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to gain great wealth and which we hope will prove to be as profitable as he anticipates. For about one and one-half years the Major has wrestled with the writings of our graceful and facile pen, and many have been the times he has nearly been floored, but with great strategy he has managed to survive and *Boxie's* improvement is greatly due to his valuable assistance. We wish him the best of luck in all he does and heartily thank him for the assistance given in the past. Our rapid growth has for a long time demanded a qualified European Manager for our increasing business, and we have been most fortunate in securing the services of such a one who will take full charge of our Printing Department on January 1st. His thorough, practical knowledge of the business, gained in London and many cities of the United States, not only frees us from the mechanical ideas a Japanese has as to how a job should be set up, but we will be placed in a position to do the same artistic work that they do at home. Those desiring any such advantages will kindly interview Manager Smith—not Willie,—during the coming year.

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS.

ANOTHER of our Saviour's Natal days has passed and gone, and all of us are just that much further advanced toward the goal which is the termination of life. While the younger children are generally in a highly excited state for days before, wondering what the time-honoured "Santa Claus" will have for them, the elder ones of a family usually experience a certain amount of pleasure in witnessing the antics of the youngsters while handling their newly acquired playthings, and memory must call up the years that have passed and gone since they themselves were also in childhood's happy bloom. Yet still the thought arises "We are nearing the end" and how many more of these happy Christmas mornings will we pass? Will we all be together on the next natal day? Who can say?

However we can all strive to use our time and act in such a manner that those with whom we may associate will all say with one accord when the end is finally reached: "He has gone to a better world." There may be no more Christmas days for many of us so let our motto be "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

BOXIE'S GROWTH.

ON the 11th page of this issue we sing "a song without words" that shows what the year has done for us, or at least by hard work what has resulted in our being able to do. Our illustration shows our one-man power engine has been unable to do the work, and has been superseded by the latest improved, while our old Washington presses have gone to the junk shop and the latest improved power presses substituted. But it is in our lithographic department we have been weak, for with our seven old style presses we have been unable to fill our orders at home and abroad, and therefore forced to refuse profitable work. Those days are about ended, for during the coming month we will receive the elegant press shown in our illustration, and as it has a capacity of 15,000 impressions a day, instead of 250 impressions each, that our present seven hand presses have, our readers can see we can do 13,000 more impressions per day in 1896 than we have 1895. The best work in the East at the lowest prices has permitted us to work up to the proud position we have, and during the coming year our increased facilities will not only permit us to do more work but to do it at less prices. Our success is due to the kind patronage of the business public and we assure them we most gratefully appreciate it.

