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In searching my heart should I find I intend
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To relieve the distressed or myself to amend,
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For happiness hangs on the moment I wot,
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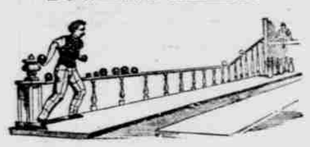

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California Nuggets.

The first piece of gold found in California was worth fifty cents, and the second, $5. Since that time one nugget worth $43,000, two $21,000, one $10,000, two $8,000, one $6,500, four $5,000, twelve worth from $2,000 to $4,000, and eighteen from $1,000 to $2,000 have been found and recorded in the history of the State. In addition to the above numberless nuggets worth from $100 to $400 are mentioned in the annals of California gold mining during the last thirty years. The first referred to were exchanged for bread, and all trace of them was lost. The finder of one of the $1,000 pieces became insane the next day and was confined in the hospital at Stockton.

Pennsylvania Oil Company.

The case of the state of Pennsylvania against the Standard oil company, an action to recover $3,000 000 tax on capital stock assessed by counting officers for the state, came up for trial at Harrisburg February 20. The ground on which the action was taken is that any foreign corporation doing busines in Pennsylvania is bound to pay a tax upon all dividends earned in the state and out of the state. The Standard oil company, notwithstanding all its oil comes from Pennsylvania wells that it owns, announces that it does not do business in Pennsylvania, and consequently is not liable to a tax.

General Fremont's Claim to Alcatraz Island

A Washington dispatch of March 3d says, that Senator Johnson presented a petition of Gen. John C. Fremont, who claims ownership of the Island of Alcatraz, in the bay of San Francisco, formerly known by the name of Bird Island. General Fremont purchased this Island in 1847, while he was Military Governor of the Territory of California, for the use of the Government. He was arrested in 1848 and court-martialed at Washington for making the purchase without authority. The Government repudiated the transaction and refused to pay for the Island. The Government, however, subsequently appreciating its importance, erected lighthouses and fortifications on it. General Fremont claims that he paid for it, and that the Government has no claim whatever to its ownership. Fremont now resides in New York. The petition was referred to the Claims Committee.

One Thousand Million Letters.

During the year which ended on the 30th of June last, there were carried in the mails of the United States more than one thousand million letters. As the population of the country is rather more than fifty million it follows that on the average, men, women and children, every person in the country sent twelve letters during the year, and received the same number.

The development of the modern post-office is one of the most remarkable features of our present state of civilization. The increase of its business gives constant surprise to all who observe it, and yet no person has an idea that any near limit can be fixed to its expansion.

In 1860 the entire receipts of the Post-office Department only slightly exceeded eight and a half million dollars. In 1870, there were nearly nineteen millions. In 1881 they came near thirty-seven millions. It is not drawing very much upon the imagination to estimate that by 1890 they will exceed seventy millions of dollars.

The United States has the cheapest postal system in the world. It is true, the single rate of letters, three cents, is fifty per cent. more than the British penny rate, but the average distance which letters are carried in this country is more than twice that over which they are carried in England.

Mount Ararat.

Ararat is divided into two peaks, Great Ararat on the north-west and Little Ararat on the south-west, whose bases blend while their summits are miles apart. The summit of Great Ararat is 17,323 feet above the level of the sea, and 14,320 above its base; and for more than 3,000 feet below the summit it is always covered with ice and snow. Little Ararat is 14,000 feet above the sea level. The apex, of Great Ararat was visited by Parrot, October 9, 1829. Dr. Schraff, in common with Smith, says that Ararat in Scripture refers to the lofty plateau or mountain—highlands which overlook the plain of the Araxes. The same authority states that the mountains of Ararat (Gen. viii.,4) more properly refer to the entire range of elevated tableland in that portion of Armenia and upon some lower part of thes range, rather than the high peaks, the ark more probaly rested; and the following reasons are given in support of this view: This plateau or range is about 6,000 or 7,000 feet high; it is equally distant from Euxine and the Caspian Seas, and between the Persian Gulf and the Meditarean, and hence a central point for the dispersion of the race; the region is volcanic in its origin, does not rise into sharp crests, but has broad plains separated by subordinate ranges of mountains; and the climate is temperate- grass and grain are abundant, and the harvests are quick to mature. These facts he believes, illustrate the Bible narrative.

NANA, THE APACHE CHIEF.

A Pen-Portrait of the Sitting Bull of the Southwestern Territories.

