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**INTERESTING RUINS.**  
Mr. I. C. Thoreson in an interesting  
communication from Mexico, which will  
be reproduced in another part of the  
"News" describes the ruins of the city  
of Mitla, and especially the remains  
of an ancient temple there, which still  
testify of the high grade of culture  
reached by the builders of that edifice.  
The writer is particularly struck by  
the resemblance of the plan of this  
structure to the plans of modern tem-  
ples erected according to revelations  
received through Joseph, the Prophet.  
We doubt not that as research pro-  
ceeds among the priceless treasures of  
American archaeology, more and more  
convincing proofs of the divine inspira-  
tion of that man will be found, just  
as the study of the monuments of the  
ancient history of the Old World, has  
brought to light indisputable evidence  
of the authenticity of the Scriptures.  
What is known of America's past, con-  
firms in a remarkable manner, the his-  
torical parts of the Book of Mormon.  
And that is all the more significant,  
since that volume was given to the  
world through the instrumentality of an  
unlearned boy, who was not familiar  
with any of the learned speculations  
on America's past, or the history of the  
Indians. Almost three-fourths of a cen-  
tury of research, since that time, has  
failed to bring forth any fact contra-  
dicting that book. On the contrary,  
all the facts brought to light have  
tended to confirm it.  
Some critics have an idea that the  
time allotted in the Book of Mormon  
for the growth of nations, the building  
of temples, and cities, the immigration  
from place to place, etc., is too short.  
But the same objection has been made  
against the Bible account of the growth  
of Israel in Egypt. The fact is that  
people do not realize the rapid changes  
on the pages of history. But, think of  
the wonderful historic panorama that  
has been unfolded in the Old World,  
since 600 B. C., the year when the  
history of the Book of Mormon com-  
mences. What changes since then,  
in the Old World! How many mighty  
empires have risen and fallen! How  
many cities have been built, and how  
many have almost vanished! What  
growth among nations and govern-  
ments! Then, why should not history  
have been written equally rapidly here?  
We speak about generations of men,  
as if hundreds, or thousands of them  
separated us from the ancient world. But  
that is not so. If we take a generation  
to be a hundred years—the sense in  
which the term sometimes is used—  
there are not so very many since the  
beginning. As one author has ex-  
pressed it: "If the boy belonging to  
Jesse of Bethlehem had gone out upon  
his father's farm, and following his fa-  
ther's sheep had begun to sing, 'The  
Lord is my Shepherd,' the lips of  
thirty-eight men might have handed  
that psalm down to your lips from  
his, and if they were set along the  
street, and they clapped hands, thirty-  
eight hands might join yours with that  
of the king that reigned in Zion, and  
struck the harp that has echoed so  
long." How near we stand, the an-  
cients, after all, but what a number  
of events are crowded into the brief  
span of time, that stretches between  
them and us! This is a fact the Book  
of Mormon critics generally overlook.

**SEEING OUR OWN COUNTRY.**  
Utah is just now receiving an object  
lesson of what united effort may ac-  
complish. To illustrate: A few months  
ago one or two observant officials of  
the Salt Lake Commercial club who  
had grown weary of walking in paths  
that had been beaten by similar orga-  
nizations throughout the country—orga-  
nizations that adopt resolutions on  
every question from the building of a  
country road to the digging of the  
Panama canal, conceived the idea of  
doing something out of the ordinary,  
and doing it well. At first that some-  
thing appeared so colossal as to seem  
impossible of realization. But as it  
was thought out in detail its originators  
became confident of putting into shape  
and operation that which only their  
own minds had thus far considered.  
They thought of the great American  
tourist tide to Europe; of the millions  
of money made in the United States  
and spent abroad each year. Contem-  
plating the subject further they saw  
that very much of this money was be-  
ing expended in "seeing" the natural  
attractions of the Old World. To this  
there could be no real objection. But  
if the seeing of Nature's most wonder-  
ful creations was a controlling factor  
in determining where the rich travel-  
er should go, why not lay before him  
a few great western truths and have  
him turn his attention and his course  
into this wonderful land of creation?  
And thus was the "See Europe if You  
Will, But See America First" idea  
crystallized. Its launching was not so  
easy. To many the task of diverting  
tourist travel this way was regarded as

