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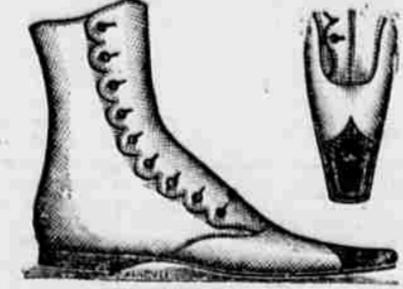
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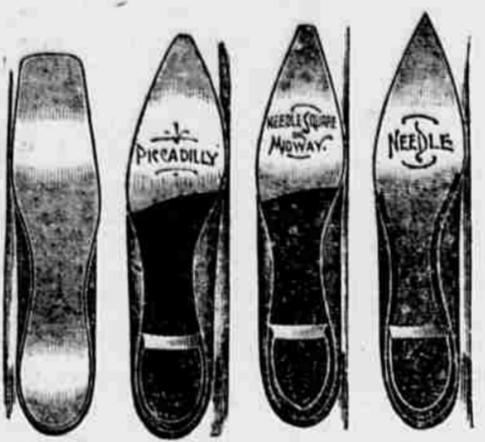
Greatest bargains ever offered on Ladies' Shoes. Hundreds of pairs, sizes 2, 2½, 3 and 3½ AA to EE. Genuine handsewed Shoes; worth up to \$5.50; all on one table.....

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Ladies' House Slippers, 50c—

The price is cut in half

50c for \$1.00 Shoes
65c for \$1.25 Shoes
75c for \$1.50 Shoes
85c for \$1.75 Shoes
\$1.00 for \$2.00 Shoes



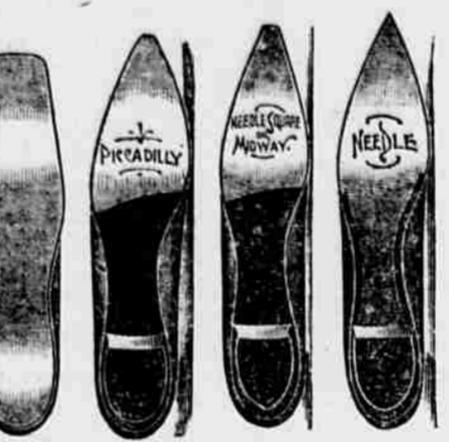
Men's Shoes, \$2.50.

All our Men's Cork Soles, sold all season at \$5.00 pair. The season is just coming for this class of goods. Men's Heavy Tan Shoes for the spring rains and wet snows, sold until now for \$6.00; take a pair for.....

\$3.50

An Enameled Lace Shoe for \$1.50, never sold for less than \$4.00 and are worth it.

We are giving the men a chance this week.



Boys' Shoes, \$1.25—

A veal calf lace school shoe for \$1.25. Get him a pair.

A youths' genuine calf button, new square toe for \$1.50 11 to 2. You paid \$2.50 for this shoe and had a snap.

Boys' double sole wears twice as long, light easy uppers, don't wear the boy out to wear them, a \$2.50 shoe, but they go for the same \$1.50.



Misses' Shoes, 98c—

On a table; take your choice for the above price; several makes; closing out the lines; you save \$1.50 on this bargain.

Infants' Shoes, 48c—

\$1.25 is the regular price; a great variety to select from.

**Drexel Shoe Co., 1419 Farnam Street.**

## LITERARY LONDON

Gossip About the Bright Makers of Books and Newspapers.

STANLEY'S VIEWS ON THE AMERICAN PRESS

Nursing Political Ambitions and Watching the Division of Africa.

LITERARY AND ARTISTICLIONS OF THE DAY

American Publishers the Leading Patrons of the Market.

CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING

The Advancing Woman Tackles Foot Ball—Honors to the Memory of Admiral Nelson—Porter's Pictures of Life in the World's Metropolis.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(Special Correspondence)—Chatting yesterday for a few hours with a quiet, self-contained military man, whose determined eye and well-knit frame suggested the severity of past service, I was struck with the changes which time brings about. Through early in the morning, the gas was burning and a good large open fire blazed on the hearth within, and seemed to defy the chilly yellow fog which literally hung around without. The room was comfortable, and even cosy. Good, solid leather chairs, plenty of books and papers, type-written copy of manuscripts and proofs scattered around on the several desks and tables. Handing me a cigar and lighting a briar-root pipe himself, Henry M. Stanley, the African traveler, settled himself down in a chair that seemed to fit him admirably. The British climate or British association has smoothed down the sharp edges of this remarkable man, and changed the restless explorer of the Dark Continent into a modest English gentleman, full of enthusiasm as to the future of Africa, but equally enthused with the everyday questions relating to the government of London and the various schemes for bettering the condition of the poor.

"I am always glad to welcome to my home an American journalist," Mr. Stanley began, "and I have many pleasant recollections of newspaper men in America, and much to be grateful for to the press of the country. Still, I have been here but a short time, and proved in the last quarter of a century.