Nana is not hereditarily a chief, but has probably more influence with the Mezcaleros, a tribe of Apaches—so called from their fondness for mezcal, the American aloe—than any other man. He really tried to be good once I believe—that is as good as an Apache can ever hope to be—but with all his influence, that of the bucks under him was stronger, and he had to obey their behests, or lose his power. Like all his nation, Nana is short of statute, wears short hair, has a full round face, eyes that dart fiendish light whenever he looks at you, a slight body, thin arms and well developed calves, the latter peculiarity coming from the habit of running, early inculcated among all those Indians. I saw him first at Fort Grant, a post at the junction of the San Pedro and Arivipa rivers in Arizona in 1865, and I should judge him to have been thirty two years old at that time. He and his Mezcaleros, with a lot of Tontos—Spanish for fools—another tribe of Apaches, came to the Fort and camped, saying they wanted to be helped and taught to farm. There must have been two hundred of them in all, and my men dug a ditch to irrigate land for them, but they only stayed a little while. To some further questions relative to the Apache the Major replied that in 1865 they were not on reservations and were armed for the most part with bows and arrows, which are not effective at a greater distance than thirty yards, but since they have secured the best kind of Winchester or other magazine guns, and seem to have no trouble procuring cartridges *ad libitum*. They are a puny race, filthy as the Diggers in habbits and appearances, and wear a shirt and belt and moccasins made of antelope or coyote hides, and are utterly destitute of finery of and description. They will eat, steal or kill anything possible, and don't know the meaning of the word faith. The Navajoes, some of whom are said to have joined the Mezcaleros, are just the reverse of the Apaches so far as physique and appearance are concerned, and are tall, well formed, muscular and handsome.—Ex.

The north has long prided itself on its apple-cutting parties, husking bees, with luscious rewards to the finders of red ears, taffy pullings, sugaring off times at maple sugar camps, and many other innocent diversions that the world afforded no equal to, but the laurels have at last been ruthlessly torn from its brow by the latest southern merry making, known as the "orange wrapping." Piles of the golden fruit and packages of tissue paper are furnished, and the young folks at each dexterous twist enclose an orange in its paper cover. A darky musician strums the banjo accompaniment to the songs the workers sing, and picks time for the reels that follow the evening's task. As for refreshments, while there may be a lack of doughnuts and cider, who would not enjoy fragrant, juicy pineapples, luscious banannas, and big oranges, red and yellow, to delicate for shipment to market, but delicious to eat?

Reverend Dewitt Talmage of Brooklyn has presented a bold challenge to the great infidel. In one of his Sunday morning sermons he said that he had learned that Colonel Ingersoll's mother was a good christian woman and that he did not like the Westminister nor Shorter catechism. "Perhaps," continued the preacher, "he will answer a question from Talmage's catechism. How did religion seem to agree with his mother? Did it make her kind and loving and patient? Did it give her comfort in the day of trouble? Was she deluded with it to the last? He is said to be a brave man. I dare him to take his mother's Bible on some Sunday afternoon and go into his room and lock the door, and kneel down and read the fourteenth chapter of John.

Weight of a Million Dollars.

In answer to an inquiry by Assistant Secretary French, the Government Actuary, E. B. Elliott, has furnished the following information as to the weight of a million of standard silver dollars: The standard silver dollar of the United States contains of gold of nine-tenths 25.9 grains, and the standard silver dollar contains of silver of nine-teenths fineness 412.5 grains.

One million standard dollars consequetly, weigh 25,800,000 grains, or 53,750 ounces troy, or 4,579 1 6 pounds troy, of 5,760 grains each, or 1,645 "long" tons of 2,240 pounds avoirdupois each.

One million standard silver dollar weight 412,500,000 grains, or 859,375 ounces troy, or 71,614 58 pounds troy, or 58,628,57 pounds avoirdupois. or 28,464 "short" tons of 2,000 pounds avoirdipois each, or 26,309 "long ton of 2,240 pound avoirdupois each.

The Pope expects to purchase for the Vatican, says an Italian paper, the largest topaz in the world, which weighs seven pounds, and upon which Chirella and his son, the famous lapidaries of Naples, have been working ever since 1832—fifty years ago! It is now about completed, and has carved upon it Jesus breaking bread at the Last Supper. Later.—A prominent New York hotel clerk has just left for Naples, and will outbid the Pope for the collossal gem, He will decorate his shirt bosom with it, his four pound diamond failing to any longer outshine the jewels of the bank cashiers and editors who frequent the hotel,

The most astounding item in the Yorktown bills which Congress is asked to settle is $25 for water furnished the guests. Nobody is surprised at the large sums required to pay for the other fluids dispensed, as $1,450 to a Washington restaurant keeper for refreshments furnished on the steamer which carried down a crowd of officials and their cronies, but that $25 for water is suspicious and should be looked into.

