NEWS OF THE WEEK.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Burglars secured $2,000 in money and $17,000 in bonds from the safe in Muckle Brothers' store.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The suit of Harry Marks, editor of the Financial News, against Gen. Butterfield, for libel, ended in a verdict of not guilty.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—It is reported that the new British protected cruiser Latona has gone ashore. The Admiralty Office authorities do not confirm the report.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Dec. 20.—John Devlin of Detroit, Mich., a leading member of the Executive Board of the Knights of Labor, is here dangerously ill.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The Jamestown Electric Light Company's plant was destroyed by fire last evening. Loss estimated at $30,000.

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.—A house in the native quarter of the city collapsed. It contained at the time of the accident 100 inmates, 30 of whom were killed and many injured.

ROME, Dec. 18.—The Italian Court is opposed to the proposed marriage of the Duke of Aosta to his stepmother, the Princess Letitia. The Duke insists upon the match and the Princess is willing.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 22.—The prosecution in the Sawtelle murder trial expect to have their case in by to-morrow night. It is understood the court will sit Christmas day.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The S. A. Kean & Co. bank, founded in 1860, and known for many years throughout the country as the Prestoh Kean & Co. bank, with branch offices in New York and Boston, has suspended.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Jack Burke has accepted Ted Pritchard's challenge to box within 12 weeks from this date for $5,000 a side for the middleweight championship. The articles will be signed this afternoon.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 18.—By a gas explosion in the japanning room of the Weed Sewing Machine Company, Chas. Anderson, Thomas Kennedy and William Barton were burned, Kennedy quite severely, but all will recover.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The Board of Supervisors passed a resolution, asking the Governor to pardon Mary Druse, who is serving a life sentence in the Onondaga Penitentiary, for connection with the murder of her father.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—In the course of a lecture before the Society of Practical Medicine Dr. Petit produced a lymph of his own discovery, for which he claims results identical with those obtained from the use of Prof. Koch's lymph.

CONGERS, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Conductor Fred Harris and Brakeman Harry Evans, of a New York & Hudson River Railroad freight train, were instantly killed by falling from the roof of the cars while in motion near here early in the morning.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 20.—At a meeting of 2,000 shoemakers, men and women, it was voted to fight the manufacturers and that arbitration was out of the question. An assessment of 10 per cent will be levied to pay expenses.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 20.—Mr. James Ogilvie of Glenvairie, Scotland, is here negotiating for a site for a woollen factory. A number of capitalists from New York and Glasgow are interested in the building and Mr. Ogilvie has been appointed at agent to look for a site.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—At Second and Callowhill streets, Thomas McMahon shot his wife three times, in the right and left breasts and in the center of the body. She was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital in a dying condition, and McMahon was locked up in the Seventh District station house.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 20.—The suggestion of the name of Senator John Sherman in connection with the gubernatorial nomination has met with a number of strong indorsements and the more the subject is discussed the stronger becomes the sentiment that Mr. Sherman should be the next Republican candidate for Governor.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Benjamin W. Winner of Liberty, Sullivan County, dealer in wood, has failed. Liabilities, $50,000 to $75,000, with probably no assets. Among his creditors are ex-Senator Platt, Editor Sprague of the Liberty Register and ex-Assemblyman Niven. He was at one time Sheriff of Liberty.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 22.—In a dispute over a game of poker Fred Lawson struck John Paine several blows knocking him down. Paine then drew a revolver and fired three times. One ball pierced Lawson's brain, another his heart and the third his stomach. Lawson was killed. Paine fled and has not yet been captured. They are notorious colored toughs.

MARTIN'S FERRY, O., Dec. 20.—Last March Rudolph Craig, a glass worker of Wheeling, W. Va., gave his 4-year-old child to Mrs. Wilson Hymes of Martin's Ferry to keep. He was married again a short time since and Mrs. Hymes refused to surrender the child. Last night Craig went to her residence, accompanied by his two sisters, knocked Mrs. Hymes down and held her while his two sisters kidnapped the child and the three fled. Craig has crossed the river with the child and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Mrs. Lippincott Released.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Julia Lippincott has arrived at the Mansion House, having been released on bail from the jail at May's Landing. She was arrested on a charge of forgery, and her trial will probably not take place until April. She says that she will at once commence proceedings to recover her interest in her husband's estate, which amounts to $30,000."

