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THE SHADOW HAND.
 The shadow hand from mystic realm
 Is laid upon my brow;
 It guides the ship like hand on helm
 To stiller waters now.
 It lifts the mantle of grim care
 And calms the throbbing heart,
 Until the shadow of despair
 From out my soul depart.
 Oh, shadow hand of spirit sweet,
 Be with me ever near—
 Make mortal life more full, complete,
 Eternity more dear.
 —H. S. Keller in Brooklyn Magazine

A CRAZE FOR FAC SIMILE FORMS.
 Chicago Ladies Catching On to a Cute Yankee Notion in Dressmaking.
 "The latest craze among Chicago ladies," said a dapper dressmaker as she showed a reporter into an easy chair in her studio, "is for Boston models or forms. Within the last month or two the bustle has been introduced here, though it is anything but new in Boston and New York. The best forms are made adjustable, and the lady buying one can use it for own sewing-room to fit her own dresses to, or send it to her own dressmaker, or use it for her daughter, or her mother. You are a man and therefore you do not know the fatigue a woman endures standing to have a dress fitted to her form."
 You have nothing like it in tailoring for men. You don't know what it is, and therefore cannot appreciate the boon these forms are. By their use better results can be secured, too, especially by that class of women who persist in making their own dresses. By use of these forms a lady can fit her own dresses to herself as it were, and that is a big thing. I tell you. These forms are easily adjusted to a large or small person, and can be folded and put away like an umbrella. They make a paper mache which are not adjustable, but which are less expensive. By taking a tight-fitting waist to the store the lady can have a paper mache model to take home with her in an hour without any measuring of her person. That is, provided she be not unusually small, unusually large, or of a queer shape. Forms are made for men and boys, the latter full length. By purchasing a coat-form the fashionable gentleman need never get near his tailor. By sending his form he can order coats which never fit, or leave a standing order to have a new coat turned out once a month, as I understand a certain young scion of a wealthy house does. Of course the same thing could be done by leaving a measure, but not so satisfactorily."
 —Chicago Herald Interview.

A Railway Postal Clerk's Work.
 Each crew runs for seven days with but very short "layoffs" between trains, and spends the week at home. It is not a week of leisure, however. Hanging on the wall of his room each clerk has a chart of the post-offices and routes covered by the case next in order in the one on which he is working. Every office must be thoroughly memorized, so that when a little cross-road is mentioned he can instantly tell over what route it is reached. When first appointment, a postal clerk is taken on six months' probation, during which time he is paid \$900 per year. If at the end of this time he has learned his "case" he is given a permanent place at a salary of \$800 per year. The requirements do not end here, for other states must be studied, and perhaps after he knows every fence corner and cross road in the United States, he gets \$1,150. To be a head clerk one must know something more than mere post-offices and routes. Congressmen, senators and government officials are very necessary adjuncts to the promotion to that place. About \$1,500 per year is the salary of a head clerk. Every error is charged up, and when a clerk has one hundred marks scored against him he is ordered to headquarters for examination, and when found deficient is reduced to the rating of a head clerk. It is no easy task to stand upright, but when in addition one is required to throw letters into pigeon holes some four or five hundred a day, the task becomes infinitely more difficult.
 —Cleveland Leader.

Features of St Paul's Churchyard.
 There are two features of St Paul's churchyard which always interest me. They are the working girls who eat their noonday lunch among the tombs, and the ancient dames who offer second-hand clothing for sale to their sex outside the railing. The girls take their freedom from the churchyard as a pleasant recess from the close and busy workshop, and with the tomb of some dead and gone worthy of the New York of the past for a table, on a daily picnic with as much rum as they can get, they are the best of the Astor house were partaking of the best of the Astor house. The vendors of antique garments, my interest in them is based entirely on the fact that I never saw any one buy anything of them. They seem to have the same drugged and seedy dresses hanging from the spikes above them as they had a dozen years ago, and they sit in the same stolid and patient silence now as then from early day till dark.
 —New York Times.

Called Upon to Respond.
 At a recent press dinner out west one of the guests proposed a speech, in which he paid a glowing tribute to the name and fame of the name of the name.
 At the close of the address, which was received with vocal applause, the chairman, who had called on him, if not wisely, said: "Mr. (his name) has just made a few remarks."
 —Pittsburgh Courier.

