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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The total number of men enlisted in the standing armies of Europe is about 2,100,000. To support these vast armies in comparative idleness, is a severe tax upon legitimate industries.

"Shades of Death" is the name of a pleasure resort in Indiana. The folks who selected that name for the place, will be holding picnics in cemeteries one of these days.

Over 2,500 quarts of impure milk, destined for New York City, was seized at Jersey City in one day, the raid being made on account of the terrible mortality among the little children in New York and Brooklyn.

White sea gulls, after an absence of several years, have reappeared at Donner Lake, and in many nooks the water is thickly dotted with them. Superstitious people say that their advent portends great events. Some people are always on the lookout for omens, and see "signs" in the most ordinary occurrences.

Professor Sartori, of Treviso, claims to have discovered a process by which Italy will save \$100,000,000 a year in the matter of silkworms. The king ordered at his own expense a moveable house for reproducing the worms on this process. It is very difficult to "push" anything new in Italy, the people are so behindhand.

The course of true love ran exceedingly rough with John Pidgeon, of Greenpoint. He was only 22 years old, and he fell in love with a maiden of 14 summers. On Saturday, Aug. 24, he invited her to go to Rockaway, and on her refusal to accompany him he inconspicuously shot her, and died. It has generally been believed that people killed themselves for love only in novels, but when a young man will dine on rat poison on account of a 14-year-old girl, the foxy of real life beats that of romances.

That was an instructive as well as a funny exhibition which the inventor of a so-called life-preserving apparatus gave a few days ago on the Delaware River, or rather in it. The apparatus was warranted to do wonderful things. It did them, but not exactly as announced. In the first place it threw its owner topsy turvy, to the great amusement of the spectators, especially the boys. In the second place it nearly drowned him, so much so indeed, that if the spectators had not turned life-preservers for his benefit he and his apparatus would have gone down among the fishes.

According to the Virginia Enterprise the people of Suro, Nevada, have a good thing in the large artificial lake near the town. About five million gallons of hot water flow into it daily from the tunnel, thus keeping the temperature at all seasons just right for bathing purposes. By analysis it is found that the hot water flowing from the great ore channel of the Comstock contains both gold and silver in solution, therefore people bathing in this lake absorb more or less of the precious metals. Thus a poor man may in a few months become a regular bonanza in himself, assuming high in the hundreds.

Many people fancy that water-melons are unwholesome. But Food and Health says that the pleasant fruit contains about 95 per cent of the purest water, and a trace of the purest of sugar, and nothing has yet been discovered that furnishes so perfect and speedy a "cure" for summer complaint as water-melon, and nothing else. Even when diarrhea has been kept up by continued eating of ordinary food, until the disease has become chronic, this delicious beverage—for it is but little more than water-melon, taken freely two or three times a day, has again and again been known to work wonders, and to "cure" when all the usual remedies had failed.

William Kennedy, of Troy, N. Y., is reported to have invented the sinking apparatus of the Fenian ram seen in New York bay. Kennedy says the ram is a miniature model with a defect which can be remedied by an invention known only to one man. The larger vessel will carry 40 men, can be provisioned for six months, can run seven miles an hour, and can sink 1,000 feet under water for four hours, and after ten minutes respite on the water can go down again for four hours more. It was conceived three years ago. Kennedy is fifty years old, and was born in Ireland. He has nineteen medals and twenty-one diplomas for scale making, and is an enthusiastic Fenian.

To what base uses may men come at last? A gentleman passing through Long Acre, London, the other day, peeped into a little shop and started suddenly at the sight of several dead bodies. They had been dead for over two thousand years—they were mummies. Where did they come from? From Thebes. Are mummies coming? Yes, plenty. There appears to be a regular business going on in mummies between Thebes and Long Acre. The mummies are brought over enveloped in their rich bituminous covering, and ground up—bones, coverings, bitumen, and all. What for? Why, for paint. There seems to be no burnt sienna this ground mummy. The artists are willing to pay high prices for this mummy paint. The walls of our picture galleries may yet be lined with the dust of the Ptolemies.

BOSTON AND NEW YORK MORALITY.

The New York Express says:

"No less than eleven little children were rescued yesterday from drunken mothers who had neglected them. It seems to be almost impossible to put a stop to the growing passion for drink that is developing itself among women. There are fashionable female tipplers as well as these poor, degraded sots of the street, but the crime of the latter comes more frequently into notice because the women are more directly under the surveillance of the police. It is painful to contemplate the future of their unfortunate children, reared in an atmosphere of intemperance and crime."