HANGED IN EFFIGY.

A Dummy Figure of Superintendent Walmsley Dangles in the Breeze.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 20.—Superintendent Walmsley of the Clark Thread Company was hanged in effigy from a wire strung between two poles at Craig and Stone streets, and the effigy swung in the air until about the noon hour. The striking spinners and the other locked-out operatives of the mills claim that they knew nothing about the affair until long after the figure had been cut down.

Bustles of all kinds were strung on the wire that held up the dummy. On a white paper in blue letters on the effigy was the following: "Walmsley's substitution. Old boy, you are up a tree."

The bustles were supposed to be as a reminder of the strike which happened about a year ago. At that time Superintendent Walmsley issued an order prohibiting the girls from wearing bustles while at work in the mills. The entire force went on strike in support of the rights of the girls to wear bustles whenever they wished, and the superintendent had to yield the point before the employes would return.

A member of the Clark Company reiterated the statement that the spinners quit work against orders, and thereby chrew 2,000 persons, mostly females, out of employment. Afterward the following announcement was made:

"The company will start the mills next Monday morning. But they reserve the right to take back whom they please. There are 1,800 out and 1,700 can apply Monday with every reason for expected employment. The company absolutely declines to enter into any controversy."

WAS HE MURDERED?

An Entirely Different Story About Sitting Bull's Death.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 20.—Corporal Gunn of G troop, Eighth cavalry, who is in from Fort Yates on furlough, tells an entirely different story from that heretofore sent out about Sitting Bull's death. The story as told to Corporal Gunn by a half breed is this:

Bull Head, a lieutenant of the Indian police, went to Sitting Bull's house to serve the warrant for his arrest. Sitting Bull, who was there with his two sons, opened the door, and one of the sons, seeing the house surrounded by the police, gave a cry of alarm.

Bull Head at once fired at Sitting Bull, the ball striking him in the breast over the left nipple, killing him instantly. As he fell Sitting Bull fired his revolver, the ball striking Bull Head in the ribs. Bull Head died two hours later.

A terrific fight ensued and the thirty police retreated into Sitting Bull's house, while the hostiles had retired to ambush, having learned that the soldiers were coming. After the arrival of the soldiers one Indian lifted Sitting Bull's scalp and another battered his face to a jelly with a plank.

On his person was found a letter from Mrs. William Weldon of New York warning him to fly from the agency, as the government was about to have him killed. He was preparing to depart when surprised by the police.

A MISSIONARY DISAPPEARS.

He Borrowed Money of Many People before He took His Departure.

MAY'S LANDING, N. J., Dec. 22.—Isaac Goldstein, who claims to be a missionary from Jerusalem, has disappeared from here, and, it is stated, has taken considerable money with him.

Goldstein came here from New York about three months ago. He located in a small settlement three miles from May's Landing, and at once began to hold religious meetings, which were largely attended, and Goldstein became very popular. He had in his possession papers signed by prominent divines throughout the State. He called upon the Rev. S. Y. Lum, of the Presbyterian Church, and explained to him that he was in need of money, and that his people were suffering badly for want of bread and clothes. He borrowed $30 from Mr. Lum, saying that he wanted to purchase some clothing for his Sunday school children, and that he would refund the money in a few days.

The supposed missionary secured many other loans, amounting, it is stated, to several hundred dollars, before he left town.

G. A. R. SILVER WEDDING.

All Posts to Hold Appropriate Ceremonies in Honor of the Event.

RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 22.—Commander-in-Chief W. G. Veazey at an early date will issue a general order from the headquarters here, calling on all Grand Army posts in the United States to assemble at their halls on the evening of April 6, 1891, and hold commemorative services in honor of the silver wedding of the order.

The principal point will be Decatur, Ill., the place where the Grand Army of the Republic was organized 25 years ago. Members from every State will join with the Department Encampment of Illinois in celebrating the occasion. Commander-in-Chief Veazey will be present with his staff, as will also all living past national commanders.