CHANCES OF CHANCE.
 Holding a pea in air
 My twice-dipped pea—for some tense
 thread of thought
 Had snapped—mine ears were half
 aware
 Of passing wheels; eyes saw, but mine
 My sun-shot linden. Suddenly, as I
 stare,
 Two shifting visions grow and fade un-
 sought:
 Noon-blaze; the broken shade
 Of ruins grazing. Two Tartar lovers sit:
 She gazes on the ground, face turned,
 afraid;
 And he, at her. Silence is all his wit.
 She stoops, picks up a pebble of green
 jade
 To toss; they watch its flight, unheed-
 ing it.
 Ages have rolled away;
 And round the stone, by chance, if chance
 there be,
 Sparse soil has caught; a seed, wind-
 lodged one day,
 Grown grass; shrubs sprung; at last a
 tufted tree;
 Lo! over its snake root you conquering
 Bey
 Trips backward, fighting—and half Asia
 free!
 —Andrew Hedbrooke in Atlantic.

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THE SAMOAN MISSION.

Elsewhere we publish the text of an autograph letter from Malietoa, King of Samoa, to his Majesty the King. On the 7th of January Minister Bush had audience with the Samoan King, at which he presented his credentials and an autograph letter from King Kalakaua.

His Majesty desires me to convey to you an expression of the deep interest he feels in the welfare of yourself and the people of Samoa, recognizing in them a people of a kindred race closely allied to the Hawaiians by blood, by language and by historical traditions, and to give you every assurance of his friendship and his desire to see the Samoan Kingdom progressive and happy and assured of its independence and peaceful prosperity.

His Majesty, whose sympathies are with you as a brother Sovereign of a kindred race, has viewed with solicitude the internal difficulties that have encompassed the Government of Samoa and the possibility of foreign intervention affecting its independence, and desires me to express his sympathy and hope that you may succeed in maintaining peaceful stability and perfect autonomy, and should you desire the friendly advice and encouragement of His Majesty Kalakaua it will be freely given.

Minister Bush presented King Malietoa with the Grand Cross of the Royal Order of the Star of Oceania, "an order specially instituted to decorate the Kings and Chiefs of Polynesia and those who may in any way contribute to the welfare and advancement of Polynesian communities."

King Malietoa was pleased to reply to Mr. Bush in terms of which the following translation:

I am already aware of the contents of the letter through my Minister, and I have to thank His Majesty Kalakaua for his expressions of friendship. It is true that the Hawaiians and Samoans are related by blood and other ties. I have in my possession genealogical records which show that your Kings and people and mine are related. We have often met here representatives of America, England and Germany, but this is the first time I have had the pleasure to meet an Envoy from Hawaii, though we are so near to each other and a similar people. I am very much pleased to meet you, the Envoy of His Majesty Kalakaua, and I shall be happy further to meet you privately."

THE SCIENCE OF DRINKING.

The "Scientific American" some time ago published a remarkable article on "The Science of Drinking," based upon the report of United States Consul Tanner at Chemnitz, Germany. The Consul gives the total beer production of the German Empire for 1885 at one billion one hundred million gallons, and of wines and other alcoholic liquors at nine hundred million gallons. This the Consul records as the actual consumption of the Germanic Empire for the year in question, as the imports equalized exports. Estimating the population of Germany at fifty millions, it gives forty gallons a year per capita, statistics averaging the United States consumption of beer at ten gallons per capita. In other words the beer consumed annually in Germany, including Alsace and Lorraine, would form a lake more than a mile square and six and a half feet deep. But the Germans are a moral, sober, industrious people. Consul Tanner says that beer is quite as much if not more extensively used than water. Beer must be furnished to servants for their repasts. He had seen children hardly weaned given beer without any apparent bad effects. In short, since his arrival in Germany he had not seen the first glass of water drunk. Yet one never sees a drunken man in a cafe, and rarely ever on the street. This he attributes to the "purifying influence of women." There are no drinking places in Ger-

many but what a lady may enter with propriety, he says, and they are to be seen in all cafes. Consul Tanner, who has given great attention to this subject, and is quite sure of his figures, accounts for the difference in the results of drinking in Germany and in America by the fact that in Europe the science of drinking is understood. "It is simple when compared with the blind, irrational and suicidal manner of drinking in the United States. This science consists simply in the tardiness of drinking. All drinks are taken sip by sip, a half or three-quarters of an hour being consumed for a glass of beer." As we have had an apostle of total abstinence among us it may not be amiss to consider this official criticism of German drinking habits. The "blue ribbon" movement would stand no show east of the Rhine, or west of it for that matter. Men have leisure to drink scientifically in Europe, but that is out of the question in America and in many other places where life is a struggle at high pressure. Under the last named condition total abstinence may flourish, but assuredly not where men can spend thirty to forty-five minutes consuming a glass of beer, "by which manner of drinking," we are told by Consul Tanner, "the blood is aroused to a greater activity in so gradual a manner that there is no violent derangement of the animal economy."

