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Ten Thousand Dollars Worth of NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, Imported DIRECT BY US.

This extraordinary sale commences Monday morning and will continue all week. We guarantee to save you 33⅓ per cent, by purchasing your curtains at this sale. Many odd lots will be closed out regardless of cost. This department occupies a space of 44x65 feet on our third floor, beautifully lighted. Having only recently opened it, our stock comprises only choice and new goods.

CURTAINS.

100 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $1, Worth $1.50.

100 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $1.25, Worth $1.75.

100 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $1.65, Worth $2.

100 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $1.75, Worth $2.25.

50 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $2, Worth $2.50.

50 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $2.25, Worth $2.75.

50 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $2.75, Worth $3.50.

50 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $3.25, Worth $4.50.

50 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $4, Worth $5.50.

50 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $5, Worth $7.

50 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $5.50, Worth $7.50.

50 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains At $7.50, Worth $10.

CURTAINS.

These Curtains are all the latest designs.

50 Pairs Muslin Curtains At $4.39, worth $7.

25 Pairs Muslin Curtains At $4.98, worth $7.50.

25 Pairs Muslin Curtains At $5.50, worth $8.

25 Pairs Muslin Curtains At $6, well worth $8.75.

25 Pairs Muslin Curtains At $6.50, worth $9.

SPECIAL! SPECIAL!

75 Pairs Ettemine Curtains, in stripes. 3½ yards long, retailed by us at $2. To-morrow's Sale Price, $1.39.

Swiss Tambour Curtains At $4.75.

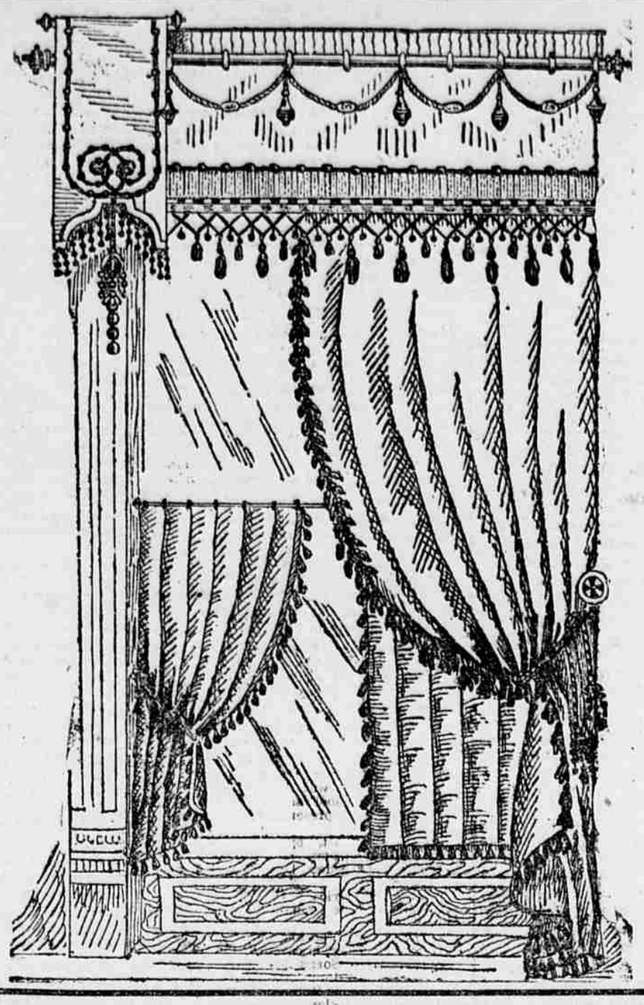
Swiss Tambour Curtains At $5.00.

Swiss Tambour Curtains At $7.50.

Swiss Tambour Curtains At $8.75.

Swiss Tambour Curtains At $10.00.

Swiss Tambour Curtains At $12.50.



CURTAINS.

25 pairs Irish Point Curtains At $8.98; worth $12.