St. Louis has a horse with a genuine case of small-pox.

"IT WAS THE PIE."

In the night—solemn night,
I awoke in fearful fright,
And my chest
Seemed o pressed,
As if lead, heavy lead,
A ton or more of dread
Weight was pressing, cruelly pressing,
On my chest

And a demon with a pie—hot mince pie,
Perched upon my bedpost high;
And blue devils
Held their revels
O'er my brain, aching brain,
Racked with pain,
And kept dancing, madly prancing,
On my brain.

Then I cry, wildly cry:
"Give me rest or let me die;
Let me sleep,
Sweetly sleep."
But the demon perched on high—
Yes! the demon with the pie—
Hoarsely shouted, "Never, never!"
Quoth the devils, "Hardly ever!"

Then the joke, heartless joke,
startled me and I awoke,
Awoke in pain,
Half insane,
And I said, simply said:
"Do I dream, or am I dead!
Have I fallen out of bed?"
From the gloom there came reply:
"Silent be,
It was the pie!"

TORONTO GRIP.

Mohave Mail Route.

A telegram from Mr. Hugh White, of Chicago, to James Roseborrough, who has so promptly and satisfactorily performed the arduous task, through sunshine and storm, of carrying the U. S. mails between Prescott and Fort Mohave, informs him that the new contract has been awarded to a Mr. Parker, who, it appears is an old contractor with the P. O. Department, but not on the Star route roll.

Mr. Roseborrough proposed in his bid to carry the mail three times per week from Prescott to the Colorado river and return, for $10,300 per year, and as his bid did not catch, we are led to believe that Mr. Parker's bid is much lower. The old contractor has given general satisfaction, and the people along the line were anxious to see him secure the contract again. All that is desired of the new man is that he perform the duty as well as it has been in the past.

We have had reformed drunkards, reformed gamblers, reformed clowns and various other reformers come before us to call the ungodly to repentance, but now comes General Abe Buford, the veteran horse racer of Kentucky, who will wake up the sinners under the guise of the "reformed turfman," and we may soon expect the sanctuary to resound with his sanctified "hoop la," as he takes the wicked under the wire at a rattling pace that will leave the devil distanced on the first heat. All his protracted meetings will be best three in five and if the devil attempts any jockeying at the scoring he will be ruled out of the race.

Big Gold Ledge.

Fermin Mejia, who has made some money mining in this section, has recently discovered, near Walnut Grove, 25 miles south of Prescott, a mammoth ledge 300 feet wide, which is filled from wall to wall with veins of high grade ore, at once making it worthy of note and much consideration. He is quite sanguine that it is by far the greatest gold ledge in this section, and believes it to be the equal, in value, of the Silver King in Pinal county. We hope the ledge is all that is claimed for it. The ore is free milling ore, and the 40 or 50 lbs. we have seen is permeated with grains of gold. This mine may prove to be a great wonder, and we would not mind taking a deed for 100 feet.

"Banc," brought into legal language from the French, means "bench," and comes to us from English law. "Banc Regis" was the title of king's bench, which was above all other courts, an appeal to which was final. The "court in banc" therefore means the supreme court of the district in full bench.

Prescott, the mountain capital of this Territory, has emulated the city of New York in forcing the season. Both have had a mad dog fight.—[Ex.

If Prescott has had a fight it was genuine, not a newspaper sensation for the purpose of damaging the reputation of some good man. However, our dogs are all peaceably inclined just now.—Ed. MINER.

It is a hard year for Christians all over the world. At a Christmas eve service in Uvarre, in Spain, a pack of wolves entered the church, and did not quit until they had killed three and seriously wounded five of the congregation. It is not stated whether they were in sheep's clothing, but probably not.

The old man sighed as he took the golden-haired, laughing boy upon his knees, and, stroking his shining tresses, said: "Ah! how much I should like to feel like a child again." Little Johnnie ceased his laughter, and, looking soberly up into his grandfather's face, remarked; "Then why don't you get mamma to spank you?"

A house of public entertainment in Baxter street, New York City, has on its bill of fare: "Coffee, one cent; beefstake, one cent; rolls, one cent;" and so on through the list, which culminates in the offer of "a square meal for five cents." Whether it is the long talked of "Editors' Home" is not stated, but it probably is.

New York City has a realty valuation of two billion dollars, yet only $916,000,000 of it is covered by assessment for taxation, so that over one billion dollars of property in that city escapes taxation.

Seventy million rubles is the extent of a recent deficit in a single Russian custom house. Although the news has not reached this country, it is evident tha the Democracy have carried Russia.