a pretty dream. But the proposition  
was persuasively and convincingly  
stated by President Wells and Manager  
Harris. A few of the big newspapers  
were sounded and saw the benefits that  
must come to all the west under such  
a campaign. The larger magazines fell  
into line without delay and the daily  
newspaper of the country that has not  
published one or more articles of ap-  
proval, is considered behind its fellows.  
In the meantime commercial bodies,  
boards of trade and chambers of com-  
merce had been written to all over the  
land. And with a single exception in  
the whole of the Transmississippi  
country they took up the work of as-  
sistance. Railroad and other trans-  
portation officials became interested  
and soon they were giving their sup-  
port. And that is how the foundations  
were laid for the initial "See America  
First" convention which will be held  
in Salt Lake on January 25 next. At  
that meeting the plans for raising suf-  
ficient money to successfully launch  
the scheme will be one of the matters  
to receive consideration. It is under-  
stood that already they have been out-  
lined and that when they are submitted,  
approval must necessarily follow in  
short order.  
When that time comes Salt Lake  
should do her best. She has much to  
gain if the project shall succeed, and  
much to lose if it shall fail. Should  
the pleasure-seeking, moneyed multi-  
tudes of the populous east turn their  
faces toward the setting sun, Utah is  
sure to get her share of them; for all  
things considered she has attractions,  
people and history around which clus-  
ters a greater interest to visitors than  
attaches to those of any sister state.  
And so we say, "Success to the See  
America First" movement. May the  
day of its coming be near at hand.

**THE GROWING REVOLUTION.**  
It seems clear, from the dispatches  
about the Russian situation, that the  
revolution there is growing in extent.  
It is not yet a year since the memorable  
"red Sunday," when peaceful petitioners  
were shot down like beasts, in front  
of the Imperial palace. At that time  
the people would gladly have accepted  
the measure of self-government now  
offered by the Czar and earnestly urged  
by Count de Witte. Now, these conces-  
sions appear too limited to the leaders  
of the revolutionary forces, and they  
demand popular government in the  
most modern sense of the term. They  
are no longer satisfied with the first  
steps toward a republic. They demand  
a complete republican form of govern-  
ment, and universal suffrage. These  
demands seem to be blocking the wheels  
of progress. The Czar, Witte and the  
members of the old autocracy are bit-  
terly contesting any further conces-  
sion of power to the representatives of  
the people and are seeking so to limit  
the voting franchise as to keep all the  
power in aristocratic circles.  
Meanwhile the revolutionary propa-  
ganda is spreading. The Baltic pro-  
vinces have so far been, comparatively  
speaking, quiet. But there, too, the  
government now faces an armed rising,  
and the threat of a general revolt  
among the peasants is causing genuine  
alarm. The Baltic provinces hold a  
number of German settlers. Any acts  
of hostility depriving these of life or  
property, might give Germany a rea-  
sonable excuse for interfering. In fact,  
that has already been hinted at from  
Berlin. But intervention by any foreign  
government must be particularly un-  
welcome to the Russian authorities,  
since it would be impossible to foresee  
what complications might arise  
from such foreign intervention. Cor-  
respondents from the Baltic provinces  
describe the situation there as critical.  
The hatred of the Germans in Livonia  
is said to be due to years of oppression.  
The peasants around Riga are burning  
estates and murdering landowners. The  
Germans of Riga are in dread of a "St.  
Bartholomew Night."  
The question of chief importance at  
present is whether count Witte is likely  
to be able to master the situation. If  
he is not in a position to restore order,  
on the program he has offered, it is quite  
possible that a dictatorship will follow,  
provided there are troops enough, loyal  
to the autocracy, to enforce the or-  
ders of a dictator. And then, we fancy,  
the real struggle comes—the contest be-  
tween the people and tyranny. If the  
revolutionists were wise, they would ac-  
cept the measure of freedom now of-  
fered by the Czar, and then fight the  
battle for reforms by constitutional  
means. They would be absolutely sure  
of final victory in the assemblies of the  
people. If they continue the revolu-  
tion, until the government adopts  
measures of coercion, they are not so  
sure of immediate success. Violence  
sometimes triumphs, temporarily over  
justice.

Sleigh bells are in order.  
A friend in need is often a dun in dis-  
guise.  
San Domingo is inviting the fall of  
the big stick.  
Lament of T. W. L., "My loss is  
greater than I can bear."  
It is almost as hard to face a coal  
famine as a coal bill collector.  
Life insurance is one grand, sweet  
song for life insurance presidents.  
The glorious snow-storm was the  
weather's tribute to a Greater Salt  
Lake.  
The records of the Armstrong com-  
mittee show that McCurdy was a self-  
made man.  
By the running away of its president  
the Dominican republic loses morale as  
well as Morales.  
Mayor Dunne of Chicago keeps peg-  
ging away. Such perseverance should  
meet with a reward.  
Ante holiday expenditures make it  
quite impossible for people to take ad-  
vantage of post holiday cuts.  
Jack O'Brien has issued a challenge

