



## UNFAILING FRIENDS.

### A SERMON FULL OF THE BREATH OF THE FIELDS.

Showing How the Attachment of Boaz for Ruth Was Full of Undying Interest to the Church of God in All Ages—Darkness and Daylight.

Our Washington Pulpit.  
This sermon of Dr. Talmage could not have been prepared by any one not born in the country. It is full of the breath of the fields. The text is Ruth ii, 3, "And she went and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Eliud lech."

The time that Ruth and Naomi arrive at Bethlehem is harvest time. It was the custom when a sheaf fell from a load in the field for the reapers to refuse to gather it up. That was to be left for the poor who might happen to come along that way. If there were handfuls of grain scattered across the field after the main harvest had been reaped, instead of raking it, as farmers do now, it was by the custom of the land left in its place, so that the poor coming along that way might glean it and get their bread. But you say: "What is the use of all these harvest fields to Ruth and Naomi? Naomi is too old and feeble to go out and toil in the sun, and can you expect that Ruth, the young and the beautiful, should tan her cheeks and blister her hands in the harvest field?"

Boaz owns a large farm, and he goes out to see the reapers gather in the grain. Coming there right behind the swarthy, sun-brown reapers, he beholds a beautiful woman gleaning—a woman more fit to bend to a harp or sit upon a throne than to steep among the sheaves. Ah, that was an eventful day!

It was love at first sight. Boaz forms an attachment for the womanly gleaner—an attachment full of undying interest to the church of God in all ages, while Ruth, with an ephah, or nearly a bushel of barley, goes home to Naomi to tell her the successes and adventures of the day. That Ruth who left her native land of Moab in darkness and traveled, through an undying affection for her mother-in-law, is in the harvest field of Boaz, is affianced to one of the best families in Judah and becomes in aftertime the ancestress of Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. Out of so dark a night did there ever dawn so bright a morning?

**The Use of Trouble.**  
I learn, in the first place, from this subject how trouble develops character. It was bereavement, poverty and exile that developed, illustrated and announced to all ages the sublimity of Ruth's character. That is a very unfortunate man who has no trouble. It was sorrow that made John Bunyan the better dreamer, and Dr. Young the better poet, and O'Connell the better orator, and Bishop Hall the better preacher, and Havelock the better soldier, and Kitto the better encyclopedist, and Ruth the better daughter-in-law.

I once asked an aged man in regard to his pastor, who was a very brilliant man, "Why is it that your pastor, so very brilliant, seems to have so little heart and tenderness in his sermons?" "Well," he replied, "the reason is our pastor has never had any trouble. When misfortune comes upon him, his style will be different." After a while the Lord took a child out of that pastor's house, and, though the preacher was just as brilliant as he was before, oh, the warmth, the tenderness of his discourse! The fact is that trouble is a great educator. You see sometimes a musician sit down at an instrument, and his execution is cold and formal and unfeeling. The reason is that all his life he has been prospered. But let misfortune or bereavement come to that man, and he sits down at the instrument, and you discover the pathos in the first sweep of the keys.

Grecian mythology said that the fountain of Hippocrene was struck out by the foot of the winged horse Pegasus. I have often noticed in life that the brightest and most beautiful fountains of Christian comfort and spiritual life have been struck out by the iron shod hoof of disaster and calamity. I see Daniel's courage best by the flash of Nebuchadnezzar's furnace. I see Paul's prowess best when I find him on the foundering ship under the glare of the lightning in the breakers of Melita. God crowns his children amid the howling of wild beasts and the chopping of blood splashed guillotine and the crackling fires of martyrdom. It took the persecutions of Marcus Aurelius to develop Poly-carp and Justin Martyr. It took all the hostilities against the Scotch Covenanters and the fury of Lord Claverhouse, to develop James Renwick and Andrew Melville and Hugh McNeil, the glorious martyrs of Scotch history. It took the stormy sea, and the December blast, and the desolate New England coast, and the war whoop of savages, to show forth the prowess of the pilgrim fathers—

When amid the storms they sang,  
And the stars heard, and the sea,  
And the sounding nisles of the dim wood  
Rang to the anthems of the free.

It took all our past national distresses, and it takes all our present national sorrows to lift up our nation on that high career where it will march long after the foreign aristocrats that have mocked and tyrannies that have jeered shall be swept down under the omnipotent wrath of God, who hates despotism, and who, by the strength of his own red right arm, will make all men free. And so it is individually, and in the family, and in the church, and in the world, that, through darkness and storm and trouble, men, women, churches, nations, are developed.

Misfortune and trials are great educators. A young doctor comes into a sick room where there is a dying child. Perhaps he is very rough in his prescription, and very rough in his manner, and rough in the feeling of the pulse, and rough in his answer to the mother's anxious question. But years roll on, and there has been one dead in his own house, and now he comes into the sick room, and with tearful eye he looks at the dying child, and he says, "Oh, how this reminds me of my Charlie!" Trouble, the great educator. Sorrow—I see its touch in the grandest painting; I hear its tremor in the sweetest song; I feel its power in the mightiest armament.

**The Beauty of Friendship.**  
Again, I see in my text the beauty of unfailing friendship. I suppose there were plenty of friends for Naomi while she was in prosperity, but of all her acquaintances how many were willing to trudge off with her toward Judah when she had to make that lonely journey?

One, the heroine of my text. One, absolutely one. I suppose when Naomi's husband was living, and they had plenty of money, and all things went well, they had a great many callers, but I suppose that after her husband died, and her property went, and she got old and poor, she was not troubled very much with callers. All the birds that sing in the bower while the sun shone have gone to their nests, now the night has fallen.

Oh, these beautiful sunflowers that spread out their color in the morning hour! But they are always asleep when the sun is going down! Job had plenty of friends when he was the richest man in Uz, but when his property went and the trials came, then there were none so much that pestered as Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamahite.

Life often seems to be a mere game, where the successful player pulls down all the other men into his lap. Let suspicion arise about a man's character, and he becomes like a bank in a panic, and all the imputations rush on him and break down in a day that character which in due time would have had strength to defend itself. There are reputations that have been half a century in building which go down under one push, as a vast temple is consumed by the touch of a sulphurous match. A hog can uproot a century plant.

In this world, so full of heartlessness and hypocrisy, how thrilling it is to find some friend as faithful in days of adversity as in days of prosperity! David had such a friend in Hushai; the Jews had such a friend in Mordecai, who never forgot their cause; Paul had such a friend in Onesiphorus, who visited his in jail; Christ had such in the Marys, who adhered to him on the cross; Naomi had such a one in Ruth, who cried out; "Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest I will go, and whither thou lodgest I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if I aught to death part thee and me."

**From Darkness to Light.**  
Again, I learn from this subject that paths which open in hardship and darkness often come out in places of joy. When Ruth started from Moab toward Jerusalem, to go along with her mother-in-law, I suppose the people said: "Oh, what a foolish creature to go away from her father's house, to go off with a poor old woman toward the land of Judah! They won't live to get across the desert. They will be drowned in the sea or the jacks of the wilderness will destroy them." It was a very dark morning when Ruth started off with Naomi, but behold her in my text in the harvest field of Boaz, to be affianced to one of the lords of the land and become one of the grandmothers of Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. And so it often is that a path which often starts very darkly ends very brightly.

When you started out for heaven, oh, how dark was the hour of conviction! How Sinai thundered, and devils tormented, and the darkness thickened! All the sins of your life pounced upon you and it was the darkest hour you ever saw when you first found out your sins. After awhile you went into the harvest field of God's mercy. You began to glean in the fields of divine promise, and you had more sheaves than you could carry, as the voice of God addressed you, saying, "Blessed is the man whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered." A very dark starting in conviction, a very bright ending in the pardon and the hope and the triumph of the gospel.

It was very hard for Noah to endure the scoffing of the people in his day, while he was trying to build the ark, and was every morning quizzed about his old boat that would never be of any practical use. But when the deluge came and the tops of the mountains disappeared like the backs of sea monsters, and the elements, lashed up in fury, clapped their hands over a drowned world, then Noah in the ark rejoiced in his own safety and in the safety of his family, and looked out on the wreck of a ruined earth.