ENGLISH JOTTINGS.

[From an occasional correspondent.]

LONDON, December 29th. Society is still taking its rest before the labors of the session and the jubilee and State ceremonies which the jubilee year will certainly bring.

The jubilee celebration of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen is beginning to occupy the thoughts of the whole Empire. The foundation of "The Imperial Institute" or permanent exhibition of the products and manufactures of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India, is to be the chief national memorial of the event. Almost every town is collecting funds for a local celebration, as well as for its contribution to the "Institute" fund. Churchmen are to celebrate the occasion by the erection of a great church house or hall for meeting. A grand naval review at Spithead and a military review, in which Colonial and Indian troops are to take part, will be highly interesting spectacles. A women's tribute to the Queen is being collected throughout the Empire by girls and women in subscriptions from one penny to a sovereign, and will probably result in the establishment, in the Queen's name, of free libraries in various parts of the Empire. Foreign nations will no doubt be represented at the celebration by their Ambassadors and Ministers here or by special Embassies. Rumors of costly gifts from the various European and Asiatic Sovereigns give promise of many rich additions to the Queen's art treasures.

In Royal circles the birth of a son to Princess Beatrice has brought, during the past week, several distinguished visitors to London. Prince Alexander of Bulgaria came from Germany with his father for the christening, which took place at Windsor Castle on December 18th. The Queen seems devoted to the Battenberg family, one of whom, Prince Henry, married Princess Beatrice, and another, Prince Louis, married a Princess of Hesse, the Queen's granddaughter. The Queen has conferred the highest grade of the military division of the Order of the Bath on Prince Alexander, and he has been her private guest since his arrival in England. The anti-Court society papers make good harvest out of the Queen's doings, and declare that the action of Her Majesty is embarrassing to the Cabinet and cannot fail to give offense at St. Petersburg, where Prince Alexander is anything but a persona grata.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have been on a visit to the Danish Minister at his country seat near Luton, in Bedfordshire. A very distinguished company, including the Austrian Ambassador and Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill, were invited to meet their Royal Highnesses. Festivities on a magnificent scale were organized—dancing, shooting, fishing and a French opera troupe formed part of the programme. The visit ended with a State entry into Luton, which was gaily decorated in honor of the Prince and Princess.

A very grand ball was given by the Earl and Countess of Brownlow at their castle at Ashridge. The new ball room was beautifully decorated with palm trees and lighted with electricity. The supper was served in the huge conservatory, amidst the rarest and most lovely exotics and flowers, the electric light casting a fairylike brilliancy on the scene. Every mansion in the neighborhood was crowded with guests for the ball. Among the enormous company was H. R. H. the Princess Mary, the Duke of Teck, T. R. H. the Princess Victoria and the Princes Francis and Adolphus, the Prime Minister, the Marquis of Salisbury, Lady Gwendolin Cecil, Lady Randolph Churchill, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Sidney Hoffmann, Secretary of His Hawaiian Majesty's Legation, Mr. Brodrick, M. P., and Lady Hilda Brodrick.

On November 16th the jubilee birthday of His Majesty King Kalakaua was celebrated in London by the Hawaiian Charge d'Affaires by a large dinner at the Legation. The table was profusely decorated with flowers, and in the center was a trophy of the Hawaiian, French and English flags. Each guest was presented with a bunch of roses and gardenias tied with the Hawaiian colors. The health of His Majesty was drunk with enthusiasm. The Hon. Dr. Mott

Smith, Hawaiian Commissioner at Washington, responded.

The principal event in literary circles during December has been the publication of a new volume of poems by Lord Tennyson—"Locksley Hall Sixty Years After." The only thing that is absolutely new in the volume is the poem that gives it its title. "The Fleet" and the ode on the "Opening of the Indian and Colonial Exhibition by the Queen" have both appeared before. "The Promise of May," which occupies quite three-fourths of the new volume, is a drama which was played without any success about four years ago at one of the London theaters. The criticism of the new poem has been very scathing from all quarters. Many critics object to its evident sneer at Radicalism, while those who ignore its political tendency remark that it is not on kindred works that Tennyson has founded his great name.

The poem is a kind of epilogue to "Locksley Hall." Tennyson has often told us we are all going to the dogs. The world seems to him an agglomeration of Zolaians, cowardice, radicalism and irreligion.

