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THE JUNE CRICKET. In the Madison Square Park. Tented in the short green grass. A cricket, close to those who pass, entered the old familiar cry.

TALISMANS AND CHARMS. How Popular Superstition is Kept Alive Everywhere.

Empiricism and Quackery—Faith in Metal Rings and Other Senseless Charms—Influence of Imagination Over Disease.

Perhaps no class of superstitions exhibits human credulity and weakness in a broader light than that connected with the history of medicine and surgery.

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Upon reflecting upon this remarkable superstition one must evidently arrive at the conclusion that the whole cause of the cure was a strong effort of the imagination. The young man forced himself to believe in the potency of the

charm, and in doing so exerted an influence over the nervous energy which produced the desired result. May not this species of confidence account for many alleged cures from the use of charms?

Talismans, or the doctrine of signets, had their origin from a belief, says a French writer, that medical substances bore upon their external surfaces the properties or virtues which they possessed impressed upon them by planetary influence.

It is easy to understand why towns and cities are becoming overrun with an extra number of laborers, mechanics, tramps and idlers. At the price of farm produce farmers can not pay as high wages as are offered laborers or clerks in the towns.

The Justifiable Punishment of an Accordion Player. Not long ago a young man was on his way home at a late hour in the evening carrying an accordion. He was met by three public-spirited young men, who at a glance recognized him as an habitual and reckless accordion player.

That these charms are totally useless, and can produce no effect on the disease for the cure of which they are administered, must be evident to every educated mind.

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A TEXAS RAZOR-BACK.

How a Yankee Fanned One of Them Out on a Native for a Full-Blooded Berkshire. I had not been local editor of the Bugle very long before I discovered that there were lots of people who were willing to help in molding public opinion.

One afternoon while at work at my desk there was a smell of whisky in the air, and a few minutes later on came Sim Holman, shoving his whisky-laden breath in front of himself, so to speak.

There's a hatch-faced Yankee living near my ranch, who should be de-nounced by the Bugle as an enemy of the South. He has swindled me in a hog trade. You can draw a little, can't you?

I want you to draw some pictures of the hog he sold me. He sold me a razor-back for a Berkshire. He sold me one of these slab-sided razor-backs, that prowls about the woods, living on acorns, but can spare time to climb under the fence and help harvest the corn.

Some Vassar girls have been photographing the moon. It's funny how a girl longs to possess a man's picture, even though she may not know him.

Do not say your wife is not feeling well. What are the symptoms? Is her tongue coated? Has she lost her truth, doctor, I didn't think it was safe to meddle with that. I didn't want to ask her to put her tongue out, you know, for the very last time which she would ever put it out.

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PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

An unfortunate Brooklyn man who was befuddled with the name De Witt Charles Clinton Fletcher Piper has been allowed by the courts to drop Piper and take the name of Fletcher.

Mrs. Jennie K. Bailey was born in 1847, was one of seven sisters, was married in 1867, removed to Kansas in 1877, died March 17, aged thirty-seven, and was buried in L. A. 127. —N. Y. Post.

The pallid, careworn appearance of the American editor just now indicates how tremendous is the strain which is put upon his intellect by the necessity of being in order of directing Mr. Gladstone how to run the British —San Francisco Evening Post.

Mrs. Groto, the wife of the historian, was a high-spirited, boyish sort of a girl, red-robed, a saddle, and called her best friend "Sidney" once in a while. "I do like them both so much, for he is so lady-like, and she is a perfect gentleman." —Boston Journal.

Madame Patti is infatuated with billiards. She visited Irving Hall several times during the recent tournament, and was one of the most enthusiastic spectators. He said, "I would like to play far above the average amateur to defeat her." —N. Y. Tribune.

A Washington correspondent says: Mr. George Bancroft, the historian, has a funny habit of making most remarks, and saying to people of fifty and sixty years of age:—"Why, my child, I'm as old as the hills. I'm the oldest person you ever know. The next minute you may be speaking in the most serious and unbecoming manner of 'poor old Mr. Corcoran,' who is just his own age."

The genealogy of the Hopkins family, of Massachusetts, has never been collected, except a certain quantity of one of the emigrants, who will prepare a new and fuller record. The names of the eight children of the ancestor, James Hopkins, born in 1723, have long been preserved in memory by the amusing line: —

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