Christ, hounded of persecutors, denied a pillow, worse maltreated than the thieves on either side of the cross, human hate smacking his lips in satisfaction after it had been draining his last drop of blood, the sheeted dead bursting from the sepulchres at his crucifixion. Tell me, O Gethsemane and Golgotha, were there ever darker times than those? Like the booming of the midnight sea against the rock, the surges of Christ's anguish beat against the gates of eternity, to be echoed back by all the thrones of heaven and all the dungeons of hell. But the day of reward comes for Christ. All the pomp and dominion of this world are to be hung on his throne, crowned heads are to be before him on whose head are many crowns, and all the celestial worship is to come up at his feet, like the humming of the forest, like the rushing of the waters, like the thundering of the seas, while all heaven, rising on their thrones, beat time with their scepters, "Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

That song of love, now low and far, Ere long shall swell from star to star; That light, the breaking day which tips the golden spired Apocalypse.

**Momentous Incidents.**

Again, I learn from my subject that events which seem to be most insignificant may be momentous. Can you imagine anything more unimportant than the coming of a poor woman from Moab to Judah? Can you imagine anything more trivial than the fact that this Ruth just happened to alight as they say—just happened to alight on that field of Boaz? Yet all ages, all generations, have an interest in the fact that she was to become an ancestress of the Lord Jesus Christ, and all nations and kingdoms must look at that one little incident with a thrill of unspeakable and eternal satisfaction. So it is in your history and in mine, events that you thought of no importance at all have been of very great moment. That casual conversation; that accidental meeting—you did not think of it again for long while. But how it changed all the phases of your life!

It seemed to be of no importance that Jubal invented rude instruments of music, calling them harp and organ, but they were the introduction of all the world's minstrelsy, and as you hear the vibration of a strung instrument, even after the fingers have been taken away from it, so all music now of lute and drum and corнет is only the long continued strains of Jubal's harp and Jubal's organ. It seemed to be a matter of very little importance that Tubal Cain learned the uses of copper and iron, but that rude foundry of ancient days has its echo in the rattle of Birmingham machinery and the roar and bang of factories on the Merrimac.

It seemed to be a matter of no importance that Luther found a Bible in a monastery, but as he opened that Bible and the brass bound lids fell back they jarred

everything, and the rustling of the worm-eaten leaves was the sound of the wings of the angel of the reformation. It seemed to be a matter of no importance that a woman whose name has been forgotten dropped a tract in the way of a very bad man by the name of Richard Baxter. He picked up the tract and read it, and it was the means of his salvation. In after days that man wrote a book called "The Call of the Unconverted," that was the means of bringing a multitude to God, among others Philip Doddridge. Philip Doddridge wrote a book called "The Rise and Progress of Religion," which has brought thousands and tens of thousands into the kingdom of God, and among others the great Wilberforce. Wilberforce wrote a book called "A Practical View of Christianity," which was the means of bringing a great multitude to Christ, among others Legh Richmond. Legh Richmond wrote a tract called "The Dairymen's Daughter," which has been the means of the salvation of unconverted multitudes. And that tide of influence started from the fact that one Christian woman dropped a Christian tract in the way of Richard Baxter, the tide of influence rolling on through Richard Baxter, through Philip Doddridge, through Legh Richmond, on, on, forever, forever. So the insignificant events of this world seem, after all, to be most momentous.

**Beauty of Female Industry.**

Again, I see in my subject an illustration of the beauty of female industry.

Behold Ruth toiling in the harvest field under the hot sun, or at noon taking plain bread with the reapers, or eating the parched corn which Boaz handed to her. The customs of society, of course, have changed, and without the hardships and exposure to which Ruth was subjected every intelligent woman will find something to do.

I know there is a sickly sentimentality on this subject. In some families there are persons of no practical service to the household or community, and though there are so many woes all around them in the world, they spend their time languishing over a new pattern, or bursting into tears at midnight over the story of some lover who shot himself. They would not deign to look at Ruth carrying back the barley on her way home to her mother-in-law, Naomi. All this fastidiousness may seem to do very well while they are under the shelter of their father's house; but when the sharp winter of misfortune comes, what of these butterflies? Persons under indulgent parentage may get upon themselves habits of indolence, but when they come out into practical life their soul will recoil with disgust and chagrin. They will feel in their hearts what the poet so severely satirized when he said:

Folks are so awkward, things so impolite, They're elegantly pained from morning until night.

Through that gate of indolence how many men and women have marched, useless on earth, to a destroyed eternity. Spinola said to Sir Horace Vere, "Of what did your brother die?" "Of having nothing to do," was the answer. "Ahh!" said Spinola, "that's enough to kill any general of us." Oh, can it be possible in this world, where there is so much suffering to be alleviated, so much darkness to be enlightened and so many burdens to be carried, that there is any person who cannot find anything to do?

Mme. de Staél did a world of work in her time, and one day, while she was seated amid instruments of music, all of which she had mastered, and amid manuscript books which she had written, some one said to her, "How do you find time to attend to all these things?" "Oh," she replied, "these are not the things I am proud of. My chief boast is in the fact that I have seventeen trades, by any one of which I could make a livelihood if necessary." And if in secular spheres there is so much to be done, in spiritual work how vast the field. How many dying all around us without one word of comfort! We want more Abigails, more Hannahs, more Rebeccas, more Marys, more Deborahs consecrated—body, mind, soul—to the Lord who bought them.

**Value of Gleaning.**

One more I learn from my subject the value of gleaning.

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Elihu Burritt learned many things while toiling in a blacksmith's shop. Abercrombie, the world renowned philosopher, was a philosopher in Scotland, and he got his philosophy, or the chief part of it, while as a physician he was waiting for the door of the sick room to open. Yet how many there are in this day who say they are so busy they have no time for mental or spiritual improvements. The great duties of life cross the field like strong reapers and carry off all the hours, and there is only here and there a fragment left that is not worth gleaning.

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**Minor State Matters.**

Solomon Sherrill, a farmer living near Adrian, has been arrested and taken to that city charged with threatening to kill his wife and several other people and fire certain buildings.

The store of Henry Rederink, in the village of Drenthe, was burglarized. The safe was blown open and over \$500 secured. Two tramps who were about the place are under suspicion.

While employed as a domestic in the family of C. A. Searing of Muir, the daughter of Andrew Jessup of Matheron attempted to commit suicide by taking carbolic acid, giving as her reason that she was tired of life.

The proposition to bond Delta County for \$175,000 for road improvements was lost at the recent election. The agitation by the friends of the idea will not be dropped, however, but the master will be brought up again in a year or two.

Martin residents have been agitating the electric lighting question, but as a number of the heaviest taxpayers are opposed to the project unless it shall be shown to be equally as cheap as kerosene lighting it is likely the improvement will not be adopted.

It is believed that many practical jokers in different parts of the State are sending up hot air balloons, thereby causing the stories that are being sent out by enterprising correspondents about the mysterious airmen that is reported to have been seen at so many places.

The rapid increase of German carp in the inland lakes and streams of southwest Michigan is attracting much attention among the fishermen of that region and many of the sportsmen claim that the foreign intruder is likely to soon drive out all other species of fish. Although the carp is protected by the State fish law, many thousands of them have been speared this spring and thrown away, their alleged value as a food fish not being conceded, in the hope of ridding the waters of these undesirable inhabitants.

Jason Whitmore, a Berrien County farmer, lacked but \$100 to cancel a mortgage on his land, which he feared he would lose by foreclosure. Just as he was planning to sell his hogs to make up the amount, cholera appeared among the drove, and the disheartened agriculturist was laid up with a broken arm. After studying over the matter several days his wife and daughters concluded to make an effort to raise the money. They proceeded to tap every maple tree in the timber lot and on the adjacent highways, from which they made \$103 worth of sugar and syrup and released the claim on the land.

William Wansnyder and his wife of Stevensville are people who do not believe in banks, so they kept the \$350 they had saved in a trunk. Sunday night thieves visited the house while the members of the family were absent, and when they left the \$350 went with them.

It is said that from now on Adrian authorities have decided to detain all tramps who apply for a night's lodging at the police station two nights and a day and give them nothing but water. They hope by such heroic measures to keep away not only the hobos, but the poor fellows who are looking for work.