20 pairs Irish Point Curtains, At $9; worth $13.50.

20 pairs Irish Point Curtains, At $10; worth $14.50.

Brussels Point Curtains, At $16.75, $27.75, $37.50, $45, and $50.

Madras Curtains, At $1.98, $3, $3.75, $5, $7.50, $8.50, $9.50. Worth 25 per cent more.

25 pairs Chenille Curtains, in all colors, At $8.75; worth $10.50.

25 pairs Chenille Curtains, fringe top and bottom, all colors, At $8.75; reduced from $12.

20 pairs Turcoman Curtains, At $2.29; worth $4.

25 pairs Turcoman Curtains, At $3.98; reduced from $5.

20 pairs Turcoman Curtains, At $4.98; reduced from $6.

All our odd pairs of Swiss, Irish Point Nottingham, Madras and Silk curtains placed on sale at less than cost price. We carry a full line of Drapery Silks, Tapestry, Valours, Cretons, in fact everything that belongs to a first-class Drapery Department.

All our Chenille Valour and Tapesty Table Covers reduced for this great sale.

Lace Bed Sets.

Nottingham Sets, At $1.75; worth $2.25.

Nottingham Sets, At $1.98; worth $2.50.

Nottingham Sets, At $2.25, worth $3.

Nottingham Sets, At $3.50; worth $5.

Nottingham Sets, At $4.50; worth $6.

Nottingham Sets, At $5; worth $7.50.

SPECIAL. SPECIAL.

20 Nottingham Sets, extra quality, At $5.90; worth $9.

Antique Sets, At $6; worth $8.50.

Antique Sets, At $8.25; worth $12.

Antique Sets, At $10; worth $13.50.

Lace Pillow Shams, At 37½c pair; worth 50c.

Lace Pillow Shams, At 50c pair; worth 75c.

Lace Pillow Shams, At 75c pair; worth $1.

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THE NAVAL RESERVE BILL

Tracy Anxious to Have Governor Hill Sign It.

HE WAS A PREJUDICED JUROR

An Unusual Scene Witnessed in Pension Commissioner Tanner's Office—The Sioux Commission to Meet in Chicago.

WASHINGTON BUREAU, THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.

Secretary Tracy is very anxious to have Governor Hill, of New York, sign the naval reserve bill. He wrote to the governor to-day, saying: "Much study and attention was given to this question, and the bill, as reported to the house, received the approval of the navy department, as well as that of the committee reporting it, but, owing to the continued illness of Whitthorne, of Tennessee, it was not brought to a vote before the house. The establishment of a naval reserve in this country is very much to be desired, and will greatly increase our resources for the defense of our coasts and cities upon the seaboard and great lakes. In view of the importance of this question and of its intimate relation to the navy department and the national defense, I invite for it your favorable consideration."

A PREJUDICED JUROR.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon an unusual scene was witnessed in the office of the commissioner of pensions. It was an argument in favor of granting a pension of $72 a month for total disability to the twenty-one men who are receiving pensions ranging from $24 to $50 for the loss of an arm or leg or both arms or both legs. The argument made by J. C. Bigelow was illustrated by photographs showing the exact disability of the beneficiaries. It was argued that the principle of the law contemplated equal pensions for equal disabilities in every instance, and that all laws not containing equivalent pensions were not in harmony with the original principle. Before the argument was begun the commissioner stated that he was willing to state that he was a prejudiced juror.

"I am in favor of the prisoners," said he, "and I want to be convinced that I am right. I want to see a law which will remove the barring against these men who are practically suffering total disabilities, but who are not under the strict letter of the totally disabled. As the law has heretofore been interpreted, the highest pension they can be allowed is $72 a month. If I can see that I am right I am willing to stake my position, if necessary, in favor of the increase. This is an important matter as it involves arrearages, and it threatens to make an inroad upon the surplus, which we all adore so greatly."