Divorce Sharks Exposed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The victim of one of the fraudulent divorce mills in this city has run to earth the proprietors of the mill. He is no less a person than William S. Pendleton, who when he bought his divorce was Mayor of Fort Worth, Tex. The men who sold him the divorce were W. Duryee Hughes, who says he is the brother-in-law of Mr. Williams, once Attorney-General of the United States, and Patrick H. Campbell, both attorneys practicing in this city.

He Wanted Some One to Shoot Him.

RED BANK, N. J., Dec. 22.—David Belshaw, aged 30, had both legs cut off below the knees, by falling under a moving train, which he attempted to board. He was picked up and carried to the baggage room, where he regained consciousness, and, on looking down at the bleeding limbs, exclaimed: "For God's sake, will some one shoot me!" He will probably recover.

WASHINGTON TOPICS

Senators and Representatives Leaving for Home.

A DULL WEEK IN BOTH HOUSES.

The Last Speech on the Election Bill Expected on Wednesday.

An Expert Says that $70,000,000 Revenue Will be Lost on Sugar—The White House Christmas Tree—Figuring on Judge McKennan's Successor—Minister Valente Surprised.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—With the approach of the holiday season, Senators and Representatives are beginning to leave Washington to spend Christmas at their homes, or to visit neighboring towns, and, in consequence, there will be many vacant seats in both branches of Congress.

It is hardly probable that there will be a quorum in either House during the week, and, as a matter of necessity, the programme will be simplified.

The last Senator on Vice-President Morton's list of speakers on the Elections bill will probably have finished his address on Wednesday, and on that day the Senate will, in all probability, take a recess over Christmas until the Monday following. No other bill except the Elections bill will be before the Senate Mr. Aldrich may possibly report the cloture rule from the Committee on Rules, but this is not thought to be probable.

The absence of a quorum in the House will prevent action on any measure. Mr. Mills' resolution, providing for a recess from to-day until after New Year's, has been considered by the Ways and Means Committee, and action on it deferred until this afternoon. The consent of the Senate will be necessary to make the resolution effective.

The probability is that the House will adjourn to-day until the day before or the day after Christmas, when another adjournment will be taken until the following Monday.

WILL LOSE $70,000,000.

A Tariff Expert Conferring With Congressmen About the Cut in Sugar.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Henry A. Brown of Massachusetts, the noted sugar tariff expert, has been in Washington for several days conferring with leading officials and members of Congress about the great cut in the duty on sugar, to go into effect next April under the new tariff law, and its effects on the revenues of the country.

Mr. Brown insists that the loss of revenue from making sugar almost duty free, together with the bounty to be paid to sugar producers in this country, will amount to $70,000,000 a year. He is clearly of the opinion that it will be found advisable, and that it will be the duty of Congress to restore fully three-fourths of the present or old duty on sugar, and discontinue or repeal the bounty feature of the new law.

He has no doubt that the rapid increase in the production of sugar in this country will very soon cheapen permanently the price of that article to American consumers, and that a sustained duty on sugar would be a powerful factor in treating with sugar-producing countries for reciprocity.

Mr. Brown says that his opinions and views on this matter are shared by leading Republicans, both in and out of Congress, conversant with the subject, who are not unmindful of the demands that are likely to be made on the Treasury to meet the largely increased government expenditures for pensions, the new navy, etc., in the near future.

More money will have to be raised somehow to meet this increased government expenditure, and it need not be looked for, he says, from customs revenues, in view of the reduction of tariff taxes on many articles, and the extended free list found in the McKinley bill law.

Judge McKennan's Successor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The names of several gentlemen are already suggested to fill the shoes of Judge McKennan, of Pennsylvania, when he steps down from the United States Circuit Court bench. Senator Quay says he thinks Judge Wickham, of Beaver, would make a worthy successor to so eminent a jurist as Judge McKennan. Lieutenant-Governor Stone says he knows no one who would fill the place with more ability than Attorney-General Kirkpatrick, while Congressman Dalzell thinks that Judge Marcus W. Achison, of the District Court, would be the proper person for the place. The Philadelphia delegation has not made up its mind as to whom it would prefer in the event of Judge McKennan's retirement.