As if dynamite and revolver leave you courage to be wise:

When was age so crammed with menace? Madness written, spoken, less?

Evil wears the mask of love, and laughing soles fact to scorn,

Cries to weakest as to strongest? "Ye are equals, equal born."

Equal born? O yes! if yonder hill be level with the flat.

Charm us, Ostar, till the lion looks no larger than the east.

Till the cat thro' that mirage of our over-heated language loom

Larger than the lion—Demos end in working its own doom.

Russia bursts our Indian barrier, Shall we fight her? Shall we yield?

Pause before you sound the trumpet; hear the voices from the field,

Those three hundred millions under one imperial sceptre now.

Shall we hold them? Shall we lose them? Take the snuffage of the plough!

The evident allusion in the above to Mr. Gladstone and the political question of the hour, called forth criticisms from the press opposed to Tennyson's views that have seldom been made on any great poem.

The Mission to Samoa.

His Majesty the King has received an official letter from His Majesty Malietoa, King of Samoa, of which the following is the official translation:

By the grace of Almighty God, Malietoa, from the Eight Families, and King of Samoa.

To His Majesty Kalakaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands:

Beloved Brother:

How happy and delighted I was when Your welcome letter of the 23d December last reached me, and I sincerely thank God that You are in the enjoyment of good health with the Members of Your Royal Family.

And now with great pleasure and delight I welcome Your Majesty's Plenipotentiary in the person of Mr. John Edward Bush, Knight Grand Cross of Your Royal Order of the Crown of Hawaii, etc., to these My Islands, for the purpose of meeting together with us. I am much pleased, and especially because it seems to me now from the way You have remembered me, that Your love for us is unchanged. By traditions we have learned the truth that Your people are of one blood with us.

But this is not all. I was pleased to find in meeting Mr. Bush that he, Mr. Bush, is a perfect, kind and good gentleman, and to know his truth and loyalty to Your Majesty.

Your Majesty be pleased and allow me to tell You a little news in regard to the troubles at these My Islands, and within my Kingdom.

The present rebellion was encouraged by some foreigners, who want to sell arms and ammunition of war. This is the commencement from which the so-called "Tumua" have arisen.

And it was by the advice of the foreign Consuls which I follow, or otherwise this rebellion would have been quenched ere this. The Consuls advise me to be patient and strong, and leave the rebellion to them, and the rebellion is still in existence to-day.

It is not my wish to make any war, or to see any among these My Islands, and there are only a people in it.

But I earnestly pray God that the time will soon come (through His blessing) when Samoa will unite under one Government again.

I pray for health and prosperity to Your Majesty, with all the blessings of God on Your Government.

Done at the Residence of Malietoa at Apia, this 13th day of January, A. D. 1887.

MALIELOA, King of Samoa.

(Countersigned): WILLIAM COE.

A Large Paper.

The Oakland "Daily Evening Tribune" for January 20th is a special number of 46 pages. It contains matter historical, descriptive and expository of the resources, industries and possibilities of Oakland and Alameda county, and is illustrated with maps of the county and city, and engravings of the principal buildings and scenery. It is well gotten up, and contains a vast amount of information. A great deal of the work was done by Mr. D. W. C. Nesfield, who was at one time editor of the "Daily Hawaiian," now defunct. An article on the Oakland Y. M. C. A. speaks of Captain Isaiah Bray, the General Secretary, formerly of the missionary barkentine Morning Star, as follows: "Captain Bray, the General Secretary, is a man of energy, and enthusiastic in pushing the work, having refused a much more lucrative position to engage in it."

Honolulu Almanac and Directory.

The Honolulu Almanac and Directory for 1887 is now for sale at J. H. Soper's news depot and at this office. Price 50 cents. It contains complete statistics and general information relating to these Islands.

A CHINESE THEATRE.

HOW THE PERFORMANCE IS CONDUCTED IN LOS ANGELES, CAL.

The Stage Open, Without Curtain or Scenery—Plays Not Divided into Acts—The Woes of the Heroine—Some Fins Acting.

As we descended the hilly street leading from the piazza to the theatre, strange unearthly sounds like a night throbbing effort at recitative in some barbaric opera, accompanied by a wild blast of discordant horns and the clang of brazen cymbals, floated up to us on the night air as a faint foretaste of what was to come.