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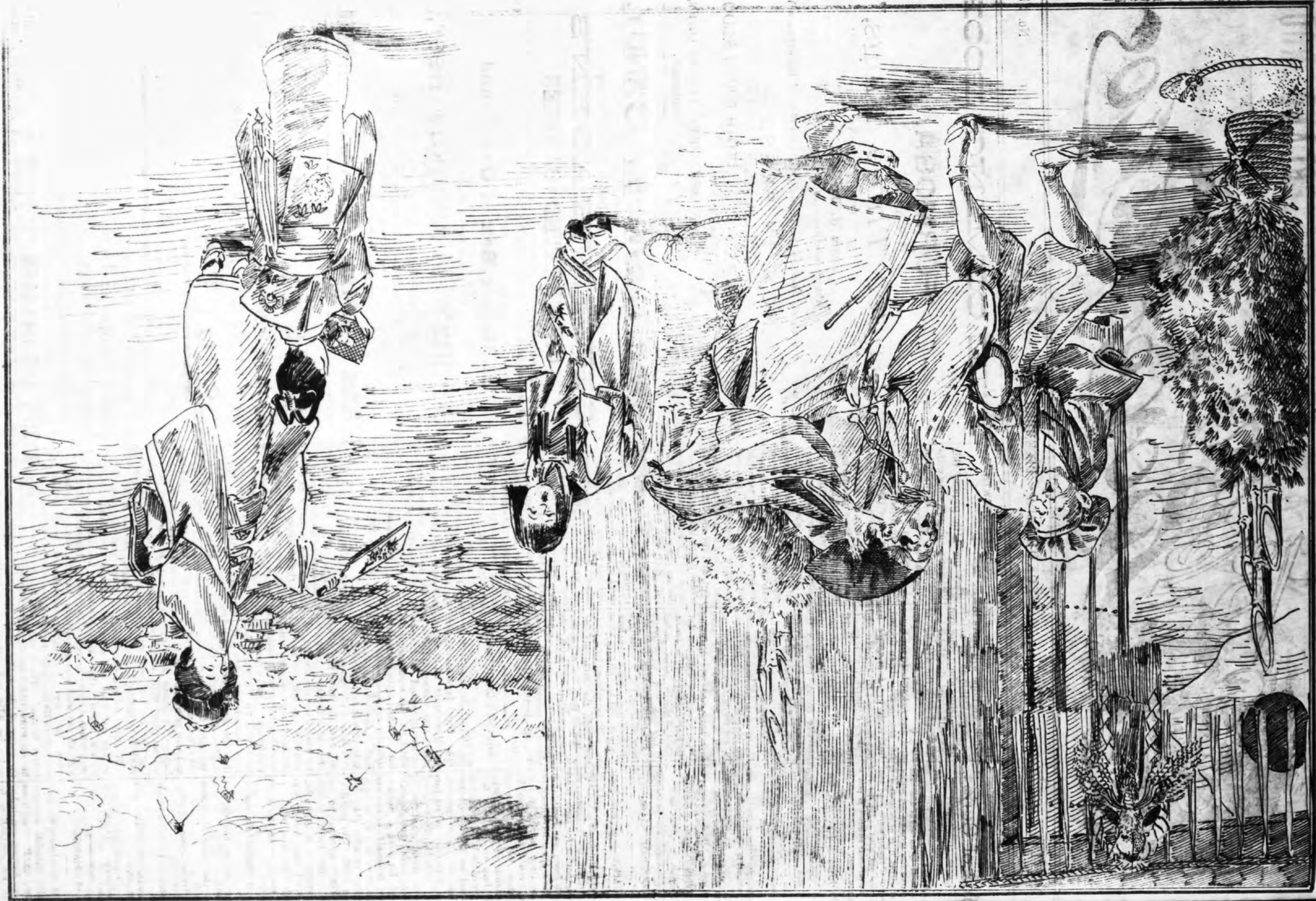
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MANY OF THEM.

ANOTHER year has been added to the Cycle of Time and the mistakes of the past cannot be overcome, so we must suffer for such ones as have been our fault, if at this time they have been so serious they cannot be forgiven, even if they cannot be forgotten. We realize we are responsible for many mistakes, but we candidly feel they are of the head and not of the heart so heartily forgive all those we have wronged, as we hope also to be forgiven. This is the time of the year when good resolutions are made—not generally kept for over a week—but we hope all our readers will do, as we will try to do—do better in 1896 than we have in 1895. Our heartiest New Year's greeting to one and all. May health, wealth and happiness be your lot. May good luck follow you through the coming year.
 May Peace, in all that word implies.
 Bind you together in sacred ties,
 Leading you in the days of Youth,
 Up to the altar of blessed Truth.
 There laying your offering, votive true,
 Draw from the future its honest due,
 The reward of Right, gift from above
 Good Fellowship's claim, Friendship, Truth and Love."

A CHANGE.

WITH this issue we lose the valuable services of Major Alex. P. Waugh as Editor, he having concluded to sever his connection to embark in another line of business in which he expects



Had a Short String.

UNLESS the *Gazette* made a typographical error in giving the date as to when the replies would be received in connection with its Christmas Prize Competition, it has developed a case of heart disease that is most serious, and attacked the shortest string to \$25 that we have ever seen, for it virtually put the liberal purse outside of its door and pulled it back so quickly that not one of its readers had a chance to either see or read it. It did not recognize any but its own nationals in the list of queries, for nearly all applied to matters British that no ordinary civilized American could be interested or posted in. What would you pay for a "Third-class ticket from Exeter to Paddington." The price of "A syphon of soda water," "A peck of peas," "A yard of black serge 54 inches wide" which never vary in price, quality or supply, so any fool should know that, but to know every school master and mistress in England, "What is the reason why water pipes burst" and several similar queries is too deep for the ordinary mind. But while there was a column of such profound, interesting and fool questions propounded, yet the *Gazette* seemed afraid some one would apply, for the paper was issued at 7.30 p.m. on the 24th. The doors were closed one minute later, not to be opened until the morning of the 26th. But contestants were notified that no answers would be received later than Dec. 24th. So the contest opened and closed before the paper was delivered. We cannot understand how the *Gazette* can afford to throw its money around so loosely and it has become the envy of all its contemps. The report that because its blonde reporter was seen smoking a tobacco