This is a terrible condition of society. And yet people who live where they witness such scenes nearly every day, become so accustomed to them that they view them as matter of course, while those same individuals become violently agitated about the moral condition of Utah, when some plump hump of the Pierce, or Coyner, or Barrows variety calls in pious tones for financial help to rescue the offspring of polygamy from imaginary and fabricated evils. They will hand out their cash and join in a demand for governmental interference to correct society among the "Mormons," while crime is rampant in their own streets, and children are growing up by thousands under the vilest of influences. One of the reasons that the "Mormons" have located in the West is to escape from contact with those evils which the Express depicts, and which those smug "Christians" who want to meddle with Utah look upon with contempt.

New York is noted for its habits of shame and its great number of criminals and vicious people. But from all accounts Boston, the hub of the nation, the centre of refinement, the Athens of America, the home of culture, the platform of moral instruction, the pulpit of Puritanism, the sailing port for Protestantism, the focus of "Christian civilization" in this great republic, is worse, if possible, than the commercial capital. The following description by a correspondent to the New York Graphic is copied and endorsed by the Boston Herald:

"Boston is a bad place for innocent young men. Its outward show of immorality at night exceeds that of any city of the United States. New York in comparison is nowhere. New York, it is true, has her plague spots and dark and bloody grounds. But these are restricted to certain limited localities. It is not by this argued or inferred that New York is a moral city. Boston, probably not. But New York keeps more of its wickedness of a certain description under restraint and out of sight. In Boston, after nightfall, that class of women known as 'palmerettes' are to be seen in the streets, who, while the palmer in scripture gives many salutary warnings to young as well as old men, sweep through the length and breadth of the town. On thoroughfares trodden in the daytime by Boston's blue-blood and highest respectability, they are, singly or in couples, as numerous as coffee-smokes on the banks of Newfoundland. They flaunt past the principal hotels. They chaff with flashily dressed youngsters of the 'Jakes' class almost over the graves of those old men whose virtue was so tender and delicate as to take alarm if a husband kissed his wife or folks. So far as public parade is concerned, Paris, that wicked city of the world, par excellence, has nothing to equal Boston. For Paris, as in everything else, recognizes certain evils as inevitable, insurmountable and unchangeable, regulates them, keeps them under strict surveillance and within certain bounds. London only in outward show of outwardness can excel Boston, and that in but one locality, the neighborhood of Leicester Square, where a great procession of the frail trail their robes along the pavement after the lamps are lighted. What is stranger still is the manner in which, as to respectability and immorality are mixed up in Boston. In staid, sober-appearing streets, whose fronts give externally every token of propriety, and a proportion of whose houses are the abodes of propriety, and whose doors and doors below and doors above, the rooms of those whom society has cast out. There seems here an indifference to it all which is surprising in this long reputed moral town, and this would be shocking were any one left to be shocked at it. Another common feature is that the ranks of the fallen are not mainly recruited from foreign sources. This evil is of domestic origin. It comes from the surrounding country. It is of native growth. It comes from the 'fin districts' of New England. It is the product of the mill and the factory town and the small stony farm, where for generations hard times have been unable to make a bare living, and where daughters born and bred and educated grow disgraced at lives of exhaustive labor, and tempted by the possibility of an easy life, to seek a life of good name, break away from their surroundings, fling virtue to the winds and come to Boston. The poor Maine farmer's daughter, a byword and a current jest among the men of this city. Straws show which way the wind blows. If any student of society wants to make a study of this thing, he may find in a few months the complete table of interesting statistics, showing how many of these abandoned have been educated and have graduated in the higher public schools of New England. And before anyone allows their indignation full blast at these statements and opinions, let them examine into this phase of life at the moral, mental and metaphysical hub of the universe and see if there is not holding ground for this anchorage."

"After looking upon such a picture as the above, who cannot be struck by the contrast afforded in our peaceful 'Mormon' Territory? Here, were it not for the influence of people blinded by the traditions of eastern society, and corrupted by the ways of the wicked world, the horrors of Boston every day life would be without a single copy. And what we have in our midst of that character is not a 'Mormon' product, but an exotic of 'Gentile' culture, fostered and cared for by the hands that are hasty to destroy a social system which bears within itself the essence of purity and the antidote for a multitude of evils."

Candidly, Boston preachers and New York editors, would it not be more rational, profitable and right to organize and labor and spend money for the purification of our great sin-smitten cities, than to worry and fume and rant and denounce in trying to 'reform' quiet, virtuous, orderly and temperate Utah?

Theatrical matters are looming up again.

THE PRESIDENT'S CONDITION.

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AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, 30.—Executive Mansion, 1.30 a.m.—The President has rested quietly since midnight, sleeping most of the time. His pulse is now lower than at 10 p.m., and he is asleep.

Executive Mansion, 5.30 a.m.—No material change has occurred in the President's condition since last report.

