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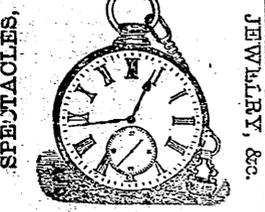
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and scissors, and all may rest assured of being  
promptly and properly waited on. He wants to call  
at this time, whenever you may have any barbering done.  
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SELF-DEPENDENCE  
BY JOEL BENTON  
He who seeks life's greatest treasure,  
The amulet that conquers ill,  
Finds it not in gifts or pleasures,  
But in his right arm's untutored skill.  
That not what others give or lend us,  
But what we earn by our own hand;  
That in the quietness of our day,  
Though all good ministries attend us,  
To prosper we must "work our way."  
Better is your own rude raiment,  
Though it be the coarsest thing,  
Than a robe got without payment,  
As a present from the King.  
Exquisite may be the table  
Which the rich man's hand provides;  
But your own food will be able  
To leave the appetite besides.  
Crisps and herbs produced by labor,  
Which the meaneast man can do,  
Take a richer, rarer flavor  
Than the king can ever know.

ANASTASIA'S GHOST.  
How well I remember that dismal  
November night. Some vague presen-  
timent of evil weighed on my heart,  
as I sat alone in the twilight. And  
yet I had no more than usual  
cheerfulness. On the contrary, I  
ought to have been more than usually  
cheerful; had I not received a deli-  
cious promise from Katie Nelson that  
very afternoon?  
It seemed to be odd, to be sure,  
that a gray-haired widow like myself  
to marry this girl of 18. Her  
mother had been a housekeeper in our  
family, but died soon after Katie's  
birth. So it happened that she was  
reared by us, as we had no children  
of our own. My wife treated her kindly,  
but without much warmth of feel-  
ing. Anastasia was such a peculiar  
child that I actually believed  
she was just as of this infant.  
Poor Anastasia, she warned me  
suddenly on her death-bed never to  
marry again, and threatened to rise  
from her grave in case of such an  
event.  
Kate was in her tenth year when  
my wife died. I sent her away to a  
boarding-school; and, as business called  
me abroad, did not see her again  
until my return, eight years after-  
wards. I was somewhat bewildered  
to find a lovely woman, instead of the  
little girl I had left in short dresses.  
Of course, you can guess the sequel.  
I fell in love with this charming adopted  
daughter. There was something in  
the frank tenderness of her manner  
that completely won my heart.  
It was evident that she was deeply  
attached to me. I could not help see-  
ing how much higher she valued my  
society than that of my nephew,  
Charles Raymond, who had accom-  
panied me from abroad. She never  
addressed him except in monosyllables  
and would flush all over with embar-  
rassment if he but entered the room.  
But with me she was always self-  
possessed, and so talkative and sociable  
that I could not help pitying Charlie.  
He was really quite good-looking, and  
I used to wonder, sometimes, at her  
antipathy. Poor fellow; how I dread-  
ed to tell him of my approaching  
marriage. It would be a great blow  
to his hopes, for he had expected to  
inherit my fortune.  
Katie wasn't a bit like other girls  
that I had ever known anything about.  
Instead of blushing at my con-  
fession, that afternoon, she turned  
pale, and shivered as if struck by a  
sudden chill. I noticed, too, that there  
was a strange quiver in her voice when  
she finally consented to be my wife.  
I was apprehensive that Charlie had  
told her what Anastasia had said on  
her death-bed. And yet I couldn't  
believe he would be so inconsiderate.  
Somehow, I couldn't forget that warn-  
ing. Anastasia was a remarkable woman,  
and would surely keep her word  
if ghosts are permitted to walk the  
earth. Thinking thus, I began to  
grow frightened at the shadows in my  
room, and hastily rang the bell for  
lights.  
"Why are you so late, Bridget?" I  
asked, sharply, as the servant entered  
the room.  
"Indeed, sir, and it's meself that's  
been with Miss Katie every blessed  
minute, and she's almost kilt with a  
pain in her head."  