A crazy man all broken out with small-pox is at large in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., and hides from the police day times and roams the streets at night scattering contagion broadcast.

"Women's rights" is progressing in Switzerland. Women can now hold property there in their own right as soon as they become twenty-one years of age.

Since the sentencing of Guiteau to hang on the 30th of June next there seems to be but little interest manifested in regard to him.

Telegraphic.

SMASH UP.

LOS ANGELES, March 3.—The east bound freight and emigrant train, on leaving here last night, parted on the eastern slope of San Gorgonio Pass, two emigrant coaches filled with people, being detached. Two miles east of Whitewater station the detached cars caught up to the forward part of the train and went crashing over three loaded flat cars and one box car, crushing them. Only one emigrant was injured, and he not severely. The west bound train due here at 4:45 was detained by the wreck, and did not arrive until 9:15. This is the third accident which has happened on the eastern slope of San Gorgonio Pass within the past three months, all without the loss of life.

APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The President has nominated Cornelius A. Logan, of Ill., as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Chili; Jno. B. Weaver, of North Carolina, as U. S. Consul to Bahama.

The Senate has confirmed Rosco Conkling as Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court; Sargent, as Minister to Germany; and Wm. F. Poston, as U. S. Attorney of the Western District of Tennesee.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—It is understood that Sargent has tendered the position of Secretary of Legation to David Felsenheld, of San Diego.

The Mason courtmartial arguments have concluded and the court adjourned.

SAN DIEGO ITEMS.

SAN DIEGO, March 3.—Farley has reported with recommendation for the passage of a bill to create a Custom-house district at Wilmington.

MATRICIDE.

BAKERS CORNERS, MICH.—Mrs. Thos. Gillen was Shot and killed by her son, today. The young man is thought to be insane.

LEVEE BREAK.

NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—A terrible destruction is resulting by the breaking of the levee at Carson Landing.

THE WALK.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The following is the order in which the contestants in the walking match stand: Fitzgerald, Hazel, Rowell, Sullivan, Hughes, Meremac.

FIRE.

PITTSBURGH, March 3.—Shortly before 3 o'clock this morning a fire broke out at Hartley & Bros.'s tannery, in East End, destroying the entire structure. Loss, 830,000; insurance about 60 per cent.

A riot is reported in progress at the Beasemer salt works, at Hornesdale, between strikers and police.

LEVEE BREAK.

HELENA, ARK., March 3.—Work on the levee is going ahead fast. Reports from upper White River show great loss and suffering.

HIGH WATER.

BOSTON, March 3.—The Delaware is rapidly rising, flooding mills. The Coral Locks are damaged, and the river is full of wreckage.

FLOOD.

MONTREAL, March, 3.—The lower part of the city is flooded from 4 to 10 feet deep.

A SHOOTING SCRAPE.

CHARLESTON, A. T., March 6.—A. B. Pike and Jesse Roscoe had a difficulty yesterday afternoan, over a game of cards; both men armed themselves, and meeting soon after in Schwartz' corral, drew their revolvers and fired several shots, resulting in Roscoe being shot through the right arm, which will have to be amputated. Pike is under arrest. He makes no attempt to escape.

Morgan, the man who was accidentally shot Saturday, was buried yesterday. The following are the particulars: Morgan, a gambler, was accidently shot in the stage last night, after leaving Tombstone. He went to sleep near Charleston, and waking up he was in the act of readjusting his pillow when his pistol dropped from his pocket on the bottom of the stage and was discharged, the bullet hitting him in the right side. He lived about half an hour, but was unable to speak.

GREAT SUFFERING ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI.

MEMPHIS, TENN., March 6.—The river here is about stationary, but will probably commence rising again to-night, as it has been raining all day throughout this region. Commissioner Morgan said to-night, that in twelve counties he had information of about 20,000 destitute people who would have to be fed by the Government for at least 40 days. These counties do not include those bordering on Red River, where great suffering is said to exist.

Commissioner Hemmingway, of Mississippi, said that the inhabitants of several counties in his State to the number of 15,000 were in a suffering condition. These counties are all above Vicksburg, and there are other counties below that city that have suffered.

The donation of $100,000 made by the Government will fall far short of supplying the needy.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The Senate resumed the consideration of the Chinese bill this afternoon. Slater took the floor in its advocacy.

John W. Defrees, public printer, is lying dangerously ill.

It hurts a red-headed girl's feelings to address her in the language of Macbeth, "Never shake thy gory locks at me."

They have a brand of whiskey in Kentucky known as the "Horn of Plenty," because it will corn you copiously.

The Epitaph, at Tombstone, we imagine has suspended its daily issue. At least we haven't seen a copy for weeks.