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LAST year 22,080 patents were issued, nearly twice as many as were granted during the first fifty years of the patent office.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER dropped $50,000 in bonds in the Tabernacle Baptist church contribution box in New York the other day.

MORE than a fourth of the gold and more than a third of the silver produced throughout the world in the year 1891 were mined in the United States.

THE gastronomic law that oysters should not be eaten in the months without an "r" in them was laid down by a person named Butler nearly three hundred years ago.

THE Salvation Army believes in the use of printer's ink. It publishes thirty-one weekly newspapers and five monthly magazines, with a total annual circulation of 45,000,000 copies.

PROF. RILEY, United States ethnologist, says that grasshoppers fried in butter taste very much like shrimps. So far as the "spring" in them is concerned they ought to taste like young and tender chickens.

AN eastern firm advertises for a number of ladies with unusually long hair, promising them permanent positions at a good salary. This indicates that another infallible hair restorative is about to be put on the market.

A CANADIAN electrician states that electricity causes the tides, and demonstrates it by electrifying a rubber comb by rubbing it through the hair and then drawing it over a glass filled with water, the result being that the tidal wave follows the comb.

AN old maid's insurance company has been opened in Denmark. Spinsters can insure themselves by a small sum on reaching the age of thirteen, and, if still unmarried at forty, are entitled to a regular allowance. If they marry, however, they forfeit all claims.

AMERICAN corn is making its way rapidly into the affections of the European heart and stomach as an article of army food. They do not take it clear yet, but mix it with barley meal. They say that the barley improves the corn, and that the corn improves the barley. America will win its way against all the world.

THE oldest American naval officers of rank are: Commodore Henry Bruce, born in 1798, entered the service in 1813; Rear Admiral Sellridge, born in 1804, entered the service in 1818; Commodore Samuel Lockwood, born in 1803, entered the service in 1820; Rear Admiral Samuel P. Lee, born in 1812, entered the service in 1825.

TRADITION says that three hundred and fifty years ago De Soto stood on the banks of the Mississippi river near where Memphis is now built and looked across the yellow waters. Now the railroad trains cross the river at the same place on a new steel bridge which cost $3,000,000. Tradition cannot hold a candle to facts in this country.

THERE is a remarkable tendency toward originality in suicide just now. One man harnessed a team to his neck and had his head pulled off. But he was outdone by the man who accomplished his taking off by choking himself with smoked beef. The amount of inventive genius and determination necessary for the adoption of methods so desperate would surely achieve success in any field more worthy of such enterprise.

THE old state house at Kingston, N. Y., in which the state constitution was framed and adopted, is now open for visitors, with Marius Schoonmaker employed by the state as keeper. Among the curiosities already displayed within its walls are a flax wheel used by Tennis Swart's wife in 1787 and a dresser two hundred years old, once the property of Peter Marius Green, on the shelves of which are several pewter dishes used by old time Dutch people.

MRS. BETTIE TAYLOR DANDRIDGE, of Winchester, Va., is the daughter of President Zachary Taylor, and during his presidency was the lady of the white house. She was then the wife of Col. Bliss, United States navy, after whose death she married Philip Dandridge, whom she survives. Mrs. Dandridge and Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson, widow of Henry Johnson, of Baltimore, are the only survivors of the long line of distinguished women who presided over the white house previous to Gen. Grant's term.

HOWLING BEAR, an Indian prophet of evil, predicts that within two years the people of the whole country will be suffering for food and there will be a general famine over the country, when all the people will be without corn or wheat and the animals will die for want of grass. He says that he has been told by the Great Spirit to prepare for the time when his people will be hungry, and he is now advising them to lay up stores of corn in order to be ready when the famine comes. He should have been named Howling-Idiot.

DOUBTLESS it will surprise many to learn that the nursery or floral interests in the United States now reach a value of nearly $42,000,000 and claim an empire of over 170,000 acres. In the last ten years the popular love for flowers has grown to a remarkable extent. Its significance is more apparent when we remember that prior to 1800 there were but two nurseries in the United States. One of these was in New York, the other in Connecticut. While there is nothing in the United States like the flower market in Covent Garden, the general price for flowers is one-third less in New York than in London.

ACCORDING to the latest census bulletin, New York has 44,067 and New Jersey 3,295 superfluous females—total for the two states, 47,362. On the other hand, Pennsylvania has a male majority of 74,648. Putting the three states together there are 27,286 persons who must perforce violate the doctrine that "it is not good for man to be alone," unless drafts are made upon New England. The entire population of the three states is 12,700,770, of which 2,745,745 or nearly 22 per cent. are foreign born. New York's foreign population is 26 per cent. of the whole, Pennsylvania's 16 and New Jersey's 23.

A TORONTO newspaper says that the French Canadians are emigrating to the United States in greater numbers than ever before. It is a stampede, judging by the description given. It is called "a flight of the population," and is creating a feeling of serious apprehension. At one little railway station in the province of Quebec 250 tickets were sold in a day to emigrants for the United States. In the parishes well along down the St. Lawrence, below the city of Quebec, the exodus is very great. At a railway junction called Levis the average is 1,500 persons a week taking trains for "the states."

SHEEP are not regarded as useful as beasts of burden, but in a large part of northwest India thousands of sheep carry for many miles the commodities that are purchased by the sale of their own wool. The mountain paths among the foothills of the Himalayas are so precipitous that the sheep, more sure-footed than larger beasts, are preferred as burden carriers. The load for each sheep is from sixteen to twenty pounds. The sheep are driven from village to village, with the wool still growing, and in each town the farmer shears the wool he sells there, and loads the sheep with the grain he receives in exchange.

# The News of the Week.

BY TELEGRAPH AND MAIL.

## FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

TUESDAY, May 17.—In the senate a bill was introduced to authorize the registration of certain steamships as vessels of the United States. A bill was reported for a public building at Battle Creek, Mich. The naval appropriation bill was considered, the pending question being the provision for an increase of the navy. In the house a bill was reported for the survey of a ship canal to connect lake Erie and the Ohio river. A bill was introduced placing lumber on the free list.

WEDNESDAY, May 18.—The naval appropriation bill was passed in the senate. In the house Mr Bartine's free coinage amendment to the sundry civil bill was declared by Speaker Crisp to be out of order, and the house sustained the decision of the chair.

THURSDAY, May 19.—In the senate bills were passed to provide for such army officers as may be required for the world's fair, and exempting American coastwise vessels piloted by their licensed masters or by a United States pilot from the obligation to pay state pilots for services not rendered. A resolution was adopted abolishing the office of principal executive clerk of the senate. In the house the time was occupied in discussing the sundry civil bill. Mr. Bland's amendment for the coinage of all silver bullion purchased and now in the treasury into standard silver dollars was ruled out of order.