## MICHIGAN MATTERS.

### NEWS OF THE WEEK CONCISELY CONDENSED.

Disgraceful Conduct of Officers in Charge of Convicts—Farmer Objects to the State's Action in Slaughtering an Infected Herd of Cattle.

#### Both Were Drunk.

The other morning when Detectives Stanton and Bahr of Detroit landed Dave Breen and Joseph Cummings at the Jackson prison for fifteen years each, the two convicts were so drunk that they were scarcely able to stand, and it was necessary to place them in cells until they became sober. The convicts were handcuffed together, and walked to the prison. On the way they became involved in a quarrel and were separated with difficulty. While in the prison office they again attacked each other. Warden Chamberlain administered a severe rebuke to the officers for bringing the men in an intoxicated condition. He also telephoned the facts to Sheriff Chipman at Detroit, and informed him that hereafter intoxicated men will not be received at the prison. It is a common custom for officers in charge of prisoners to stop at a saloon on the way to the prison and give their prisoners a parting drink, and on more than one occasion the convicts have been the worse for liquor upon their arrival.

#### Demanda Pay for His Cattle.

The right of the State Sanitary Live Stock Commission to slaughter cattle suspected of having tuberculosis without compensating the owner for the full market value of the animals will be tested in the Supreme Court. O. W. Shipman of Detroit was the owner of a large herd of valuable Jerseys. The State Live Stock Commission applied the tuberculosis test and found that twenty-eight of the best looking animals in the herd were afflicted with tuberculosis. The animals were slaughtered and Shipman was tendered \$1 each for the animals, which he refused. He demanded their market value, which was \$3,000. He also claimed that the remainder of the herd was so reduced in value that, although they were worth \$3,000, he was compelled to sell them for \$500. The legal proceeding brought is an application for mandamus to compel the State to pay the market value of the animals. Some of the questions at issue are whether tuberculosis is a dangerous, infectious and contagious disease. The constitutionality of the law is also at issue.

#### Tramps Saved from Cremation.

An old feed barn at Muskegon has been a great sleeping place for some time and has been known to all the rounders. Only the discovery of a lamp burning in the office Friday morning saved the lives of two men who were sleeping there. At this time the building was a mass of roaring flames that, lighting up the heavens, had roused all that part of the city. There was a heavy rain, but it had no effect upon the fire. Finding the lamp caused the firemen to break in the office door, and there on the floor, unconscious to all that was going on about them, lay Frank Ruddiman and Thomas McGrath. They were dragged out to safety and as soon as they comprehended what had happened, slunk away. McGrath had been badly hurt in a fight earlier in the night and had hidden away to escape arrest. The building was destroyed; loss \$1,000.

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## Baby Cried Night and Day

Discharge from Her Ears—Top of Her Head Broke Out in Scrofulous Eruptions.

Grew Worse Under Treatment Till We Gave Her Hood's Sarsaparilla—She Has Rosy Cheeks Now.

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### The Crew Worse

instead of better. The top of her head broke out with scrofula. A crust would form on her head and fall off, taking the hair along with it, and this continued for two or three months, when something seemed to tell me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I did so, together with Dr. Ford's Pills and Hood's Olive Ointment. Soon

### The Discharge Stopped

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"STARTED ON A DEAD RUN FOR THE DEPOT."

was no driver and pitched in the mail pouches hurriedly. The horses then started off on a dead run for the depot and arrived just in time for the excited busman, who had awakened, to throw in the mail. The incident was kept quiet at the time, and as it happened at night this was an easy matter, but yesterday the same thing happened. The driver was late and awaiting until they saw the hands of the clock on the courthouse were getting to near the train time the horses started off, made not only their previous rounds, but this time made the calls at all of the hotels, where many passengers who did not notice the driver was missing got in hurriedly. They were deposited safely at the depot just in time for their train. The incident attracted a great deal of attention and admiration. The animals are beauties, and there are but few Andersonians who would not be content to risk their lives behind them without any driver. The question which arises is as to whether the horses were able to tell time by the clock or whether it was their keen perceptive qualities that had been trained down by constant service. At all events, horsemen consider the performances as being remarkable. The horses make about twenty trains a day on different roads and their performance is therefore more remarkable than if they only made one train and only at one depot. It is quite likely that they will be given a test at making the trains voluntarily for one day, and if successfully done—and but few doubt that they will do it right—Anderson may have quite a novelty for traveling men, who wish to take a little risk, which, after all, will not be a risk.

### Current Condensations.

Over 1,000 ships of all kinds and sizes pass up and down the English channel every twenty-four hours, and there are scarcely ever less than 200 near Land's End, leaving or bearing up for the channel.

The St. Paul winter carnival will begin Wednesday, Jan. 21, and continue until Saturday, Jan. 31. A few days previous to the opening several grand parades of the different carnival clubs of the city and vicinity will take place upon the streets, and to the clubs presenting the best appearance and having the largest number of men in the parade an appropriate prize will be given.

A St. Albans, Me., merchant is giving the people of that town a vivid illustration of the folly of patronizing peddlers. An itinerant vendor struck that place the other day and did it up brown with glass pens at 25 cents each. The merchant let everybody who wanted one buy it of the traveler. Then he ordered some of the identical articles of a New York house and displays them marked at 2 cents each.

An interesting relic of the civil war will soon be sold at auction in New York. It is an old six-pounder smooth-bore field piece, built at Chicopee, Mass., in 1861. It was part of the battery of a Massachusetts brigade, and was captured at Chickamauga by the Confederates. It was recaptured in 1864 by General Sherman at the fall of Atlanta. Later he placed it on board the dispatch boat Jasmine, which was renamed the Chandler in 1866.

### Anderson's Talented Team.

Says an Anderson, Ind., correspondent: Horsemen and others interested in the problem of how much a horse is capable of learning and how acute are their senses were greatly surprised the other day by an act of the two large Norman horses which are driven to one of a transfer company's wagons. Several nights ago the driver went to sleep and forgot that he had the mail to deliver at the Panhandle for the Chicago-bound train. The horses became very uneasy about ten minutes before train time, and after waiting until within five minutes of train time they started off on a run to the post-office, drawing up next to the door. The night clerk did not notice that there

was no driver and pitched in the mail pouches hurriedly. The horses then started off on a dead run for the depot and arrived just in time for the excited busman, who had awakened, to throw in the mail. The incident was kept quiet at the time, and as it happened at night this was an easy matter, but yesterday the same thing happened. The driver was late and awaiting until they saw the hands of the clock on the courthouse were getting to near the train time the horses started off, made not only their previous rounds, but this time made the calls at all of the hotels, where many passengers who did not notice the driver was missing got in hurriedly. They were deposited safely at the depot just in time for their train. The incident attracted a great deal of attention and admiration. The animals are beauties, and there are but few Andersonians who would not be content to risk their lives behind them without any driver. The question which arises is as to whether the horses were able to tell time by the clock or whether it was their keen perceptive qualities that had been trained down by constant service. At all events, horsemen consider the performances as being remarkable. The horses make about twenty trains a day on different roads and their performance is therefore more remarkable than if they only made one train and only at one depot. It is quite likely that they will be given a test at making the trains voluntarily for one day, and if successfully done—and but few doubt that they will do it right—Anderson may have quite a novelty for traveling men, who wish to take a little risk, which, after all, will not be a risk.

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### Stone Cement.

The following composition is said to make an excellent stone cement: Glue is soaked in cold water; afterwards heated, and fresh slaked lime added, until the mixture attains the proper consistency—the cement must be applied while warm. This cement acquires great hardness, equal to stone, and it is not influenced by water or moisture. When used for porcelain, glass or metal a small quantity of flour or sulphur must be added.

### An Appeal for Assistance.

The man who is charitable to himself will listen to the mute appeal for assistance made by his stomach, or his liver, in the shape of divers dyspeptic qualms and uneasy sensations in the regions of the gland that secretes bile. Hostetler's Stomach Bitters—my dear sir, is the medicine as the case may be—what you require. Hasten to use it if you are troubled with heartburn, wind in the stomach, or note that your skin or the whites of your eyes are taking a sallow hue.

### Lit with Ice.

A lamp may be lighted with a piece of ice. A small piece of metallic potassium is laid on the wick and touched with the ice, when the water immediately produces a flame. This is due to the property of this metal to oxidize with exceeding rapidity on contact with water. The curious experiment should be made with great caution, as if too much of the potassium be used an explosion will take place.

