

A Comparison Against Us.

Since the proroguing of the British Parliament, Gladstone has made some changes in his Cabinet. He was forced to this by public opinion. He could not venture his cause before the people in the new elections, cumbered as it is by the unpopularity and just censure which attach to some of his colleagues. The single case of Lowe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will explain the motive of these Cabinet changes. Lowe is one of the ablest men in England, and has been the strongest stay of the Premier ever since this ministry came into power, in 1893. During his administration of the high office he held—an office corresponding with the duties of our Secretary of the Treasury, and with the labor and duties of our House Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations added—Lowe has done his great work so well as to merit the admiration of statesmen all over the world, and generally to command the respect even of his enemies at home. More ably than any of his predecessors for ages past, he has met the two hard problems which baffle English statesmanship: a reduction of taxation, and, at the same time, a reduction of the national debt. But it was discovered towards the close of the late Parliament that in small matters this able Chancellor of the Treasury and most accomplished debater was wanting in conscience; that his hands were unclean; and that there were at least good grounds to suspect him of bribery or favoritism and corruption. The specific charge is that he let a contract to a certain steamship company for carrying the Suez-Indian mails at a rate \$50,000 per annum higher than the bid of another company equally responsible, for the same service. No explanation was attempted by the Chancellor, and no regard was paid to the explanations of his subordinates. The resolution of inquiry that came before the House of Commons was referred to a special committee. The Government might have followed what has become the rule in American legislation, and "packed" a committee that would have either smothered investigation by indefinite postponement or made it futile by a whitewashing report. It did not take this course. More just and honorable than our legislative bodies and Congresses, the Speaker of the British House of Commons appointed a committee of uninterested and impartial members, and the report so severely condemned the Chancellor of the Exchequer that not even his great services and well earned fame as a minister could save him from the disgrace of an enforced resignation. He had to retire from the Cabinet, and now the office is administered by the Premier himself.

This action is in striking contrast with the conduct of our own government in similar cases. The payment by the United States Secretary of the Navy of the fraudulent claim of Secor was infinitely worse than Lowe's contract with this Suez India Mail Company. The sum filched from the treasury was five times as great and the excuse for it had less color of justice. Yet the Secretary still holds his office, and the action of Congress on the subject is felt by the whole country to have been a farce, and so intended. In the Fort Snelling fraud, the Secretary of War is still more flagrantly culpable than the Secretary of the Navy in the Secor case. It is so plain a fraud and outrage upon justice and common decency that even the administration journals have been unable to set up an excuse for it. The fraud is over a year old. The Government has been swindled out of half a million dollars, and yet, one entire session of Congress intervening, there has not even been an investigation ordered! And Robeson and Belknap will probably remain in the Cabinet three years and a half longer.—*Sacramento Union.*

Lady Ellenborough is not dead, as reported, but is still living in felicity with her Arab husband.

A placard in a Brooklyn barber shop window announces "Boots blacked inside." Bad for the stockings.

A Boston man has discovered that stars have the peculiar effect of making him dizzy when seen in the early morning.

Whisky may be had in some of the Fourth Wardens, New York, for two cents a glass. Upon this basis votes are quoted at four cents apiece.

Practical Advice for Anglers.

First—Find out if there is any fish in the river to which you are going; if so, get some one who knows the water to show you where the fish lie; and when he shows them to you, don't you show yourself to them.

Second—Don't imagine, if the fish does not dart away, that he has not seen you; on the contrary, he is very likely devoting his whole attention to you, and preparing to start the moment danger is imminent.

Third—If you are fishing with a fly, and you pass it nearly three times over him, and he refuses it, you need not wait any longer; he has seen your line of invitation, and does not intend to come.

Fourth—If you are above a fish when you hook him, get below him as soon as you can; for if you pull him one instant against the stream, and he is a heavy fish, he will break his hold.

Fifth—Never throw a long line when a short one will answer.

Sixth—Never mind what is said about "playing your fish till he is tired;" put him in your basket as soon as you can.

SEVENTH—Remember that everything depends upon the way you begin your acquaintance. If you can prevail on a fish to go down the stream a little way with you, you will afterwards have no difficulty in persuading him to let you have the pleasure of seeing him to dinner.