FRIDAY, May 20.—The river and harbor bill was passed in the senate. Bills were also passed appropriating $100,000 for a public building at Joliet, Ill.; to increase to $125,000 the appropriation for the public building at Lansing, Mich., and to place on the pension roll at the rate of $20 a month Gen. George W. Jones, of Iowa, one of the first two senators from the state. In the house bills were introduced to admit free of duty goods, wares and merchandise purchased in foreign countries with the farm products of this country, and authorizing the secretary of the treasury to issue fractional treasury notes in denominations of quarters and half dollars to the amount of $1,000,000.

SATURDAY, May 21.—The senate was not in session. In the house the time was occupied in considering the sundry civil bill, and an amendment by Mr. Forney (Ala.) providing that all pension money received by inmates of national soldiers' homes in excess of five dollars per month shall be deducted for maintaining the expenses of the homes was adopted, after much discussion, by a vote of 96 to 93.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

SENATOR MORGAN and Justice Harlan have agreed to serve as arbitrators on the part of the United States in the Behring sea controversy.

THE collections of internal revenue during the first ten months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, were $125,548,061, an increase of $5,609,841 over the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

THE exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 20th aggregated $1,231,899,737, against $1,231,297,204, the previous week. The increase as compared with the corresponding week of 1891 was 8.4.

THE business failures in the United States during the seven days ended on the 20th numbered 192, against 175 the preceding week and 254 for the corresponding week last year.

## THE EAST.

THE Delaware democrats in convention at Dover adopted resolutions denouncing the McKinley bill, opposing the free coinage of silver and strongly indorsing Cleveland.

AT Auburn prison Joseph L. Tice, the Rochester (N. Y.) wife murderer, was executed by electricity.

IN New York an association of American authors was formed whose object in general is to promote the interests of literary workers.

AT Lyons, N. Y., Oliver Curtis Perry, the train robber, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to forty-nine years and three months on four indictments.

FLAMES at Oswego, N. Y., practically wiped out the milling and elevator interests in that city. The total loss was estimated at $1,000,000.

THE death of George W. Estes, the first man to play a snare drum by note and one of the oldest musicians in the country, occurred at Salem, Mass., aged 87 years.

THE Ætna Pyrotechnic Company's factory at Hartford, Conn., blew up, killing five persons.

## WEST AND SOUTH.

AT Corpus Christi, Tex., John T. Parker was sentenced to ninety-nine years' imprisonment for the murder of City Marshal Musett.

IN Illinois and Missouri the towns of Venice, Brooklyn, East Madison, East Carondolet, Centerville Station, Forest Lawn and Cahokia were from 5 to 20 feet under water, and at least 90 square miles of the most fertile farming land was inundated, and thousands of farmers had been driven from their homes. High water was also doing great damage in portions of Iowa and Kansas.

DEMOCRATS of the Fifteenth Illinois district renominated Samual T. Busey for congress, and in the Fifth North Carolina district the democrats renominated A. H. Williams.

CHARLES CAMP, aged 8 years, was awarded $30,000 damages from the West Chicago Street Railroad Company for the loss of both legs.

HIGH water carried away the eastern approach to the Union Pacific bridge over the Missouri at Omaha and all traffic was stopped.

THE American Republican College league was organized at Ann Arbor, Mich., thirty colleges being represented. James F. Burke, of the Michigan university, was elected president.

NEAR Concordia, Kan., a train carrying Ringling Bros.' circus was wrecked and four showmen and twenty horses were killed.

TWO HUNDRED men broke into the jail at Clarkesville, Ga., and took three negroes charged with the murder of Policeman Carter at Toscoa and hanged them. The negroes protested innocence.

DEMOCRATS of California in convention at Fresno chose delegates to Chicago instructed for Cleveland. The platform demands reform in the tariff laws and the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold on a parity with each other.

AT Denison, Tex., an unknown assassin murdered Mrs. W. T. Haynes and Miss Teen Hawley, leaders in society, and two disreputable women, Maude Kramer and Rose Stewart.

CHARLES EULETT, Harry D. Roach and a man named Hamlin were killed by the caving in of a mine near Webb City, Mo.

FLAMES swept away the quarters of the cavalry companies and the post canteen at Fort McKinney, Wyo., causing a loss of $200,000.

THE greater part of the business portion of the villiage of Dexter, Ia., was destroyed by fire.

A FLOOD at Sioux City Ia., destroyed hundreds of houses and other property, and it was thought that over fifty persons were drowned. Fire in the flooded district added to the horrors. The total loss in the city was estimated to be $2,000,000. Eastern Nebraska, eastern Kansas and the sections of Illinois along the Mississippi were being damaged by storm and flood and many lives were being sacrificed.

THE democrats in convention at Columbia, S. C., adopted resolutions of deep hostility to Cleveland, condemning him as the representative of Wall street and not of democracy. The convention was controlled by the farmers' alliance.

A BOAT capsized at Morrillton, Ark., and Hamp Wilson (colored), four women and five children were drowned.

LIBERAL republicans in convention at Salt Lake City, U. T., selected delegates to Minneapolis who were favorable to Harrison.

IN the Fifteenth Illinois district the republicans nominated Allen Varner for congress.

FIRE destroyed the Metropolitan stables at Hot Springs, Ark., and forty saddle horses were suffocated.

IN convention at Danville the Illinois people's party nominated the following ticket: Governor, A. M. Barnett, of Hallsville; lieutenant governor, Charles G. Dixon, Chicago; secretary of state, F. G. Blood, Mount Vernon; treasurer, J. W. McElroy, Rosemond; attorney general, Jesse Cox, Chicago; auditor, S. C. Hill, Martinsville. Congressmen at large—Lester C. Hubbard, Chicago, and Jesse Harper, Danville. The delegates to the Omaha convention were instructed to present the name of Col. S. F. Norton, of Illinois, for the presidency.

A MOB took Charley Everett (colored) from jail at Manchester, Tenn., and hanged him for an attempted assault upon a white woman.

IN Indiana congressional nominations were made as follows: Sixth district, W. A. Spurgeon (pro.); N. T. Bates (farmers' alliance); Eighth, E. V. Brookshire (dem.), renominated; Ninth, J. Swan (people's party).

AT the democratic state convention in Raleigh, N. C., Gov. Hoyt was nominated to succeed himself.

ELLA and Irwin Osborn, sister and brother, were drowned while attempting to cross a swollen creek near Elbing, Kan.

JOHN A. ANDERSON, for twelve years the representative of the First Kansas district in congress, died at Liverpool, England, aged 58 years.

IN portions of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa a snowstorm approaching a blizzard raged.

AT Rolling Fork, Miss., William Knight was hanged for the murder of Michael Shea, a section boss on the Louisville & Texas railroad.

IN the flood near Pine Bluffs, Ark., sixteen negroes were drowned.

