



THE KAKAIAK DISORDER.

The facts disclosed through the recent disturbance in the leper hospital at Kakaiake, are perhaps the most disgraceful and scandalous of any facts which have thus far been brought home to Mr. Gibson's administration.

And now, after twenty years of maneuvering and scheming, of plausible professions and unfeigned professions, the great Hawaiian Pecksniff is in power.

And what do we see? We see a fellow who calls himself H. Van Giesen, whose character and antecedents the philanthropic Gibson dare not make public.

Witty local editorial in the Bulletin: "Concerning the Planters Monthly the Saturday Press says: 'Considered from the planters' standpoint, the March number is a valuable and, possibly, an interesting one.'"

On the first page this week is printed an editorial far sermon on the desirability of harmonizing the political differences of the nation so as to bring the brains, the manhood and best business energy of the kingdom into better accord with the crown.

By some sad mistake the Advertiser recently printed conclusions from the report made to the American Dermatological Association by Doctors Graham and Fox, who have been investigating leprosy in Nova Scotia.

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The movement for closing all the stores at an early hour Saturday afternoon is a good one. It entered into it zealously and in good faith on both sides, it ought to help the community to better times all along the social line.

There is an objection made to the Saturday-afternoon holidays that they would inconvenience trade as now affected by steamer travel, and prevent laborers, artisans, and clerks themselves from taking advantage of the present 4 p.m. cessation of mechanical work on Saturdays.

It is of course recognized that Saturday is now a steamer day, and that it is impracticable for all stores to close at a uniform hour.

The San Franciscans—as noted before—are waking up to the importance of having the Pacific Coast adequately defended—by both forts and ironclads.

Mr. N. F. Burgess has initiated the eight-hour movement by making that the standard for his own employees. Severe criticism has been expressed at action which threatens to disturb the hitherto amicable and satisfactory relations hitherto existing between artisans and employers here.

In times like these it does not do to crowd until we get out of the woods. Much of the criticism at Kakaiake has been made through a stronger protest from citizens than has yet been made.

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San Francisco is agitating to have a permanent museum.

Both Villard and Grant were in better health on the 29th ultimo.

The Italian Cabinet resigned on the 29th ultimo. A chance for Cesar Celo.

San Francisco has sent over \$5,000 to aid the sufferers from the Ohio river floods when the Mariposa left.

There have been recent battles at Sunkin and Trinklira in which the Egyptian-Indian troops defeated the rebels.

The Protector, a powerful cruiser, carrying six guns, has just been launched in England for the protection of South Australia.

There was a severe storm on the Atlantic on the 29th ultimo; but no vessels were reported lost by the latest paper received.

They are talking about repeating the New York law of imprisonment for debt, as it has been recently used for black-mailing purposes.

Those who have friends in New York City will shiver to read that the 29th of February was the coldest day of the season in that city.

A dispatch to a San Francisco newspaper, dated the 29th ultimo, said that it was expected Morrison's tariff bill would be disposed of last week.

Governor Stoneham of California announced, on the 28th ultimo, that he should call an extra session of the legislature to meet on the 30th instant.

The Irish dynamite fiends have fixed upon Paris as their headquarters; and from that city will send forth their devilish orders to bomb and destroy.

There now seems a good prospect of real competition as the Atlantic and Pacific Railway is virtually controlled by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road, which purports to build west from the Rockies on the Colorado River to either San Diego or Santa Monica, on California coast.

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The annual National Woman's Suffrage Convention of the United States met in Washington on the 9th instant.

Advices from Haiphong say that French gunboats, with 1,000 men, have occupied the extreme post of the rebels on the Songkhol River, ten miles below Benich.

The dispatches say that Pacific mail stock is booming. On the 28th ultimo President Houston, talking about the condition of traffic, said: "I am to-day the largest individual holder of stock. I bought some yesterday at the highest price—\$1 1/4—and not a share of my holding shall be sold below 75."

In the British House of Lords, February 29th, Earl Carnarvon and Marquis Salisbury made a violent attack on the government, based upon the slavery circular of General Gordon, Earl Selborne, Lord High Chancellor, and Earl Lytton, colonial secretary of state, spoken in derogation of the attack upon General Gordon.