### Shake Into Your Shoes.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25 cents, in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Chicago has a police justice named Underwood, the like of whom it has never seen before. He has actually grown in grace while drawing a salary in a public place. He has become a Sunday school Superintendent, and when he has time visits the haunts of the poor colored folks and leads them in services of song and other elevating exercises. His popularity is immense and the newspapers are making him famous.—Ute Press.

### There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 10¢ and 25¢ per package.

### Japanese Object to the Trolley.

The promoters of the proposed trolley road in Japan are meeting with considerable opposition from the population, and particularly the coolies, kirkis and kago bearers, who object to the abandonment of their primitive methods of transportation.

### No-to-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Over 400,000 cured. Why not let No-to-Bac regulate or remove your desire for tobacco? Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cure guaranteed, 50¢ and \$1, all druggists.

### Well Arranged.

"Mrs. McSmith returned us much cheaper coffee than she borrowed of us."

"Well, put it in a jar by itself and lend it to her when she comes again."—Chicago Record.

### Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Is taken internally. Price 75 cents.

### Defending the Sparrows.

Some persons do not like the cheery English sparrow. His enemies have given him a bad name and accused him of every crime of which a little bird might be capable, but still the sparrow has his friends. One of these is a Jersey woman who has just written the following letter to her husband in this city:

"There was a horrid article in Sunday's Sun, by some sick old crank, I suppose, inveighing against the sparrows. We all wanted to write refuting letters to the Sun for the sparrows' sake. He said they were songless and but noisy and dirty and ate no insects; that they destroyed fruit, etc. Now, last summer I watched them every afternoon eating the little white hairy caterpillars that thickly infested the apple tree by our porch, and they actually demolished them so thoroughly that only a few remained to form the butterflies or moths. We noticed that the sparrows never touched the fruits, while the robins and catbirds ate all the mulberries, besides, as you know, eating all our strawberries and cherries at the other house. The sparrows are the cheeriest of little companions all winter. Do write an opposing article for their sakes."—New York Sun.

### Alabastine.

Chicago Inter Ocean, Feb. 23: Readers of the Inter Ocean have often seen Alabastine prominently mentioned in these columns during many years past. The main counting room on the first floor of the building was daintily and beautifully decorated with Alabastine, both walls and ceiling, seven years ago, and has been nicely cleaned five times, though badly smoked each year.

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### Earl Beaconsfield's Wit.

Earl Beaconsfield was always extremely clever in the contest of wits, and was equal even to the conflict of lungs which characterized the hustings in the days when he and the century were young. In Marylebone a voter once asked him, meaning to have a sneer at his want of wealth, "On what do you stand?" "On my head," was the quick response. Here is a bit of full-flavored and witty rhetoric with which he addressed a noisy body of opponents at Aylesbury in 1857:

"Your most brilliant argument is a groan, and your happiest repartee a hiss." (A voice then exclaimed, "Speak quick! speak quick!") and he retorted: "It is very easy for you to speak quick, when you only utter stupid monosyllables; but when I speak I must measure my words. (Loud cheers and laughter.) I have to open your great thick head. (Laughter.) What I speak is to enlighten you. If I bawl like you, you will leave this place as ignorant as you entered it." (Cheers and laughter.)

### Philadelphia Style.

The cable car came to a stop after a rapid run of several blocks that almost made up the time lost in the blockade downtown. A woman had signaled to come to a halt, she remained in her seat with no sign of moving. Only when it came to a dead stop did she and her companion begin to rise from their places. Then the two women walked with dignity down the car, and alighted slowly. This took about three minutes.

"Philadelphia!" said the conductor wearily, as he pulled the bell rope. "They always do that when they come from there. New York women are at the door by the time the car has stopped. But those Philadelphia women won't budge from their seats until the cars come to a dead stop."—New York Sun.

### Used by the Champions.

The popularity of the Winchester repeating shot gun is deserved, for although it costs very little, it has repeatedly out-shot the highest priced hand-made guns. Thousands of shooters who used double-barreled shot guns now use the Winchester repeater because they found that they could bag more game and make better scores at the trap with a Winchester. What stronger recommendation could any short gun possibly have than to be used by J. A. R. Elliott, champion live bird shot of America; Rolla O. Helkes, champion of the world at flying targets; Ford Van Dyke, Capt. B. A. Bartlett, and many other of the best shots in the country. A Winchester repeating shot gun in a Winchester factory loaded shells form a combination which cannot be equalled. Send to the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, Ct., for their large illustrated catalogue free.

A whale recently captured in Arctic waters was found to have embedded in its side a harpoon belonging to a whaling vessel that had been out of service nearly half a century.

### To Whom It May Concern.

This is to call the attention of the public to the fact that the Wisconsin Central lines have two fast trains daily between Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Ashland and Duluth, touching all the important points in central Wisconsin en route. The company has thousands of acres of fine farming lands in northern Wisconsin for sale. For complete information on this subject, address Jas. C. Pond, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wis.

The latest project in Switzerland is that of a mountain railway to the summit of the Breithorn, next to the Matterhorn.

With but little care and no trouble, the beard and mustache can be kept a uniform brown or black color by using Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

The more grateful we are for our blessings the smaller our trials will look.

I shall recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption far and wide.—Mrs. Mulligan, Plumstead, Kent, England, Nov. 8, 1895.

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EASTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Det N	Y	Ng	Exp	Exp	Exp	Fr.
Grand Rapids Dep.	7:00	8:00	11:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	10:00
Middlebury.....	5:10	6:15	12:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	10:00
Hastings.....	7:52	8:57	12:40	10:30	11:30	12:30	10:30
Jackson Ar.....	9:50	9:50	9:50	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:20
Detroit Ar.....	12:20	11:20	7:10	7:10	7:10	7:10	7:10
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WESTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Exp	M 11	G R	Fr.
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Grand Rapids Ar.....	8:12	9:12	10:12	10:00
Middlebury.....	5:10	6:15	9:45	9:41
Hastings.....	4:40	12:30	9:19	1:03
Jackson Dep.....	1:30	10:40	7:30	7:10
Detroit Dep.....	11:05	7:15	4:45	...
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## Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad

Schedule in effect Sept. 27, 1896.

Leave	Arrive	Going	From	North	North
NORTHERN DIVISION					
Trav. City, Petk'y & Mack	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.			
Trav. City, Petk'y & Mack	+ 2:15 p.m.	+ 2:15 p.m.			
Cadillac.....	+ 2:25 p.m.	+ 2:25 p.m.			
Train leaving at 7:45 a.m. has parlor car to Petoskey and Mackinaw.					
Train leaving at 2:15 p.m. has sleeping car to Petoskey and Mackinaw.					

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SOUTHERN DIVISION.

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Arrive

Going

From

South

Cincinnati.....

+ 7:10 a.m.

+ 8:25 p.m.

Ft. Wayne.....

+ 2:00 p.m.

+ 1:55 p.m.

Cincinnati.....

+ 7:00 a.m.

+ 7:25 p.m.

7:10 a.m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati.

7:00 p.m. train has sleeping car to Cincinnati.

MUSKEGON TRAINS.

GOING WEST.

Lv Grand Rapids.....

+ 7:35 a.m.

+ 1:00 p.m.

5:40 p.m.

At Muskegon.....

0:00 a.m.

2:10 p.m.

7:05 p.m.

GOING EAST.

Lv Muskegon.....

+ 8:00 a.m.

+ 11:45 a.m.

+ 4:00 p.m.

At Grand Rapids.....

9:30 a.m.

12:35 p.m.

5:20 p.m.

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# THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

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## LOSS FOR THE TURKS.

### EDHEM PASHA'S SUPPLIES CAPTURED BY GREEKS.

Much Depression at Constantinople—Osman Pasha, the Hero of Pleyna, to Be Made Commander-in-Chief—3-cent Feres Knocked Out at Indianapolis.