Christmas at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The President's grandchildren are looking forward to Christmas with much anticipation, for they are to have a Christmas tree in the President's private parlor. There are mysterious bundles hidden away from prying fingers and peeping eyes. And there are boxes of many colored tapers, and strings of popcorn, and gilt stars, and all sorts of things that are necessary to make a real, genuine Christmas tree. The Christmas party at the President's house will be a strictly family affair, for on that day Mrs. Harrison says the children count on a merry romp with grandpa, and no spectators are allowed.

The Brazilian Minister Surprised.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Valente, the Brazilian Minister here, was surprised to read the announcement that Dr. Salvador de Mendonca had been appointed Minister to the United States, and that the present minister had been transferred to Vienna. Minister Valente has heard nothing of the reported change, and says that he is certain that if any such change had been made he would have been informed of it by his Government.

MARKET PRICES.

Latest New York Quotations—Market.

BUTTER.—State Dairy, new, fancy	29
State Dairy, new, good to choice, lb	28
Western Dairy, fancy, per lb	21
Western Dairy, good to choice, per lb	20
Western Creamery, fancy, per lb	27½
Western Creamery, good to choice, lb	26
Imitation Creamery, fancy, per lb	25
Imitation Creamery, good to choice, lb	24
Western Creamery, fancy, lb	30
Western Creamery, good to choice, lb	27
Factory, fresh, per lb	22
BEANS AND PEAS.—Beans, Mar., choice	3.10
Beans, Medium, choice, new	2.30
Beans, Red Kidney, choice, new	3.40
Beans, foreign, new	2.25
Beans, Pea, choice	2.30
Green Peas, new, bbls, per bushel	1.00
Beans, Lima, California, per bag	2.90
CHEESE.—State Factory, fancy	9¾
State Factory, full cream, choice, lb	9¼
State Factory, part skim, per lb	6¾
State Factory, full skims, per lb	2½
DRIED FRUITS.—Apples, evaporat'd, f'cy	16
Apples, sun-dried, fair to choice, per lb	11½
Raspberries, evaporated, new, per lb	30
Raspberries, sun-dried, new, per lb	28
Cherries, new, per lb	31
Blackberries, new, per lb	9
Huckleberries, per lb	19
Peaches, new, per lb	5
Pecans, per lb	13
Hickory Nuts, per bushel	2.25
EGGS.—Eastern, choice, doz	27
Western, choice, per doz	26
Canada, choice, per doz	23
FRUITS.—Apples, Ben Davis, per bbl	4.50
Wine Sap, per bbl	4.50
Apples, Greening, per bbl	6.50
Apples, Northern Spy, per bbl	4.50
Apples, Baldwin, per bbl	4.25
Cranberries, Cape Cod, dark, per bbl	6.00
Cranberries, Cape Cod, light, per bbl	1.75
Grapes, Western N. Y., 10 lb. basket	32
Lemons, Fla., per box	3.00
Oranges, Fla., fancy, per box	3.25
Orange, Fla., sangerines, per box	6.00
HAY AND STRAW.—Hay, No. 1, per 100 lb	70
Hay, Clover mixed	55
Hay, Swiss	55
Hay, shipping	45
Long Rye Straw	85
Short Rye Straw	60
Oat Straw	55
Wheat Straw	45
POULTRY, ETC.—Live Western Geese	1.37
Chickens, near-by, choice, lb	8
Ducks, Western, per pair	75
Fowl, State, N. Y. and Pa., per lb	8
Fowls, Western, per lb	8
Roosters, per lb	5
Turkeys, per lb	10
Chickens, Philadelphia, choice, per lb	11
Chickens, Western, dry-packed, per lb	11
Ducks, young, Long Island, per lb	14
Ducks, young, Phila., per lb	12
Tame Squabs, white, per doz	2.00
Tame Squabs, dark, per doz	1.50
Grouse, pintail, per pair	85
Partridges, per pair	1.25
Quail, per doz	1.50
Rabbits, Jaccs, per pair	1.00
VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, L. I., per bbl	2.75
Potatoes, N. J., Peerless, per bbl	2.50
Potatoes, N. J., Bush, per bbl	2.25
Potatoes, New Jersey, Queen, per bbl	2.75
Sweet Potatoes, Virginia, per bbl	1.75
Sweet Potatoes, N. J., per bbl	2.00
Onions, Conn., white, per bbl	5.00
Onions, Conn., red, per bbl	3.00
Onions, Orange Co., red, per bbl	3.00
Cabbage, Long Island, per 100	5.00
Egg Plant, Southern, per bbl	5.00
Turnips, Russia, Long Island, per bbl	2.25
Cucumbers, Fla., per crate	2.50
CATTLE.—Choice to extra	5.20
Good to prime	4.85
Fair to good	4.55
Sheep, per lb	5¾
Lambs, per lb	7

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Two Blocks Burned in Athol, Mass., and Several Firemen Injured.