Marked Improvement.—Dr. Boynton says, while he has had no material gain of strength, there has been a slight improvement. There has certainly been a marked improvement since the recent crisis, and he now takes food with as much relish as at any time during his illness. No marked change is expected at once. All we can reasonably expect is for the patient to hold his own for a few days. If he makes even slight improvement, it will be perfectly satisfactory. The Doctor replied he had not noticed any symptoms of another crisis. Prospects of final recovery are very fair, but in a case of this kind no one can say positively the patient will recover, therefore, he could not make any definite prediction on that point.

Pres. Garfield a Christian.—The Rev. F. D. Power, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, of this city, has written a letter concerning the President's character as a Christian man, in which he says, "He never hesitated when it was necessary to testify to his faith. He has lectured publicly in the Christian Church within two years, on the Christian religion, and has for six years been a devout and constant worshipper and communicant. Taking into estimate the temptations attendant upon such a career, the general goodness of Washington life and political life especially; the marked unfaithfulness of Christian men when they attain such positions; the extreme poverty and obscurity of his brethren in Washington, together with their poor house of worship, I set at naught the Christian man, faithful where nine out of ten would have failed."

Arrival-Departure.—Hamilton arrived to-night. Agnew expects to leave for Philadelphia to-morrow morning.

All Quiet.—Executive Mansion, Midnight.—At this hour the physicians report no noticeable change in the President's condition since 10 p.m. He is now resting quietly.

Dr. Hamilton's Discovery.—Last Saturday morning, the President was at his worst; nearly all hope of his recovery had gone. Dr. Hamilton, lingering about the President, was engaged in the dressing of the wound, when he discovered the source of the ailment, which had formed part of the enigma for several days, had not been ascertained. It was a small, and was poisoning the system. Without waiting to make known his discovery, or to consult with any of his associates, he rushed to a drug store and purchased a supply of powdered charcoal, and immediately administered an enema containing a large proportion of charcoal. The effect was rapid. The patient immediately, and was the incident that marked the turning point in the President's condition. There is scarcely any doubt that the presence of this medicine in the system, the cause of the glandular affection which came so near terminating the life of the President.

Just Holding His Own.—If there is any change to-day it is for the better, but it is small and he is just holding his own. He is expected to gain much for some days. The discharge of the gland has relieved him. The pulse at 10.30 was about like last night, and the higher pulse to-day was merely temporary.

The Shifting Ball.—The ball has not shifted much to-day. Many think the change in its position has caused the present strong rally. It is not impossible that the ball may pass off through the rectum.

which she took off on the 28th. The captain of the *Solita* was lost overboard. J. G. Harris, mate of the schooner *M. G. Baker*, from Philadelphia, for Wilmington, N. C., laden with coal, was picked up at sea on the 24th by the steamer *Santiago De Cuba*, and brought to this port. He was on a piece of the cabin of the schooner, naked and delirious. The *Santiago De Cuba* was on the 24th off Frying Pan Shoals. All hands were lost except Harris. It is estimated that over 100 lives were lost in this vicinity by the gale. Twenty or thirty vessels have already been held. With the exception of seven, all were negroes washed off plantations.

The Canadian Pacific R. R.—MONTREAL, 30.—The Directors of the Canadian Pacific met to-day, and the sale of the bonds of the company 5 per cent. and grant gold bonds were duly executed and the board authorized the President and Secretary to execute a mortgage as authorized at the shareholders meeting on the 19th ult.

Murder and Suicide.—BOSTON, 31.—Francis C. Pence, age 23, recently from Rockland, Me., was, to-night, shot dead by his wife aged 18, who immediately fired several shots into her own body and will die.

FOREIGN.—New Russian Paper.—GENEVA, 30.—A new Russian paper entitled *The Free Word* advocates a constitutional government and is equally opposed to revolution and reaction. Fifteen socialists have been expelled from Berlin. It is supposed for connection with propaganda in favor of Herr Bebel's election.

Satisfaction and Disaffection.—LONDON, 30.—A large meeting of the tenant farmers and others at St. Field, County Down, yesterday expressed great satisfaction with the land bill. Two imprisoned suspects were released on signing a document pledging themselves to abstain from assault and violence. After speaking at Strabane yesterday, Parnell proceeded to Derry, where, shortly before the commencement of the proceedings, Captain Beresford, aide-de-camp to the Duke of Abercorn, when the Duke was viceroy of Ireland, ascended the platform and began to denounce the agitators. Captain Beresford was soon attacked by his listeners, and had to be rescued by the police.

That Cameo has Got Back.—HALIFAX, N.S., 30.—The dory, *Little Western*, 16 feet over all, from London June 14th, arrived. Reports heavy weather.

Extensive Fire.—PARIS, 30.—A fire at the Larivette docks today caused damage estimated at 24,000 francs.

Calling for a Truce.—Rio Janeiro news via Lisbon says that the city of Lima has petitioned congress to treat for an armistice with a view to the withdrawal of the Chilean army.

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