General Lew Wallace, of Indiana, sat very near the commissioner during the argument and was frequently appealed to by the advocate when questions of general principle and technical points were raised. There were quite a number of newspaper correspondents and congressmen present. As soon as the argument closed the commissioner announced that the prayer was granted, and that the increase or rerating was allowed.

THE SIOUX COMMISSION.

The Sioux commission will hold its first session in Chicago on Monday. The members are ex-Governor Foster, of Ohio; ex-representative Wm. Warner, of Missouri, and General Crook, United States army. Detailed instructions have been furnished the commission in regard to their duties and powers under the law. It is expected that the members of the commission will leave in the early part of next week for Dakota and begin negotiations with the Sioux Indians for the purchase of their reservation.

IS ALLISON ENGAGED?

The announcement of the marriage of Senator Allison, of Iowa, to Miss Theresa Stoughton only lacks the authoritative verification of those who have been most intimately associated with the senator, who are disposed to regard the story as a reminiscence on the simple ground that he has never shown the slightest indication of any tender feeling towards her. It does not seem to be known even by the senator's friends that his alleged prospective bride is now a guest with other ladies of the senatorial Canadian trade relations junketing expedition en route for Alaska. Miss Stoughton is an exceedingly beautiful lady about thirty years of age, daughter of a former patent attorney of Washington. The marriage announcement fixes the time for next fall. Senator Allison resides in a fine residence on Vermont avenue just off Thomas Circle. Since the death of his wife the senator's household has been presided over by her foster-mother, Mrs. Grimes.

NEW IOWA POSTMASTERS.

W. W. Simons, Anderson, Fremont county, vice James M. Wilson, removed; J. W. Reagan, Ashton, Osceola county, vice E. G. Humphrey, removed; James B. Wayne, Center Point, Linn county, vice W. L. Langsdale, removed; J. W. McWilliams, Charter Oak, Crawford county, vice W. W. Cushman, removed; C. C. Thomas, Confidence, Wayne county, vice A. W. Robertson, resigned; James Chapman, Colesburg, Delaware county, vice George R. Potts, removed; C. E. Morris, Coon Rapids, Carroll county, vice F. C. Jones, removed; C. H. Payne, Corinth, Hancock county, vice R. Buckner, removed; W. C. Gotthold, Elberon, Tama county, vice James Glover, removed; V. S. Webb, Hawkeye, Fayette county, vice J. W. Stam, resigned; C. U. Austin, Linville, Wayne county, vice G. T. Wright, resigned; C. B. Chenowith, New Hall, Benton county, vice H. Youngclouse, removed; Peter Hentges, Washington, Chickasaw county, vice B. M. Collett, resigned; James Perry, Postville, Allamakee county, vice N. J. Beedy, removed; H. J. Piper, Randolph, Fremont county, vice F. C. Johnson, resigned; G. G. Robinson, Selection, Montrose county, vice H. M. Tate, resigned; Samuel West, English, Keokuk county, vice W. F. Coffman, removed; J. M. Jones, Jefferson county, vice R. C. Jones, resigned; George M. Clayton, Waukon Junction, Allamakee county, vice William L. Taylor, resigned.

NEW NEBRASKA POSTMASTERS.

T. L. Dixon, Clarke, Merrick county, vice Fred George, sr., removed; E. W. Potter, Elm Creek, Buffalo county, vice E. M. Boyd, removed; William Lewis, Endell, Custer county, vice L. E. Gibson, resigned; John Jensen, Farwell, Howard county, vice A. Lorhowski, removed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following changes were made to-day in boards of examining surgeons in Iowa: Audubon, C. P. Andrews, Charles W. Demott and J. M. Rendleman; Indianola, M. A. Dashiel, John D. McCleary and Edward J. Barker.

H. Harding, editor and publisher of the Oakland Independent, is here, and has received an appointment to the position of assistant foreman for the printing for the department of state.

The Rev. John Gordon, of Omaha, is in town, a guest of his brother-in-law, Dr. Hamlin.

James S. Laymond, of Iowa, has been appointed to a $1,000 position in the surgeon-general's office, war department.