As I have said, the interior was rough and unfinished; there was a rude gallery at the back and on either side running forward as far as the stage. In the side galleries, well to the front, were the private boxes, looking for all the world like so many grain bins, those on one side being for the ladies, on the other for the men. No woman sat down in the body of the house. The seats were rude benches, both with and without backs. On these the audience sat, lounged, or squatted, as the spirit moved them, and a more motley and grotesque assemblage of humanity could hardly be imagined. The stage was almost universal—the air being redolent and blue with the vapors of cheap cigars, cigars and opium. Through this haze can be seen the venter of narcotics as he quietly picks his way in and out among the crowd, disposing of his wares, while the infernal droning of the orchestra makes it impossible to hear the shuffling about that is continually going on.

The stage is open, without curtain or scenery, and consists of every thing in the shape of properties, with the exception of a table or two, some chairs, and a makeshift screen; at the back sit the seven members of the orchestra, all smoking and puffing away, endeavoring to drown the others out. Their instruments consist of a fiddle with one string, which makes a sound similar to that emitted by two cats when they clinch; two horns ditto; a pair of enormous cymbals, which are no tinklers, for every time they come together one is lifted bodily six inches from his seat; a brazen gong suspended from the ceiling by a wire, which is pounded vigorously as the action becomes more impassioned; two or three dwarf banjos, and a species of kettledrum made of wood and snake skin.

PLAYS NOT DIVIDED.

There are no divisions of their plays into acts, but from the beginning to the end, whether the scene represents a battle, the hush of midnight, or desert solitude, the orchestra, like Tennyson's brook, goes on forever, making the air thick with sound. Above the stage is a deep recess, gorgeous with red and gold, in which are placed which lights are burning. Deep within this box resides the joss, who is supposed to take as much interest in the play over which he presides as his worshippers below. The actors make their entrance through a doorway hung with a crimson curtain at the back and to the right of the stage, and their exits through one to the left. Above each doorway are motes in Chinese characters, which, indeed, can be seen posted everywhere on the walls of the building.

We arrived in time to behold the woes of the heroine intensified by the entrance of the heavy villain in Mother Hubbard and father hooded and painted to represent moral depravity. The cymbals clashed, the gong beat louder, the horns brayed; the villain flourished his sword, and the lady shrieked in high falsetto.

Right then I say, the Chinese drama in a Chinese drama all the women are men—that is, all the female characters are taken by men, women not being supposed to possess sufficient intelligence to act, though I believe there is a woman in San Francisco, who, becoming imbued with the spirit of her American sisters, has broken through national prejudice and become a fairly successful actress. It is rather startling to see the villain lay two or three of his enemies out stiff, and in a moment after see all the slain rise and walk coolly off the stage as though nothing had happened. But the Chinese recognize nothing incongruous in this. Indeed, they let their imaginations carry them over many dead points, as it were. For instance, there being no scenery, whenever it is desired to represent a change of scene, all the actors move to another part of the stage, or else they slide around two or three times, it depending altogether whether they wish to represent the action as changing from one room of a house to another or to a distant province.

QUITE FINE ACTING.

I witnessed one bit of quite fine acting. The character was evidently crossing a mountain range, going from one province to another. Such realism I never witnessed on any stage! It was quite equal to the celebrated jump and scuffle scene of Mr. Vincent Crummins. The mountains, with their dangerous canons, were represented by a plank stretching between two tables, and two chairs whereupon to ascend and descend. The individual, it was a woman, climbed the table with much effort and to-be-ing, advanced to the plank, placed one foot on it, the orchestra gave an extra shriek, like the band in a circus when the man in the striped suit gives a jump, and she quickly withdrew it, apparently overcome with terror at the danger to be encountered. It took fully fifteen minutes to get over during which time the actor admirably portrayed trepidation, anxiety, indecision, confusion and resolution.

One word about the costumes: They were elegant. Heavy satins in all colors, plain and embroidered, with many colored silks, together with gold and silver threads in the designs, and the elaborate designs! Huge dragons, nameless monsters, and impossible forms were represented in every variety of color, as well as gorgeous flower and arabesque designs. Of course the earnings of a company must be considerable to enable the manager to supply such rich costumes for his players, and they are. Not only can he furnish such elaborate dresses, but frequently pays his "stars" as high as \$50 a month. And they earn for they not only have to play from six to nine hours every night in the week, but much of the dialogue is extemporaneous, and then the troupe gives a jump, and she quickly withdraw it, apparently overcome with terror at the danger to be encountered. It took fully fifteen minutes to get over during which time the actor admirably portrayed trepidation, anxiety, indecision, confusion and resolution.