Could this be a result of our con-  
versation that afternoon? Consider-  
ably startled, I questioned Bridget ex-  
actly. Charlie came in while we were  
talking.  
"Katie ill?" he said, with a shadow  
on his brow. "Is it anything serious,  
mule?"  
What business had he to take any  
special interest in Katie?  
"Only a headache," I answered,  
coldly. "She is subject to such attacks.  
Bring in the tea, Bridget."  
"We shall have a lonesome evening,"  
Charlie sighed.  
I half believed that he was in love  
with the girl himself.  
It was cheerless though, without  
Katie. I missed her bright face be-  
hind the tea-tray. Charlie left his  
cup untasted. My jealousy was aroused,  
and I watched him keenly.  
As soon as we were alone, I said,  
half, angrily, "What is the matter,  
Charlie? You look as if you hadn't a  
friend on earth. I didn't know before  
that you liked Katie so well."  
The crimson leaped up to his very  
brow.  
"I am glad that you do," I contin-  
ued hastily, "for you will soon be con-

nected by ties of relationship. She  
has promised to be my wife."  
"You are jesting, uncle!" he said,  
doubtingly.  
"I was never more serious in my  
life," I answered.  
Charlie showed evident signs of agita-  
tion.  
"You have no right to sacrifice that  
young girl," he said bitterly. "You  
are old enough to be her grandfather.  
Of course she accepted you from grate-  
itude. How dare you think of such a  
thing?"  
"No wonder that you rave," I re-  
plied, with a mocking smile; "you are  
disappointed of your inheritance."  
At that moment the wind gave a  
fearful shriek outside, and I thought  
of Anastasia.  
"Are you not afraid to marry again?"  
Charlie inquired, maliciously. "You  
remember the warning?"  
"Nonsense!" I answered; "it will  
take something more than a ghost to  
frighten me out of this marriage."  
I had scarcely finished speaking,  
when there came a gust of wind and  
a crash of glass, and the storm actu-  
ally swept into the room. We glanced  
around in dismay. The bough of  
a large tree that stood in front of  
the house had fallen against the  
window.  
Charlie gave me a peculiar look as  
I leaped over the fire, and then barred  
the window in such a manner as  
to keep out the rain. A strange gloom  
enveloped us both, and we did not re-  
turn again to the subject we had been  
discussing. Our conversation was fit-  
ful and it seemed a relief when we  
separated at bedtime.  
There is no use in denying that I  
was troubled a little with superstitious  
fears. What if Anastasia should rise  
from her grave as she had promised?  
I passed around anxiously into every  
corner of the room before retiring, but  
found no sign of any mysterious in-  
cident. I had such a fear of the dark-  
ness, however, that I left the candle  
burning.  
The fury of the storm had now  
abated, and I lay awake sometime list-  
ening to the wind. At last, however,  
I fell into an uneasy slumber. How  
long I had slept I know not, when I  
was awakened by an icy touch upon  
my forehead.  
I started up with a thrill of appre-  
hension. The light emitted a faint,  
sepulchral gleam. Oh, horror! what  
was that I saw? A figure, robed in  
white, came gliding toward me from  
the foot of the bed. The face was  
hidden from my view, but I knew  
from the form that it was the ghost of  
Anastasia.  
"William Raymond!" came in a  
hoarse voice from the figure; "I am  
here to avenge your infidelity, and to  
drag you down to the grave in my  
embrace."  
I shrieked with terror as I felt her  
clutch upon my throat, and cried  
faintly, "Mercy! mercy!"  
"You would marry Katie Nelson,  
would you?" whispered the ghost,  
mockingly. "If you do not wish to  
die," and here the icy fingers pressed  
so tight that I gasped for breath.  
"promise me that you will not take  
a second wife."  
"Oh, I promise, I promise!" said I  
half dead with terror.  
"We be unto you if you deceive  
me!" answered the ghost solemnly.  
And I heard no more.  
It was sometime, however, before I  
recovered to cast a timid glance around  
the room. The ghost had disappeared.  