cigar on Christmas that he had captured the prize we believe to be unfounded, for the hungry appearance of the average reporter generally commands the sympathy of the charitably inclined on Christmas Day and then they simply roll in luxuries. The *Gazette* must not hide the name of the winner, but must also explain why all its customers outside the beer saloon across the street from its office was the only subscriber that got the paper before the contest closed. This question is of much more importance locally, than the Venezuela or the Port Arthur Massacre questions, and we earnestly hope the *Gazette's* rosebud editor will stand up on his hind feet and explain. Later.— Since writing the above the *Gazette* tumbled to itself and has most liberally extended the date a few hours.—*Boxie.*

RUMOURS.

WHAT a strange and peculiar feeling seems to permeate the heart of every man, who, being in a strange country hears from telegrams that war has broken out, or is likely to break out, between the country of his birth and one whose habits, customs and language are the same, in addition to which the many ties of kinship add still a stronger reason why such a struggle would be regretted by a very large majority of those on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean and also those now residing in foreign lands. The leaders of the movement in both America and England would be severely criticized by their constituents for any action that would lead the two great nations into war and it can only be hoped that the prospect is not as dark as many believe and that the heavy clouds may roll by and leave the now agitated powers in the same friendly relationship that has existed for so many years. At this early stage of writing but little can be said and we sincerely trust that ere the week come to an end that more favorable news may arrive at hand so that we may extend congratulations to our readers.

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THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

If the report that China has given the use of Kiaochou Bay to Russia as a Winter Naval station, and so it seems, it means that China has placed herself in a position that it will only

be a matter of time when she will become a vassal of the Muscovites, and lose control of the greatest bubble of an Empire that the world has ever seen. Russia having once gained a footing on the shores of China will never let go her grasp, and it will not surprise us a bit that when Spring opens that the well protected harbour will be found to be defended with Russian guns, and arrangements made for a permanent occupancy. Its influence at Peking is undoubted and when Russia guaranteed the payment of China's indemnity to Japan they undoubtedly made an agreement that included Kiaochou Bay as one of the conditions, and we feel confident that when the time comes it will be found it also includes a terminus for the Siberian Railway at some prominent point in Manchuria. This would give Russia a hold on China that would be hard to shake off, and would also be the death knell to the influence of both England and Japan, and the question is as to whether they are quietly to submit to such a state of things. Such a condition of affairs would not only include China as the ally of Russia but the position taken by France and Germany insures their support and a further division of the spoils, the first instalment of which they have already received. It is a hard position for both England and Japan to be placed in, and it is a very doubtful question as to whether under the circumstances they will not be compelled to submit. Salisbury and the leading journals have expressed the strongest opinions on the matter, and have not hesitated to say that under such conditions England would have no recourse but to fight, for it is admitted that its largest customer has been China and that it cannot afford to surrender this profitable outlet to its greatest rivals, France and Germany. All this proves that the Asiatic question is yet in its infancy, but it also shows that China has taken on a plaster that will draw so strong that its very life is at stake. The query is as to whether the early spring opening of Vladivostock will not be the signal for the allied Powers showing their hands.

MAY COME.

ROBERT DOWNING, a celebrated American tragedian, is at present contemplating a tour of the world, and the manager has written to a friend in Yokohama enquiring what the prospects are for a short season here. If Mr. Downing should visit Japan we can assure him a hearty welcome for talent such as he possesses is bound to be recognized anywhere. If the projected trip becomes an assured fact, the theatre going people of Japan have a rare treat in store for them.