Lighting in a Potato Patch. Lightning struck in the middle of a potato patch at Plattsville, Ulster county, during a recent thunderstorm, and scorched the vines in a circle of fifteen feet. Directly in the center of the circle the tubers were uncovered, and many of them were baked.—New York Sun.

The Venice of To-Day.

That Venice of the Poets and this Venice mentioned as follows in The London Times seem different cities: "The filthy corners of Venice are as foul as old—in some cases filthier—beyond endurance. Decayed fruit is sold to be eaten by a population deprived of its ordinary resources."—Exchange.

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Friday, March 5, 1887,

at 12 o'clock noon, the property covered by said mortgage, viz:

1. The lease of that certain piece of land situated at Kahului, Koolau, Oahu, whereon is situated the rice mill belonging to mortgagee, and described in a lease from Ah Yan & Co. to Conchee & Ahung, dated September 9, 1880, for fifteen years, and recorded in Reg. of Deeds in book 65, on pages 366-377, and also all buildings, machinery and appurtenances hereon situated; and also 24 head of working oxen, 2 ox carts, one PADDY WAREHOUSE, storing capacity 400 tons.

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Commencing August 9.—To Kamae, Kamae,

That Screw Door Spring. He slid quietly into a Jefferson avenue hardware store yesterday forenoon, unrolled a paper on the counter, and as he held up a patent door spring he said: "I buy him two days ago, and I like to exchange him for a whetstone."

Photographed from Life. AT THE MARKET. Young housekeeper (timidly)—I will take some lamb to-day.

MAKING RAPID STRIDES. Boston young lady (visiting in Chicago)—am very agreeably surprised in Chicago. I had no idea that it was a city of so much refinement and culture.

PETER PREPARING FOR FESTIVITIES. "Patoh, what yo' gwine do wit dat razah-bump!"

"Spec's I see gwine t' sha'pen dat razah. Doan' yo' see no mo' out'n dem ole peepe's ob yo'?"

"G'way, Patoh! What' far! What' far yo' a-sha'p'n dat razah-bump! Yo' done got no head, chile!"

"G'way yo'se! ole man; yo' done got no sense! De Bap's ch'ch'ch' fat' an' a-hoid'n dis eb'n'n—diz yo' know dat much! An' dat upstah' nigga' hab'be' agwine—yo' un'stan'! An' dat yalle' gal dat tuk up wit dat upstah' nigga' am agwine—diz yo' heah me? An' 'ee agwine, an' dis yer razah, she's agwine. G'way yo'se!—Life.

SUBSIDIARIES. "Paul," said his mamma, "will you go softly into the parlor and see if grandpa is asleep?"

"Yes, mamma," whispered Paul on his return, "he is all asleep but his nose."

DOUBTFUL OWNERSHIP. Smith—I say, Brown, did I leave my umbrella at your house last night?

WOMAN (to magistrate)—My husband has left me, s'rr, an' I want to make a charge agin him for desertion.

MAGISTRATE—That is the proper course to pursue, madam. Is he your first husband?

WOMAN—No, s'rr; he is my third. Magistrate (who spends his afternoons at the Polo grounds)—Ah, yes, I see; got left on third.

ALWAYS ON HAND. Belated citizen (at Polo grounds)—Can you give me a ticket to the grand stand?

Ticket seller—Yes, s'rr. Belated citizen—Is it a good seat?

Ticket seller—It's not a seat, it's a ticket. Belated citizen—Haven't you any seats left?

Ticket seller—No; we have nothing left but tickets. That's something we never run short of.

TOO LATE. "I left a little check for \$10,000 among the wedding gifts," said the girl's father to his prospective son-in-law, "and after the ceremony is over we will quietly tear it up. See! That's the style nowadays, George."

"Ye-es," hesitated George, "that's the style, but I'm afraid it's too late to tear it up now."

"Why?" "Because I went down to the bank and got it cashed."

THE PAPER SURVIVED. Stranger (visiting city)—Say, mister, what's that ere big stone buildin', an' orphane asylum?

Citizen—Why, no, my dear sir, that's the office of The Daily and Weekly Givemits, just erected with accumulated dividends.

Stranger—Gosh all fish hooks! The deuce you say. Why, I got mad at the editor and stopped that ere paper mor'n five years ago, and supposed of course the consarn had busted up and quit.

DREAMING OF THEM. "Well, Bobby," said young Featherly, as the former entered the store, "what can I do for you this mornin'! And how is every thing up at the house?"

"All right, I guess. I heard sister Clara tell me that she dreamed about you last night."

"Is that so?" whispered Featherly, bending over the counter. "And what did you see?"

