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### FOREIGN NEWS

WASHINGTON, May 9.—A meeting of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate was held today, at which was discussed the proposition to take up the indebtedness of Hawaii as assumed by the United States when the resolution annexing Hawaii to this country was adopted. Secretary Gage explained the necessity for additional authority before he could take action to wipe out the indebtedness.

The resolution of annexation provided for the taking up of bonds and other indebtedness to the amount of \$4,000,000, but it has been developed that the full amount of the indebtedness is approximately \$4,600,000, including the liabilities of the Hawaiian postal savings bank. A bill was drawn authorizing the Secretary to take up this indebtedness and the committee today authorized a favorable report to be made out.

MANILA, May 8.—Unofficial letters received here state that 3000 insurgents burned Bulan, in South Luzon, on May 4, and drove out fifty men of the 47th Volunteer Infantry, garrisoning the place. They killed many Spanish and Chinese residents. Last week some Sorogon firms, in response to a petition, sent a steamer to rescue the merchants of Bulan, who were expecting the attack.

Details of the affair are meager, but it is reported the American troops were forced to take refuge aboard ships and that a gunboat shelled the city while the rebels looted and burned it.

Bulan had a population of 20,000 and there were many large commercial establishments located there.

THABA NCHU, May 10.—Ten thousand Boers under command of General Steyn are reported to be east of Thaba Nchu. A battle is imminent.

LONDON, May 11, 10:50 a. m.—Lord Roberts telegraphs to the War Office from Rietspruit, under date of May 10 evening, as follows:

"We have had a successful day and have driven the enemy from point to point. Porter's and Dickson's brigades of cavalry and Hutton's mounted infantry, crossed the Zand at Vermentens Kloof and then worked round in a northeasterly direction to Mafeking, being opposed continuously by the enemy.

Pole-Carew's division and Gordon's cavalry brigade, augmented by the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the Royal Horse Artillery, and by Henry's and Ross's mounted infantry, crossed the river by a drift near the railway bridge. My quarters accompanied this force. With the infantry portion we are eight miles north of the river. The cavalry and mounted infantry are at Ventersburg road station and Tucker's division is at Deelfontein.

Ian Hamilton's forces and Boardwood's cavalry brigade was making for the cross roads near Ventersburg when I last heard from them. Hamilton's column met with stubborn resistance, and Smith-Borrien's brigade was engaged for some hours in protecting the rear and flank of his force.

"The only casualties reported at present are:  
"Killed: Rank and file, four; wounded, five. No returns yet received from the cavalry nor Hamilton's force."

LONDON, May 8, 4:30 a. m.—The Boers are everywhere retreating before the British except on the Natal border and at Mafeking to the inner circle of their defenses. They appear determined not to fight until the Kroonstadt hills are reached.

NAPLES, May 9.—The activity of Vesuvius is becoming more formidable, and the observatory officials announce that the seismic instruments are extremely agitated. A thick column of smoke is issuing from the crater and the earth shakes are violent.

The cable-car service up Mount Vesuvius has been suspended. Four Englishmen attempted to ascend the mountain on foot, and eluding the vigilance of the carbineers, who form a cordon at a height beyond which the ascent is considered unsafe, they approached the summit. Suddenly the volcano belched forth a stream of lava and stone.

LONDON, May 10.—The Daily Express publishes this morning a series of telegrams which illustrate the alarming spread of the bubonic plague, which is ravaging the shores of the Red Sea, is rapidly increasing at Hongkong, where there have been sixty five cases in twenty days, and spreading into additional towns in Australia.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Consul General Long at Cairo, Egypt, cabled the Secretary of State today that the plague had appeared in Alexandria.

SIMLA, May 9.—The bubonic plague is generally showing a material decline throughout India.

CAIRO, May 9.—There has been a total of fourteen deaths from the plague, and seven cases of that disease at Port Said. At Alexandria there have been four deaths and two cases of the plague.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Thursday, May 10.—The matter of the settlement of the indemnity claims is temporarily delayed. Well informed circles say that the Turkish Minister in Washington, Ali Ferrouh Bey, has given assurances of the settlement of the claims, but asks for a short delay, which is granted.

Ahmed Pasha has left Constantinople. He is going to the United States with proposals, the object of which is the settlement of the claims in an indirect manner. In the event of the failure of Ahmed's proposals the United States Government will resume negotiations with the Porte.

The impression here is that Ahmed will not succeed.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The nomination of M. M. Estee for United States District Judge of Hawaii did not go to the Senate today, and the intimation is abroad here that it may be a week or more before anything further is done. Meanwhile the friends of other candidates are getting in their work.

### TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS

Mark Hanna opposes the canal bill.

Five million people are receiving aid in India.

Turkey is patching up her old warships.

Corbett and Jeffries are to fight at Coney Island.