The storm, too, was beginning  
to subside; but I could not go to sleep  
again, for I found it impossible to forget  
that phantom and its deadly  
clutch upon my throat. I resolved to  
say nothing about it. Of course, people  
would ridicule the idea of a ghost.  
Nevertheless, I did not dare to wed  
Katie Nelson; yet how could I explain  
this sudden change of purpose? I  
feverently hoped that she would not  
die of a broken heart, the poor child!  
What should I say to her?  
After considerable reflection I re-  
solved to trust this delicate affair to  
the tact of Charlie. The proposed  
marriage was so odious in his eyes,  
that I knew he would justify my ap-  
parent treachery to her if possible.  
Morning came, and I arose in a  
feverish state of mind. How I dreaded  
to meet Kate at the breakfast-table!  
But, fortunately, she did not make  
her appearance. Charlie looked so  
troubled that I almost fancied he, too,  
had seen the ghost.  
After breakfast, I said to him, with  
an embarrassment that I strove to  
hide, "My dear boy, do you remem-  
ber what we were talking about last  
evening? I have been thinking over  
the matter seriously, and am afraid  
that a marriage between Katie and  
myself will result in unhappiness; but  
I have not the courage to brave her  
reproaches. Now, Charlie, will you  
act as mediator, and make known to  
her the change of my views?"  
"Why nule," he answered, (and I  
was almost sure I saw a gleam of mis-  
chief in his eyes) "something extra-  
ordinary may have happened. You  
are not usually so fickle!"  
"We won't discuss the matter," said  
I, in an irritated tone. "Will you, or  
will you not grant my request?"  
"Of course, I will," he replied; "but  
it is a difficult task. The poor child  
will be so disappointed!"  
I detected a joyous ring in his voice,  
and looked at him rather suspiciously.

His diplomatic mission was success-  
ful, however. Late in the afternoon  
Katie came down into the library  
where I was sitting. I had never seen  
her look prettier.  
"Oh, Mr. Raymond!" she said, en-  
gerly, "I am so glad that you changed  
your mind!" It was all so unexpect-  
ed yesterday. I never dreamed be-  
fore that you loved me in any other  
way than as a daughter."  
Was this acting? Was she trying  
to deceive me in her sweet unselfish-  
ness?  
"Then you never loved me?" I asked.  
"Dear Mr. Raymond, you know bet-  
ter," she answered; "only it was not  
the kind of love one ought to feel to-  
wards a husband. You are as dear to  
me as if you were my own father; but  
you are so much older than I, that—"  
She hesitated, and did not finish  
her sentence. I remembered my gray  
hairs with a pang of mortified vanity.  
Was not the ghostly visit enough?  
Must I be tortured in this manner af-  
terwards?  
The veil was torn away from the de-  
lusion I had cherished. Alas! I had  
misinterpreted her childish affection.  
It might be that she loved another. I  
looked down into the face where a  
vivid scarlet glowed, and read her secret.  
"My dear child," I exclaimed, at-  
tempting to control my agitation, "tell  
me everything."  
"Oh, Mr. Raymond," she answered  
in confusion, "Charlie has asked me to  
be his wife."  
The reason! No wonder that he re-  
mained with her such a long time that  
morning; no wonder that he boasted  
of the satisfactory manner in which  
everything had been explained.  
"The impatient fellow?" I muttered,  
impatiently. "What did you answer  
child? Do you love him?"  
Low and soft the answer came:  
"Yes."  
The heart of a woman is a mystery  
that I cannot fathom. I was certain-  
ly not overwrought by my nephew. He  
might have been afraid, however, that  
my conscience would reproach me if  
Katie showed her disappointment. I had  
little doubt that she loved me far bet-  
ter than she would confess.  
Al, well! they were married in due  
time, and we are all living together.  
The dear children do everything they  
can to add to my happiness.  
Kate is still a beautiful woman, and  
Charlie is the staff of my old age.  