"She said that Clara must have eaten something what didn't agree with her. I want to get a spool of No. 60 cotton and a dozen bone collar buttons."—New York Sun.

DECLINE OF THE DUEL. The Great Advance Made in Popular Opinion—Slaves to a Custom. It has been less than twenty-seven years, less than the average lifetime of a generation, since Robert Toombs delivered in the senate of the United States a eulogy on Senator Broderick, of California, who had been killed in a duel with Judge Terry. In referring to the manner of Broderick's death Toombs says: "He fell in honorable contest, under a code which he fully recognized. While I lament his sad fate, I have no word of censure for him or his adversary. I think no man under any circumstances can have a more enviable death than to fall in vindication of his honor."

When those words were uttered they probably expressed the sentiment of a large majority of the senators of the United States. There was probably not a senator at the time who, if he did not approve "the code," would have been bold enough to denounce it. This speech, which was in thorough accord with the manliest spirit of the time when it was uttered, is a moral milepost from which we can measure the great advance made in the popular opinion on the subject of dueling in a comparatively short time. If a member of either house of congress were to apologize in a speech in the capital for the practice of dueling, it would probably be the death-knell to his political ambition. It would at least mark him as a victim of that uncompromising public opinion which in every part of the world has set the seal of its condemnation on dueling and abolished "the code."

This sudden and almost universal abolition of a custom so entangled with the highest conceptions of honor, so firmly fixed in social ethics, and so softened as to the real features of its barbaric cruelty by a gentleness and courtesy that preserved the romance of medieval knight-hood, is indeed remarkable. It is probably the best single proof that could be offered of the advance of our people in good morals and true culture. The last retreat of the doomed custom was Virginia. After it had been abjured almost everywhere else it seemed to flourish there. This was because of the peculiar political complications in that state which brought men into sharp personal antagonism. In the heated campaigns of 1880 and 1881 personal difficulties were numerous, and frequent expeditions were made to the "field of honor." While most of those engaged in this deplorable business were men of unquestioned courage, the percentage of damage to the number of duels was so small as to bring these combats into general ridicule. The term "Virginia duel" was coined, and is still extant, to express an affair with all the pomp and ceremony of a bloody encounter minus the blood.

An intelligent Virginia gentleman, who was until late years a believer in "the code," told me the other day that dueling was dead in this state. He said that the crystallization of the best public opinion in that state against it within the past two years had been simply wonderful, and there is not a county in Virginia where a man would not now elevate himself more in the opinion of the people by declining a challenge than by accepting one. There never was a time in a truly civilized country when a man did not revolt from the thought of slaying or being slain in these deliberate combats. Men who faced each other with deadly weapons to fight to the death often had no animosity. They were slaves to a custom which had drifted from barbarism into civilization; to an idea which had held its place in some hard portion of the popular conscience untouched by the influences that were beautifying and refining all other sentiments of the popular heart. Public opinion bolstered dueling into an unnatural prolongation of its sway. Now that public opinion has not only withdrawn its support, but has lifted its implacable cry against the miserable custom, it must go.—Atlanta Constitution.

Japanese Tea at a Chicago Show. I visited the "Japanese village" the other day, and came away in a towering passion. After visiting several of the little booths nearest the entrance, I sauntered away into the back part of the theater, where a couple of little Japanese ladies were making and giving away cups of tea. "Now," thought I to myself, "I will see for myself whether the Japs and the Chinese know any more about a good cup of tea than the Americans do."

As I approached, the dainty little matron stepped to the front of her booth, and in a rather beseeching manner held out to me a tray containing a half a dozen tiny blue cups half full of tea. I gratefully accepted one. It contained only a few thimblefuls of tea, without cream or sugar; but, oh! ye gods! what tea! I sipped and sipped until it was gone, and then, having quickly made the circuit of the village, came back with a new crowd, and took another cup. This fraud was perpetrated over and over, and it seemed to me that I could drink that tea forever.—Cor. Chicago Journal.

The Advantages of Tarred Floors. Some months ago the floors of many Austrian garrisons were painted with tar, and the results have proved so uniformly advantageous that the method is becoming greatly extended in its application. The collection of dust in cracks is thus prevented, and a consequent diminution in irritative diseases of the eye has been noted. Cleaning of the rooms has been greatly facilitated, and parasites are almost completely excluded. The coating of tar is inexpensive, requires renewal but once yearly, and presents but one disadvantage, viz., its somber color.—Medical News.