Gold has been found in the beds of Alaska lakes.

Coffee interests suffer by the revolution in Colombia.

The Paris Patrie predicts strife between America and Germany.

Russians and Chinese have had several collisions in Manchuria.

New charts of American insular possessions are being prepared.

The House passed an inquiry resolution about Japanese immigration.

Porto Rico may have a delegate to the National Democratic Convention.

The Japanese claim the sole right to own land in their Korean settlements.

Steyn says the Boers will fight at the Vaal, in Pretoria and in the mountains.

Mount Lassen, a volcano in Northern California, is reported to be active again.

A strange race of beings little above the apes were discovered in the heart of Africa.

Only 5,000 men are added to the United States Army by the reorganization bill.

Extensive embezzlements by United States postal officials at Havana are reported.

Scores of Chinese are to be deported from San Francisco by Post Collector Jackson.

The British West Indian regiment will go to the gold coast to deal with the Ashantees.

A scouting party of Americans was surrounded in Panay by Filipinos; losses, sixteen men.

The Boer commander at Mafeking fears he may be cut off, and wants to raise the siege.

Three thousand Chinese have attacked Wei-hai-wei and been beaten off by a small British force.

The brothers Rockefeller have quarreled and Frank has left the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.

The Boers have moved their headquarters in the Thaba n'Chu district from Ladybrand to Clocolan.

West Australia gold fields petition for political separation from other West Australian settlements.

The United States has a soft-nosed projectile that will pierce Krupp armor or any other kind.

Marinduque Island, off the south coast of Luzon, has been quietly occupied by the American troops.

Aguinaldo has reappeared and is organizing a force in Northern Luzon. General Young is in pursuit.

The United States, with the assent of Mexico, will establish a coaling station at La Paz, Lower California.

A new French shell which will envelop the enemy's guns in smoke will be supplied to the French army and navy.

The Embassadors to Constantinople decided they would make the payment of indemnity to foreigners a separate question.

Former Vice Consul Wildman says the Filipino insurgents are far from conquered and that they are inaugurating a reign of terror.

If a break between America and the Porte occurs, our interests in Turkey may be turned over to the care of the German Government.

The Havana postal frauds show a startling money shortage. About \$411,000 worth of stamps that had been ordered destroyed were never burned but made use of by embezzlers.

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**LOCALS**

Jeffries won, 23, rounds.  
The Wailuku Union School will give its entertainment on Friday June 8th.

Mr. T. B. Lyons has finished grading his lot and is now ready for the lumber, to commence building.

Fred Hayselden Jr. of Lanai, is spending the week in Wailuku, and will return to Mammala tomorrow.

The Kihai plantation is having a large hospital erected at Camp 3, which will soon be ready for occupancy.

Supt. Taylor of the Wailuku water works returned from Honolulu on Thursday morning, bringing a welcome sack with him.

The new Wailuku Saloon building, opposite the Wailuku depot, is about completed, and will be occupied in a few days.

The advent of the trade winds has driven away the mosquitoes and malaria, and Wailuku is now the healthiest and happiest town west of anywhere.

Paul Isenberg came over to Lahaina on Thursday to visit Capt. Ahlborn, and incidentally to look after the interests of the Pioneer Sugar Plantation.

**NOTICE.**

Applications for tapping the water mains of the Wailuku System for the domestic use will be received by Jas. T. Taylor, at office of Hons & Coke, Wailuku, Maui.

JAS. T. TAYLOR,  
Engineer.

The residence purchased by Attorney George Hons from the George Richardson estate has been thoroughly renovated by its new owner, and new rooms and a lanai have been added.

The idea of converting the surplus ground at the reservoir site into a park will be a popular one, and it is expected that there will be a citizens' meeting held at once to inaugurate measures for accomplishing this end.

We are indebted to the kindness of Supt. Atkinson, Special agent in chief of the Hawaiian Census, for a very interesting pamphlet on the Census of 1900, from the pen of William R. Merriam, director of the 12th census.

The exterior of Dr. Weddick's house is about completed, ready for the painter, and the carpenters are at work on the interior. The house presents a neat and tasteful appearance, and will be quite an ornament to that portion of town.

There is considerable delay in unloading the vessels now in port, as too many came in at once. On board the Dora Blum now lying outside waiting to unload, is a large amount of paper and job work material for the News, and several jobs are waiting till the paper is landed.

An odd derelict has drifted on the beach at Kahului, a full length pine tree which was probably washed into the sea by some of the north west rivers. It is not doubtful of its bark, which is heavily crested with barnacles, showing that it has been a long time in the water.

Mr. J. E. Miller, representing the San Francisco Fertilizer Co., and Mr. Ed. A. Fraser, manager of the Hawaii Railway Co. at Mahukoua, reached Wailuku from Hawaii, via the Kinaiu this morning. Mr. Fraser will go on to Honolulu this afternoon by the Claudine.