The bill to regulate interstate commerce between the various states of the union, as agreed to by the States, is in the hands of the Senate. It is in the hands of the Senate.

The 250th anniversary of the landing of the Maryland pilgrims on St. Clement's Island in the Potomac river will be held on the 29th ultimo, and that of the founding of St. Mary's city, the early capital of the colony, two days later, and Baltimore will celebrate both occasions.

The recent interview between Dolgorouki, Russian Minister Plenipotentiary, and his Russian result in the assent of Bismarck to a meeting in April or May between the Czar and Emperor. The Emperor of Germany is to mark the restoration of friendly relations with Russia by ordering a special military celebration of the seventeenth anniversary of his entrance into the Russian Order of St. George.

There has been introduced in congress a proposed constitutional amendment making the presidential term six years and rendering the president ineligible to re-election to the next succeeding term. It provides for a direct vote for president in each state, and abolishes the electoral college.

On the 28th ultimo a plot to blow up the London law courts with dynamite was discovered. The clocks employed to ignite the mine are said to be of American make.

Less than eighteen miles of road had to be built on the 29th ultimo to complete the Mexican Central Railway, between El Paso del Norte, Texas, and the city of Mexico.

The wood growers of the United States will meet in national convention at Chicago on the 7th of next May. The Shepherd Saint of Lamb of God to take a vacation and go.

The beautiful harbor steamer Sassafras, which sailed between San Francisco and San Rafael, was burned to the water's edge at the San Quentin moorings on the 24th ultimo.

Representative Nicolls has been instructed by the house committee on military affairs to make an adverse report on the bill providing for the perpetration of the offices of general and lieutenant-general of the army.

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The Sunday school children of the United States have contributed \$25,000 toward the cost of a steam missionary vessel of 425 tons, to be built at Bath, Maine, and is expected to sail for Honolulu in November.

President Arthur has reappointed Horatio C. Burchard, director of the mint, and the appointment has been confirmed by the senate. This appointment signifies an end of the dispute as to affairs in the mint at San Francisco.

Holders of United States bonds will be interested in knowing that the secretary of the treasury has given notice that he will redeem bonds in the 126th call prior to maturity (May 1st), with interest to the date of presentation.

The committee on invalid pensions of the United States House of Representatives has agreed to report favorably the bill increasing the pensions of widows and dependent children of deceased soldiers and sailors from \$8 to \$12 a month.

The Democratic members of the ways and means committee were caucusing daily to discover some plan upon which the majority of the committee can unite to report a tariff bill to the house when the last advice left San Francisco.

It is estimated the total number of United States pensions whose rates will be increased at 124,333, and the aggregate annual increase in pensions, \$5,365,000. Owing to the ages of those to be benefited, it is believed the list will rapidly decrease.

The scheme for connecting San Francisco and Oakland by tunnel is reported to be taking definite shape. The Spring Valley Water Company and other capitalists are said to be interested in the project, the former for the special purpose of having a conduit for water pipes.

A Washington special says: Rear-Admiral Shufeldt, who has just gone on the retired list, will remain in this city some weeks but probably will go to China after a time. It is estimated by those familiar with his plans that he will again be offered a position in the Chinese navy and will accept.

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Glaxton recently introduced into the British House of Commons a bill for the extension of the franchise. He had this in view in support: To introduce separate franchise bills for England, Ireland and Scotland, with the prospect of carrying the English and Scotch bills, and leaving the Irish bill to take its chances, would be altogether impracticable.

The arguments in favor of a uniform bill was unanswerable. Nothing could induce him to abandon such a bill. A redistribution of parliamentary constituencies must follow reform of the franchise. If the two questions were embodied in one bill, it would prove fatal to both. He entreated his supporters not to endanger the success of the bill by supporting additionalities. This measure, by greatly extending the franchise and placing the votes of boroughs

and counties upon an equal footing, would increase the voting power of the United Kingdom about 2,000,000. Of this number 1,000,000 would be Irish, 500,000 would be Scotch, and 500,000 would be English. If the house took a broad view of the matter, enfranchisement must be considered desirable. The people were trustworthy, and as voters under the constitution, if these measures should become law, then their constituents would form a compact mass, which would rally to the support of the constitution, which would be stronger than ever. The Scotch and Irish members, generally, favor the bill.