ATHOL, Mass., Dec. 22.—The most disastrous fire ever known in Athol occurred here yesterday. The Masonic and Central blocks were completely destroyed, five merchants, the postoffice the Masonic rooms, etc., being burned out.

A. C. Porter, George Burnham, L. C. Perry and William Connor, of Orange, firemen, were injured by falling walls, Perry probably fatally. Alexander McLeod, foreman of Star Hose, fell 30 feet from a ladder and fractured his skull. The property loss is $135,000; insurance, $55,000.

Owing to the difficulty experienced in getting at the fire, and the inflammable character of the buildings, aid was summoned from Gardner and Orange, the latter place promptly sending a steamer. The Commercial Union Telegraph office was among the establishments that were destroyed.

THINK HE WAS MURDERED.

The Body of a Missing Man Found in the Woods.

YARMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 22.—The body of Francis T. McKay of this city was found in the woods here last evening. It is thought he was murdered.

McKay and Alexander Henry went out riding from Orleans Friday night, and Henry returned to that place alone. The horse and buggy were found in Harwick yesterday. Henry said that the horse had run away and that he had been thrown out. He knew nothing of McKay's whereabouts. Henry's appearance caused distrust in his story, and McKay's friends began a search. The men were good friends, and if it should prove to be a murder the motive is a mystery.

She Killed Two Raccoons.

EGG HARBOR, N. J., Dec. 22.—Mrs. John Pomilear, a prominent resident of Emilville, a small town about eight miles from here, was attacked by a large raccoon, which sprang upon her and attempted to grab her by the throat. The animal was forced off by the young woman, who secured a club and killed it. Mrs. Pomilear then proceeded to the barn, which is some distance from the house, to feed some live stock, and when returning from the barn was attacked by another raccoon, which sprang at her, but after a hard fight she succeeded in killing this one also.

Daring Train Robbery.

OLNEY, Ill., Dec. 22.—A daring robbery took place on the north bound Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railroad freight train which passed up at 2:30 a. m. At the water tank, a mile south of this city, the train was cut in two and the engine moved ahead to take water. While the caboose was standing still two men, both masked, entered it and firing two revolver shots over the heads of Conductor Hampton and his brakeman, compelled them to throw up their hands while one of the robbers robbed them of $60 and their watches.

VOTING IN KILKENNY

THERE IS INTENSE EXCITEMENT.

Both Sides Working Hard and Only a Few Rows Reported.

Parnell Confident of Victory—He Says if the Result Is Unfavorable He Will Not be Downhearted—London Is Anxious About the Result—Liberals Predict Parnell's Defeat—The Polls Close at 8 P. M.

KILKENNY, Dec. 22.—Up to noon to-day only a few rows were reported at the polling places, but the excitement is intense and there is likely to be trouble at any moment.

It is the first occasion upon which the divided sections of the Irish party have confronted each other, and each must stand or fall by the result to-day. After it is over it is likely that a material change will take place in the relative size of the contending parties. But although the election in North Kilkenny involves issues of paramount importance to the whole of Ireland, it has been impossible to divest the canvass of a personal element, and many of the 6,000 voters in the constituency are being influenced by the personal character of the candidates.

The population of the division is about 41,000, while the voters number nearly 6,000. At the election of 1885, the first held after the division of the county, the late Mr. E. P. Marum, the Parnellite candidate, received 4,084 votes, to 174 cast for Bellew, Conservative. The sentiment of the constituency being almost unanimously in favor of a national parliament, Marum was returned in 1886 without opposition.

Parnell expresses himself as confident of victory to-night. Much apprehension is felt of the effect that defeat might have upon his followers.

Parnell said he had faith in Kilkenny's decision, but if the result was unfavorable, he would not be down-hearted, but would hold aloft the flag until every constituency in Ireland had spoken.