On last Sunday afternoon, there was a beautiful and impressive christening service held at the residence of H. Betho, of Wailuku, his two little daughters being the recipients of the sacrament. Rev. J. M. Lewis administered the rites in the presence of the family and a few friends.

The infected portions of Kahului are to be thrown open at the end of four months from the last death, from plague. In this, two unparadoxically stupid mistakes have been made by the Honolulu Board of Health. The first was to have excluded the residents east of the railroad from their homes so long, where there has been no plague, and the second is to open up the portion of town where the plague actually found a foothold, too soon. The evils arising from the first mistake have already been experienced, the danger to be feared from the

The undersigned has returned from Honolulu with a supply of sewing machines and furnishings, including five new Wheeler & Wilson drop-head, lock and chain stitch machines. Sold on the installment plan. Machines overhauled and repaired. Suits cleaned and pressed.

N. JACKSON.

Four Spaniards were convicted of gross cheat in the District Court at Wailuku on Monday last and sentenced to one month of hard labor. They had induced the H. C. & S. Co. of Spreckelsville to advance each of them \$2.00 upon the promise to go to work for the plantation on the following day. Instead of doing so, they went to Kahului, and were about to leave for Honolulu when arrested.

**Maui Republican Convention.**

On Wednesday afternoon, a meeting of the delegates elected to the Maui District Republican convention was held at Wailuku.

The different districts were represented as follows:

Wailuku, 3 delegates; Geo. Hons, A. N. Kepoikai and T. M. Church.  
Hamakua, 3 delegates; H. A. Baldwin, D. C. Lindsay and Rev. J. Kalino.

Lahaina, 2 delegates; E. Carleton and R. C. Searles.  
Makawao, 1 delegate; F. M. Hardy.

Hana, 1 delegate; Hugh Howell, Keane, 1 delegate, D. P. Kapeva, by Hugh Howell, proxy.  
Pukoo, (Molokai), 1 delegate; D. K. Kahanuelo.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. A. N. Kepoikai who occupied the chair, with D. C. Lindsay of Paia as secretary.

On motion of F. M. Hardy, the following apportionment of delegates was agreed upon; Molokai, 3; Lahaina, 2; Wailuku, 4; Hamakua, 3; Hana, 2.

An election of delegates to the Convention to meet at Honolulu was then had with the following result; Hamakua; Rev. J. Kalino, A. Tavares, E. B. Carley, W. O. Aiken, Judge Noah Kahokuoluna, C. D. Loveland and R. F. Engle.

Wailuku; A. N. Kepoikai, George Hons, W. J. Lowrie and Judge J. W. Kalua.

Molokai; D. K. Kahanuelo, Judge J. H. Mahoe and Joel Nakaleka.  
Hana; Hugh Howell and Hon. A. Hoeking.

Lahaina; R. C. Searles and Matt. McCann.

On motion of Mr. Howell it was voted as the sense of the meeting that any of the delegates who should be unable to attend the convention at Honolulu should be allowed to give their proxies to any other delegate from Maui.

**A Probable Suicide.**

On Tuesday afternoon, a vaquero of the Spreckelsville plantation found the dead body of a Japanese hanging to the limb of a kiawe or algeroba tree, between Camp 7 and Kihai. The matter was at once reported to the sheriff's office, and Deputy Sheriff A. N. Hayselden went out to investigate, accompanied by Dr. John Weddick.

The body had evidently been dead for more than three weeks, and was disfigured beyond all recognition. The man had apparently climbed the tree, wrapped the sash of his kimono around a limb, and then tied the two ends of the sash around his neck. There were no evidences of foul play.

A number of Japanese from Camp 7 and also from Kihai were brought to view the remains, but were unable to identify them.

A coroner's inquest was held on Friday morning at Wailuku, which found that "the said Japanese came to his death by his own hands by hanging himself to a tree by the neck until he died."

**Dedication Services.**

On Sunday last, the Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church at Hana was dedicated. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. Imai, assisted by Rev. H. Kihara of Honolulu and Rev. R. Saida of Lahaina.

Mr. Gjerdrum, manager of the Hana Plantation donated the lot on which the church is built. Other plantation managers on the island also donated money to aid in its erection. The principal part of the money for the building however, was donated by the Japanese themselves.

**Progressive "42" at Makawao**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy was the scene of a gay gathering of some 12 couples of Makawao's young people on Friday night of last week. A cold stormy night prevented some from getting out. The occasion was a progressive 42 party in honor of Miss Schweizer, who is soon to leave Maui for her home on the mainland. The first ladies' prize was won by Miss Kate Watson whose card showed an unbroken series of "flags," and first gentlemen's prize by Mr. Frank Alexander, his series of "old glory" being broken by but one diamond. After a dainty supper of icecream and cake the party cheerfully wended its way homewards through the drenching rain.