MARTHA YOUNG, Elisha Young, Iky Young, Holman Mabel and Alfred Cressby, all negroes, were hanged in the jail yard at Chester, S. C., for the murder of Alfred McAlley.

THREE young mechanics, Harry Crock, George Doughty and William Reilly, were drowned in the lake at Cleveland by the upsetting of their boat.

IN the districts immediately tributary to St. Louis the total loss by the flood was estimated as follows: St. Louis county, $3,000,000; St. Louis city, $1,000,000; St. Charles county, $2,000,000; the American bottom, from Alton, Ill., to Cairo, $5,000,000 (this including East St. Louis and vicinity); total, $11,000,000.

THE 117th anniversary of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence was celebrated at Charlotte, N. C.

IN a wreck on the Cotton Belt road near Goodman, Ark., thirteen persons were killed.

BICYCLE riders carried a message from Gen. Miles to Gen. Howard from Chicago to New York by a 975-mile route in 4 days, 15 hours and 5 minutes. This was 13 hours and 50 minutes more than schedule time.

AT the age of 109 years Mrs. Mildred Ann Clay died at her home in Leavenworth, Kan.

AT Covington, Ga., Serborn Smith was hanged for a criminal assault upon a 13-year-old girl.

IN Chicago Mrs. Sarah Rothschild celebrated her 104th birthday.

THE percentages of the baseball clubs in the National league for the week ended on the 21st were: Boston, .741; Brooklyn, .640; Chicago, .607; Cleveland, .577; Louisville, .538; Cincinnati, .536; Pittsburgh, .519; New York, .500; Philadelphia, .444; Washington, .440; St. Louis, .251; Baltimore, .230. The percentages of clubs in the Western league were: Columbus, .792; Milwaukee, .667; Kansas City, .526; Toledo, .471; Omaha, .438; St. Paul, 313; Minneapolis, .313; Indianapolis, .167.

AT Guttenburg, Ia., two children were playing in a barn when it caught fire. Their mother tried to save them, and all perished.

## FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

FRENCH forces in Tonquin captured a private stronghold after killing 125 of its defenders. Fifty-three French soldiers and five officers were killed.

IN Russia three villages were totally destroyed by an earthquake and twenty-seven persons were killed.

ON the isle of Mauritius, in the Indian ocean, a hurricane destroyed a portion of Port Louis, the capital city, and a large number of persons were caught in the falling houses and crushed to death.

LATER details of the hurricane in Mauritius, in the Indian ocean, make the loss of life 1,200 and the number of persons injured 7,000.

IN a dynamite factory at Galdoncano, Spain, an explosion caused the death of sixteen men and three women.

A VERDICT of guilty was found against Edward Parker Deacon for killing M. Abeille, his wife's lover, in the Hotel Splendide, at Cannes, France, and he was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

THE cotton warehouses at Minatel-Bassel, Egypt, were partially destroyed by fire, causing a loss of $500,000.

FIFTEEN members of a football team and two fishermen were drowned in the bay of Melbourne, Australia, by the capsizing of a boat.

AT Melbourne, Australia, Frederick B. Deeming was hanged, and with his execution ended the life of one of the greatest criminals the world has ever seen.

OFF the coast of Uruguay the Brazilian warship Solimoes was wrecked and 127 of the crew were drowned.

## LATER.

### Burned to Death.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 23.—A fire broke out this evening in the factory of the Spokane Mill company on the river front. The flames spread with wonderful rapidity. Late to-night two of the employes are missing, and it is feared they perished in the flames. They were Adolph Schultz and a man named Butcher. Andrew Johnson, William Greenwold and James Smith were injured. The flames quickly spread to the Echo roller mills, owned by Bravender & Keats, which were consumed. The fire then jumped the river and destroyed the oatmeal mill owned by Olney & Wadhams and the building of the Mashington Shingle company. The fire also burned four cottages, damaged the Howard street bridge and National Iron works and a steam laundry. The loss is about $230,000; insurance light.

THE Mississippi river at St. Paul is still steadily rising and it is more than probable that the danger mark of thirteen feet will be reached.

A SLIGHT shock of earthquake was felt at Indianapolis the morning of the 23d.

GOV. BOIES of Iowa has issued proclamation asking for contributions to relieve sufferers in the flooded districts.

A BREAK occurred at Tessir Place, St. James La., the 23d. It is now 200 feet wide and growing. In 1880 a break near there caused nearly $8,000,000 loss, and this one promises to be equally destructive. It is thirteen miles above the Bonnett Carr break, and the waters from the two are likely to meet and flood the country for forty-four miles. This will suspend the traffic on all local branches of roads entering here.

C. J. BECKET, a prominent member of the Salvation Army at West Duluth, committed suicide the 23d, by putting a hole through his head. He was only twenty-two years of age, and was not in his right mind since an accident in Minneapolis, where he hurt his head badly by falling.

W. W. FINLEY, it is officially announced, is general traffic manager of the Great Northern Railway. J. N. Faithorn will probably succeed Mr. Finley as chairman of the Western Passenger Association.

A STEAMSHIP line has been established by the Northern Pacific railway to ply between Tacoma, Wash., and Hong Kong, China.

## DEEMING DIES.

### His Career of Infamy Ended on the Gallows at Melbourne — Story of His Crimes.

MELBOURNE, May 23.—Deeming was hanged at 10:01 o'clock a. m. Deeming passed Sunday in writing, calmly discussing at intervals his approaching doom. He said he had no intention of making a speech on the scaffold. On Sunday night he thrice swallowed eagerly a small allowance of spirits, after which he slept soundly until he was awakened at 7 o'clock this (Monday) morning. Then for the first time since his arrest the manacles on his wrists were removed and, smoking a cigar, he conversed with those around him. He declared that he was resigned to his fate and had no fears in regard to the future. To the governor of the prison he said he had made his peace with God. He persisted in denying that he was guilty of the Rain Hill murders. He had never, he declared, lost his self-control in England as he had since his arrival in Australia. He expressed gratitude to the governor and all the prison officials for the consideration they had shown him and also to Mr. Lyle, his counsel, and to all concerned in his defense. He said he thought he would not falter or make any scene on the scaffold.

A few moments before the time set for the execution Deeming was allowed a glass of brandy, which he swallowed at a gulp, and he was told that he might have more if the prison doctor so ordered. The doomed man was then led to the gallows and in a few moments all was over. The drop was 7 feet.

The execution was witnessed by a large gathering, including government and civil officials, magistrates, police and clergymen. There was an immense crowd outside the prison from an early hour in the morning until long after the execution was over. Order was maintained by a strong force of police.

With the execution of Deeming there ended the life of one of the greatest criminals the world has ever seen. At the beginning of March last the police at Liverpool received a dispatch from the police at Melbourne stating that the murder of a woman had just come to light at Windsor, a suburb of Melbourne, and that from certain facts that had been revealed it was thought that the Windsor murderer had killed another woman at Rain Hill, a suburb of Liverpool. The police of the latter place at once started an investigation and soon a most horrible crime was unearthed. Beneath the hearthstone of a residence known as Dinham villa, at Rain Hill, there were found the bodies of a woman and four little children.