to James J. Jeffries. Why doesn't he  
take some one his own size?  
It is to be hoped that in sending his  
letter instead of coming personally to  
explain, Andy Hamilton's "motives were  
pure."  
Such joy has the storm brought that  
people can even bear to hear the elo-  
quent girl recite "The Beautiful  
Snow."  
The new electoral law for Russia has  
been gazetted. Just at present the law  
for Russia seems to be the law of the  
jungle.  
San Domingo probably will continue  
to be a plague spot until Uncle Sam  
extends his protectingegis over the  
island.  
Already the new senator from Oregon  
has made himself prominent. He re-  
fused a pass and paid his fare to Wash-  
ington.  
James Hazen Hyde entertained Sarah  
Bernhardt at dinner the other day. Did  
he entertain her with the story of the  
Equitable?  
New York may have "chorusless"  
grand opera. That would be far worse  
than "Hamlet" with the melancholy  
Dane left out.  
Speaker Cannon defends the house of  
representatives. It wouldn't be much  
of a man that wouldn't speak well of  
a bridge that had carried him over safely.  
Late Pence is buying many of the old  
buildings on the Lewis and Clark ex-  
position grounds. Is he going into the  
second hand store business or going to  
start a boom town?  
Strikes in Russia were matters of  
great surprise but a strike in Tangier,  
Morocco, is the most surprising thing  
of all in the labor world. Surely it must  
be the ne plus ultra of strikes.  
**RURAL FOLK'S COLDS.**  
Philadelphia Record.  
Dr. Lawrence Flick was talking to a  
visitor about educating the people in  
hygienic principles, when his caller in-  
terrupted by saying, "I was visiting  
in a small town not far from the White  
Haven Sanitarium some time ago when  
I came across an amusing circum-  
stance. Owing to its proximity to the  
sanitarium nearly every person in the  
town earned of the milk and egg diet  
and the open air cure. The result is  
that whenever any one gets a little cold  
that the ordinary person elsewhere  
would hardly bother about, the afflicted  
one immediately thinks he is in for  
beriberi, and remembering the treat-  
ment at the sanitarium, at once starts  
in on it. The first thing he does is to  
take the windows out of the sashes,  
or else erect tents in the back yard and  
virtually live out of doors in the cold,  
besides drinking more eggs and milk  
in a week than the ordinary person  
would in a month. Of course such a  
one soon gets better and attributes it  
all to the treatment." Dr. Flick looked  
gratified and said: "There, don't you  
see, that shows how the public can be  
and is willing to be educated to the  
proper methods of living."

**AN AMERICAN GIRL AT COURT.**  
Harper's Bazar.  
The necessary wardrobe is no small  
matter. A simple court dress by Pa-  
cain will cost anything from \$50 to  
\$100—not including lace, which may be  
a family heirloom above price. The  
debutante's bouquet may include \$100  
worth of costly orchids and hothouse  
blooms. As to gloves, the regulation  
court gloves will cost \$5 or  
\$10 a pair at least, in a Bond street  
store; and for shoes, the correct ones  
are to be bought at a little store high  
up Bond street near the Oxford street  
end. These people make shoes for the  
queen and princesses, and the price is  
\$25 a pair. It is embarrassing to find  
that almost every detail of one's attire  
is laid down by law and has endured  
for centuries. Some points about the  
presentation at court are much changed  
since Queen Victoria's day. The  
"courts," as they are now called, are  
held at 10 o'clock at night—an hour  
much more becoming than one's  
costume and complexion than the  
erstwhile afternoon session. Also,  
there are beautiful banquets  
in attendance; a most excellent buffet  
supper, and last, but by no means least,  
the king and queen sit on gorgeous  
thrones at the end of a huge and  
sumptuous saloon, in all the glory of  
ermine and purple and jewels beyond  
price.

**AVERAGE HUMANITY.**  
From the Essays of Augustine Birrell.  
What do we mean by a good man or  
a bad one, a good woman or a bad one?  
Most people, like the young man in the  
song, are "not very good, nor yet very  
bad." We move about the features of  
life in huge herds, and do the same  
things at the same time and for the  
same reasons. "Forty feeding like one."  
Are we mean? Well, we have done some  
mean things in our time. Are we gen-  
erous? Occasionally we are. Were we  
good sons or dutiful daughters? We  
have both honored and dishonored our  
parents, who in their turn had done the  
same by theirs. Do we meet all the  
demands of duty? Indeed we do. We  
forget all about it when we have turned  
the corner? Frequently that is so.

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS.**  
Popular Magazine for January is a  
very nice holiday number. It opens  
with the complete novel by George Par-  
sons Bradford, "The Skipper of the Ser-  
aphim." This is a story of an involun-  
tary cruise, taken by a wealthy New  
Yorker, under very peculiar circum-  
stances. The number also contains sev-  
eral short stories and serial stories. The  
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propriate to the holiday season.—73 Sev-  
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