PERRY S. HEATH.

PICKLER'S REPORT.

Citizens of Guthrie Disgusted With the Mayor and Council.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Inspector Pickler, of the interior department, now in Guthrie, Oklahoma, has sent a report to Secretary Noble, under date of May 18, on the situation in that city. In the course of his report Inspector Pickler says the city council of Guthrie was very irregularly chosen to begin with, and as the people understood, for the purpose merely of putting the machinery of the city in motion. At the time the council was chosen grave responsibilities were forced upon them, and generally they have assumed and settled them in a creditable manner. They have preserved order, surveyed the town and practically cleared the streets. In these matters they are commended by all. They have, however, assumed other powers and undertaken to act in various matters for which they are generally and very emphatically condemned. They have appointed an attorney at a salary of $1,800 per year and an advisor of the council on arbitration, at a salary in excess of this, a board of five arbitrators on settling the right of possession to lots, some being members of the council at $10 per day, charging each contestant $10 before the case could be heard, and returning only $10 to the party succeeding, and keeping the remainder. They have granted, or pretended to grant, a franchise for ten years to a company to supply the city with water, build a bridge across the stream and grade the streets, and in like manner have taken many such steps against which the citizens loudly protest, and further they are now collecting large taxes—an occupation tax of $5 per month, a survey tax, a recorder's tax on lots, etc. They have enacted harsh ordinances, for the violation of which severe penalties are imposed. They are recklessly spending money in paying officials and are surveying the town on lines others than those recommended at the people's meeting, in order to save their own lots. Further it is asserted that the members of the council are among those who came in on the Sunday before the 22 and seized all of the best lots, and that the city government has in all matters predicted the interests of these men. The charge has been made more emphatic from the fact that the council has instructed the board of arbitration, that in considering who is entitled to a lot that priority of settlement, on Monday, 22d, regardless of the hour, entitled the party to the lot. This the people considered in direct conflict with the president's proclamation.

A petition was circulated yesterday, asking the council to call an election to divide the city into wards and to make a registry of voters, and asking that an election be held on Monday, the 27th of May. Practically, everybody signed the petition. Independent of this petition the citizens held a mass meeting last evening. They were very much in earnest and very determined. After speeches by several persons they passed a resolution ousting the mayor and city council, and appointed a committee to so notify them, and also passed a resolution appointing a committee of seven to call a city election, ignoring the present mayor and council.

The inspector then states that there were such loud calls for his views that he took the stand and told them that, "in his judgment, it was a mistake to not petition the mayor and council to call an election, and it would most likely result in two conflicting city governments, that they were entitled to a speedy election; to a sworn statement from the present council as to all moneys collected or paid out; that the incoming administration should limit the fees of all officers and boards; should be economical and should be very careful in regard to granting to individuals valuable franchises of the city without due consideration. After a heated discussion, a motion was made to reconsider, and was carried and a committee appointed to present petitions to the mayor requesting him to call an election. The meeting then adjourned in good humor.

Too Accomplished.

El Verano Valley Whistle: El Verano mother—What has become of Mr. Wisely, daughter, he hasn't been here to see you lately, has he?"

Daughter—He hasn't been here for two weeks now. I'm sure I can't imagine what the trouble is.

"You told me you thought he intended to make you his wife."

"I did think so, mamma. He seemed to think the world of me."

"Perhaps he really doesn't know how accomplished you are."

"Oh, yes he does. The last time he was here I told him about my being able to play two tunes on the piano at the same time and sing a third.

Fatally Thrown By a Woman.

Arthur Frazier, an Ohio canal-boat captain, went to visit Edward Howe and wife, near Hawkins, Summit county, Sunday, says a Cleveland (O.) dispatch. In the course of conversation Mrs. Howe said: "There never has been a man here that I couldn't throw." Frazier told her that she couldn't throw him. They clinched, and after a few moments' tug, Mrs. Howe threw Frazier on his back on a lounge, and the next minute he was a corpse, supposedly from rupture of an artery.