It was soon learned that the house had been occupied by a man who had given his name as Williams, but who, it was subsequently ascertained, was Frederick Bailey Deeming, whose family resided in Birkenhead, across the river from Liverpool. Williams, or, to call him by his right name, Deeming, had married at Rain Hill a young and beautiful girl, a Miss Emily Mather, and had sailed for Australia with her, and it was her body that had been found at Windsor. She, too, had been buried under the hearthstone of the house and her grave was covered with a coating of cement.

The police inquiries into Deeming's career soon revealed that he was a monster of iniquity, guilty of nearly all, if not all, the crimes in the calendar. Numerous swindling transactions were traced to him, principally in mining lands. Detectives followed him to England, where it was found he was living in Birkenhead. Deeming, however, had evaded his pursuers, having left Birkenhead that morning. The pursuit was continued, but Deeming always managed to evade his pursuers, in one instance escaping by just seven minutes. Deeming later appeared in Liverpool under his alias of Williams. He paid addresses to a number of Liverpool ladies, among them one who, from his conversation about the "Jack the Ripper" crimes, became terribly afraid of him. One night he had an engagement to take tea at her home, but he did not appear and she never saw him again. It was just about this time that he appeared at Rain Hill, where his wife and family subsequently joined him.

Shortly afterward Mrs. Deeming and the children disappeared, but as Deeming had represented the woman as his sister nothing was thought of their disappearance. It was not long after this that he married Miss Mather and sailed for Australia. During their voyage he developed traits of thoughtfulness and consideration hardly in keeping with the character of the man as seen in the light of subsequent developments. He doctored the sick and saved titbits from his table for the sick steerage passengers. Miss Mather relates that in addition to his medical qualifications her husband was a skillful modeler and that he filled in a lot of his time working at his models in their cabin.

The subsequent facts in connection with the murder of the second Mrs. Deeming are of too recent date to need detailed mention. After Deeming killed her he became engaged to a Miss Kate Rounseville, who was on her way to the Southern Cross gold fields in west Australia to meet and marry him when she learned of his arrest for the murder of his former wife.

When he was taken to Melbourne he assumed a jovial and careless air, but at his trial he showed in his manner the terrible mental strain he was undergoing. After he had been condemned to death he made a speech in court in which he confessed that he had killed his wife, Miss Mather. He appealed to the Victorian executive and to the British privy council for a respite, but both refused to interfere, and accordingly he has paid the full penalty of the law. Had he escaped justice in Australia he would have been taken to England, where he would undoubtedly have been hanged for the Rain Hill murders.

## FARMERS ALARMED.

### A Bad Outlook for the Potato Crop Near St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—Great alarm is felt over the potato outlook. The big American bottom, comprising nearly all of Madison and St. Clair counties, Illinois, is one of the greatest potato fields in the Mississippi valley. It is now completely inundated and not a potato will it produce. Its farmers devote their time principally to raising potatoes and cabbage, and had there been no flood the potato crop would have commenced moving about July 1, fifteen days later than usual, on account of the late season. Now there are no potatoes to move. Every hill of them is now under from 6 inches to 10 feet of water and every potato will be rotted. The cabbage crop is also ruined.

### A Costly Blaze.

OSWEGO, N. Y., May 23.—The big fire here Friday night practically wiped out the milling and elevator interest. Only one elevator is left in the harbor, the Northwestern, owned by Gaylord, Downey & Co. The fire was the hottest and fiercest since the fire that swept the same site in 1853, and the property destroyed could not be replaced for $500,000.

### A Village Destroyed by Fire.

LONDON, May 23.—The village of Handley, in Wiltshire, has been destroyed by fire. Three hundred persons are in a destitute condition.

### They Raced Across the Ocean.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The steamers Alaska and Aurania arrived Sunday afternoon from Liverpool. They had a very exciting race across the ocean. Both ships were very near each other and plainly in sight each day. The Alaska, however, kept the lead all the way and came in about an hour in advance of the Aurania.

### Frost Does Considerable Damage.

HOLLAND, Mich., May 23.—A heavy frost fell here Saturday night, doing considerable injury to garden vegetables. Peach trees in full bloom suffered, especially in low places.

### Died at the Age of 109.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 23.—Mrs. Mildred Ann Clay, aged over 109 years, died in this city Friday. She was married twice and was the mother of fifteen children, all of whom are dead but two. She was born in Virginia and came to Kansas in 1862, where she had since resided. Her health and memory were quite good to the last.

### Shot and Killed Her Lover.

STOCKTON, Cal., May 23.—Ida Clements surrendered herself to the police Friday saying she had shot and killed her lover, Frank Hostler, because he had threatened to leave her.

### Sensational Street Tragedy.

WICHITA, Kan., May 23.—Judge Isaac G. Reed shot and fatally wounded Isaac Hopper on the main street of Wellington, Sumner county, Saturday evening. Both men were prominent attorneys of the town. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over Judge Reed's attentions to Mrs. Hopper, which it is said have been flagrantly familiar for two years past. Reed's wife lives in Boston. Hopper is rapidly sinking from the effects of his wound.

Two anarchists who were on trial at Liege for wrecking a train have been sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

## DROWNED LIKE RATS.

### A Brazilian Warship Strikes on a Rock and Sinks—One Hundred and Twenty-Three of Her Crew Perish.

RIO JANEIRO, May 23.—The iron-clad Solimoes, one of the six war ships sent by the Brazilian government against the rebels at Matto Grosso, was sunk Sunday morning in the harbor of Montevideo. One hundred and twenty-three of the officers and crew were drowned. Only four on the vessel escaped.

The vessel was dispatched from Rio Janeiro some days since to act as convoy to the flotilla which carried troops to aid in quelling the rebellion in the Brazilian state of Matto Grosso. The crew of the war ship numbered 127 men. Just as the Solimoes was off Polonio island, near Point Negra Castillos, she struck a rock violently, bows on. The sea was very rough at the time. All the crew were under hatches except four sailors and the pilot. Two of the sailors acted as lookouts; the other two were at the wheel.

Through the immense hole made in her hull the water rushed so fast and furious that the vessel sank almost immediately. Of all her crew only the four sailors who were on deck saved their lives. The pilot also escaped. The unfortunate men did not even get a chance to gain the deck. They were drowned like rats in a hole. As the water poured in the victims seemed instantly to realize their danger and made a frantic but unavailable effort to dash open the hatches. Their cries were heartrending. The scene of the disaster—Polonio island—is northeast of Cape Santa Maria, which is near the mouth of the Rio de la Plata. The Solimoes had a double bottom, but there were few watertight compartments below the water line, and when the hole was knocked in her hull she went down like a cracked iron pot.