To these excellent maxims I beg leave to add one of Mr. Stoddard's, especially intended for bachelors, young and old: "Never fall in love with a woman by the water side; there are situations in which every woman looks an angel."—*Beecher's Christian Union.*

The Chicago Tribune says: There is at least one judge in Indiana who knows his duty, knows how to perform it, and don't scare at all. His name is Col. Cyrus L. Dunham, who achieved distinction in the war by his valiant conduct at Parker's Cross-roads. The same valor which he manifested on the battlefield he recently displayed in his judicial capacity. At a late session of the Floyd county criminal court he instructed the grand jury to investigate the lynching of the Renos, just as on a previous occasion he instructed them to indict the vigilantes who hanged the supposed murderers of the Park family at Charleston. Recently he has received several threatening letters, warning him that his life would be taken if he did not be careful. To these letters the judge replied publicly in a communication to the Washington county vigilants. The following extracts will give an idea of his temper: "The vigilants, so called, tell me I had better be quiet. Let me tell them I never failed to speak my opinions. I denounce them as murderers, as they are, and as all decent citizens know them to be. I have stood before the cannon's mouth, where not one of the masked cowards ever dared to stand."

—Scandals over Illinois divorce laws continue. Depriving a wife of either or both of her ears has now been adjudged sufficient ground for divorce there.

—A Washington paper announces that the public printer will shortly issue a "complete compilation of the postal laws of the United States."

—Theodore Tilton has a new grievance. He says the Sunday Herald classes the Golden Age with the religious papers, and in that way has almost ruined its reputation.

—The Louisville Courier-Journal not only refuses to print a communication from a sewing machine agent, but warns the people to slip the leashes from their noble mastiffs.

—A gentleman in Indiana, when asked why he did not marry and settle down, feelingly replied that he thought more seriously of being divorced and settling up.

"Men are easily deluded," says the ex-Empress Eugenie; "they are duped on every hand; the same arts succeed with all of them, and the woman is a genius who strikes out a new way to get the better of them."

—The Toledo Blade is rejoiced to read of two men being hanged who did not attribute their downfall to whiskey, and did not believe they were going right to the better world.

—The other day at Lincoln, Nebraska, a lawyer said: "May it please the court, there is a fight out doors and I ask for a short adjournment." The court went out with him.

—A little girl at Bowling Green, Ky., fell into a forty-five foot well with fifteen feet of water in it, and was rescued unhurt.