#### Casan Pasha to Lead.

After the bombardment of Katrina, on the Gulf of Salonica, by the Greek squadron, had put to flight two battalions of Turks and the inhabitants of that place, the Greek fleet landed a detachment and found the Turks had left behind them immense stores of provisions destined for the armies of Edhem Pasha. These valuable stores had been left almost unprotected in the belief by the Turks that a blockade of Greece by the fleets of the powers would prevent the Greek fleet from attacking the Turkish towns on the Gulf of Salonica, which are near the railroad to Salonica and which have been used as points to land stores for the Turkish army and forward them to the front. The capture of these towns, not to mention the loss of the stores, places a serious difficulty in the path of Edhem Pasha, and it is stated in Athens that as soon as the Turkish commander-in-chief heard the news of the capture of Platamon and Katrina he dispatched 10,000 men toward the coast of Macedonia, fearing a flank attack from the Gulf of Salonica. The Greek fleet in returning from the capture of Katrina bombarded the port of Litcheron. A dispatch from Larissa says that after the Greeks had fortified Mayrhochi, to which place they retreated after evacuating Nozeros, they reoccupied Ratina and Hegan, which, when abandoned by the Greeks, the Turks failed to occupy. These reports have had a very depressing effect in Constantinople, when taken in conjunction with the formidable resistance which the Turks have met with around Tyrnavo. It is stated that Osman Pasha, the hero of Pleyna, is to be sent to the seat of war in order to direct the military operations against the Greeks.

#### Cheering News from the Levant.

On Friday the Greek troops were reported successful all along the line. Believing that the powers would blockade Greece, the Turks left vast quantities of military stores and food supplies practically unprotected at several seaport towns, and King George's fleet bombarded, captured and destroyed them, thus cutting off Edhem Pasha's army from food. This is a fearful blow. The Turkish battery at Ligeria was destroyed and the Turks driven from Nezeros and Rapsari. At Larissa the Turks were quiet and nearly surrounded by Greek troops. Villages between Katerina and Veria and islands near Smyrna have risen in revolt, and Bulgaria and other Balkan States are likely to war with Turkey.

#### Race for the Pennants.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the National Baseball League:

W. L.	W. L.
Philadelphia . . . 3	0 Cleveland . . . 0 1
Brooklyn . . . 2	0 St. Louis . . . 0 1
Baltimore . . . 2	0 Chicago . . . 0 2
Cincinnati . . . 2	0 New York . . . 0 2
Pittsburg . . . 1	0 Washington . . . 0 2
Louisville . . . 1	0 Boston . . . 0 3

The showing of the members of the Western League is summarized below:

W. L.	W. L.
Indianapolis . . . 2	0 Detroit . . . 1 1
St. Paul . . . 1	0 Milwaukee . . . 1 1
Columbus . . . 1	1 Kansas City . . . 0 1
Minneapolis . . . 1	1 G'nd Rapids . . . 0 2

#### Knock Out 3-cent Fares.

Judge Showalter of the United States Court, Chicago, has granted the injunction asked by the Indianapolis Citizens' Street Railway Company against the enforcement of the 3-cent fare law, and the effect is a return to 5-cent fares. The decision is based on the fact that the Hugg law is special legislation, applying only to the city of Indianapolis.

#### Fair Contest Narrowed.

The trial of the only remaining issue in the Fair case has been begun in San Francisco. Instead of a contest over the whole estate and a struggle for \$20,000,000, it is a fight for \$1,000,000, the case having narrowed down to a legal battle over the two pieces of real estate which Mrs. Nettie Craven says Senator Fair conveyed to her by pencil deeds a few weeks prior to his death.

#### Cramps Big Charge.

The Cramps have sent Secretary Long a bill for \$138,000 for repairs to the cruiser Brooklyn. When the Brooklyn went aground in the Delaware river Jan. 30 the Cramps said they would dock and repair her at cost. The Navy Department made a careful estimate and decided that she could be placed in first-class condition for \$8,000 to \$10,000.

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## WAR BOOMS WHEAT.

Eastern News Causes Wild Scenes on the Chicago Board of Trade.

At least three men are credited with having made more than \$100,000 each in wheat Monday. The closing Thursday was at 60¢ cents. Chicago Board of Trade men, and the people for whom they do business, went home and thought the matter over. Sunday they had a great mind to believe the price would rise. Friday had been a holiday. Sunday was another season of inactivity as far as trading was concerned. Then came the reports of a battle between the Turks and the Greeks, and the blood of the traders began to boil—not with indignation, but with a belief in a rising market. Monday morning when the trading began there was an instant advance of nearly 4 cents. So general was the belief in the demand for breadstuffs from abroad, so fully had the morning papers seconded the reports of war in the East, so much more certain did a general conflict prove that from the moment of opening there was an advance even over the remarkable bulge at the start. Cent after cent was added to the ruling price. The scene in the wheat pit on the Board of Trade was as wild as it has been in years. There was a clamor that simply electrified the galleries—and there was a crowd up there from the beginning, as if a premonition of great things had gone abroad. The advance was fought bitterly as bears could fight it. An advance of an eighth was the signal for the most frantic uproar. And when the opposing side succeeded in checking the advance a fraction of a cent, or in sending down the price a point, there was an even wilder demonstration. There was a time when a man could sell May wheat at 8 cents in advance upon the closing price Thursday. September wheat sold down to 71¢ cents. The lowest point reached by July wheat was 73¢. At the opening, and for half an hour before, there was nothing but talk of war. It was fully believed that a war between Greece and Turkey meant a demand for grain. South America is shipping nothing. India is buying for her own people—and suffering famine then. Russia is the only exporting nation that has any surplus.

#### WAR RAGING.

Forces of the Moslem Ruler Grapple with the Armies of the Hellenes.

The forces of Greece and Turkey have met in relentless and bloody conflict. The boom of cannon and rattle of musketry are heard along the entire frontier. Many thousands of men engaged Saturday and Sunday in the awful contest and fought like demons. The fiercest battle occurred at Miloua, Syria, where both sides lost heavily. Three Greek officers of high rank are among the killed, but a Turkish battery was taken by the Greeks. Diplomatic relations between the two nations are formally and completely severed. The Greek gunboats bombarded and reduced the forts Prevesa, and King George's troops held their own on land. Greek subjects at Constantinople will probably find safety at the American legation. Neither Greece nor Turkey actually declared war, but the Sultan officially announced that "war had broken out," thus seeking to throw the blame for actual commencement of hostilities upon the Greeks.

#### SHOT FOR INSULTING A WOMAN.

Alabama Affairs Costs Three Lives and a bystander Receives a Bullet.

At Calhoun's turpentine camp, Geneva County, Ala., John Williams, accompanied by Albert Allen, a friend, demanded an apology from William Wilkins for an alleged insult to William's sister at a dance. Wilkins refused, and both Wilkins, Williams was killed outright. Wilkins was shot in the abdomen and will die. Tom Weaver, fifty feet away, was struck by a bullet and died an hour later. Albert Allen, standing near Williams, received a bullet in the shoulder, but will recover.

**WOULDN'T RESURRECT HIM.**

Canadian Sheriff Couldn't Make a Hypnotist Take Up a Turtled Subject.

At Simcoe, Ont., Prof. Ferris, hypnotist, placed a subject in a trance and buried him six feet under ground, there to remain three days. Sheriff Jackson and a posse of officers appeared on the scene as the grave was filled in and ordered Ferris to take the man out or suffer arrest. The professor refused, stating that he was violating no law. After consultation with the county attorney, the sheriff found he could take no action. The subject was supplied with air through a box. His face could be seen. It resembled that of a corpse, but had not the extreme pallor. There is a great deal of excitement over the case.

**NAMED FOR OFFICE.**

The President Tuesday sent to the Senate a long list of nominations, among which were several of importance, as follows:

John A. Merritt of New York, to be third assistant postmaster general;

Cornelius Van Cott, postmaster at New York City;

James L. Davenport of New Hampshire, first deputy commissioner of pensions;

Levert M. Kelley of Illinois, second deputy commissioner of pensions;

John P. Jackson, collector of customs for the district of San Francisco, Cal.;

William Youngblood of Alabama, auditor of the Interior Department; William A. Jones of Wisconsin, commissioner of Indian affairs; Milton C. Phillips, attorney of the United States for the eastern district of Wisconsin.

**Blow to Sheridan Drive.**

The State Affairs Committee of the Wisconsin House made an adverse report on the so-called Sheridan drive bill, the object of which is to render possible the construction of a boulevard from Milwaukee to the south State line, there to connect with one to be built up to that point from Chicago.