President Arthur sent to congress on the 29th ultimo, a message enclosing the report of the chief service commissioners, and heartily endorsing their work. He also recommended an appropriation to enable the commission to continue its work. The report makes a volume of sixty-seven closely printed pages. Upon the subject of political assessments the report says that there have been several violations of the law, but the trifling sums secured by the illegal practice caused no attention being called from federal officers since the act went into effect, was not more than one-half or one-fourth as much as formerly. The evils of the spoils system are set forth at great length, and the benefits derived from competitive examinations fully described. The opinion is expressed that a salutary effect would follow the selection of chiefs of bureaus, postmasters and collectors at large offices from subordinates who would be experienced, reliable and self-reliant, if capable, are preferred, and nowhere is there any advantage allowed by reason of favor. The commission holds that the power of removal and its exercise for just reasons, are essential both to the discipline and efficiency of the public service. It appears from the statistics presented with the report that sixty per cent of those who entered the service through competitive examinations were educated in common schools only, and that the commission considers it unquestionable that the nation, by bestowing its offices upon the most meritorious of those who the states have educated at the public expense, will greatly honor and stimulate the public school system of the country. The report gives extracts from a large number of letters received from postmasters and collectors, and shows that great benefit has accrued to the public service by the enforcement of the civil service rules. It is suggested that a party test be no longer applied in the selection of collectors and postmasters, and that the very corrupt exercise of power in the nomination, promotion, transfer or confirmation, even though the corrupt consideration may not be a thing of value, should be an offense under the bribery laws. The commission in conclusion declares the civil service act a success, and do not doubt that the most efficient point has been passed. Through every stage of its working the commission has had the constant and unwavering support of President Arthur.

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## THE SKELETON IN THE CHURCH.

### A Twice Told Tale.

I was in the civil service at Richmond, why I was there or what I did is nobody's affair. And I do not in this paper propose to tell how it happened that I was in New York in October, 1864, on confidential business. Enough that I was there, and that it was honest business, and business done, as far as it could be with the resources entrusted to me, I prepared to return home. And then things changed, and as it proved, the fate of the Confederacy.

For, of course, I wanted to take presents home to my family. Very little question was there what presents should be for I had no brothers. The women of the Confederacy had one want, which overrope all others. They could make coffee out of beans; plus they had from Columbia; straw hats they braided quite well with their own hands; and they could get better than you could in "the old country." But we had no luxuries—silk, muslin, we used to call them. No indignity had been put on them. I had to face them. The best, the Grousehead, the Deer, the Flora, the J. C. Gold, the Varina, and the Fore-and-Aft all took in cargoes of them for us in England. But the Deer and the Flora were seized by blockaders, the J. C. Gold sunk at sea, the Fore-and-Aft and the Grousehead were set free by their own crews, and the Varina was never heard of. Then the State of Arkansas offered sixteen townships of swamp land to the first manufacturer who would deliver five rows of a home-manufactured article. But no one ever completed. The first attempt, indeed, were put an end to when Schofield crossed the Blue Ridge and destroyed the dam on Yellow Branch. The consequence was that people's crinoline collapsed faster than the Confederacy did, of which fact a Grison said there was never anything of it but the outside.

Of course, then, I put in the bottom of my large trunk in New York, not "duplex elliptic," for none were then made, but "Belmonte," of thirty springs, for my wife. I thought, for her more common wear, a good "Belle-Fontaine." For Sarah and Susan each, I got two "Dumb-Belles." For Aunt Emily and Aunt Clara, maiden sisters of my wife, who lived with us after Winchester fell the fourth time, I got the "Seotch Harebell," two each. For my own mother I got one "Belle of the Prairie," and one "Invisible Combination Gosamer." I did not forget good old Mamma Chloe and Mamma Jane. For them I got substantial cages, without names. With these, tied in the shape of figure eights in the bottom of my trunk, as I said, I put in an assorted cargo of dry goods and, favored by a post, and Major Mulford's courtesy on the day of true loss, I arrived safely at Richmond before the autumn closed.

I was received at home with rapture. But when, the next morning, I opened my stores, this became rapture doubly enraptured. Words can not tell the silent delight with which old and young, black and white, surveyed these fairy-like structures, yet unbroken and unopened.