COMING FREIGHT RATE WAR

A Western Railroad Association to Break Up.

LAST WEEK'S GRAIN TRAFFIC

Trains Delayed by Excessive Rains—The U. P.'s Decreased Earnings Last Month—The Alton's Decided Stand.

The Alton Means Business.

CHICAGO, May 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—"Our road is in splendid shape, but we are doing a very poor business," said General Manager Chappell, of the Alton to-day. After a moment's thought, he added: "We are tired of fooling, and hereafter propose to carry our share of the business or fight." Mr. Chappell concluded with the remark that, in his recent trip over the line, he had become convinced that crops never looked better at this season. These dispatches have repeatedly shown that the Alton officials are by no means in love with the Inter-state Commerce Railway association. As the general manager of another west-bound road said to-day: "The Alton people are trying every way they know to find an excuse to withdraw from the association. I guess they've found it in their demand on Chairman Walker for a division of the traffic, so that they will get the same proportionate amount they had before the association was formed. Look at the figures a minute; the Alton being a direct line, has always taken more live stock from Kansas City than the St. Paul, which has a regular goat's-horn road from there to Chicago. So far this month the St. Paul has taken out of Kansas City 407 cars of live stock and the Alton has handled but 137 cars. Of course, the cattle enjoy a longer ride on the St. Paul, thus allowing the shippers to get better value for their money. Of course, again, rates are strictly maintained." Here the speaker's eyelid drew down in evident appreciation of his own joke. He continued: "But it isn't the St. Paul alone which is hurting the Alton. The Illinois Central refused to join the association, and the figures show why the Alton is so anxious to withdraw. Three weeks ago the Illinois Central hauled 514 cars of grain into Chicago. This week they hauled 1,731 cars, against 843 for the Alton. There has never before been such a discrepency. I honestly believe the Alton will withdraw from the association inside of a month. If it don't it will be because the other roads turn over some of their business to it, and I don't know any road which will do such a foolish thing as that. If the Alton withdraws it is dollars to doughnuts the Burlington will follow suit, and the Rock Island will make a sure third. Just keep your eye open for squalls in the famous President's association."

Trains Delayed.

KANSAS CITY, May 25.—Trains on all the western roads are from one to six hours late, to-day, as a result of Friday's downpour of rain and hail. The Union Pacific seems to be the worst sufferer. The track between here and Topeka is in very bad shape and it will take several days to repair the damage. The other roads are also in bad condition, and if another rain should come the result would be very serious.

No Storage Facilities Allowed.

CHICAGO, May 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Chairman Walker, of the Inter-State Commerce Railway association has issued a circular instructing western roads that, in no case, are they to furnish special facilities for free storage in any way, nor allow their cars or freight houses to be used for the purpose of making up car load shipments.

Chicago Produce Receipts.

CHICAGO, May 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following shows the total number of car loads of grain received at Chicago for the last two weeks, and the railways by which they were delivered. This week's receipts are the largest on record for the corresponding week:

Railways.	May 25.	May 18.
Burlington	995	482
Rock Island	668	353
Alton	845	486
Illinois Central	731	117
Northwestern	850	432
Wabash	1034	637
C. & E. I.	145	71
St. Paul	463	315
Wisconsin Central	5	6
C., St. P. & K. C.	57	54
Santa Fe	42	276
Total	6805	4291

The live stock receipts during the last week were 168,755 head, against 208,228 the preceding week.

Decreased Union Pacific Earnings.

BOSTON, May 25.—The preliminary statement of the Union Pacific for April shows the net earnings were $797,000, a decrease from the same month last year of $386,000.

IOWA NEWS.

A Civil Service Examination.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There was a civil service examination held here to-day, with the largest number of applicants that have ever appeared in the state. There were 175 who tried the examination, which was conducted by Edwin B. Niver for the civil service commission, and the local board. There were fifteen applications for department clerkships, four for copyists, twenty-six for special pension examiners, and one for medical pension examiner, the others were for railway postal clerkships.