I never saw the ghost again. In  
fact, I have good reason to think that  
the mysterious visitant was a certain  
graceless nephew of mine who had  
fallen in love with Katie. Of course  
I forgave the deception long ago, as it  
saved me from a terrible mistake.  
I am much happier probably than  
if I married the young girl whose  
heart belonged to another. I am not  
certain, however, that she did not ac-  
cept Charlie from pique at my rejection.  
Any way, he has made her a  
good husband.

Prospects of the Next House of  
Representatives.  
Both parties feel and admit that  
the House of Representatives to be  
elected this fall will be of importance  
in relation to the election of President  
in 1880. Consequently a supreme ef-  
fort will be made by each to secure  
the majority in that body. As between  
the Democrats and the Republicans,  
the former have the advantage of pos-  
session, and of the popular issues in  
the States and sections where gains  
may be reasonably expected. The  
latter have better discipline, and  
though the process of levying "volun-  
tary contributions" on a hundred  
thousand contributors, they will be  
able to raise a large fund, which their  
opponents cannot do.  
By reappointment the Democrats  
will gain three or four members in  
Missouri and four or five in Ohio.  
They have already scored one in Ore-  
gon, as the opening of the campaign,  
South Carolina will give them at least  
two additional members and Florida  
one. The chances of Democratic suc-  
cessions from Indiana, Wisconsin, and  
Illinois are fair. On the other hand  
the districts now represented by Cas-  
ey Young in Tennessee, by Turner in  
Kentucky, and by Chalmers in Missis-  
sippi, if ex-Senator Alcorn should  
be a candidate against him, are more  
or less likely to be won by the Republi-  
cans. In the Northern and New  
England States the probable changes  
on both sides will offset each other.  
Thus the prospect for the Republi-  
cans to increase their present strength  
in the House cannot be called encourag-  
ing. They will enter the canvass  
weighed down with the burden of sus-  
taining a President Administration  
and of enjoying the fruits of a stolen  
success. They will have to carry the  
responsibility of being in power at a  
period of great suffering without hav-  
ing the will or the ability to afford any  
relief whatever. All the exposures of  
John Sherman Stanley Matthews, and  
his associates, aggravate the public  
sentiment against the Fraud, and all  
impair confidence in the party which  
has at the very least condoned it by  
failing to decisively repudiate Hayes  
and his Administration.  
The very strong probability that  
the Senate will be Democratic after  
the 4th of March next is another cause  
calculated to dishearten the Republi-  
can masses, though that fact of itself  
may nerve the leaders to a desperate  
effort. But they are without any issue  
or cry to excite popular feeling. The  
current has for several years continu-  
ously set against them, as it usually  
does against any party which by long  
possession of power has grown reck-  
less, domineering, and vain.  
This rapid review of the respective  
positions of the republicans and the  
Democrats shows pretty clearly that  
the present majority in the House will  
probably be reduced in round numbers,  
and may be increased, unless some  
new element should rise up in the  
few months that will intervene  
between this time and the day of elec-  
tion. Of course the Nationals will be  
cheered by their sweeping success in  
San Francisco, and will not fail to  
profit by the encouragement which it  
gives. Under this impetus, they may  
perhaps return a few members to the  
House, and with good candidates they  
might elect half of the California de-  
legation easily, as things now stand in  
that State.  
But except in certain localities east  
of the Pacific coast, the new organiza-  
tion is not likely to make much head-  
way for Congress, though it will prob-  
ably get a footing in several of the  
State Legislatures, and may hold the  
balance of power in New York, Penn-  
sylvania, Indiana, and other States  
which are to elect Senators to come in  
after the 4th of March, 1878. All  
things considered, the chances are in  
favor of the Democrats, continuing  
their ascendancy in the House; though  
they have done little to deserve that  
favor at the hands of the people. —Ed.

FINDING STOLEN TREASURE.  
Ploughing up Gold Bars in the  
Town of Lexington.  
[Correspondence Charlotte Observer.]  