Two hundred troops and over 500 constabulary are scattered through the place. A division of soldiers of the 85th Infantry is commanded by Colonel Knox and the police by Allan Cameron.

Davitt said to-day: "If we do not carry this election I will retire from Irish politics forever, for I will believe the Irish people are liars. After deducting 30 per cent. from their promises our majority is 1,500."

The result of the election will not be known before noon to-morrow.

LONDON AWAITS THE NEWS.

The Liberals Confident that Mr. Parnell Stands No Chance To-day.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The most intense interest is felt in London as to the result of to-day's election in Kilkenny. The Liberals believe, from the dispatches received to-day, that the priests have settled Parnell and that he stands no chance.

On the other hand, betting men who calculate to win are willing to back Parnell at much lower odds than a week ago, but are not ready to bet even. While the official result will not be known until to-morrow, it is thought that to-night a fair idea of the result can be obtained. The polls will be open until 8 o'clock to-night.

Timothy Harrington hastened on his arrival at Queenstown to communicate with Mr. Parnell, and the latter is said to be much encouraged by the information which Mr. Harrington has brought from America. All day long the two parties have been busy electioneering.

Mr. Harrington Amazed.

CORK, Dec. 22.—In an interview here, immediately after his arrival from America, Mr. Timothy Harrington said he was amazed at certain of the Healyites for attacking Mr. Parnell from a moral standpoint. He could throw a strong sidelight on their morality, which would astonish the public. Mr. Davitt's opposition was dishonest and unpatriotic. It was simply the expression of a long-standing enmity.

Davitt's Friends Indignant.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—Michael Davitt's friends are wild with indignation in consequence of a cartoon which is published in United Ireland, and represents Davitt accepting a bag of English gold, while Hibernia hides her face from him in sorrow and despair.

Mrs. O'Shea Has Ample Funds.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Mrs. O'Shea will spend the winter here. There seems now to be no doubt that the difference in regard to her aunt's estate is in the way of amicable settlement, Mrs. O'Shea being in possession of ample funds from some source.

Healy's Sarcasm.

KILKENNY, Dec. 22.—Mr. Healy, in a speech at Ballyboyle, declared that he could not accept the proposition that there was no salvation for Ireland except in Pope Parnell I.

A New Departure.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 22.—Governor Merriam has decided to issue a proclamation, declaring the adoption by the people of the constitutional amendment making a verdict of five-sixths of a jury in a civil action valid. This decision was reached on the advice of Attorney-General Clapp that the decision of the Supreme Court of 1876, "a majority of those present and voting," where it occurs in the State Constitution, means not a majority of those voting at the election, but a majority of those voting on the pending amendment.

The Dempsey-Fitzsimmons Fight.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 22.—The Olympic Club of New Orleans, at an expense of $6,000, is rearranging the amphitheatre for the Dempsey-Fitzsimmons fight, which takes place January 14. A number of private boxes are being constructed. They will contain six seats and will be sold for $100. The general admission with reserved seats will be $10.

THE CARDIFF GIANT.

The Story of a Great Humbug Recalled—Scientists Made Ridiculous.

One of the men who made a fortune out of the Cardiff giant humbug is reported dead in this city, says the New York correspondent of the Troy Daily Press. Nearly twenty years have passed since the public at large, as well as many of the most distinguished scientists, were duped by this monumental fraud. The Cardiff giant idea was conceived in the brain of George Hull, a tobacconist of Binghamton. He secured a large gypsum slab in Iowa and had it cut into the form of a gigantic man by an Italian stonecutter in Chicago. The stonecutter, by the way, subsequently removed to Troy and engaged in business as a maker of statues. I think I have heard that examples of his work are to be found in your city to this day. To stimulate the appearance of age Hull had the stone man's figure rubbed with sand and water, then bathed in writing fluid and also in sulphuric acid. The image was then boxed, taken secretly to the vicinity of Cardiff, near Syracuse, and privately buried at a spot where it was convenient by found a year later and heralded as the most marvelous discovery of archæological history—a petrified specimen of prehistoric man. The alleged find excited the most profound interest among all sorts of people. Eminent men of science examined the stone image, and some of them gravely certified to their belief that it actually was the body of a being who had lived thousands of years before any of the present race of men were born. The Cardiff giant was placed on exhibition in the great cities, and multitudes flocked to get a sight of the humbug. Intelligent persons in all sections of the country were hoaxed. Some who refused to credit the supposition that it was the body of a man of prehistoric times believed that it was a very ancient statue. The fraud was at length exposed and the scientists and extra-intelligent men who had been deceived and had afterward assisted to deceive others, were advertised in a very ridiculous light. Hull sold out his interest in the image to a party of men who took it across the ocean and endeavored to interest our trans-Atlantic cousins in the giant. The speculation did not succeed, although the stone man was advertised as the body of Finn Macoul, the prehistoric Irish giant, and the claim made that it had been discovered in the Giant's causeway in Ireland. Hull made another effort in the same line. He produced a smaller figure made of a composition of ground stone, pulverized bones, clay, plaster, blood and dried eggs. The composition, after being baked in a kiln, was advertised as "the Colorado stone man, Colorado then being the wonder state of the union. Hull and his associates were disappointed in their hopes of great gains, for the public would not be deluded by this second fraud.