The following were some of those present: Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Nicol, Mr. & Mrs. W. O. Aiken, Mr. & Mrs. Carley, Misses Simpson, Kate Watson, Mary Fleming, Nellie Crook & Schweizer, Messrs J. S. Anderson, David Fleming, Geo. U. Baldwin, W. C. Crook & Chas. Baldwin.

**Makawao Teachers' Meeting**

On the afternoon of last Monday the Makawao Teachers' Meeting was held in the Makawao school-house. Owing to inclement weather, only eleven persons were present.

The program arranged for the meeting included a Second Reader Lesson, and a Lesson from the poem "Evangeline." As the leader appointed for the Reader lesson was not present that lesson was omitted and all the time was given to the study of "Evangeline," which was conducted by Mr. Nishwitz. Mr. Nishwitz read aloud history giving the story of Acadia and the historical setting of "Evangeline." The section of the poem studied included the latter part of Part the First and all Part the Second of the poem in all about two hundred and fifty lines.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, the twelfth of June.

(Sec. M. T. L. C.)

Makawao, May 24, 1900.

**SHIPPING**

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**Vessels in Port--Kahului.**

- May 12. Bark Carrollton, Jones coal, 62 days from Newcastle.
- May 12. Bark Dora Blum, Smith, gen. cargo, 17 days from S. F.
- Sch. S. T. Alexander, Ipsen, from Tacoma April 29.
- Sch. Olga, Johnsen, 62 days from Newcastle with coal to H. C. S. Co. May 2.
- Sch. Ottilie Fjord, Bosch, 18 days from Aberdeen, Grays Harbor with lumber May 7.
- Sch. Emma Claudine, Nielsen, from Aberdeen, May 8.
- Sch. Ottilie Fjord, Basch from Aberdeen, May 7.
- Rihai.
- May 12. Sch. Lyman D. Foster, Killman, coal, 96 days from Newcastle.
- May 17. Bark John C. Potter, Moyer, coal, 82 days from Newcastle.
- May 17. Claudine, McDonald, Honolulu.

**Vessel Departed.**

S. S. Manauene, Barmesen, 24,000 bags of sugar, for San Francisco May 20.

**Honolulu Post Office Time Table.**

DATE	NAME	FROM
May 5	America Maru	Yokohama
" 9	Australia	San Francisco
" 9	Aorangi	Colonies
" 10	Rio de Janeiro	San Frisco
" 12	City of Peking	Yokohama
" 12	Mlowera	Victoria, B. C.
" 18	Coptic	San Francisco
" 22	Gaelic	Yokohama
" 23	Alameda	San Francisco
" 25	Mariposa	Colonies
" 26	America Maru	San Frisco
" 29	Hongkong Maru	Y'hama
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" 9	Aorangi	Victoria, B. C.
" 10	Rio de Janeiro	Yokohama
" 12	City of Peking	San Frisco
" 12	Mlowera	Colonies
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" 22	Gaelic	San Francisco
" 23	Alameda	Colonies
" 25	Mariposa	San Francisco
" 26	America Maru	Yokohama

**SALISBURY'S  
PRIMROSE  
ADDRESS**

LEXNOR, May 9.—The annual grand habitation of the Primrose League was held in Albert Hall this afternoon. The spacious building was grayly decorated and was well filled. The Marquis of Salisbury presided and received an ovation. Mme. Albani sang a verse of "God Save the Queen," which was then taken up by the vast audience.

Lord Salisbury in the course of his address commented on the remarkable change which had taken place in the latter half of the century in the views of the people regarding the empire. They formerly repelled it, he said, as a burden, and that doctrine was carried to such extremes by a man of splendid genius, Gladstone, that it produced a strong reaction, which started after the disaster of Majuba Hill and the death of General Gordon. The death of Gordon, he continued, had been avenged. Perhaps it was too soon to say the great humiliation of Majuba had been effaced or that the great wrong had been righted, but they felt they were on the road to accomplish that end. Under the brilliant guidance of Lord Roberts 200,000 soldiers, a larger army than had ever before been sent across the same expanse of sea, were now engaged in reducing to the obedience to the Queen those territories which ought never to have been released and to restoring to South Africa the only chance it had of peace, development and tranquillity.

The Premier next referred to the difficult and intricate Irish problem and said:

"Mr. Gladstone, in an evincedment for his party, attached himself to the idea of the separation of England and Ireland. No one can say the home rule cause presents any element of sanguine anticipation for the future. I am assured that there is no hope for the predominant party, ever giving to Ireland practical independence. We have learned something from the South African war—how that disloyal government, in spite of warnings, could accumulate armaments against the most powerful combatant and thus secure a terrible advantage. We now know better than we did ten years ago what a risk it would be if we gave a disloyal government in Ireland the power of accumulating forces against this country.