Fight at a Picnic.

BOONE, Ia., May 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The farmers' alliance held a picnic to-day near the Des Moines river, a few miles from this place. A crowd of drunken miners insulted some of the ladies of the party and were ordered off the grounds. They refused to go and a general fight ensued. Many of the farmers were badly injured, and one man was knocked senseless, with his head cut open. The miners were finally driven off. Their names are known and they will be arrested as soon as possible.

The Lemars Murder Trial.

LEMARS, Ia., May 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The jury in the Gayner murder case, after being out forty-two hours, was discharged at 9 o'clock this morning without having agreed upon a verdict. The jury stood three for murder in the first degree, two for murder in the second degree, two for manslaughter and five for acquittal. The latter would listen to no compromise that would punish the defendant. There will be a new trial in October.

A Female Athlete Injured.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., May 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—While the lady athlete with Holland & Gormley's circus was performing on the trapeze at Belle Plains, yesterday afternoon, the perch bar broke and she fell to the ground twenty feet, breaking one leg at the thigh. The fracture is a bad one, but the woman is resting easy since it was reduced.

A Student Drowned.

DES MOINES, May 25.—Miss Belle Bennett, a student of Drake university, was drowned while boating on the Des Moines river to-day. Miss Bennett is a daughter of Rev. E. T. Bennett, of Ottumwa.

Villisca 7, Clarinda 4.

VILLISCA, Ia., May 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The game of ball here, yesterday, between the Villisca and Clarinda teams, resulted in a victory for the former, by a score of 7 to 4.

Gladstone All Right.

LONDON, May 25.—Gladstone, replying to inquiries, says he in no wise suffers from the mishap in Picadilly, and expresses thanks for the sympathy extended to him.

THE SPEED RING.

Latonia Races.

CINCINNATI, O., May 25.—At Latonia today, the track was slow and the weather rainy. Summary:

Maidens, six furlongs—Duke of Highlands won, St. Ledger second, Charlotte J third. Time—1:18.

Three-year-old fillies, one mile—Monita Hardy won, Zulu second, Etruria third. Time—1:46.

Three-year-old fillies, one mile—Havillah won, Brandolette second, Josie M third. Time—1:46¼.

Three-year-olds and upwards, seven and one-half furlongs—Leontine won, Liederkranz second, Bonita third. Time—1:38¼.

Three-year olds and upwards, one mile and 500 yards—Tenacity won, Hypocrite second, Montrose third. Time—2:16¼.

Two-year-olds, four and a quarter furlongs—Porthaw won, Adele M second, Romaine third. Time—0:57¾.

Gravesend Races.

NEW YORK, May 25.—At Gravesend, today, the track was perfect, as was the weather. Summary:

One mile—Longstreet won in 1:41¼, Tenney second, Eolian third.

One and one-eighth miles—Panama won in 1:55, Belvidere second, Belinda third.

Three-fourths of a mile—Padishah won in 1:16¾, Civil Service second, Mucilage third.

One and one-sixteenth miles—Cortez won in 1:49, Deception second, Sam Wood third.

Five-eighths of a mile—Blackburn won in 1:02, Drizzle second, Gramarcy third.

Three-quarters of a mile—Barrister won in 1:14¾, Bryan Bern and Bigonette dead heat for second place.

A PILFERING SPIRIT,

Strange Story of the Wild Woman of the Rockies.

"The Wild Woman of the Rockies; or the Spirit of Cameron Pass," should be the title of this story, but with the perverseness of inanimate things the types won't stand it, says the Cheyenne Leader. They may not object right out in meeting, but they will refuse to enter the line in the order dictated unless filed down. But to the story, which is related by the veracious fund of reminiscence, W. C. Hart, the geologist.