The Hours of Sleep Required. "Five hours for a man, seven for a woman, and nine for a pig," says one proverb; and a second, quoted by Mr. Hazlitt in his "English Proverbs," declares that "Nature requires five; custom gives (allows) seven; laziness takes nine, and wickedness eleven." These conclusions were, however, drawn from observations of country life.—Exchr. 7e.

Enjoying Hotel Life. A great summer hotel near New York is managed by a solitary watchman. Once in a while the watchman goes up to the desk, asks if there are any letters, smiles himself, follows an imaginary bell boy up eight flights of stairs, brings himself a very small pitcher of hot-water and gives himself a dollar bill, slides down to a large plate with an oyster cracker on it, and feels that he is really away for the summer.—Boston Transcript.

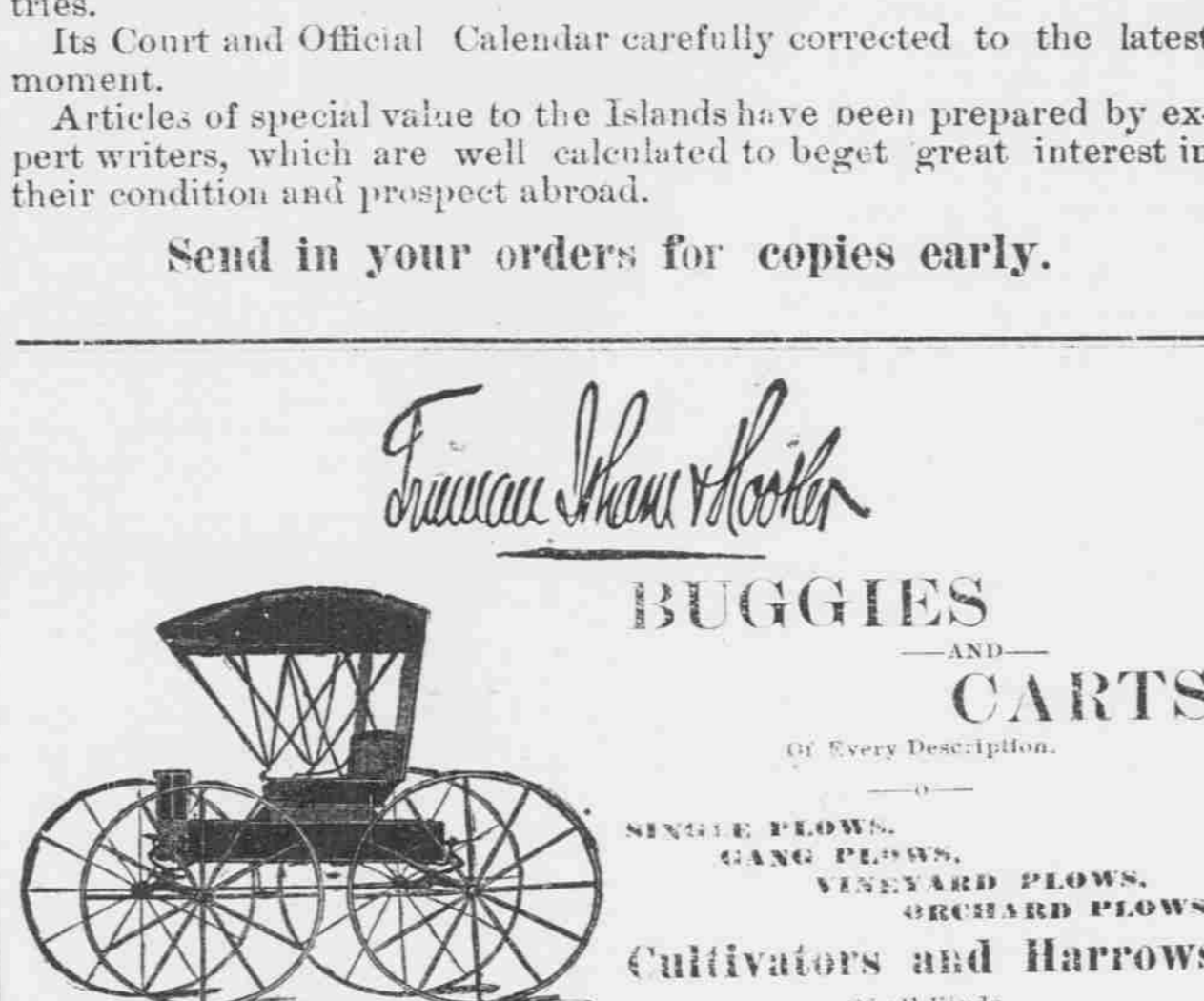
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