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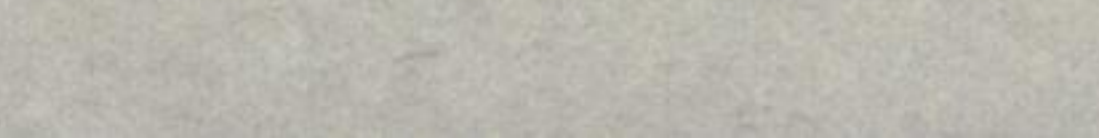
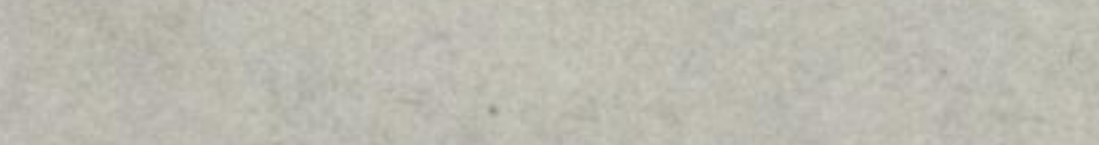
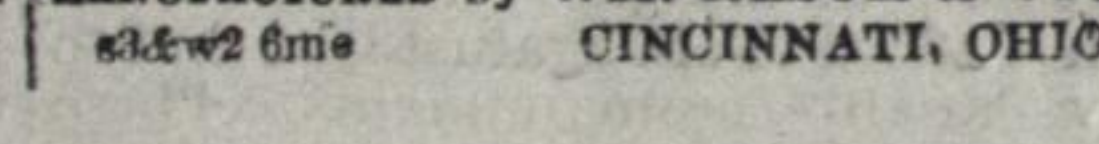
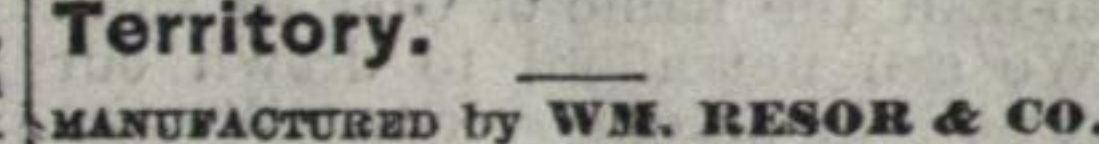
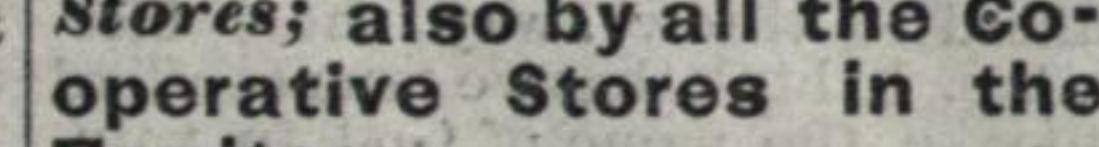
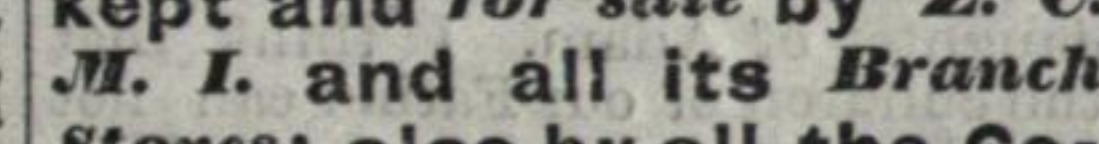
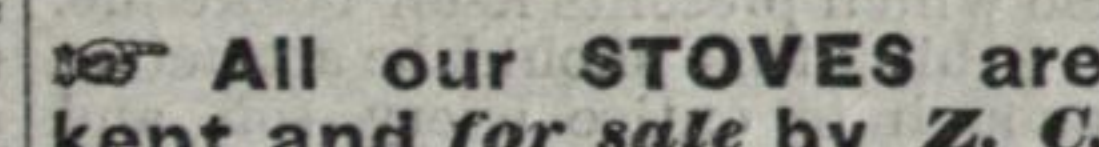
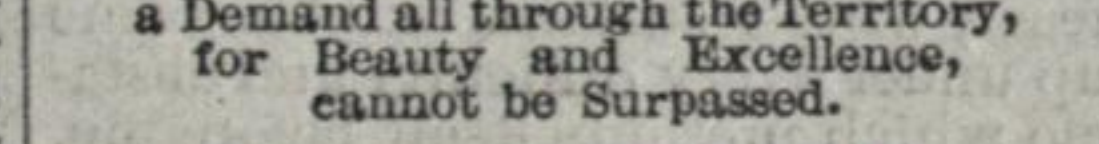
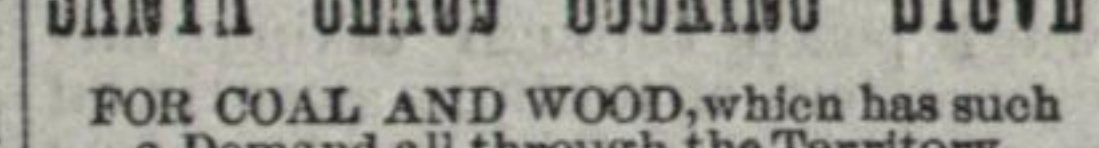