Care of Dead Game.

After long experience in Kansas, Indian Territory and Colorado, and both in hot and cold weather, especially hot weather, experts have learned never to draw birds, squirrels or rabbits. A writer in Forest and Stream says the following on this subject: If you desire sweet meat, bleed them well at once when shot, and dry the feathers and skin. I have very successfully kept game in hot weather by placing single birds in a paper sack and tie with a string, then hang up in as cool a place as possible. Always hang head up, as this manner takes the entrails away from the breast. Do not hang in "groups" at any season if expected to keep four or five days; hang singly in the shade. The city birds that it is desirable to draw at once are sage hens, found in the mountains west of the plains. Kill fish at once by cutting the throat deep and let them bleed. Then wrap in a wet cloth and place in a basket. Don't wet them any more. Grass is good, if sweet and clean. In packing game of any kind or fish, don't let the ice touch or melt on it. Where necessary to use ice, wrap it in papers and rubber in solid cakes; pack the game between the cakes. Trout and fine-flavored birds can be carried a thousand miles, and a week to go it in, if packed in this way.

Climate Limits Mountain Heights.

If the deductions of M. Camena d'Almeda be true, the heights of the tallest mountains are considerably influenced by climate. The loftiest mountains are found to exist near the tropics, not far from the lines of the highest summer temperature, and the greatest heights decrease in going towards the poles. Mountains rising more than 6,000 to 10,000 feet above the line of perpetual snow are seldom seen, and it is assumed that at a certain limit beyond the snowline the mountain mass is rapidly ground down by frost and elemental wear.—[Trenton (N.J.) American.

Professional Crooks.

"The number of criminals never grows less," said a detective yesterday. "The life of a professional crook is by no means as easy a one as it was a few years ago. Means of keeping track of criminals have improved wonderfully, but the crooks have made equal progress. All the old thieves are well—known throughout the country and their whereabouts are known. But they are raising a new and young crooks, and use every endeavor to keep the police from securing information by which the young criminals can be detected."—St. Louis Globe.

Emerson on Newspapers.

In his book of conversations with Emerson, Mr. Woodbury reports the seer as saying that "newspapers have done much to abbreviate expression and so to improve style."

This is "a hard saying" for the acquaintance of those small essayists and other superior persons who decry the newspapers; for one of their most frequent complaints is that the newspaper writer, in the haste incident to his work, discards the graces of rhetoric and misleads the popular taste with crude thought and unpolished utterance.

But Emerson was right and the superior persons were wrong. The influence of newspapers upon style has been good, not bad. It has done much, as Emerson says, "to abbreviate utterance," but that is not the whole of its service. It has taught the value of simplicity in expression, of directness of style, and of clear thinking as the condition of clear writing. It has made men understand the advantage of saying what is to be said and then stopping. It has banished the exordium and the peroration of literature.

The assumption that the higher kind of newspaper writing is hasty and slipshod is unfounded. The newspaper writer writes rapidly, but his mind has been trained to think rapidly and to give quick formulation to thought. His mind is akin to that of the extemporaneous orator.