"Hereafter external affairs will occupy a considerably larger place among the problems we have to solve. Not necessarily because in themselves they are more important, but if we look around we can see the elements and causes of menace and peril slowly accumulating, and they may accumulate to such a point as to require our earnest and most active efforts to repel them.

"I am nervous at using language of such a kind lest it should be thought I am indicating that something is known to the Foreign Office by pointing out this possible danger. But I wish most emphatically to say I have no idea of that kind. That state of affairs, as I know it and so far as the Government is concerned, is peaceful. It is impossible to speak too highly of the careful, calm neutrality which has been observed by all the governments of the world.

"A certain section of their subjects, not, I hope, a very large, though a noisy one, has at the present moment a great prejudice against this country. It does not, however, follow that we have no precautions to take. Governments may come and go and feelings may change from year to year. That root of bitterness against England, which I am unable to explain, may be caprice to satisfy the exigencies of journalists today, or it may indicate a deep-seated feeling which later we may have to reckon with. There can be no security nor confidence in the feeling or sympathy of other nations except through the efficiency of our own defenses and the strength of our own right arm. Everywhere the power of defense is increasing, and who knows but all these things may be united in one great wave to dash upon our

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**

The undersigned having been duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of Aming deceased, intestate, late of Kahului, Maui, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned within six months from date hereof, or they will be forever barred. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to me at the office of Hons & Coke, Wailuku, Maui.

TENN WOXO,  
Administrator of the Estate of Aming Wailuku, Maui, May 19th, 1900.

**Free Trip to San Francisco For Hawaii Teachers.**

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# My Son

(Concluded)  
VII.

The days passed, the weeks and the months.

The gross menace which I had once in pleasantry made to my Evangeline was becoming realized, and already it appeared that it would be exceeded by the reality. My wife, consoled as best she could be by the dress-maker, was resigned.

I began to hope that my child would be a boy, for he would be a colossus. Naturally, I said nothing to my Evangeline, but I regarded with some apprehension the diminutive dresses which she was so happy in making, for they appeared to me entirely too small; however I kept my reflections to myself.

One day I secretly took one of these little dresses, and I went to try it on one of the plaster babies, the one who laughed. The thing was not so easily accomplished, but I finally succeeded.

My little statue made a comical figure, so accoutred, and I did not wish to deprive my wife of the singular spectacle. She came and laughed, and then I made the remark, without appearing to insist particularly, that the dress appeared to me a trifle tight.

—For the statue—said Evangeline;—but for him it would be too large. I have made his dresses larger than the pattern.

—He will be large—observed I pleasantly.

—He will be as he should be—replied my wife resignedly.

Our son was already living before he was born; he consoled us; he improved us; he educated our minds and our hearts.

It was through him that my wife apprehended, though the contrary may appear true, how cold and desolate a house is where there is no fire in the stove, where there is no daily sacrifice of bread and wine for breakfast, for dinner, and, please God, for supper.

And he it was who taught me to renovate my scientific baggage, without despairing of the client who never came.

He was wise, prudent, shrewd, indulgent and severe; he found all the roads which led to our hearts; he lent an occult meaning to everything; he refined us so that we could know and comprehend him; he rendered us attentive to the life which moved around us; he gave us pity, patience and resignation; when the moment arrived, he infused us with courage, strength and audacity. He rendered me both humble and proud, as a man should be who thinks and feels. We talked about him; we obliged ourselves to represent him as a living spirit at different ages, so as to be able to divine on the spur of the moment his future needs; he opened for us a thousand hidden caskets which held in them the little verities. Yes, our son was truly living before he was born; and never had friend or relative penetrated so deeply into our hearts or minds as had this unborn infant.

We calmly waited, but with the impatience of those who wait for an old friend long since dead, to whom it has been given to return to the world. The only one who did not know how to wait with tranquillity was my father-in-law. In the first days of January, he fell upon us unexpectedly; saying:—He should arrive to day, or at least tomorrow, because there is no time to lose.—He spoke of his grandson who, obediently, on the morrow, warned my poor Evangeline of his arrival. There was a disordered silence in the house. Evangeline commenced weeping because she was afraid, then she mastered herself and I saw her, all terrified, go and come about the house like a heroine.

I had more than half lost my head, and my father-in-law had lost his en-

tirely; he went to and fro about the room, touching the swaddling clothes, the little gowns, the little caps, without doing anything at all, and believing in good faith that he was rendering us powerful aid. Then came the nurse; then came a lady friend, pressed into service; then came the doctor, who would remain with us in the parlor.