Our town is now excited over the  
finding of a bar of solid gold by Mice  
Dusenbery, a colored boy, who ploughed  
it up to-day near the depot. The  
bar of gold is four inches long and is  
over three-quarters of an inch thick or  
square, weighs thirteen ounces and is  
computed to be worth \$200. It is a  
beautiful bright yellow bar, and was  
evidently melted and moulded into its  
present shape. Various are the opin-  
ions of our citizens as to how this gold  
ever became scattered around our  
town in so promiscuous a manner, as  
there has been found at different times  
and places, pieces of bar-gold. Only  
a few years since Mr. Dobson found a  
piece of bar gold worth \$40. This was  
found on the opposite side of town  
from the depot.  
I have interviewed some of our old-  
est citizens in regard to the matter,  
and I find that nearly all agree  
that this gold was stolen from the boot  
of a stage coach some forty-five years  
ago. The story runs as follows, and is  
fully vouched for by living witness-  
es.  
That Roswell King and Geo. King,  
who were at that time largely engag-  
ed in mining in this county, dug out  
in a leather trunk in the town of Lex-  
ington, some forty-five years ago, gold  
in bars to the amount of \$8,700. This  
trunk was given in charge of one Mc-  
Rorie, to be carried North, either for  
coinage at Philadelphia, or for sale.  
After it was packed securely it was  
sent to the stage office by a negro man,  
who it was said from the sequel, was cog-  
nizant of the contents of the trunk.  
The trunk was placed in the boot of  
the stage, and immediately thereafter  
it started on its trip to Salem. A short  
mile from Lexington there is what is  
known as the Salem hill. It was while  
the stage was dragging along slowly  
up this hill that the trunk was stolen  
from off behind. The theft was not  
discovered until morning, the stage  
having left Lexington at night. Mc-  
Rorie and other parties returned, and  
most diligent search, but only suc-  
ceeded in finding the empty trunk con-  
tained in the woods near by, filled of  
concrete and the contents gone.  
The negro who carried the trunk to  
the stage office was arrested, but nothing  
could ever be gotten out of him.  
Neither could they ever get sufficient  
testimony to convict him, nor could  
they find any of the lost gold, until  
since the war pieces are being picked  
up at different points around town.  
The negro or negroes (as he evidently  
had accomplices) were all sold, as was  
very common in those days, to slave  
speculators, and carried South. This  
gold was all found at what is known  
as the Conrad Hill mine, in this county.  
Lexington, N. C., June 24.

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Each subsequent insertion, .50.  
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regular business, and the business of an ad-  
vertising firm is not considered as including  
that of the individual members.  
Advertisements of an abusive nature  
will not be inserted at any price.  
No deviation from these terms under  
any circumstances.  
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and the last estimate of the  
Auditor based upon actual returns,  
the difference is less than \$5,000.  
We are more than ever satisfied  
that the Moffett Register is a great  
benefaction to mankind, and we hope  
to see it adopted soon in North Caro-  
lina.—Wm. Star.  
PLEASANT PARAGRAPHS.  
—A little boy whose father was a  
rather immoderate drinker of the mo-  
derate kind, one day sprained his  
wrist, and his mother utilized the whis-  
ky in her husband's bottle by bathing  
the little fellow's wrist with it. After  
awhile the pain began to abate, and  
the child surprised his mother by ex-  
claiming: "Ma, has pa got a sprained  
throat?"  
—As soon as the sources of the un-  
explored rivers are all settled, it would  
be a good plan for an expedition to  
set out in search of the source of the  
income of the man whose expenses  
are two or three times greater than  
his salary, from year to year. The  
tributary streams should all be hunted  
out and mapped.  
—"The Japanese have no cus-  
toms in their language." After sev-  
enteen futile attempts to get the joints  
of a stove pipe to fit, the indignant  
Jap goes out and bumps his head  
against a post, kicks a hairless dog  
twenty-seven times around the yard,  
and then—feels better.  
—"I'm much obliged said a man  
to a dentist who had just operated on  
a molar. "My price is one dollar for  
drawing a tooth!" said the dentist, as  
the man was about to leave. "One  
dollar!" said the customer. "Why,  
don't your sign read, 'Teeth extracted  
without pain!'"  