**100,000,000 Ounces of Gold.**

Australia has this year reached the 100,000,000 ounce line in her production of gold. That is, she has, since 1851, produced that amount of gold and the yield of that precious metal is on the increase. Victoria has produced 61 per cent of this output.

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## POWERS ARE ACCUSED

### KING GEORGE SAYS WAR WAS CAUSED BY INTRIGUE.

Declares that Turkey Was Ordered to Attack Greece—Greek Ships to Play an Important Part—Plan for a Settlement of the Mississippi Problem.

#### Russia in the Background.

The correspondent of the Paris Journal at Athens has had an interview with King George of Greece at the palace. His majesty is quoted as saying that he believed to the last moment that peace would be maintained and did his utmost to bring about a pacific solution of the matters in dispute. The king denied that Greece commenced hostilities against Turkey and argued that Turkey was not compelled to go to war because of the incursion of a few insurgents whom nobody could have restrained. Continuing, King George said: "The truth is we were attacked because Turkey was ordered to attack us. There never would have been war but for certain intrigues which will appear later. All the powers are more or less against us. If they wanted war they have got it. Such is the result of the European concert. Europe must understand that after forcing us to war there can be no question of limiting it. Our fleet is destined to take an important part. Greece understands that she must either be victorious or disappear. The war may be prolonged and bloody, but it is now too late to stop. A great crime has been committed against right and humanity in the Cretan question and the chastisement has now commenced."

#### TO CURB THE MISSISSIPPI.

Representative Sayers Would Invite Engineers to Submit Plans.

Representative Sayers of Texas, who was chairman of the Appropriations Committee in the last Democratic Congress and has had much experience in dealing with Government works, suggests a plan for a comprehensive settlement of the Mississippi river problem. Mr. Sayers would have the United States Government invite the engineers of the world to consider the problem of controlling the Mississippi river and to present plans for a permanent system so that the Government might adopt the ideas of the best engineering talent. For this purpose he suggests that competition might be brought about by an offer of prizes, perhaps \$50,000 for the plan which should be considered best and \$25,000 for the second best—inducements sufficient to attract the most skillful engineers of the world, those who have dealt with such works as the Suez canal and the dykes of Holland. Notices of the competition would be published in the principal cities of Europe and India, Australia, Japan and every other country.

#### THEY TOLD HER FORTUNE.

Cincinnati Fortune Teller Is Knocked Down and Robbed of \$5,000.

Two elderly women were knocked down in their home in Cincinnati by three men, who escaped with jewelry valued at \$5,000. Mrs. Krolage, a fortune teller on West Ninth street, had a call from three men, who ostensibly wanted her professional services. While she was reading the future for one of the men another struck her on the back of the head with a revolver. They then bound and gagged her and removed diamond rings and other jewelry of the value named. An old woman, relative, hearing the struggle, came into the room and was beaten on the head and rendered unconscious. Mrs. Krolage and her relative are badly injured.

#### SHOT FOR INSULTING A WOMAN.

Alabama Affairs Costs Three Lives and a bystander Receives a Bullet.

At Calhoun's turpentine camp, Geneva County, Ala., John Williams, accompanied by Albert Allen, a friend, demanded an apology from William Wilkins for an alleged insult to William's sister at a dance. Wilkins refused, and both Wilkins, Williams was killed outright. Wilkins was shot in the abdomen and will die. Tom Weaver, fifty feet away, was struck by a bullet and died an hour later. Albert Allen, standing near Williams, received a bullet in the shoulder, but will recover.

#### WOULDN'T RESURRECT HIM.

Canadian Sheriff Couldn't Make a Hypnotist Take Up a Turtled Subject.

At Simcoe, Ont., Prof. Ferris, hypnotist, placed a subject in a trance and buried him six feet under ground, there to remain three days. Sheriff Jackson and a posse of officers appeared on the scene as the grave was filled in and ordered Ferris to take the man out or suffer arrest. The professor refused, stating that he was violating no law. After consultation with the county attorney, the sheriff found he could take no action. The subject was supplied with air through a box. His face could be seen. It resembled that of a corpse, but had not the extreme pallor. There is a great deal of excitement over the case.

#### NAMED FOR OFFICE.

The President Tuesday sent to the Senate a long list of nominations, among which were several of importance, as follows:

John A. Merritt of New York, to be third assistant postmaster general;

Cornelius Van Cott, postmaster at New York City;

James L. Davenport of New Hampshire, first deputy commissioner of pensions;

Levert M. Kelley of Illinois, second deputy commissioner of pensions;

John P. Jackson, collector of customs for the district of San Francisco, Cal.;

William Youngblood of Alabama, auditor of the Interior Department; William A. Jones of Wisconsin, commissioner of Indian affairs; Milton C. Phillips, attorney of the United States for the eastern district of Wisconsin.

#### Blow to Sheridan Drive.

The State Affairs Committee of the Wisconsin House made an adverse report on the so-called Sheridan drive bill, the object of which is to render possible the construction of a boulevard from Milwaukee to the south State line, there to connect with one to be built up to that point from Chicago.

#### 100,000,000 Ounces of Gold.

Australia has this year reached the 100,000,000 ounce line in her production of gold. That is, she has, since 1851, produced that amount of gold and the yield of that precious metal is on the increase. Victoria has produced 61 per cent of this output.

#### Kentucky Leadlock Ended.

At Frankfort, Ky., W. J. Deboe Friday night secured the nomination for United States Senator in the Republican caucus on the twenty-eighth ballot. The Kentucky Legislature has been in deadlock for several weeks, and charges of bribery have been freely made. Dr. Hunter, a candidate, has been indicted by the grand jury.

#### Companies Will Fight.

The five Eastern life insurance companies recently barred from doing business in Kansas by Insurance Commissioner McCall have decided to sue McCall in the Federal Court on the ground that their business, transacted from the East, is interstate commerce, and therefore out of his jurisdiction.

#### Recalls the Days of '61.

Maria Leonard of Pittsburg, Pa., has applied for a divorce from her husband, Richard. Therein lies the remarkable personal history of the complainant. She is the famous "French Mary" who campaigned with McClellan. She was three times under fire.

#### Tired of Life.

Robert W. Hamer, a retired Chicago brewer and wealthy, committed suicide at his home by shooting himself through the heart. Long-continued illness had made him a victim to melancholy.

# CRUEL WAR BEGINS

The Greeks and Turks Meet in Deadly Combat.

## FIGHTING IS GENERAL

Thirty to Fifty Thousand Troops Engaged.

**Preveza Bombed by the Hellenes**  
—Sultan's Batteries Open Hostilities by Sinking the Greek Steamer Macedonia—Turkey Notifies the Powers that She Is Forced to Fight—Diplomatic Relations Between the Two Nations Formally and Completely Severed—Contestants Fight Like Demons.

War has broken out between Greece and Turkey. Fierce battles have been fought at Karya, at Miloua Pass and at Preveza on the Gulf of Aeta. The most desperate battle was fought at Miloua Pass, where 20,000 men fought more than thirty hours without food or sleep. Diplomatic relations between the two nations have been severed. Turkey insists that Greece has provoked the conflict by her aggressive attitude on the frontier of Macedonia. On the other hand, Greece insists that Turkey has been the aggressor. Crete, which was the original cause of the conflict, seems now to be overlooked.

Unless some of the great powers intercede there is certain to be great loss of

hill roads are improving in condition. It is at this point that the severest and deadliest fighting may be expected.

Another question of dominating influence is whether the Greeks can engineer an uprising in Macedonia and the Sporades islands. Russia and Germany are meanwhile content to see Greece and Turkey crippling each other for many years to come, so long as the other Balkan States are kept quiet.

### What War Will Mean.

The war between Greece and Turkey means much more than appears in the newspaper dispatches, and, in the opinion of the wisest diplomats, it will end with



ABDUL HAMID, SULTAN OF TURKEY.

the dismemberment of the Turkish empire. Russia has for years been trying to involve Turkey in hostilities in order that she might have an excuse to conquer and annex the sultan's dominions, and that purpose is so well known in Europe that the Christian powers have declined to interfere forcibly in Turkish affairs because they know that sooner or later such interference would involve them with Russia. The agents of the czar provoked the massacres of the Armenians with the hope and expectation that England, Germany and other nations would intervene. When they refused to do so the massacres ceased and Russian intrigues sought another field of action, which was found among the discontented Cretans. The fighting Greeks and Turks must make a battleground of their own provinces, which are notoriously disloyal, and are surrounded by nations whose sympathies are entirely with her enemies, and the sultan knows very well that the big paw of the Russian bear is likely to fall upon him at any moment.