In 1882 Mr. Hart and two other enthusiastic collectors of specimens were encamped near the lava beds between the headwaters of the Cache de la Poudre and North Park. It was a broken region and the wierdness was heightened by the proximity of an extinct crater, while bare rocks and dead timber were everywhere. The hope of securing valuable specimens for their cabinets attracted the gentlemen to the uncanny spot, for everyone averred that Cameron pass was haunted by the spirit of an emigrant's daughter who had been driven from camp by her father because she loved not wisely but too well.

Joe Shepler, a well known mountaineer, who was piloting the mineralogists through the hills, had often seen the ghost, and promised his companions that they should view the apparition before returning to their homes. He said the strange spirit was a thief, and frequently stole food and furniture from the camps of hunters who ventured within the precincts of her uninviting domain.

At dinner August 12, 1882, Shepler, who was a brave man on every occasion, announced that the spirit was approaching, and pointed to a strange being which was swiftly moving toward the camp. The marauder came to within 500 yards of the men, and seizing a haunch of venison which had been placed on a stone, started away with it on the run.

Hart picked up his rifle, and calling upon his mates to follow, started in pursuit of the thief. She—they were sure it was a woman—led them a lively race directly towards the lava beds. Being close pressed the recluse dropped the meat and sped onward to the opening of a cave. The pursuers entered the cavern soon after the disappearance of the strange robber, and found a dead woman—the exertion had killed her.

The corpse was that of a girl perhaps twenty-five years of age. She wore a rude gown fashioned of skins. Her hair was very long and she was sunburned and barefooted. The remains were buried decently.

An examination of the cave disclosed the fact that it had for some time been used as a habitation by the alleged spirit. The ground was covered with bones, and although there were cooking utensils about it was evident they had never been used. She had subsisted on stolen raw meat and raw fruit. She had dried meat for winter use.

For several years the wild girl was thought to be a veritable spirit. Usually she visited camp at the close of a long summer day, and it is small wonder that hunters fled at her approach. Cameron pass is just over the Colorado line.

WHAT HE FORGOT

A New Benedict Gets All His Bundles Together Except His Wife.

"I had a fussy man of middle age come here last fall with a young wife," said a Washington hotel clerk to a New York Tribune correspondent. "They were on their wedding tour. She was a timid, little, pale, lonely looking, sickly thing, and kept her room nearly all the time. He was out all day visiting the wholesale places buying goods for his store in a western city, thus combining business with pleasure in a thrifty Chicago way. He spent his money freely, though, and had no end of traps, trunks and parcels sent to the hotel. When he got ready to start for home he counted over the whole pile with great care and checked them off on his fingers. 'Look here, porter,' he snapped out, "there's something missing.' 'I think not,' said the porter; 'what is it?' 'I don't know,' replied the bridegroom dubiously, 'but I feel sure there's something else. I know I'm forgetting something. Four Saratogas, two leather trunks, one linen covered; three big traveling bags, one grip, two bundles in shawl straps, one hat box, bunch of sticks and umbrellas—that seems to be all, but I feel sure I'm leaving something behind, and yet I can't think what it is.' 'Well,' I broke in, 'you'll miss your train if you delay any longer. If you discover your loss wire us at once and we'll keep it for you till you return or send it to you. Your wife has sent down word that she is in the parlor and—' 'My wife?' he ejaculated, slapping himself. 'Of course! I knew I had forgotten something!'"

No Hitch in the Wedding.

San Francisco Examiner: "I heard there was a high-toned wedding in your town yesterday?"

"Yes."

"Did it go off without a hitch?"

"Indeed it did?"

"Everybody happy?"

Everybody nothing! Everybody mad as hornets. The bridegroom didn't show up, the bride's got the screeching hysterics, and the bride's brother is out with a shotgun."

But you said it went off without a hitch.

"Well, didn't it? How could there be a hitch without the bridegroom?"

A Woeful Lack of Intelligence.

Life: Mr. Casey (holding up a dilapidated but squirming eel)—"Honora, will yez catch on to th' baste?"

Mrs. Casey—"Oi t'ought it wuz kilt."

Mr. Casey—"So it is, Honora, so it is; but th' baste hasn't sinse enough to know it."