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BICYCLE AND BOAT UNITED.
SEATTLE, November 15.—Magazines of late have given considerable attention to bicycle railroads, carriages that are propelled by electricity and the possibilities of speed development, yet not a word has been said about a marine bicycle that has been invented by a Seattle telegraph operator. Perhaps it is going a trifle too far to say that he "invented" it, for to the casual observer it looks as if he had simply combined the whaleback steamer idea with the ordinary bicycle gearing. However that may be, the inventor has been successful to a certain extent with his machine, and has surprised the water-front people by riding a considerable distance in the harbor without meeting with any mishap. He has made a claim of nine miles an hour in smooth water, and believes that when the machine is perfected much better work can be done.

To form a mental picture of the contrivance one may have to think twice, but by carrying in mind the two main parts, first a floating shell, pointed at either end, and a bicycle gearing placed on top of it, there will be no trouble.

"What keeps the thing from tipping over?" was the first question asked by those who saw it, and the answer is, "A lead keel," which weighs 260 pounds. The motive power is applied to a small propeller, just the same as an ordinary steamer would have. The propeller is connected with the bicycle gearing by a running chain, but not directly, as the chain acts on a cogwheel, which in turn acts on the propeller.

There is also a small rudder, which is controlled by two chains that run down to it from

the handle of the bicycle. The pedals are about three feet from the water and practically in the center of the shell. The frame work of the shell is of metal and is covered with canvas. At the center it has a diameter of twenty-four inches.

The bicycle gearing is not attached directly to the shell, but to two steel rods that are themselves securely fastened to the ends of the shell frame itself.

The entire machine weighs about 300 pounds and it is the intention of the inventor to apply electricity as the motor power if possible. The first experiments were with a wooden keel. Some one tried to ride the machine in that condition, but it was another case of Darius Green and his flying machine.

NOT FOR THE SEASICK.

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THE immensity of the amount of provisions necessary for a passage across can be gained from the following table of stores on the *St. Paul* when she sailed recently, says the *New York Herald*:

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4,000 lbs. mutton.
2,000 lbs. veal.
1,500 lbs. pork.
1,500 lbs. ham.
1,200 lbs. bacon.
2,000 lbs. corned beef.

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100 capons.
250 chicken, [roast].
200 chicken, [broilers].
500 chicken, [fowl].
80 geese.
400 ducklings.
300 squabs.
300 pigeons.
75 turkeys.
150 grouse.
150 partridges.
100 woodcocks.
300 English snipe.
200 golden plover.
400 lbs. venison.

VEGETABLES.
20 bags lima beans.
12 bags string beans.
12 bags butter beans.
800 cabbages.
3 bbls. beets.
6 bbls. carrots.
200 cauliflowers.
100 egg plants.
125 bbls. potatoes.
8 bbls. miscellaneous vegetables [parsley, lettuce, onions, celery, &c.]

FRUITS.
15 cases oranges.
15 cases lemons.
16 baskets peaches.
12 boxes pears.
100 bbls. apples.

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the large circulation of *The Box*:-

An old Scottish fire brigade superintendent, whose private pursuits were of an agricultural nature, presided recently at the annual festival. He proposed the first toast in the following manner:—"Noo, gentlemen, will ye a' fill your glasses, for I'm aboot to bring forward 'The Queen.' (Applause.) Oor Queen, gentlemen, is really a wonderful woman, if I may say it. She's one o' the gude auld sort, nae whigmeleeries or falderals about her, but a douse, decent body. She's respectable beyond a doot. She brocht up a grand family o' weel-faured lads and lassies—her auldest son bein' a credit to ony mither—and they're a' well married. One dochter is nae less than married to the Duke o' Argyll's son and heir. (Cheers.) Gentlemen, ye'll maybe no' believe it, but I ance saw the Queen. (Sensation.) It was when I took my auld broon coo to Perth Show. I remember her weel—such colour, such hair. (Interruption, and cries of 'Is't the coo or the Queen ye're proposin?') The Queen, gentlemen. I beg your pardon, but I was talking about the coo. Hooever, as to the Queen: somebody pointed her out to me at Perth Station, and there she was, smart and tidylike; and says I to mysel', 'Gin my auld woman at hame slips awa' ye needna remain a widow anither hour langer.' (Cheers.) Noo, gentlemen, the whusky's guid, the nicht's lang, the weather's wet, and the roads are saft, and'll harm naebody that comes to grief. Sae aff wi' yer drink to the bottom—"The Queen!" (Thunderous applause.)