### WANTS TO BE A MINISTER.

**This Lady Wishes to Represent Uncle Sam in the Republic of Colombia.**  
Mrs. Marilla Marks Ricker, the well-known woman lawyer of Washington and Dover, N. H., has made application for the post of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States of Colombia.

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# OPENING OF THE BASE-BALL SEASON

**T**HURSDAY afternoon twelve teams of the National League began the sixth annual season of the National League and American Association of the Professional Baseball Clubs. That the season will be a remarkable one is beyond all argument. At this time of the year the magnates begin to judge of the interest that is being shown in the game, and all of them figure on the profits of the year that is to come. The coming season is expected to be one of the best.

There is no doubt that interest will be general in the national game this season. To begin with, the race of the twelve clubs of the league promises to be as close as in any of the past seasons before the Baltimoreans began to be the best club in the league. The baseball public wants to see the Baltimore team beaten, and if any of the other clubs can accomplish that end there will be more enthusiasm all along the line than for several seasons. There is some talk that this club or that one will make the tail end of the league, but from all the cities of the league that are spoken of as being factors for the last place comes the talk that the team has been more than strengthened, and that last place will be the farthest thing that can be obtained by the team. Even Louisville, relegated for a long time to last place in the bitter race, has said that it will be better this year than in past seasons, and that some other team will have the disgrace of being in last position this time. There is not a little in the claims of the Louisville team, and a strong possibility that the hopes of the rooters for the "Colonels" may be realized. Captain Anson's team is undoubtedly better than it has been for number of years.

### HOLMAN OF INDIANA DEAD.

**Representative Passes Away in Washington Thursday Afternoon.**

Representative Holman of Indiana died at his home in Washington at 2:05 o'clock Thursday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks. Spinal meningitis was the cause of death.

William Steele Holman's public life began the very year he became of age. Born at a pioneer homestead called Veraestau, in Dearborn County, Indiana, Sept. 6, 1822, he became a judge of the probate court in 1843, and continued as such until 1846. Previous to this he had received a common school education, followed by two years at Franklin College, Indiana, and had studied and practiced law. After leaving the bench he was elected prosecuting attorney, and filled the position from 1847 to 1849. He was a member of the convention of 1850 which framed the present constitution of the State of Indiana.

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it occupied a prominent position at the close of the league race of 1886, and if all the indications go for anything this season it is probable that the Colts will be far better off than they were at the close of last season.

While the season of 1886 was one of the most unsatisfactory from the playing standpoint of any that has been played, it was nevertheless one of the best the clubs have had since the start of the present combined league. All of the teams made a little money, some making quite a sum, enough, in fact, to recoup them for the losses of the previous seasons. The season really opened Monday with a game in Boston, the home team of that place playing the Philadelphias, but the general opening was on Thursday, when the following games were decided: Chicago at Cincinnati, Cleveland at Louisville, Pittsburgh at St. Louis, New York at Philadelphia, Boston at Baltimore, Brooklyn at Washington.

There can be little question that the three-time winners of the championship pennant will make even a stronger bid for the flag this season than they have in the past. This conclusion can be easily reached by any one who is familiar with the men and the general workings of the team itself while on the field. The team can readily stand dissecting in any of the numerous points that go to make up a championship lot of players and stand the ordeal without flinching. Not only are the players of the highest grade possible to obtain, but they have behind them a cunning and careful manager, who is ever ready to take advantage of any circumstance that will be of benefit to the team.

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### MASON ON THE SENATE RULES.

**Illinois Member's First Speech Is in Favor of New Regulations.**

Senator Mason of Illinois made his first speech in the Senate Wednesday, and signalized it by some breezy criticism on the rules of the Senate. It was such a variation from the prosy debate of recent days that the Senator was accorded close attention, and twice received the hearty applause of crowded galleries.

The speech was in support of a resolution introduced by the Illinois Senator directing the Committee on Rules to report a rule by which debate could be closed and the previous question ordered. In this connection Mr. Mason sarcastically referred to the inaction of the Senate on all great questions before it, the long and fruitless debate on Cuba; the delay of the arbitration treaty and the inability to say whether our difficulties are to be settled by arbitration or by the methods of Corbett and Fitzsimmons. It was time, he said, to send the Senate into dry dock and rid it of accumulated barnacles.

Briefly, Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts replied briefly, pointing out that the other branch of Congress was more open to criticism than the Senate. He was in accord with Mr. Mason, however, on the need of new rules. A vote was taken on Mr. Gorman's motion to refer the Mason resolution to the Rules Committee, which prevailed—yeas, 32; nays, 24.

### ITALY'S KING IN PERIL.

**Attempt Made to Stab Humbert with a Dagger at Rome.**

An attempt was made Thursday to assassinate the King of Italy. In the afternoon, while King Humbert was on his way to the races, a man named Pietro Acciariato, an iron worker out of employment, attempted to stab his majesty with



WILLIAM S. HOLMAN.

diana, then a member of the State Legislature. He was next elected judge of the court of common pleas of the district embracing his county, and occupied the bench from 1852 to 1856. His congressional career began with his election to the House of Representatives in 1858. With three exceptions, he has been elected to that body biennially ever since.

Judge Holman was one of the most efficient and trusted of the Democratic leaders. His wisdom, prudence, sagacity and fearlessness proved a power of strength to his party and to the country in many a fierce political battle. His name became synonymous with the watchwords "economy and frugality" in government expenditures. To him more than to any other individual legislator are the American people indebted for the upbuilding and perfection of the homestead system, which proved a blessing to settlers and a magic wand for the opening and quickening of the great West. Probably, also, no other member of Congress, in either branch, was so thoroughly versed in all the statutes of the United States, or so familiar with the circumstances of their enactment and the effects of their operation. He was particularly master of all questions, great and small, connected with our public domain, Indians and with the thousand ramifications of the Government service. He married Miss Abigail Knapp while he was studying law in 1842.

### CROP AND WEATHER BULLETIN.

**Reports Received at Chicago Signal Service Bureau.**

The following reports as to the condition of the crops throughout the country, and the general effect of the weather on the cultivation of the same have been made by the directors of the several climate and crop sections. The reports received at Chicago were as follows:

**Illinois—**Cool, cloudy week, with less rainfall than previous week; land drying slowly; plowing more general; oats and spring wheat seeding continue, also gardening and potato planting. Early sown oats are rotting in few cases; winter wheat unimproved and few fields will remain; grasses advancing; roadways gradually improving. Fruits are in blossom in southern section.

**Wisconsin—**Week very unfavorable for farm work. Frequent rains during early part of week and heavy storm on Thursday and Friday. Vegetation made little progress. Warm, dry weather needed. Little seeding done. No improvement in winter wheat; rye generally fair; clover badly winter killed.

**Missouri—**Week favorable for work, but too cold for growth of vegetation. Some strawberries killed by frosts, otherwise but little damage. Except in northern counties oats sowing well along and corn planting commenced. Some cotton planted in southeast. Wheat, grasses and oats doing well considering the low temperature.

**Iowa—**Temperature unseasonably low, but since 15th drying winds and sunshine greatly improved condition of soil and good progress made with seeding. Farm operations now rapidly pushed in all dis-

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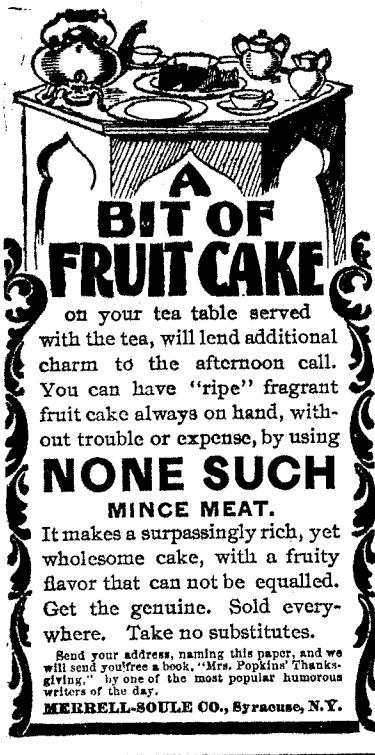
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## THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1897.