—A clergyman in discussing the  
"spirit of our times," lately remarked  
that it seemed to be in accordance  
with the old prayer, "of the ancient  
Norman, which was: 'Kind heaven, I  
ask not for wealth, but only to be  
placed within arm's length of some  
man who has it.'"  
—"These timber thieves must be  
checked in their outrages," exclaimed  
a member of Congress. "Yes," mur-  
mured a member of the lobby, "or who  
knows how soon they may pounce  
down here and carry off a lot of wood-  
en-headed Congressmen?"  
—"It was a very informal affair,"  
wrote an editor in a notice of a select  
party which he had been specially in-  
vited to attend. The composer made  
it a "very informal affair," and no more  
special invitations were received at  
that office.  
—"Anything new or fresh this  
morning?" asked a reporter, note-  
book in hand, of the loue occupant of  
a railroad station. "Yes, that point  
you're leaning against was new and  
fresh this morning," answered the loue  
occupant.  
—Now that the telephone makes it  
possible for sound to be canned, the  
same as fruit, milk, beef, lobsters, etc.,  
missionary sermons can be bottled,  
and sent to the South Sea Islands,  
ready for the table, instead of the  
missionary himself.  
—Edison's phonograph can whis-  
tle, sing, and jaw, but it can't throw a  
stone at a yawling cat on the back  
fence, or kick a chromo agent off the  
front step. There is still lots of room  
for improvement.  
—"Jennie, what makes you sent a  
bad girl?" "Well, mamma, God sent  
you the best children He could find,  
and if they don't suit you I can't help  
it."  
—"Which party is the strongest,  
the greenback or the pullback?" "Oh,  
the pullback has the most followers  
—and the largest number of papers to  
support it."  
—"How nicely that corn pops,"  
said a young man who was sitting  
with his sweetheart before the fire.  
"Yes," she responded demurely, "it's  
got over being green!"  
—Half a dozen young men being  
accused of "loafing" one of them said:  
"That charge is false. There are only  
six of us, and everybody knows it  
takes seven to make a loaf."  
—Brilliant and impulsive people,"  
said a lecturer on physiognomy, "have  
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What the Moffett Register has  
Done.  
We have already informed our read-  
ers that the great defect in the Vir-  
ginia bell-punch system was the want  
of a vigorous law that would enforce  
its faithful execution. Men drink and  
pay the tax, but the bell does not  
sound. Whenever the law is executed  
faithfully the grand results will surely  
follow.  
The Auditor of the Public Accounts  
has rendered a statement of the re-  
turns made by all cities, towns and  
counties using the Register, from the  
time they were put in operation until  
April 30th last. Whilst these returns  
show that the law is shamefully abused  
by acts of omission as well as com-  
mission, they also afford a basis of cal-  
culation and encouragement.  
In seven months the cities (some of  
them like North Carolina villages,  
"mighty small" cities at that,) paid  
\$85,674.67. The counties reported  
show a total for five months of \$74,  
804.90. At this rate it is estimated  
that the Register will yield in a year  
\$325,401.56.  
But this is not all of the liquor tax.  
There is a specific tax paid by whole-  
sale dealers, and a specific tax by re-  
tailers, restaurateurs and distillers. It  
is estimated that all these sources will  
swell the grand results to \$507,474.56.  
Auditor Taylor gave the following  
estimate of the production of the  
Moffett Register to the General As-  
sembly at the last session:  
Register tax.....\$311,111.27  
Now, if we add to this sum  
the amount of the specific  
tax paid by the wholesale  
dealer, probably.....75,000  
And the specific tax paid by  
the retail dealer, say.....100,000  
By restifiers, say.....70,000  
By distillers.....5,373.00  
We have a grand total of \$512,181.27  
as against \$262,135.25, heretofore re-  
ported as the amount assessed on li-  
quor in every form for the years 1876  
-7.  