The really great paper has not appeared, and if it should, I am not so sure that it would find supporters. The phase of American journalism which is more interested in the number of hands than in the merit of each article, is not an intelligent study of the labor of a lifetime; is not, in my opinion, the journalism that should appeal to sensible people. The era of sensational journalism has in a measure obscured the period of information journalism. News and serious topics are too often pushed on one side for personal matters, scandals, gossip, fad and light reading. In trying to cover everything of human interest, there is danger of losing the grip on the main thing. Your papers are too bulky, too much padding, too much sensation, too unyielding."

"It is like giving out too much hay; he sinks in the trough and wastes it."

"Yes, that is the idea exactly. I may be wrong, but to my mind no one has had the courage to produce the really great paper in America yet."

In the course of the conversation, which covered a host of topics, I found that Mr. Stanley has just completed a new work, which will be issued simultaneously in the

United States and England at Easter. These little volumes, for there will be two, will contain an account of his early travels in Africa. It will include his account of the expedition against the Cheyennes, and also his trip for the Herald in the Mediterranean, the opening of the Suez canal, and his account of the Abyssinian campaign. A roving correspondent for the Herald, Mr. Stanley made considerable reputation before he was sent in search of Dr. Livingstone, and it is of these experiences he will treat in the book.

Mr. Stanley seems to have no doubt. He contends that the climate and geographical advantages of the immense continent are capable of supporting a vast white population, and he looks forward to a tremendous federation of states and a progressive and prosperous population. From this point of view the resources of the nineteenth century world have not been fully explored. The opportunities are simply boundless. The real work of presenting the opportunities to the civilized countries of the world has not yet been touched. So far those who have undertaken have either been dizzied by Mr. Rhodes' success, disengaged by the Rt. Hon. Cecil Rhodes, Dr. Jameson, and the South African company. As to the future of Africa, Mr. Stanley seems to have no doubt.

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Naturally it is of public interest on both sides of the Atlantic to know to what extent Mr. Stanley is in sympathy with the numerous schemes afloat to civilize and develop Africa, and whether or not he has to any extent been carried away by the stupendous enterprises engrossed by the Rt. Hon. Cecil Rhodes, Dr. Jameson, and the South African company. As to the future of Africa, Mr. Stanley seems to have no doubt. He contends that the climate and geographical advantages of the immense continent are capable of supporting a vast white population, and he looks forward to a tremendous federation of states and a progressive and prosperous population. From this point of view the resources of the nineteenth century world have not been fully explored. The opportunities are simply boundless. The real work of presenting the opportunities to the civilized countries of the world has not yet been touched. So far those who have undertaken have either been dizzied by Mr. Rhodes' success, disengaged by the Rt. Hon. Cecil Rhodes, Dr. Jameson, and the South African company. As to the future of Africa, Mr. Stanley seems to have no doubt.

"Why, future kings, like presidents' children, seem to have fun! Don't you remember when we went snake killing with President Harrison and Benny McKee in the mountains?"

WIDE-AWAKE AMERICAN.

As I turned the corner of Parliament street, after leaving the Nelson bazaar, I suddenly encountered that very wide-awake American, S. S. McClure, of syndicate and magazine fame. Mr. McClure was in his element, and I was in mine. We were close observer, the cost of living has really very much enhanced in England, when gauged by present demands. In food, though some raw materials, such as wheat and sugar, are cheaper, the prices of trade goods have become so great that the consumer is only slightly benefited. In meats and other important staples the increase in cost has been actual, and in some instances large.

This is worth quoting, because like a recent article by the late Wm. McAlister, it shows how well the cost of living is supported by all the so-called cheapness is of any real or lasting benefit if it comes persist in a downward tendency. Says Mr. Sala: "On the whole, I am disposed to think that the great majority of the articles which we consume are becoming more expensive, and the cost of living is increasing, unless supported by exports to other directions. In time, along the valleys of the great rivers of Africa, will spring up thrifty communities and large cities as in the United States, and the twentieth century may see the story of our own country repeated in the wilds through which Livingstone, Stanley and latter-day explorers have tramped."

"Mr. Rhodes," said Mr. Stanley, "is a man of great power and force. He has the vigor of a young university man, the vigor of an Australian, and the energy and enthusiasm of a pioneer who has探險ed the country beyond the Rockies. He is a composite of all these types. While, as I say, a college man, he left college young and his vast practical experience has eradicated the university stamp. The man who is doing good work is a good journalist who does the Africa of today justice must not be carried away with the Rhodes' personality. He must travel all over the place, hear all sides of the story, thoroughly digest his material, and then write an account of the business if it is to be well done. There is no Rhodes, nor merely the Rhodesian side of the question. Nevertheless, Mr. Rhodes is an earnest, useful force in the work now in progress in Africa."

QUESTIONS NEARER HOME.

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