### Coming Events.

M. E. church, J. C. Dorris, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at close of morning service. Epworth League, 6 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday 7:30 p. m.

Reading club meets with Mrs. French Wednesday, May 5. Current events, Mrs. Saunders; biography of Whittier, Mrs. Rich; spelling, Mrs. G. L. Keeler; questions, Mrs. Spaulding; critic, Mrs. Brown; quotations from "Barefoot Boy."

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for morning, "The Christian and the Unconverted." Junior B. Y. P. U., 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Leader, Mr. Cater. "How May Our Young People's Society Do Better Work?" 1 Thess. v:12-23. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for morning, "Faint Yet Pursuing." Evening subject, "The Model Woman." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Subject, "What Are Some Hard Things We Should Attempt and Why?" Leader, Miss Bessie Fullagar. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Christian Enterprise." Leader, Miss Daisy L. Dowling. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Branch school at the Gates school house, Sunday, 3 p. m., Jesse W. Cobb, superintendent. A most cordial welcome to all at all services.

### PINK TEA SOCIAL.

The C. E. society will hold a pink tea social at the home of Rev. H. Appleton, on Friday evening, April 30. Book carnival and matches will be the entertainment, only 10 cents.

### CONG'L AID SOCIETY.

The Congregational Aid society will meet in the church parlors Friday, May 7. Ladies to entertain: Mrs. C. M. Paull, Mrs. F. D. Pratt, Mrs. S. C. Rich, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. P. H. Richards. Tea served from 5 to 7. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Business meeting promptly at 3 o'clock.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Capt. C. McDowell Townsend, U. S. A., expects to commence work early in May dredging the Grand river from Grand Haven to Grand Rapids in accordance with the congressional appropriation of \$50,000.

PERSONAL—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

The following from the Augusta Times is chock full of truth and has ten times as much in it for the advertiser as for the printer: "An advertisement or business local in a newspaper is read dozens of times where a handbill is not read at all. The newspaper reaches the people at their homes. Intelligent people read them. Of course, there are some people who cannot read. They couldn't read bills." Some people don't advertise because they don't agree with the printer. Don't bite off your own nose to spite your own local paper.

It will be an agreeable surprise to persons subject to attacks of bilious colic to learn that prompt relief may be had by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. In many instances the attack may be prevented by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms of the disease appear. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

### HOW SHALL I SAVE MY CHERRIES FROM BEING WORMY?

A fruit grower asks this question. Lodeman on "Spraying," considered our best authority, says the cherry is troubled with curculia, the same insect which attacks the plum. His remedy is to jar the trees early in the morning before the beetles are active. The insects fall readily from the trees and may be caught in sheets or in some of the machines now in use for that purpose. Where the insects are ordinarily abundant the trees should be jarred every other morning, beginning the work as soon as the blossoms have fallen. This should be continued until no more insects are caught.

During the winter of 1896, F. M. Martin, of Long Reach, West Va., contracted a severe cold which left him with a cough. In speaking of how he cured it he says: "I used several kinds of cough syrup but found no relief until I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved me almost instantly, and in a short time brought about a complete cure." When troubled with a cough or cold use this remedy and you will not find it necessary to try several kinds before you get relief. It has been in the market for over twenty years and constantly grown in favor and popularity. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

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### TENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Dorris of the M. E. Church.

The tenth wedding anniversary of Rev. J. C. Dorris and wife last evening was a pleasant event for the many friends invited to participate with them on this happy occasion. At 7:30 o'clock the guests began to gather at the home where they were cordially received by the host and hostess, after which they were invited to the M. E. church near by to witness the ceremony and a short program. About 9 o'clock Miss Stella Webb struck up the wedding march when the bridal party entered the church preceded by Revs. W. A. Biss and R. D. Freeman. The bride carried a large bouquet of white roses. The happy couple were again united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. Mr. Freeman, who rendered the ceremony in an impressive manner, omitting nothing but the request that the bride obey her husband. This he thought should be stricken out entirely, inasmuch as wives did not ordinarily live up to this promise. A short time was given for congratulations, after which the male quartette sang an appropriate selection, Rev. Mr. Biss made some very entertaining remarks in a pleasing manner, provoking many audible smiles. The quartette sang again, after which the presents were brought in on a stand and Mr. Freeman presented them to the bride and groom. Among them was a small pail containing a goodly sum of money, which Mr. F. jokingly called his marriage fee and expressed many thanks. Soon, however, he suggested that Mr. Biss pass the pail through the audience for the convenience of those who had not had the privilege of responding in this manner before, and presented it also to the bride and groom, the latter responding with appropriate remarks. Refreshments were then announced to be served in the church parlors, consisting of ice cream and cake, Rev. Mr. Dorris and wife taking the lead. All the tables were very nicely decorated with pretty vines and bouquets.

Music was furnished during refreshments by Miss Ollie Clever, mandolin, Dr. Abbott, guitar, and Mr. Peeps, autoharp, which was excellent and added much to the occasion, their first selection being "Doris" (very appropriate).

A very large and congenial company was present and will long remember this pleasant social event. Just before the guests departed the male quartette sang another song, "God Be Merciful," excellently rendered. The church was decorated with bunting and beautiful potted plants in abundance.

Such gatherings are delightful, smoothing over the rough places in life, stirring up kindly feelings and making us feel that after all we are only one great family.

### A SURPRISE.

About forty of the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Philo Cline, gathered at their home on Wednesday evening, April 21st, to remind them of their 20th wedding anniversary. The occasion was an enjoyable one and one long to be remembered by all who were present. An elegant and bountiful supper was served, to which all did ample justice. Mr. and Mrs. Cline were the recipients of many useful presents which were thankfully received. Those who were there from a distance, were Mrs. C. C. mother, two brothers and one sister and their families from Baltimore, and Mr. Nathan Moffit of Big Rapids.

The exercises at the Baptist church Easter evening were pronounced the best that had been given, on like occasion, for some time; and, notwithstanding the storm, the house was well filled. The decorations were very unique, consisting in part of grasses representing hen's nests, arranged across the front of the rostrum and filled with Easter eggs which, after the exercises, were distributed among the children.

W. A. Biss, Pastor.

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Butter (dairy).....	10
Eggs.....	8
Potatoes.....	10
Chicken (dressed).....	6
Beef (dressed).....	4
Veal.....	4
Veal calves (live).....	3
Hogs (dressed).....	4 00
Hogs (live).....	2 75
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Tallow.....	6
Hides.....	4
Pelts.....	15
Hay (timothy).....	6 00
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The ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Lewis Smith Wednesday, May 5th. All are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Amy visited in Courtland last week.

Ben Rathbun of Parmelee was seen on our streets Sunday.

Ed. Tobey and wife are visiting in Kalamazoo.

Earl Page goes to live with his mother in Grand Rapids, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riley of Moline, visited the latter's parents Sunday.

Saturday being the 41st birthday of Lewis Smith, about fifteen of his Sunday school pupils pleasantly surprised him. After refreshments of ice cream and cake, Clarence Baker, in behalf of his class, presented him with a bible. All departed wishing him many happy returns of his birthday.

Minnie Teeple of Freeport is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shadrack.

Fred Mead and wife were guests of Chas. Dutcher and wife Sunday.

O. B. Barber and L. C. Rathbun were in Grand Rapids, Thursday.

A number from here attended the group meeting at Caledonia Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton of Alaska, spent Friday with their daughter, Mrs. H. Peet.

D. H. McWhinney and son Blane, spent Sunday in McCords.

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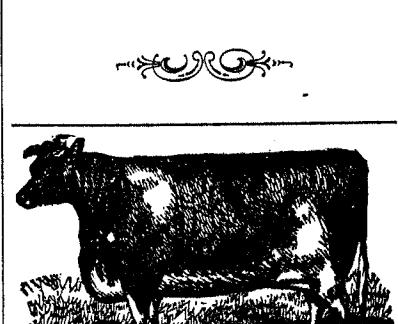
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