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Unlucky "Quarter to Six."

"SEVENTY-FIVE per cent of the people we discharge every year," remarked the head floor walker of a mammoth dry goods establishment, which employs over a thousand people, "lose their places on account of 'a quarter to six.'

"A quarter to six" is the hour at which preparations are made for closing the day's business. At that hour the male clerks begin to cover their stocks and the female clerks commence to arrange themselves to go home. Usually a number of ladies come in at this hour, and the clerks, eager to go home, in answer to questions of customers, usually say, "We are just out of just what the customer happens to want."

"Day after day we discharge girls for this reason, and fifteen times out of twenty you ask a girl why she lost her place and she will invariably answer on account of 'a quarter to six.'"

She Has A Grievance.

SHE is an observing little mortal, and she knows her own mind. She has been subjected to all the osculatory annoyances that pretty children have to put up with, and she is as heartily sick of them as the average child usually is. Every one seems to feel that he or she has a license to kiss a pretty child in this world without giving the least thought to the rights of the child in the premises.

The little girl, however, has noticed that no such infliction is imposed upon her older sister, and it has made her jealous.

"Mamma," she said one day, "I wish I was big."

"How big?"

"As big as Mamie," she replied, referring to her sister.

"Why?" inquired her mother.

"'Cause Mamie has a lot better time than I do. Everybody doesn't want to kiss Mamie."

"How do you know they don't?"

"Well, she don't have to let 'em, anyway, if she don't want to."

"Are you sure about that?" asked the mother, somewhat amused.

"Course I am. She can talk right back to any one who kisses her, and it ain't impolite at all, but if I did it I'd be punished."

"Ethel!" broke in Mamie, with a warning shake of the head.

"Well, you can," protested Ethel, "and it ain't fair. All the old grannies don't even try to kiss you like they do me—only the nice-looking young men, and you can send them about their business if you want to. I guess I heard you tell that man with the black mustache, who was here last night, that he ought to be ashamed of himself, and you know what would happen to me if I said anything like that just because somebody kissed me."

"Of course you were not aware of anything. Well, I'll not have any

A Husband's Strategy.

THERE was evidently something on his mind, for he did not even notice the coffee was cold and that the cook and housemaid were quarreling audibly in the kitchen.

"It cannot be the dressmaker's bill," mused his wife, "for she has only sent it to me twice as yet; it will only go to his office as a last resort. Anyhow, if it is anything unpleasant he'll speak of it soon enough," and she poured herself another cup of tea, which was hot.

At last he spoke. "By the way, my dear, it seem rather dreary for you alone all day in this large house. How should you like a visitor this winter?"

"Whatever put such an idea into your head. Henry Marshmallow? I'm sure I have no time to spend in inventing amusements for a girl who would make me a stranger in my own parlor. To be sure, Amy is engaged, and by coughing every time I come into the room—but then I've made all those lovely new sofa pillows. I can't have them ruined. Then there is Effie—look here, Henry, had you any one in particular in your mind?"

Mr. Marshmallow looked alarmed. "Not at all, I assure you; that is, I mean—er—the lady I had in mind is middle aged—elderly, in fact."

Mrs. Marshmallow stiffened. "It is quite impossible. In the first place, the guest chamber is not fit to be seen, and, anyhow, I don't want anybody to sleep in that lovely bed; it would spoil the set of pillows. Besides, I shall be too busy to take anybody around this winter; the house takes up all my time."

"But what I was thinking was that you might be glad of a little help in your house-keeping."

"That is just where you are mistaken, Henry Marshmallow; when I want any interference in my domestic affairs I'll let you know. Oh, yes, I know just how much she would enjoy putting a finger into my pie!"

"You quite surprise me, dear; still, you must know her better than I."

"That is the first time since our marriage that you have shown any appreciation of my judgment. I'm glad you've learned its value at last."

"Oh, well, I thought to give you pleasure."

"Great pleasure, I'm sure. I only hope you haven't already invited her. If you have, I give you fair warning I shall just expose myself to smallpox and have the house quarantined, so she can't come."

"Of course I haven't asked her. I thought I'd just suggest it, lest you didn't like to, and you'd enjoy asking her yourself."