The showing then is that under the  
present very imperfect system the  
State of Virginia will realize a full  
half a million dollars from the liquor  
traffic. It ought to be a million and  
a half, and would be if the law was  
rigidly enforced.  
It will be observed how accurate  
was the estimate furnished the Gen-  
eral Assembly. Discern that esti-

mate and the last estimate of the  
Auditor based upon actual returns,  
the difference is less than \$5,000.  
We are more than ever satisfied  
that the Moffett Register is a great  
benefaction to mankind, and we hope  
to see it adopted soon in North Caro-  
lina.—Wm. Star.  
PLEASANT PARAGRAPHS.  
—A little boy whose father was a  
rather immoderate drinker of the mo-  
derate kind, one day sprained his  
wrist, and his mother utilized the whis-  
ky in her husband's bottle by bathing  
the little fellow's wrist with it. After  
awhile the pain began to abate, and  
the child surprised his mother by ex-  
claiming: "Ma, has pa got a sprained  
throat?"  
—As soon as the sources of the un-  
explored rivers are all settled, it would  
be a good plan for an expedition to  
set out in search of the source of the  
income of the man whose expenses  
are two or three times greater than  
his salary, from year to year. The  
tributary streams should all be hunted  
out and mapped.  
—"The Japanese have no cus-  
toms in their language." After sev-  
enteen futile attempts to get the joints  
of a stove pipe to fit, the indignant  
Jap goes out and bumps his head  
against a post, kicks a hairless dog  
twenty-seven times around the yard,  
and then—feels better.  
—"I'm much obliged said a man  
to a dentist who had just operated on  
a molar. "My price is one dollar for  
drawing a tooth!" said the dentist, as  
the man was about to leave. "One  
dollar!" said the customer. "Why,  
don't your sign read, 'Teeth extracted  
without pain!'"  
—A clergyman in discussing the  
"spirit of our times," lately remarked  
that it seemed to be in accordance  
with the old prayer, "of the ancient  
Norman, which was: 'Kind heaven, I  
ask not for wealth, but only to be  
placed within arm's length of some  
man who has it.'"  
—"These timber thieves must be  
checked in their outrages," exclaimed  
a member of Congress. "Yes," mur-  
mured a member of the lobby, "or who  
knows how soon they may pounce  
down here and carry off a lot of wood-  
en-headed Congressmen?"  
—"It was a very informal affair,"  
wrote an editor in a notice of a select  
party which he had been specially in-  
vited to attend. The composer made  
it a "very informal affair," and no more  
special invitations were received at  
that office.  
—"Anything new or fresh this  
morning?" asked a reporter, note-  
book in hand, of the loue occupant of  
a railroad station. "Yes, that point  
you're leaning against was new and  
fresh this morning," answered the loue  
occupant.  
—Now that the telephone makes it  
possible for sound to be canned, the  
same as fruit, milk, beef, lobsters, etc.,  
missionary sermons can be bottled,  
and sent to the South Sea Islands,  
ready for the table, instead of the  
missionary himself.  
—Edison's phonograph can whis-  
tle, sing, and jaw, but it can't throw a  
stone at a yawling cat on the back  
fence, or kick a chromo agent off the  
front step. There is still lots of room  
for improvement.  
—"Jennie, what makes you sent a  
bad girl?" "Well, mamma, God sent  
you the best children He could find,  
and if they don't suit you I can't help  
it."  
—"Which party is the strongest,  
the greenback or the pullback?" "Oh,  
the pullback has the most followers  
—and the largest number of papers to  
support it."  
—"How nicely that corn pops,"  
said a young man who was sitting  
with his sweetheart before the fire.  
"Yes," she responded demurely, "it's  
got over being green!"  
—Half a dozen young men being  
accused of "loafing" one of them said:  
"That charge is false. There are only  
six of us, and everybody knows it  
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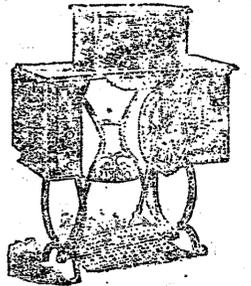
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