MELBOURNE, May 23.—An open boat in which fifteen members of a football team were being taken across the bay of Port Philip by two fishermen has been found bottom up and all are supposed to have been drowned.

## FIREWORKS EXPLOSION.

### Several Lives Lost and a Building Wrecked in Hartford, Conn.

HARTFORD, Conn., May 23.—The factory of the Ætna Pyrotechnic Company on Mechanic street blew up Saturday afternoon with a tremendous noise. The concussion shook the city and the explosion was heard for miles. The large two-story building was in ruins and underneath the brick and timbers were eight human beings, the entire force of the factory, including Superintendent J. L. B. Sibley, of the firm of Talcott, Frisbee & Co., who was at the factory to pay off the help.

The first body found was that of a woman burned and roasted out of all semblance of humanity. Ten minutes later the body of a man was dug out of the corner of the ruins. During the next half-hour two more bodies were found, all burned beyond identification. The bodies were taken to the morgue, while the search for the body of the only missing man was continued. It was not found at dark, and to continue the search a large arc light was suspended over the ruins.

The body of the man at the morgue was identified as Sibley's by the gold filling in the teeth. The bodies of the women at the morgue were identified as those of Emma Treganza, Emma Tarbox and Maggie Daly.

## A FATAL CRASH.

### Trains Collide on the Cotton Belt Road in Arkansas—Seven Persons Reported Killed, Three of Whom Were Women.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., May 23.—Seven persons were killed and many others injured in a collision which occurred Friday night at 7 o'clock on the Cotton Belt road, in Arkansas, between Humphreys and Golden. The collision was caused by the crew of an irregular passenger train disobeying orders, and as a result the engine of the passenger collided with the engine of a freight. All the cars of the passenger train were thrown from the track and upset. The wires between here and the point at which the wreck occurred are working very badly and all information is received in fragments.

One of the dead has been identified as Mrs. Henson, wife of an employe of the road. The bodies of two other women have been taken from the wreck, but are as yet unidentified. The other four bodies are those of men, one a young man about 19 years old. On one of the bodies was found a check on the State national bank of Memphis, drawn in favor of James Morgan. The names of the other dead men are Mr. Oarsman, Mr. Jones and A. M. Swan, the latter being the colored porter of the sleeper.

### Ives Still Champion.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Frank Ives, the young Chicagoan, defeated George F. Slosson, of New York, Saturday night at Central music hall in the 800 points 14-inch balk line game of billiards by a score of 800 to 488 and for the second time demonstrated the correctness of his title, "champion of the world." Not only this—the youngster smashed the world's record so far as it pertains to the game under like conditions. Jake Schaefer formerly held the record—an average of 23½. Ives' record is 26⅔. The contest was for the world's championship and the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company's emblem, the net gate receipts and a stake of $1,000 or $500 a side. Ives' highest run was 124; Slosson's, 120.

### Collision Near Greenville, Ill.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—The Diamond special on the Vandalia line collided with an engine of the Jacksonville Southeastern road half a mile east of Greenville, Ill., at 7 a. m. Saturday. A special guard of the Adams Express Company was instantly killed and the express messenger was seriously injured. None of the passengers was injured beyond the effects of a severe shaking up. The crews of both engines jumped from their locomotives before the collision occurred and were severely hurt. The injured were at once taken to Greenville and placed under the care of physicians.

### Buried Under a Falling Roof.

PITTSBURGH, May 23.—The roof of the First Methodist Protestant church, on Fifth avenue near Smithfield street, fell in Saturday morning, injuring five workmen, two of them probably fatally. The property had recently been leased by Kaufman Bros., and was being raised for the purpose of erecting an addition to their store.

### Louis Britt Hangs Himself.

BOSTON, May 23.—Louis Britt, known all over America as a carver of meerschaum pipes, hanged himself in his shop Friday night. He had been despondent for some time.

### Dropped Dead.

CHICAGO, May 23.—While a dance was in progress at the residence of John H. Gordon, 1343 Wolfrom street, Sunday, Mrs. Gordon dropped dead in her partner's arms. The festivities were being given in honor of the unfortunate woman's 41st birthday.

### Given Six Years Each.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 23.—Albert L. Gould and Otis Allen Gould have each been sentenced to six years' imprisonment in the Elmira reformatory for aiding Cashier George P. Whitney in defrauding the Albany City national bank.

### Boys Shot While Drinking Beer.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—Patrick and James Dedy, aged respectively 14 and 18 years, were shot and killed Sunday evening by Charles Ebbinghaus in the yard of the latter's residence. The boys were drinking beer in the yard, and when told to stop commenced to throw stones at the windows of the house and jeer the inmates. The murderer escaped.

By the will of the late John S. Fogg, of Weymouth, Mass., Colorado college, at Colorado Springs, Col., will receive $25,000, providing his two sons die without issue.

## DESOLATION

### Marks the Path of the Floods—Sad Scenes in the Submerged Districts—Hundreds Homeless and Poverty-Stricken—A Fine Opportunity for the Charitably-Inclined.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—Gov. Fifer is seriously considering the issue of a proclamation calling upon the people of Illinois generally to contribute to the relief of sufferers by flood in that state. Thousands of such sufferers, including 850 at Belleville and 2,500 at Alton, are not only in need of assistance for the present, but will in numerous cases be dependent upon others for weeks to come, owing to loss of crops and homes, and in some instances the loss of their farming land, which was swept away by the flood. Gov. Fifer will immediately obtain a census of the sufferers in each county where they have taken refuge, in order to determine the exact number of persons who will be burdens upon the various communities for some time to come and to form a systematic plan of relief in which the people throughout Illinois will probably be asked to cooperate.

The Mississippi and Missouri valleys present a melancholy picture of ruin and devastation. For a distance of 15 miles above and below here the valley, to a width of from 4 to 15 miles, is one vast waste of muddy water. On every hand the roofs and upper stories of farmhouses stand as melancholy landmarks of what were once prosperous farmers' houses. Fences, barns and haystacks are gone, and the patient work of years has been destroyed in a single week.

To add to the serious condition of the beleaguered people, sickness has overtaken them to an alarming extent. They have been living in improvised huts, tents and poorly constructed buildings and, as a result of exposure to the inclement weather of the past week, many families are suffering from pneumonia and other sickness incidental to cold and wet weather.

ALTON, Ill., May 23.—For the last seven days the relief committee has labored unceasingly. Its members dropped their business and gave themselves up to the work of the rescue. They have had at their disposal, freely tendered by their owners and captains, the ferryboat Altonia, the steam pleasure yachts Ramble and Piasa, and for part of the time the St. Louis Post-Dispatch boat Percy Swain, together with forty-five skiffs tendered by Brance Dorsett, and several scows and flat boats.