Perennial summer reigned that autumn day in that reunited family. It reigned the next day, and the next. It would have reigned till now if the "Belmonte" and the other things would last as long as the advertisements declare; and what is more, the Confederacy would have reigned till now, President Davis and General Lee! but for that great misfortune, which all families understand, which culminated in our great misfortune.

I was up in the cedar closet one day, looking for an old parade cap of mine, which I thought, though it was my third best, might look ever since my best was lost at the Seven Pines. I say I was standing on the lower shelf of the cedar closet, where, as I stepped along in the darkness, my right foot caught in a bit of wire, my left did not give way in time, and I fell, with a small wooden hat-box in my hand, full on the floor. The crown of the hat-box struck me just below the second frontal sinus and I fainted away.

When I came to myself I was in the blue chamber; I had vinegar on a brown paper on my forehead; the room was dark, and I found mother sitting by me, glad enough indeed to hear my voice, and to know that I knew her. It was some time before I fully understood what had happened. Then she brought me a cup of tea, and I, quite refreshed, said I must go to my office.

"Office, my child!" said she. "Your leg is broken above the ankle; you will not wear these six weeks. Where do you suppose you are?"

"Till then I had no notion that it was five minutes since I went into the closet. When she told me the time—five in the afternoon—I groaned in the lowest depths. For in my least pocket in that innocent closet which I now see lying on the window-sill, were the duplicate dispatches to Mr. Mason for the night before, I had got the secretary's signature. They were to go at ten that morning to Wilmington, by the navy department's special messenger. I had taken them to insure care and certainty. I had worked on them till midnight, and they had not been signed till near one o'clock. Heavens and earth, and here it was five o'clock! The man must be half-way to Washington by this time. I sent the doctor for Lafage, my clerk. Lafage did his prettiest in rushing to the telegraph. But did that dispatch ever reach Wilmington? No! A fresh on the Chowan River, or a raid by Foster, or something, or nothing, had snatched the telegraph wire for that night. And the navy agent was in the office in the Sea Maid.

"But perhaps the duplicate got through?" No, heathen reader, the duplicate did not get through. The duplicate was taken by Fauson in the fax. I saw it last week in Dr. Elder's hands, in Washington. Well, all I know is that if the duplicate had got through, the Confederate Government would have had in March a chance at eight-thousand two hundred and eighty muskets, which, as it was never left Belgium. So much for my treating into that blessed piece of wire on the shelf of the cedar closet, up stairs.

"What was the bit of wire?" Well, it was not telegraph wire. If it had been, it would have broken when it was taken to be. Don't you know what it was? Go up in your own cedar closets, and step about in the dark, and see what things up round your ankles. Julia, poor child, cried her eyes out about it. When I got well enough to get up and as soon as I could talk and plan with her, she brought down seven of these old things—antiquated Belmonts, Simplex Elliots, and horous without a name—and she made a pile of them in the bedroom, and asked me, in the

most prudent way, what she should do with them. "You can't burn them," said she. "I fire 'em up." If you burn them in the garden they come up at the second raking. If you give 'em to the servants, they say "Thank you, missus," and throw them in the back passage. If you give them to the poor, they throw them into the street in front, and do not say "Thank you." Sarah sent seventeen of them to the sword factory, and the foreman wrote at the top, and told him he would flag him within an inch of his life if he brought any more of his same things; and so—and so," sobbed the poor child, "I just rolled up these wretched things, and laid them in the cedar closet, hoping, you know, that some day the government would want something, and would advertise for them. You know what a good thing I made out of the bottle cork?"

In fact, she had laid our bottle corks for four thousand two hundred and eighty dollars in the first time. We afterward bought two similar lots and a corker with the money.

Well, I did not scold Julia. It was certainly no fault of hers that I was walking on the lower shelf of my cedar closet. I told her to make a parcel of the things, and at the first time we went to drive I have the whole shapeless heap into the river, without saving mass for her.