It seemed to me, after all this came and went, that a profound silence fell on all our little rooms; I was as if I had lost my memory; my father-in-law continually came and planted himself in front of me, gazing into my eyes and not saying a word; while as for me, I never took my frightened eyes from the face of the doctor who, tranquil and indifferent, read a book, which he had found on a little table.

But when, through the half open door there came to us a heart rending groan, I became so pale and my father-in-law became so red that the doctor arose, touched the pulses of both of us without having the air of having done so, and begged us to go out to walk for a quarter of an hour.

—What can you do here?

It seemed that we could do much, but in reality we could do nothing; and the doctor explained more clearly his thoughts by saying that if by chance his aid should become necessary, we would prove ourselves a serious embarrassment to him.

—But it will not be necessary?—demanded I.

It will possibly not be necessary; but listen to me, go out for a walk.

We went, like two scholars who had been chastised by the master.

On reaching the street, we instinctively stopped, both my father-in-law and myself, to listen if we could hear another of those groans which had so touched our hearts. If we had heard one, we certainly would have gone back. But we heard nothing; we walked away.

My father-in-law, placing his right arm through mine and feeling my heart fiercely beating, tried to console me in his manner.

—This will be a boy—said he to me. I made no reply; I hastened my steps toward the ramparts.

The country was desolate, the horse-chestnut despoiled of its leaves and covered with snow, the sand of the paths hard with ice.

I saw no longer the beautiful fruits, nor the travelling ants; the bitter cold weather held all creatures huddled, only some fanished sparrows flew here and there.

At a remembered turn, I recognized the acacia which had held me, and I glanced among the despoiled branches, seeking the nest—it had disappeared; certainly, instead of warming a little winged family, it had made sport for a gamin.

With what different feelings I saw all these things! My Evangeline suffered cruelly, and I could nearly have renounced a happiness which would cost her so much suffering. My father-in-law, after having encouraged me ten times by saying:—This will be a boy—found, in his turn, a moment of discouragement, and said to me as if speaking to himself:—Suppose it should not be a boy!

But I smiled, thinking that, luckily, if this should not be a boy, it would be a girl.

All at once the impatient grandfather shrugged his shoulders and said to me with an assured air:

—Come, by this time it is born. And I felt a sweet thrill run through all my body.

We walked with accelerated steps, as if we were really waited for.

On entering the door of the house, we looked at each other; no one was there to tell us the result; the porter, abated to his occupations in another room, hardly disturbed himself to glance at us.

It seemed to me that he should have known all about it,—in place of that, he knew nothing at all, the wretch!

And then I saw them come out

from the night where they were hidden, the thousand cruel but impotent adversaries of human happiness:—terrors, suspicions, horrible menaces of catastrophe...

I started to run; I mounted the stairs precipitately; but all at once I returned panting and threw myself in the arms of my father-in-law.

I had heard the cry which is a note from paradise, the little voice which is made, the murmur of complaint which is a caress.

## SAW THE FURNACE.

But the Result of the Inspection Was Very Unsatisfactory.

The host looked at his guest. "Come down in the basement," he said, with a slight wink. "I want to show you my furnace."

The hostess glanced up, with a queer little smile. "Mr. Stiverson is quite daft about his furnace, Mr. Jollyboy," she said. "I've no doubt he'll have you down there every time he opens a damper."

The host turned away and choked slightly, and then they stepped down the stairs together.

Mr. Stiverson went straight to the furnace room and, reaching above the bricked in heater, pulled down a squat black bottle and a small glass. He filled the latter.

"Here's to the furnace," he said, with a hoarse chuckle, as he passed the glass to his guest. "Have to be a little careful, you know, on account of the old lady. Best woman in the world, of course, but prejudiced. How's that?" The guest gulped and took down the contents of the glass. "Now, what would you call that?"

"Well," replied the visitor, with a horrible grimace, "to be frank with you, I would call it a mighty good sample of spoiled cider vinegar."

"Eh! What?" And the host hastily poured out a glass and took a mouthful. "Wow-w-w! So it is. Hang it all, the old lady has discovered the hiding place! Wonder what in thunder she did with the real stuff? Heavens! What a contemptible trick! Let's go up stairs." And they went.

"How did Mr. Jollyboy like the furnace?" inquired the hostess as she looked up, with a pleasant smile.

The acridulated guest did his best to call up a smile in return. "It's a splendid furnish—I should say furnace," he remarked. "I don't think I ever saw one with better appointments outside and inside."

"And on top, too?" queried the hostess sweetly. Then she pointed to the open register at her feet.

"It's quite wonderful," she added, "how distinctly the sound of voices in the furnace room below comes up through the register. I could hear every word you said!"

Then she laughed softly.

But the men made no comment.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## His Literary Routine.

An author filled out as follows a question blank from one of the literary review syndicates recently:

"Do you burn the midnight oil?"