In miner reporting, done by novices, the style in often faulty and the dictation sometimes bad, especially where there is not time for editorial revision; but the editorial writing and the more carefully done news and special articles of any great modern newspaper will compare very favorably indeed with the book and magazine literature of our time, in point of vigor and correctness of form.

It is fortunate that this is so, because the newspapers are now the chief teachers of the people in this as in other matters. They are much more widely read than any other form of literature read at all by the majority of the people.

In this particular the tendency of the newspapers is to grow steadily better. They more and more insist upon the best educational qualifications on the part of the writers. They more and more seek to enlist scholarship and culture in their service, and men of the highest literary qualifications are more inclined to seek newspaper utterance as that which gives largest power and influence to the messages they bear.

If Emerson had come to manhood in our day he would have found his true vocation in a newspaper office. It is a pity that he did not have that opportunity to reach hundreds of thousands with a wisdom that was uttered only to a chosen few.—*New York World.*

Sleep for School Children.

We all know how much greater is the need of children for sleep than of grown persons, and how necessary for their good it is to be able fully to satisfy this need; but how great it is generally at any particular age of the child is very hard to define exactly. The amount varies under different climatic conditions. In Sweden, we consider a sleep of eleven or twelve hours necessary for the younger school children, and of at least eight or nine hours for the older ones. Yet the investigations have shown that this requirement lacks much of being met in all the classes, through the whole school. Boys in the higher classes get little more than seven hours in bed; and as that is the average, it is easy to perceive that many of them must content themselves with still less sleep. It is also evident from the investigations that the sleeping time is diminished with the increase of the working hours from class to class, so that pupils of the same age enjoy less according as they are higher in their classes. It thus appears constantly that in schools of relatively longer hours of work, the sleeping time of the pupils is correspondingly shorter. In short, the prolongation of the working hours takes place for the most part at the cost of the time for sleep.—*Professor Key, in Popular Science Monthly.*

To Husbands.

You require a great deal from your wife in the way of patience and tenderness. Don't forget that she has equal claims on you. Don't be gruff and rude at home. Had you been that sort of fellow before marriage the probabilities are that you would be moving on your own buttons still. Don't make your wife feel that she is an incumbrance on you by giving grudgingly. What she needs, give cheerfully, as if it were a pleasure to do so. She will feel better, and so will you. Don't meddle in the affairs of the house under her charge. You have no more right to be poking your nose into the kitchen than she has to walk into your place of business and give direction to your employees.

The Coral Industry.

The largest quantity and handsomest of the corals come from the Algerian coast. The coral grounds have been worked since the middle of the sixteenth century. Other coral grounds are situated off the coast of Sicily, Corsica, Sardinia, Spain, the Balearics and Provence. More than five hundred Italian barks and over four thousand two hundred persons are engaged in the coral fisheries. Besides these French and Spanish barks are engaged in the same occupation.

The Italian fishermen pay a high royalty to the French Government for their right of fishing for coral on the Algerian coast. There are more than sixty coral workshops in Italy, forty of which are in the little town of Torre del Greco, at the foot of Vesuvius. These shops give employment to about nine thousand persons, chiefly women and children.—[Jewelers' Weekly.

Birds Drowned by Mussels.

Birds, such as ducks, are sometimes caught by mussels and drowned; or if the mussel or other bivalve is not fastened to the bottom or securely buried in the mud, the bird flies away with the shell-fish adhering to its foot to some other stream or pond, and in this way the individuals of a species may be widely distributed. Such cases may be more common than supposed. A correspondent of Nature on the coast of Queensland noticed a sand-piper on a muddy shore just covered by the rising tide which seemed to be striving in vain to rise. "I could not think," he writes, "how the bird had become caught; but on coming up to it, I found that one claw of one foot was firmly held by a large cockle (about 1½ inches)."—[New York Independent.

Poisons in Cane Handles.

A peculiar and painful case of paralysis of the muscles, which ought to be of interest to every man who carries a metal-topped cane or umbrella, is being treated by Dr. Henry F. Robinson, of this city. It is a sore of the hand, caused by the pressure of a round knobbed stick against the palm. In the case of Dr. Robinson's patient, the sore has affected the muscles from the fingers to above the wrist. Dr. Robinson says that a stick with a handle instead of a knob is the proper thing.—[New York Telegram.

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