But let no man think, or no woman, that this was the end of troubles. As I look back on that winter, and on the spring of 1865, it seems to me only the beginning. I got out on credit at least. I had the office transferred to my house, so that Lafage and Taylor could work three nights, and communicate with me when I could not go out; but mornings I hobbled up to the department, and sat with the chief, and took his orders. Ah me! shall I ever forget that damp winter morning, when we all had such hope at the office? One or two of the army fellows looked in at the window as they ran by, and we knew that they fell well; and though I would not ask Old Wick—as we had nicknamed the chief—what was in the wind, I knew the time had come, and that the lion meant to look the net this time. I made an excuse to go home earlier than usual; I rode down to the house in the major's ambulance, I remember; and I hopped in, to surprise Julia with the good news, only to find that the whole house was in that quiet uproar which shows that something bad has happened of a sudden.

"What is it, Chloe?" said I, as the old wench rushed by me with a bucket of water.

Poor Mr. George, I find he's dead, said she.

And there he really was—dead, handsome, bright George Schiff—the delight of all the nice girls of Richmond; he lay there on Aunt Emily's bed on the ground floor, where they had brought him in. He was not dead—and he did not die. He is making cotton in Texas now. But he looked mighty near it then. The deep cut in his head was the worst I had ever seen, and the blow confused everything. When McGee got round, he said it was not hopeless; but we all turned out of the room; and with one thing and another, he got the boy out of the room, and somehow it proved his head was not broken.

No, but poor George swears to this day it was better it had been, if it could only have been broken the right way, and on the right field. For that evening we heard that everything had gone wrong in the surprise. There we had been waiting for one of those early fogs, and at last the fog had come. And Julia Early had, that morning, pushed out every man he had, that could stand; and they lay hid for three mortal hours, within I don't know how near the picket line at Fort Pothan, only waiting for the shot which John Straight's party were to fire at Wilson's Wharf, as soon as somebody on our left center advanced in force, on the enemy's line above Turkey Island stretching across to Nansomland. I am not in the war department, and I forget whether he was to advance on *barrette* or by *schelon* of infantry. But he was to advance somehow; and he knew how, and when he advanced, you see, that other man lower down was to rush in, and as soon as he had his feet on the ground, he was to surprise Powhatan, you see; and then, if you have understood me, Grant and Butler and the whole rig of them would have been cut off from their supplies, would have had to fight a battle for which they were not prepared, with their right made into a new left, and their old left unexpectedly advanced at an oblique angle from their center; and would not that have been the end of them?

Well, that never happened. And the reason never happened, was, that poor George Schiff, with the fatal order for this man whose name I forget (the same who was awarded the life before High Bridge), understood to save time by cutting across behind my house, from Franklin to Green Streets. You know how much time he saved—they waited all day for that order. George told me afterward that the last thing he remembered was kissing his hand to Julia, who sat at her bedroom window. He said that she might be the last woman he ever saw this side of heaven. Just after that, it must have been his horse, that white Messenger colt, old Williams bred—went over like a log, and poor George was pitched fifteen feet, head foremost against a stake there was in that lot. Julia saw the whole. She rushed out with all the women, and had just brought him in when I got home. And that was the reason that the great promised continuation of December, 1864, never came off at all.

I walked out in the lot, after McGee burst out one of the chamber, to see what they had done with the house. There he lay, as dead as old Messenger himself. His neck was broken. And do you think, I looked to see what had tripped him. I supposed it was one of the boys' blind holes. It was no such thing. The poor wretch had tangled his hind-legs in one of those infernal bow-wires that Chloe had thrown out in the piece when I gave her new ones. Though I did not know it then, those fatal scraps of rusty steel had broken the neck that day of Robert Lee's army.

That fine I made a row about it. I felt too badly to have a passion, but before the moon went to bed, they were all in the sitting room together—I talked to them like a father. I did not swear. I had got over that for a while, in that six weeks on my back. But I did say the old wives were infernal things, and that the horse and premises must be made rid of them. The aunts laughed—though I was so serious—and tipped a wink to the girls. The girls wanted to laugh, but were afraid to. And then it came out that the aunts had sold all their old bones, that as right as they could, in a great mass of rags. It was a sorry sight to see them like that. I was in other rags, but the rags they got were new instead of old—it was a real Aladdin bargain. The new rags had blue backs, and were numbered, some as high as fifty dollars.

