greatest sufferer under the new Dingley law will be the sugar trust. Its framers were wise enough to avoid the criticism and the scandal which attached to the Wilson bill and no man has successfully charged or can charge that the present bill is framed in the interests of the trusts.

**A Farmer's Tariff.**  
The New York Press characterizes the Dingley bill as the "first farmers' tariff." "The Republican party," it adds, "has already placed the factory beside the field, and thus given the field the home market for its products, and now proposes to open the markets of other parts of the world to the field as well."

**Bryan's Paper Announces Returned Prosperity.**  
Copies of that sturdy free silver Democratic paper recently edited by William J. Bryan, the Omaha World-Herald, which have been received here show that it is rejoiced at the prospective improvement of the agricultural industries of its state under McKinley protection. Quoting in commendatory terms the recent utterances of the Republican secretary of agriculture it says: "Nebraska has taken into her feed yards since October last more than five hundred thousand sheep to be finished for the mutton markets of the world. The state of Nebraska can safely be set down as the best district of the country in the United States for the mutton sheep industry in all its combined requirements. Nebraska is certain to become a popular, prosperous mutton growing and mutton feeding state." All this, he it remembered, the World-Herald promises under the new plans of the Republican administration, which is giving its earliest attention to a protective tariff as the chief aid to the sheep industry of the country.

**Increased Railroad Construction.**  
McKinley prosperity is making itself apparent in many industries, but in none more prominently than in that of railroad construction. The "Railway Age," a conservative journal, estimates that the railway construction of the United States in 1897 will be 17,500 miles, which, by the way, is more than twice as much as was accomplished during President Cleveland's entire term. If this estimate is realized, the railway construction of the United States in 1897 will exceed that of any period in the past decade.

**Good Outlook for Farmers.**  
The farmers of the United States are likely to have an increased market for their productions at an early date. The reciprocity features of the Dingley bill are expected to open a good many markets which are now closed to our agricultural products. In addition to that it is expected to give to the United States such special advantages over other countries in certain markets as to give our farmers practically a monopoly of the trade in those parts of the world. The average exportation of farm products during the past five years has been 621 millions per annum, of which amount 243 millions, or nearly 57 per cent, has gone to Great Britain, all other parts of the world taking but 43 per cent of our exports. This shows

the possibilities open to the farmers in the matter of making for themselves as good a market in other parts of the world as they already have in Great Britain.

**Commendation for the New Secretary.**  
Secretary Wilson's new plans for an intelligent distribution of seeds to the farmers of the country and a diversification of industries is meeting with universal commendation. Democratic as well as Republican papers approve it in unmeasured terms. The Atlanta Journal, owned by ex-secretary of the interior Hoke Smith, comments favorably upon the new secretary's new plans in regard to the farmers, and numerous other Democratic papers join in the commendation of Secretary Wilson's work.

**Will Return to the Old System.**  
The Republicans of the house of representatives are going to try and get back to the old system of placing the appropriation bills in the hands of one committee. The free trade Democracy adopted the present system by which the bills are distributed to a half dozen committees, and the result has been the enormous increase in appropriations which the nation witnessed with astonishment in the past few years. The Republicans are reformers, and will get back to a system of economy as rapidly as possible.

**Professor Wilson Condemns the Dingley Bill.**  
Ex-Congressman Wilson, the author of the Wilson law, having been repudiated first by his own district, and then by his nation, has now no forum from which to address the dear people, and is therefore utilizing the columns of the newspapers to disseminate his views, and attack the Dingley bill. His latest attack upon it has been an assertion that its reciprocity features would be a failure. In all the matter which Mr. Wilson has presented in the way of an attack upon the Dingley bill, he has not been able to successfully defend the law which he himself framed or to make satisfactory explanation of its failure. This is a subject which he avoids in his tariff discussions at so much per column.

G. H. WILLIAMS.

**Democratic Bunco Game Exposed.**  
The report which Mr. Dingley filed with the new tariff bill points again the bunco game which the late Democratic administration practiced upon the people. When Mr. Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle were issuing bonds the people were given to understand that they were demanded for the purpose of maintaining the gold reserve which was being depleted by the Wall street speculators and money sharks everywhere. It was alleged that these money operators were deliberately working the "endless chain" furnished by the greenbacks, and a great deal of business denunciation was expended upon the men who were supposed to be engaged in rifling the treasury of their own country for the profit which would arise from the handling of bonds which must be issued to keep the reserve intact.