The instant a boat load of sufferers steamed to the docks it was met by the relief committee, who opened their homes to the unfortunates and provided them with food. But soon the homes were all filled, and the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and parlors were thrown open as temporary quarters. Freight cars, barns, public halls, the city hall and all available shelters were turned into homes for the sufferers. Food and other clothing were freely given.

It is impossible to estimate even the immediate loss, but the most serious phase of the trouble is not so much the actual loss to the growing crop as the fact that the distressed farmers, without a cent ahead in the world and with no credit, will have to be supported by public benevolence until next year's crop is harvested, and many of them are ruined forever and will need generous help to place them on their feet again.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 23.—With a few days' warm sunshine Sioux City will begin to feel herself again. Almost nothing in the way of rebuilding homes can be attempted until the flooded district becomes passably dry. At present mud reigns. Until Sunday it has rained incessantly since the flood. Friday and Saturday were two days of blizzards, hail, sleet and wind, retarding even the superficial salvage work. A general round-up of the situation places the dead at about twenty-five.

A careful estimate places the number of those rendered temporarily homeless by the flood at 8,000. The majority of these have found shelter with friends. The relief committee has probaby 1,000 applications on file. The committee will accept outside aid, which has been generously offered from many quarters. Mayor Pierce and other leading citizens have favored the declination of outside aid, but at a public meeting on Friday night were induced to reverse their course.

It will take many weeks to restore order out of chaos in the flooded bottoms. The direct losses to property, while over $1,000,000 all told, are but a fraction of the total indirect losses by interrupted commerce. There is no kind of business but will feel the blow, and yet the people are hopeful, even buoyant.

Viewed from any point, the flooded districts are indescribably desolate. Houses are lying on their sides and the debris of things movable is strewn over a surface of several square miles. Fences, sidewalks and house supports form a general litter. Along the banks of the Floyd tons of earth have been torn away, showing the terrible force of the waters that swept the valley with fatal suddenness.

Sudden and overwhelming as was the Sioux City flood, its property losses are small when compared with the general flood losses throughout the state and country. This rain-soaked corn country is in danger of at least a partial failure of crops owing to the lateness of the planting season. The total damages to farmers, to the railroads and to the general business interests of the country will reach an enormous total.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

THE superintendent of the New York state lunatic asylum says that the excitement while engaged in the game of baseball has cured several patients.

A MAN in Hagerstown, Md., has an egg which was laid by a Plymouth Rock hen which has clearly defined upon its shell the imprint and letters of a foreign piece of money. The date 1822 and the word "Constitution" can easily be deciphered.

IT is not generally known that an orange hit in the exact center by a rifle ball will vanish at once from sight. Such, however, is the fact. Shooting it through the center scatters it in such infinitesimal pieces that it is at once lost to sight.

THE Schenectady Evening Star says that a letter was received in the post office of that town bearing a Texas postmark and addressed as follows in German: "Mr. Rev. G. W. Drees, Servant of God, Learned man of Scripture, Preacher over the Sheep, Bucks and Mother-lambs of the Congregation of God."

A CURIOUS collection was found by the appraisers of the personal property of Mrs. Julia Swinford, of Kentucky, who died recently. She had been the possessor of ten pairs of shoes that had never been worn, fifteen pairs of scissors, scores of spools of thread, and one hundred and fifteen nightcaps, all of different styles and patterns.

## KNOWLEDGE IN SMALL DOSES.

BIG GIMLET is the name of a winding stream in Missouri.

A DAIRY show is to be held at Hamburg, Germany, in 1894.

NEW YORK city averages ten fire alarms every twenty-four hours.

FRENCH farmers prefer horse rakes that are made in the United States, as they are both cheaper and more easily worked.

FOUR families of Penobscot Indians lived last winter in a board shanty at Cape Elizabeth and earned together $110 a month at basket making.

MUSK in its natural state is said to be the national perfume of many tribes, who annually slaughter thousands of the rats for their musk pouches and their skins.

THE stockmen of South Dakota have recently imported from Tennessee a number of Russian wolf hounds to help in the extermination of wolves, which have of late been killing numbers of calves and colts.

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## PISTOL AND POISON.

### The Agents Employed in a Double Tragedy in Milwaukee.

Crazed with passion Landelin Harter shot himself through the heart in Milwaukee and his wife died the next day from poison. Harter was a fireman and lived with his wife and five small children. Harter and his wife quarreled. Springing from his bed Harter seized a revolver. His wife begged for mercy, thinking he intended to kill her. "I love you too much to harm you," he said. Then he placed the revolver to his breast and fired. He fell back dead, for the ball passed through his heart. Mrs. Harter threw herself on the body, and with her five children clinging to her she was found by neighbors. She was crazed with grief, and blamed herself for her husband's death. She eluded her watchers, and, going to the pantry, procured some poison. An hour later she was dead. The five children are left destitute.

## CARROLL'S SCHEME.

### His Factory for Making Coins One Hundred Years Old.

Capt. Porter, of the United States secret service, arrested in Chicago F. L. Carroll, of La Crosse, for attempting a remarkably bold fraud on the numismatists of the country. Carroll has been sending circulars and letters to some of the most celebrated coin collectors in the country offering to sell them at suspiciously low prices old pennies of issues made 100 and 200 years ago, and of which there are known to be but half a dozen in existence. From the proof in possession of the government it would seem that Carroll secured a catalogue of valuable coins, and, selecting the pictures of two coppers, sent them to a die sinker with instructions to have dies made of them. Carroll secured the dies and struck off a number of the coins which he filed down and smoothed off.

### Killed His Daughter.

George Kneble, a well-known and prosperous farmer living just across the Wisconsin line from Galena, Ill., accidentally shot and killed his little 7-year-old daughter. He was shooting at a target with a revolver when a shot was followed by a piercing cry proceeding from an outhouse near by. Startled by the cry he hastened to the building, and discovered that the bullet had, in missing the target penetrated the wall and lodged in the head of the child.

### Followed Her Husband.

The wife of Colby Warren, of Eau Claire, found a note making a date with her husband from the hired girl. The wife followed the pair to a room in the business part of the town and drew a revolver, but was prevented by the policeman from shooting. Warren was arrested. It is said the wife after she found the note forced the hired girl to keep the appointment.

### Suicide of a Girl.

Miss Winnie Wolf, of Chicago, committed suicide at Janesville by suffocation. She retired to her room at 9 o'clock and after preparing herself for bed turned on a full head of gas. She was found in the morning dead. Miss Wolf was living with a married sister, Mrs. Leo Meyer, and attending St. Joseph's convent school.

### The News Condensed.

The corner stone of the new science hall at Beloit has been laid.

Wauwatosa is to have a Keely drink cure and a large hotel to accommodate the patients.

Nettie Cook, aged 7 years, of Suamico, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by her brother, aged 9 years, while playing with an old gun.