"Yes—when the gas bill's due."

"What time do you rise?"

"Whenever the bill collector knocks."

"What is your daily exercise?"

"Climbing trees to avoid the bailiff."

"When do you dine?"

"Whenever I can."

"What is your chief study?"

"How to pay the rent, appease the butcher, comfort the baker, silence the groceryman and settle the gas bill!"—Atlanta Constitution.

## An Inimical Rumor.

"Did you say that I scattered money right and left in my campaigns?" asked Senator Sorghum.

"No, sir."

"Well, somebody said it, and it was a mighty mean trick. The first thing I know they'll have the people who were going to vote for me anyhow thinking it's a sheer waste of money to go up to the polls and cast an honest ballot."—Washington Star.

## And He Looked It.

Auntie—What! You don't mean to say all those boys are waiting to take you to school?  
Elsie—Oh, no! One of them don't go to our school.—New York Journal.

## A Bargain Offered.

Editor—Well, young woman, if the story suits me, I will pay you \$15 for it.

Young Lady Author (persuasively)—Oh, come, now. Buy it without reading it, and I'll let you have it for \$10.—Brooklyn Life.

## Polite.

Head Waiter—Shall I send a waiter to wait on you, sir?  
Guest (who has been waiting in vain for 30 minutes)—I am compelled to request this extreme privilege even though I know it disturbs your system.—Life.

## Needless Adjectives.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what's a redundancy of expression?  
Pa—Using more words than are necessary to express one's meaning, such as "wealthy leaman," "wealthy plumber," etc.—Chicago News.

## SPELLING REFORM.

A fisherman sat on the quay,  
Partaking of afternoon tea,  
When a lady came by  
Who stinked with one y  
And whispered, "No sugar for me."

A man was committed to goal,  
For stealing a tempery stool,  
The judge was severe  
And gave him six year,  
Without any option of bail.

A grand old bootmaker of Hawarden  
Used to spend the whole day in his gawarden.  
When his friends said him why,  
He looked up at the sky,  
But only replied, "Beg your pardon."

It is said that Nathaniel Phoenix  
Lived wholly on bread and broad bialines.  
When he was asked how he did,  
But a morsel of meat,  
He answered, "Just think what it amounts to!"

A thoughtful young butcher named Mowl  
Had a tender and sensitive soul.  
When he slaughtered a sheep,  
He always would weep  
And pay for a funeral towel.

A sailor who sported a queue  
Was civil to all that he knew.  
If he came under fire,  
He used to retire  
And say, with a bow, "After yeoo."

The dowager Duke of Buccleugh  
Was famous for Irish strength.  
When asked, "Do you use  
Any onion in stue?"  
He cautiously answered, "A tugh."

A groom of the royal demone  
Was the finest old man ever seen,  
But he kept out of sight  
In a ditch day and night  
For fear of annoying the queene.

The amiable Commodore Haigh  
Set sail down the channel one daigh.  
When asked, "Do you know  
Which direction to go?"  
He answered, "I'm feeling my waigh."

One autumn the Marquis of Steyne  
Shot a partridge with infinite peyne.  
Then he cried: "I'm afraid  
Of the havoc I've maid!  
See—only one feather remains!"  
—Westminster Gazette.

## Pointed.



He—Awful lot of snobs up the river this season; much better set last year, I'm told.  
She—Yes. You weren't up last year, were you?—Fun.

The Sentiment of the Song.  
"These songs of the sea are very impressive," she exclaimed when the full chested baritone had ceased warbling.

"Yes," answered the young man who lacks poetry, "but they're misleading. You get an idea that after a man has been in the navy awhile he goes around singing about his home on the rolling deep when everybody knows that if he is lucky his home will be right here in Washington."—Washington Star.

Feminine Strategy.  
She—Tell me, Franz, would you rather pay the butcher's bill or pay for my new hat?  
He—The butcher's bill.  
She—Well, here it is.  
He—What! Forty marks? Let me have the items.  
She—For meat 2 marks, for my new hat the 38 marks that the butcher lent me, making just 40 marks!—Fliegende Blatter.

Salad.  
Mrs. Youngwife—I want to get some salad.  
Dealer—Yes, ma'am. How many heads?  
Mrs. Youngwife—Oh, goodness! I thought you took the heads! I just want plain chicken salad.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Held Up on the Train.  
Passenger—Give me three of those bananas. How much?  
Train Boy—Fifteen cents.  
Passenger (handing over the money)—You are not as spectacular as the James boys used to be, young fellow, but you do it more thoroughly.—Chicago Tribune.

Boston Clubmen.  
Fogg—The boys at the club are rather severe on Morton. They say he has more money than brains.  
Bass—I should call that a compliment from their point of view. They could possibly have no use for a man with brains.—Boston Transcript.