The rag-man had been in a hurry, and had not known what made the things so heavy. I frowned at the wretch, but they said all was fair with a peddler—and I own I was glad the things were well out of Richmond. But when I said I thought it was a mean trick, Liza and Sarah looked down, and asked what in the world I would have them do with the old things. Did I expect them to walk down to the bridge—themselves with great proceeds to throw into the river, as I had done by Julia's? Of course it ended, as such things always do, by my taking the work on my own shoulders, and figuring the flock of fine-wooled Merinos that would now be awaiting me if my father had not changed his flock for the silver watch, which is now so unvaluable and uninteresting, and indeed a painful heirloom in our family.

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I have myself arrived at the age when I can appreciate wool, and know the value of sheep. I am now fifty-one, very nearly fifty-two, and I will carry on the computation to the age of ninety-two, to which there is, of course, every reasonable presumption that I shall attain, and it will be observed that, not disturbing my father's investment, and presuming that my cousins, the Morrions, would still find it to their advantage to allow our sheep to remain upon their estates, we shall see that our herd will, when I shall have attained my father's age, have increased largely. I continue the table, starting with my present age, fifty-two years, and with \$8,441.68 Merino one-wooled sheep, which makes the following showing when I shall have reached ninety years of age. In four years from now I would have seventeen millions two hundred and eighty-eight thousand two hundred and sixteen sheep.

the middle of the precipitous road, when he perceived his persecutor running after him.

"Stop, you nimble-footed thief of the world!" roared the robber—"stop, I tell you! I've parted with you yet!"

The exhausted and defenseless clergyman, finding it impossible to continue his flight, suddenly came to a standstill. The fellow approached, and his face, instead of its former ferocity, was lit up with a wholesome rejoicing of expression, as he said: "And is it likely I'll let you off with a letter cut on your cheek, and with all I'll be doing for the chance of that elegant hat and wig? Off with them this moment, and then you'll be quit of 'em."

The foot-pat quickly divided the bishop of his single-breasted coat, laid violent hands upon the clerical hat and fall-bottomed wig, put them on his own person, and then insisted on seeing his late apparel used in their stead; and with a loud laugh ran off, as through his fast had been a most meritorious of his life.

Thankful to have escaped with unbroken bones, his lordship was not long in overtaking his carriage.

"My dear William!" exclaimed his affectionate wife, after listening to the account of the perils to which her husband had been exposed, "for heaven's sake, take off that filthy jacket, and throw it out of the window. You can get my warm cloak over your shoulders till we reach the next stage, and then you will be able to purchase some habit better suited to your rank and calling."

"That is more easily said than done, my wife," he replied; "I have just left to pay our expenses to-night. My watch, too, that I so dearly prize! Miserable man that I am!"

"Never mind your watch or anything else just now, only pull off that mass of filth, I implore you; who knows what horrid contagion we may all catch if you persist in wearing it?"

"Take it off, dear papa," observed the daughter; "but don't throw it away; it may lead to the detection of the wretch who robbed you."

The obnoxious garment was removed. The young lady was about to place it under the bench when she heard a jingling noise that attracted her attention, and, on examination found scattered in various parts of the coat, not only the watch, pocket-book, purse and silver of which her father had been deprived, but a yellow canvas bag, such as is used by farmers, containing about thirty guineas.

The surprise and joy of the parties may be imagined. They reached the inn where they proposed stopping for the night, and as the postmaster, who was usually called the driver, the bishop was quickly able to attire himself intelligently before the party retired for rest, innocently arrived that the highwaymen had been taken after a desperate struggle.

—Charles Lever.

## ZADIG'S HORSE SENSE.

One day Zadig, walking near a little wood, saw, hastening away from the scene of the chief council, followed by a troop of officers, who appeared to be in the greatest anxiety, a man who was engaged at his meals for rather a month, when the king began to be rather tired with locusts, and interrupted his story with:





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Two attractive ladies came to Honolulu some months since...

These ladies were received everywhere with courtesy, except at the palace...

Presently arrived other ladies, "consigned" to other society people...

The second arrivals were presented and, in due course, were invited to breakfast...

By two wrongs, gentlemen? By three wrongs, gentlemen? By four wrongs, gentlemen?

And now that this long moral preaching and this curt consideration of the meaning of it all demand more thoughtful consideration...

Some Foreign Monthly. The Sugar Cane for February is at hand...

Harper's for March is a good number. It would be noteworthy, if for no other reason...

The Popular Science Monthly for March contains an article on green suns and red sunsets...

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