Maj. R. H. Lahee, of Appleton, is the only surviving officer of the rank of captain or above of the Fourteenth New York infantry at Utica.

Edward Geist, of Beloit, was in jail at Milwaukee for having a wife at Beloit and one at Rockford. No. 1 at Beloit says she will stand by him.

August Starke, son of the well-known Farmer John Starke, in the town of Granville, committed suicide by putting a bullet through his heart.

The Ashland county board offer a reward of $500 for the detection and conviction of the murderer of Lottie Morgan.

A new swindler has made his appearance in this state. He has been soliciting subscriptions to a ladies' magazine and offers ten yards of dress goods as a premium. It's the old story; he takes the money, the lady gets left.

Milwaukee business men will raise $20,000 for the state fair.

The Pathfinder, now being built at West Superior, will carry 3,500 tons in 15 feet of water.

Charles H. Todd's jewelry store at New Richmond was burglarized for the second time within a year.

The Wisconsin-Michigan baseball league was organized at Marinette.

Dr. Emil Erb and his brother Herman, of Appleton, have fallen heirs to fortunes of $1,350,000 each by the death of an English relative.

Levi Breeze, manager of the Capital house in Madison, has assigned with assets of $5,000. The creditors are many and individual debts small.

The Beloit Masonic Temple association has been organized among the members of the masonic fraternity of that city and will this summer build a fine masonic temple.

Fire destroyed a barn on the Kellogg stock farm near Green Bay, burning up three valuable horses and three foals. The fire was the work of an incendiary. Loss, $7,000.

Tom Donald, of Union Grove, tried to drive a shell into a breech-loading shotgun with a drag tooth. His eyes were in danger of being sightless as a result.

Attorney General O'Connor has ruled that State Superintendent Wells' position in the teacher-certificate question was wrong and that the school board and the superintendent of schools are the sole judges of the qualifications of the teachers in the Milwaukee schools.

Smith & Sheehan, general merchants at Withee, made an assignment. J. A. McCarty, of Longwood, was named as assignee.

Martin C. Hanson, a resident of Barron county, was locked up at Eau Claire on the charge of stealing a certificate of deposit amounting to $500 at Rice Lake.

The Racine chief of police has a scheme to prevent blacklisted drunks from getting drinks. His plan is to have a photograph taken of every man on the blacklist and paste it in the prohibitory notice, so that every saloonkeeper may recognize the man.

The forthcoming catalogue of the state university will show that the institution has graduated 1,959 students during its career.

The residence of L. J. Bedford at Central Park was destroyed by fire. Loss, $6,000.

Tiring of family troubles Albert Haeno, a resident of Watertown, ended them by shooting himself fatally in the head.

Oswald Pike, of Chippewa Falls, was killed on the railway at Vernon Junction by falling from an engine while switching. The body was taken to his late home for burial.

Albert Revoir, who was convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of James McDonald, was taken back to Hudson, by order of the supreme court for a new trial.

The Northern Wisconsin academy will be located at Ashland. This was decided upon at a meeting of the trustees.

John St. Cyr, one of the head men of the Indian tribe of Shawano county, died suddenly at the junction depot. He was on his way to Rosendale to make arrangements for some of his people to travel with an Indian remedy company. Heart trouble was the cause.




LET us gather the sweetest of flowers—
The violet, fragrant and blue,
The fairest and statliest lilies,
And roses of loveliest hue:
Let us twine them in wreaths and in garlands,
In cross and in anchor and crown;
And on the low graves of our comrades
We lay them in reverence down.

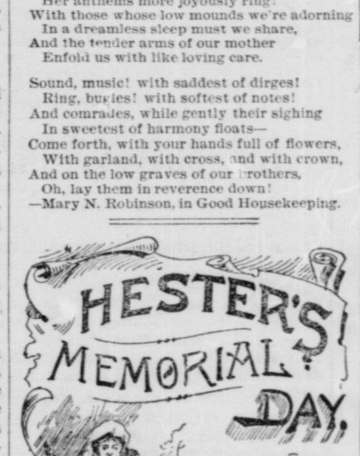
There Time, with the tenderest fingers
Has bidden the soft grasses wave,
And the wild flowers blossom in beauty
Above every slumberer's grave.
The robin sings there his gay carols—
All voices of nature are heard,
And daily their music upriseth
From breeze and from bee and from bird.

She cares not if moss or if marble
Or naught mark the place of their rest—
On each fall the tears of the raindrops,
She keepeth each safe in her breast.
Her daisies unfold their white petals
Alike o'er the high and the low:
In verdure she hides them in summer,
In winter she gives them her snow.

We come with our garlands in springtime
To deck the low mounds where they lie,
Yet nature, our mother, is kinder,
For never she passes them by!
We come with our bands and our music
But once, and perchance with a tear,
But the songs and the sighing of nature
Never cease through the circling year!

Our garlands will fade and will wither,
Hers blossom anew with the spring;
Our songs must die out into silence,
Her anthems more joyously ring!
With those whose low mounds we're adorning
In a dreamless sleep must we share,
And the tender arms of our mother
Enfold us with like loving care.

Sound, music! with saddest of dirges!
Ring, bugles! with softest of notes!
And comrades, while gently their sighing
In sweetest of harmony floats—
Come forth, with your hands full of flowers,
With garland, with cross, and with crown,
And on the low graves of our brothers,
Oh, lay them in reverence down!
—Mary N. Robinson, in Good Housekeeping.




SHE'S a pretty good sort of a farmer, considerin' she's a woman," said Squire Markley, turning to his companion. "She took up that claim three years ago, an' she's done well."

"Looks kind o' lonesome like," said the storekeeper, as they left the little claim-shack, or cabin, behind them.

"Needs a man around; that's what's the matter. I reckon she's been disap'inted some time er nother—in war times, I guess, fer—there she goes now. Iwas jest a-tellin' yeh how 'twas."

Leaving the rude stable behind the claim-shack was a rickety, old-fashioned surrey, drawn by an ancient steed of unkempt appearance. The woman driving was angular and unattractive, but there was something about



SHE SUDDENLY WAVED IT WITH ALL HER STRENGTH.

the outfit that brought a suspicion of tenderness to the storekeeper's eyes—a tattered flag tossing its folds in the prairie breezes as it floated behind the wagon. He had followed the old stars and stripes over too many fields not to have his heart warmed by the unexpected sight.

"She does it reg'ler," went on Markley. "Ev'ry Deckeration day she gits out th' flag an' puttin' in her wagin goes over ter th' little prairie cemet'ry an deckerates th' graves. Ther' ain't many ter see to yit, yer know," he added, "fer th' settlemint ain't very old an' only half a dozen hez died—includin' th' hoss thief that was took sudden with hemp disease. Ter-day's Deckeration day."