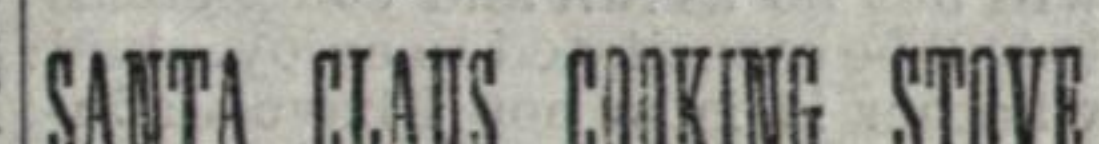
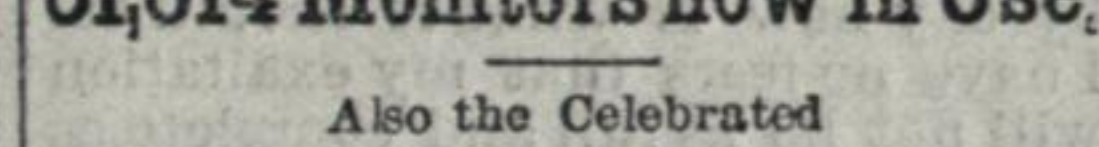
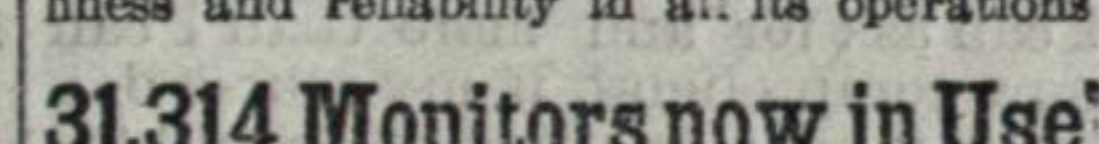
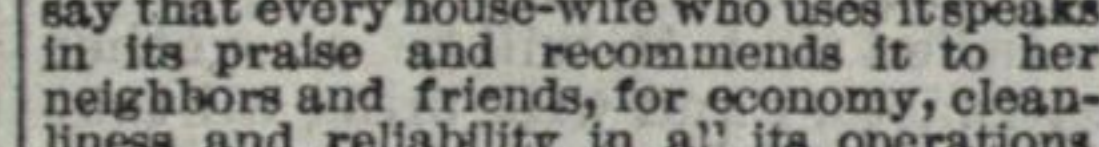
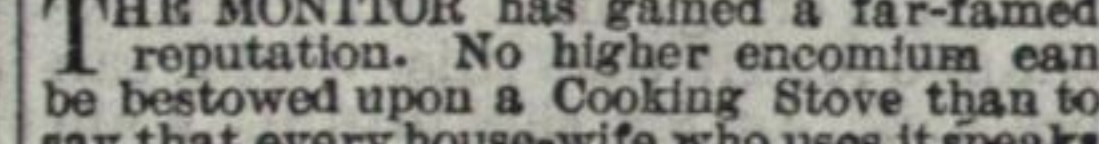
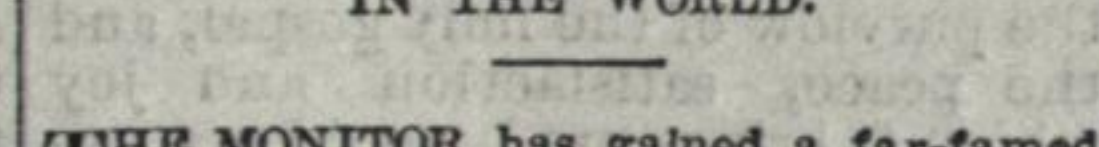
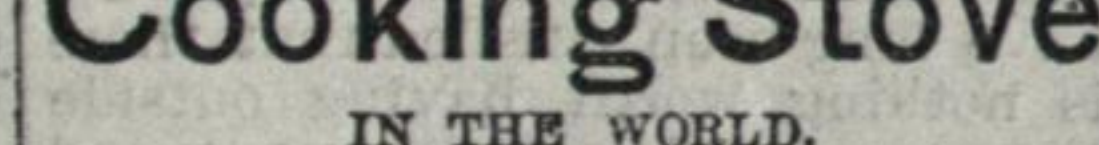
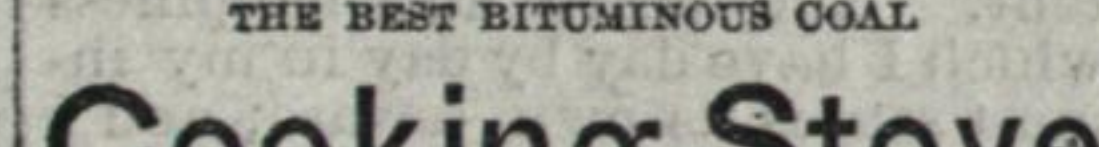
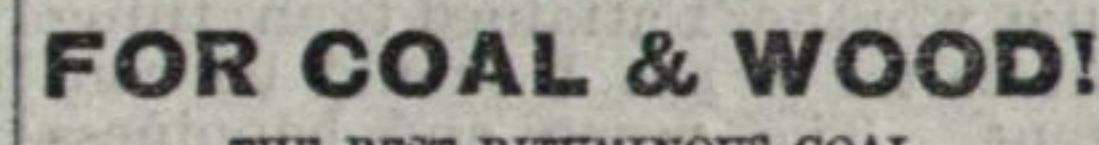
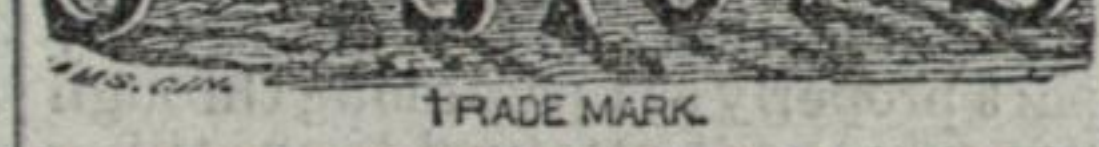
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