Mr. Dingley's report shows that the deficiency in the gold reserve was caused by a deficiency in the revenues, and was not therefore the consequence of a conspiracy to profit the working of the "endless chain."—Kansas City Journal.

**Improving Business Conditions.**  
With the advent of spring there is a decidedly better feeling in commercial circles, which trade journals are advising enterprising business men to take advantage of in an active way. The Chicago Dry Goods Reporter of Saturday's date says the most important fact of the hour is the brightening outlook. The most timely advice it can give to the merchants of the west is to repeat: The moment has come for pushing your business. "Things have taken a turn. Satisfactory trade conditions are slowly but surely being called back. The new administration is in power, and the new policy has been satisfactorily indicated. A special session of congress has been convened to put in force the wishes of the people as rapidly as possible." "Now," it says, "let us make up our minds to concentrate all our energies, faculties and attention upon our legitimate business. There is no surer way than this for wiping out the last remnant of business stagnation." These terse sentences comprise the key-notes of a very hopeful article.

**A Cheering Record.**  
The record of the past week is cheering. The number of works that have resumed business is greater than in any week since the last of November. It is true that in many cases contracts have been secured at unduly low prices, and that therefore the rate of wages is not as high as it was in 1892; but there is "bread for the eater," and this of itself is an improvement. The first step forward must be a resumption of work; wages will rise as the demand for labor increases. It is not likely that we can return quickly to the prosperity that the nation enjoyed four years ago; it has taken four years to destroy; reconstruction cannot be accomplished in as many months. After the new tariff law has been in operation for a year we may pass judgment upon the present administration with some degree of fairness; not earlier than then.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

The Republicans and Populists of Kansas agree that the legislature which has just adjourned was a disgraceful failure. In fact, the legislature is disposed to join in the agreement itself.

Oatmeal is more largely used for food in New South Wales than in any other part of Australia.

**NEW SHRUB THAT IS A REMEDY.**

**A Sure Cure for Kidney Diseases and Rheumatism.**

It is no doubt true that next to consumption, more people die yearly from diseases of the kidneys than from any other cause. In some respects kidney disease is the most dangerous of all maladies, because it usually has made much progress before the victim is aware of its existence. It is, therefore, with great pleasure we commend to our readers the recent discovery in East India of the Kava-Kava shrub, which has proved a most powerful remedy for diseases of the kidneys, rheumatism, or other ailments caused by uric acid in the blood. The cures wrought by this new remedy are indeed most remarkable. Many who have suffered from the most severe forms of the disease, have been completely cured in from twenty to forty days by the Kava-Kava shrub. In the New York Weekly World of Sept. 10th, the testimony of Rev. W. B. Moore, D. D., of Washington, D. C., was given, describing his years of suffering from kidney disease and rheumatism, and his rapid cure by Alkavis. Rev. John H. Watson of Sunset, Texas, a minister of the gospel of thirty years' service, was struck down at his post of duty by kidney disease. After hovering between life and death for two months, and all his doctors having failed, he took Alkavis, and was completely restored to health and strength and is fulfilling his duties as minister of the gospel. Mr. R. C. Wood, a prominent attorney of Lowell, Indiana, was cured of Rheumatism, Kidney and Bladder disease of ten years' standing by Alkavis. Mr. Wood describes himself as being in constant misery, often compelled to rise ten times during the night on account of weakness of the bladder. He was treated by all his home physicians without the least benefit and finally completely cured in a few weeks by Alkavis. The testimony is undoubted and really wonderful. Any of our readers who are so unfortunate as to suffer from kidney disorders or Rheumatism should write to the Church Kidney Cure Co., of 422 Fourth Avenue, New York, who will gladly send them free by mail prepaid a Large Case of the Kava-Kava Compound, so that they can test its value for themselves. This generous free offer is made to prove the wonderful curative powers of this new botanic discovery.

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