Hester Lang drove serenely on, unconscious of the attention she had attracted. There was a Sunday peacefulness on her face and she turned often in her seat to gaze lovingly on the faded ensign behind her. It was the only bit of gay color in all the wide Kansas landscape. The uniform green of the plain stretched away to the unbroken curve of the horizon without another gleam to relieve its uniformity.

The meadowlarks, balancing themselves on long weed stalks forgotten by the winds of winter, saw it, and with gleeful trills soared away. A big-eyed rabbit beside the path gazed at it in wonder, and then, as the banner gave a sudden, quick toss, scampered for a grass clump.

"Folks probably think I'm foolish or crazy," mused Hester, talking to the horse, for want of better company. "But I don't care. Ther' ain't nobody here ez will take hold an' remember th' boys thet fell, an' so I'll do it. I ain't fergot it in twenty years, an' I don't intend ter begin now. It's all right, anyway, fer—Whoa! What's that?"

She had left the high prairie and was driving through a narrow ravine, the sides of which reached upward on either hand.

A rattling of wheels caught her ear. Nearer and nearer came the sound and then over the crest of a little knoll in advance came two horses' heads, and behind, creaking and swaying as the animals dashed madly down the declivity, a white canvas-covered "prairie schooner," that familiar ship of the plains so often freighted heavily with hope or disappointment.

Frightened, yet with her wits about her, Hester reined her horse to one side and gathering her skirts leaped to the ground. A white face showing inside the approaching wagon determined her to stop the runaway at any cost.

Snatching the flag by its staff from her buggy, she suddenly waved it with all her strength directly in the path of the horses, now so nearly upon her.

With a bound they leaped backward and then aside, bewildered by the strange sight. Then a crash! and then the heavy wagon was lying on its side among the dead sunflower stalks and tumble weeds, while the furious horses, broken loose from their fastenings, had left the ravine and were tearing away across the level prairie.

"What have I done?" moaned Hester, her nervous strength vanishing as she saw the chaos at her feet.

A groan from the heap of wheels, boards and canvas at the foot of the little bluff aroused her.

Going to the heap of debris she tore away the cloth from the top of the wagon. A man's form lay beneath it, pinned down by a heavy cross-board which had been a part of the wagon box. A brass button on his coat told that he was not a stranger to the flag she had waved, and with stouter heart she set to work to drag him from his position.

At last she succeeded and had laid the now fainting form on a patch of grass dimpled with violets that lurked in the recesses of the ravine. She turned the form over and wiped the dirt and blood from the clean-shaven face.

With a cry she started back and sank for a moment helpless beside her charge. Then with an effort she pulled her strength together and went on with her task.

Reverently she wrapped the stars and stripes around the stranger, and somehow managed to lift him into the old surrey. Then with one arm steadying the unconscious man she turned the horse homeward.

Stretched out on the scrupulously clean bed in the plain yet comfortable cabin he was not bad looking. A frank, boyish expression was on the still face, and yet gray hairs told of a man's years. Sickness had evidently made ravages in the face's fullness and the thin hands were almost ghastly in their tenuousness.

Having seen that the stranger was lying quietly, Hester closed the door behind her and taking her buggy set off at the old horse's best pace across the prairie after the individual who combined the professions of agriculture and medicine for a livelihood.

"Is that you, Miss Hester?" asked the jolly doctor as she rode up to his cabin after a three miles' journey. "Not sick, I hope," he added before she could answer.

"No, but—" then she stopped, the delicacy of the situation dawned upon her sensitive mind and the faintest suspicion of a blush freshened the wind-tanned cheek. "You see it was this way," she began, resolutely. "I took a man from a runaway an' he's over to th' house, unconscious. You must come an' fix him."

In a moment the two were jogging along over the plain. As they approached the "shack" Hester grew visibly nervous, but her companion made no comment, and as they found the stranger still oblivious to the world and its happenings, they soon had other matters to think of.

"Do you think he will—that it is serious?" anxiously asked the woman, looking into the physician's face.

"No, I guess not, though he had a mighty close shave," was the reply. "He's likely to come ter his senses any time now, an' then it will depend on how he stands it. If he's wanderin' when he gets conscious, there's danger. If not, there's hope."

"I'll send the parson down durin' the evening," he called, as he started out for home, "an' mebbe I'll be here myself."

Hester went quietly to work at her evening tasks, taking now and then an anxious look toward the bed. The old horse was feed and the stable door closed against the damp spring air.

"I didn't deckerate th' graves after all, did I?" exclaimed the owner of the claim, talking to herself. "an' th' flowers is all in th' wagin. I'll take 'em in fer *him* ter look at—it'll be jest as well."

A tender expression came into her face at the words.

Loaded with the wild blossoms—the wind-flowers, violets and early red roses which she had gathered during the past week—she reentered the cabin and placed the rude bouquets beside the soldier's couch.

Something in the fragrance of the blossoms, or in the approach of Hester, reached the drowsy senses of the sleeper, and as she leaned over the bed his eyes suddenly opened and their blue depths looked steadfastly into the brown ones of the hostess.

"Hester!" The words sprang instinctively from the pale lips.

"Jim!" she replied, with a dry, hard sob that seemed to come from her inmost heart.

"I've looked for you so long," whispered the man, "I thought I'd never find you."

"And I thought you'd never come."

"You knew me when I did meet you?"

"Yes, Jim, I'd know you always. But me! I'm so changed. How could you know me?"

"Yes, you're changed and so am I, but those eyes could belong to no one else."

Then flowed on the stream of talk as she sat beside him with one of his white hands clasped in both her wrinkled brown ones. He told of confinement in southern prisons; of long delays before he could work his way home; of finding her gone to the west; of a search that was unsuccessful and a heart-sickness that resulted in a start for home; of the runaway while en route. She told of troubles in her family; of being thrown on the world alone; of mourning him as lost; and her life on the plains.

It had grown quite dark, but they took no heed of time.

Suddenly footsteps were heard outside and a hearty knock shook the cabin door.

"It's the minister," whispered Hester nervously, "he's come to see you. We won't need him now—shall I tell him ter go home?"

Jim clung to her wrist. "Yes, we do need him," he pleaded, "you know what for. Have him stay and we'll settle it for sure."

She hesitated a moment and then throwing open the door invited the minister and his companion, the doctor, to enter.

"It didn't take more'n ten minutes fer th' preacher ter catch onto th' fine pints in th' case an' splice th' two wanderers as tight ez th' law could hold 'em," said the doctor the next day at the settlement store. "Th' feller's gittin' along elegant an' they're ez happy ez kittens. She didn't do her usual thing by th' dead soldiers, but she made a live one mighty comfortable an' that'll do fer one Memorial day."—C. M. Harger, in Detroit Free Press.

—Dr. Jalap—"Yes, I am going to retire. I've got enough and am willing to give somebody else a chance." Fogg—"I see. Your motto henceforth will be: 'Live and Let Live.'"—Boston Transcript.