Overheard in the Park.  
First Nurse Girl—So you've got a new place?  
Second Nurse Girl—Yes.  
"Do you like it?"  
"Like it? Why, it is right in front of a police station."—Tammany Times.

A Tip For Dewey.  
Bilkins—What is the matter with that dog of yours? He looks poor.  
Gilkins—Indigestion. I call him Dewey, and the neighbors have been overfeeding him.—Ohio State Journal.

Always the Wrong Thing.  
"There's a trust now to control the output of peanuts."  
"Well, what we need is a trust to control the output of peanut shells."—Chicago Record.

Poetry Editors and Poets Excepted.  
A man must be patient with every bore who comes in, for the reason that the man may some day have \$2 to spend with him.—Atchison Globe.

## WHAT TROUBLED HIM.

The Bridegroom Was Indignant and Thought He Had Good Cause.

The editor of the Bloomville Eagle picked up his shears and called:

"Come in!"

"Are you Colonel Rocksley?" asked the tall, robust looking young man who had accepted the invitation.

"I am," the editor replied. "What can I do for you?"

"I have come here to demand satisfaction," said the caller, producing a crumpled copy of an article on the first page. "My name is Sowders—Ed Sowders. I was married last night to the daughter of Major Poindexter."

"Yes," said the editor; "I believe we printed something about the wedding."

"You did," Mr. Sowders assented. "That's why I am here now. Just read that paragraph, please, and read it out loud."

Colonel Rocksley took the paper, looked at the paragraph to which his attention had been called and read:

"The wedding took place at the home of the bride, where the happy couple will reside until the groom can find a job."

"Well," the editor explained, "I'm sorry that got into the paper. Of course I wouldn't have permitted it to go if I had seen it, but unfortunately I haven't time to read everything we print before it is put in type. I can appreciate your feelings, Mr. Sowders, and I assure you that it will give us pleasure to correct the matter. I will publish an item saying that you are not going to live with the bride's parents. Will that be satisfactory?"

"No, sir; it won't," the bridegroom declared with considerable emphasis. "You evidently don't understand the situation. It ain't what you say about our living at the home of the bride's parents that makes me mad. It's the insinuation that I want to find a job that I object to."

The matter was compromised by the publication of the subjoined verses in the next number of The Eagle:

THE JOY THAT WE CANNOT RETURN.  
There are wounds that can never be righted;  
There are wounds that when time cannot heal,  
We speak, and some fair hope is blighted,  
Words oft are more deadly than steel!

There are bruises that linger forever;  
We say but a word, and, alas!  
Though we long to recall it, we never  
Can give the old happiness back!

—Chicago Times-Herald.

Lost Privilege.  
Mean Man—I'll never lend him money again.  
Other Man—Why not? Hasn't he paid you?

Mean Man—Paid me! Why, he paid me two days after he borrowed the money; didn't even give me a chance to say to my friends that I'd be lucky if I ever got it back.—Syracuse Herald.

How He Should Look at It.  
"Well," said the English yachtsman, "you have benten us."  
"You shouldn't put it in that way," was the reply. "We did no more than the instincts of self preservation demanded. We were obliged to come in first in order to prevent you from beating us."—Washington Star.

High Rollers.  
Mrs. Stubb—John, here is an account of some writer going out too far in the surf. For an incredible length of time he battled with the wild breakers.  
Mr. Stubb—H'm! I guess he must have been one of those struggling authors we hear so much about.—Chicago News.

Following Directions.  
"Mrs. Stuffem was told by that eminent actress who reduced her weight 25 pounds by dieting to strictly avoid all starchy preparations."  
"Yes."  
"So now she has her luen done up limp."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Matter of Necessity.  
Chicago Man—What's the fare to St. Louis?  
Ticket Broker—Do you want to go there today?  
Chicago Man—No, of course I don't want to, but I am compelled to.—Chicago News.

A Side Light on History.  
Teacher—For what else was Julius Caesar noted?  
Tommy Tucker (who had studied the lesson so—what hastily)—His great strength, ma'am. He threw a bridge across the Rhine.—Chicago Tribune.

What Profits It?  
"Don't waste yoh time talkin' 'bout yoh neighbors," said Uncle Eben. "Yoh neighbors is probably talkin' 'bout yoh, an yoh kin look aroun foh yohself an see how much good it's doin' 'em."—Washington Star.

What Spoiled It.  
"What a doleful expression your photograph has on!"  
"Yes; I was feeling all right until the photographer told me to look pleasant."—Detroit Free Press.

The Persimmonville Yacht Race.  
The Captain of the Possum—Gemen, I reckon we might jus' as well git up de race. All in favor ob quittin say "aye."  
First Mate—Hurry up dat vote, cap'n, or you won't be able to git a quorum.—New York World.

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