"And enjoy hearing all winter how she brought up fifteen children without ever a sealskin jacket or a pair of bloomers."

"Really, I was not aware that you—"

"Of course you were not aware of anything. Well, I'll not have any

company this winter, that's flat. I'm going to fit up the guest chamber as a private gymnasium, and I'll have no room for any one."

"Very well, then, that settles it; we'll say no more about it. I wasn't over anxious for it myself." He was struggling into his coat as he spoke. "I only thought you would like a nice long visit from your mother, so I—"

"My own mother! Why, I—thought all this time you meant your mother! Oh, Henry, I—"

But the street door had closed, and she could hear him whistling joyously as he went down the street.

Obscure Handwriting.

Submitted to a Druggist as an Expert and the Result.

THEY were standing on the corner of 7th and Vine streets not many nights ago. One of them had just received a telegram, and he was making a great effort to read it. He tried it for several minutes, and then handed it to his friend with an air of disgust.

The second individual gave it up after struggling with it a quarter of an hour.

"I never saw anything to beat that," he remarked, as he handed the message back, "and I've seen some pretty bad writing in my time, too."

"Well, I can't read it, and I'd like to know what it says, badly."

"Let me see. Ah, I have it. Drug clerks can read most any kind of writing. Let us go and see."

"They went to the nearest pharmacy and handed the message to the prescription clerk. Before an explanation could be made he darted to the rear of the shop and disappeared behind a screen.

After an absence of fifteen minutes during which time both men had grown very restless, the clerk appeared, and, as he handed a bottle to one of the men, he said:

"Sixty cents, please."

Rather stunned for awhile, the man opened the package, and on the label:

"One teaspoonful to be taken three times every hour."

When an explanation was made the clerk set up the soda water.

She Knew a Trick or Two.

WHILE a woman of New Brunswick was alone in her house recently a tramp knocked insolently at the door and demanded refreshments.

"I'm looking for work," he said, "and want something to eat at once or there will be trouble."

"I have fed three big, strong fellows like you to-day and I think that is sufficient," she answered.

"Well, if you don't give me something I will stay here all day," and the hobo coolly sat on the stoop.

The lady got an alarm clock and wound it up. Then she went into the front room where her voice could be heard by the tramp. Causing the alarm to ring, she shouted:

"Hello, central! Give me police station, please."

The tramp was all attention. Then he heard the following counterfeit conversation:

"Is this the police station? Please send an officer to my house at once. There is a tramp here who refuses to leave the yard. What? Yes; he ought to be in prison. All right."

The tramp started for the street in double-quick time.

Murder in His 'Art.

Prospective Tenant—"I was given to understand that this house was a mile away from the railroad, but I hear a steam whistle this very minute. I can't stand the noise; it just drives me wild."

Prospective Landlady—"But my dear sir, that is not a steam whistle; it is only my son practicing on the flute."

Prospective Tenant—"Oh, very well. One cannot coerce a railroad company, you know; but one can kill a boy. Yes, I think I'll take the rooms."

It Stood the Test.

A public writer had a partition wall fixed up in his study, and ordered the carpenter to make it in such a way that no sound could penetrate through it.

"The best thing will be to fill it in with shavings," said the man, and set to work.

When he had finished, his employer went and stood on one side of the partition and called out to the man who was on the other side:

"Do you hear, me, Janke?"

"No, sir!" was the prompt reply.

Art of Expression.

"Doctor," said an old lady the other day to her family physician, "can you tell me how it is that some folks are born dumb?" "Why, hem, certainly, madam," replied the doctor. "It is owing to the fact that they come into the world without the faculty of speech!" "Dear me!" remarked the old lady; "now, just see what it is to have a medical education. I've asked my husband more than a hundred times the same thing, and all that I could get out of him was, 'Because they are'."

Ineligible.

"Have you ever loved another, George?"

"No, Maud, no. I swear by all—"
"Never mind that. If you say it, I believe it, but I cannot be yours. A man who has lived as long as you have without ever loving must be innately a woman-hater, and I shall never marry a woman-hater. Good evening Mr. Jones, Maria 'calling the maid, you may send Mr. Wilkins up. I am disengaged."



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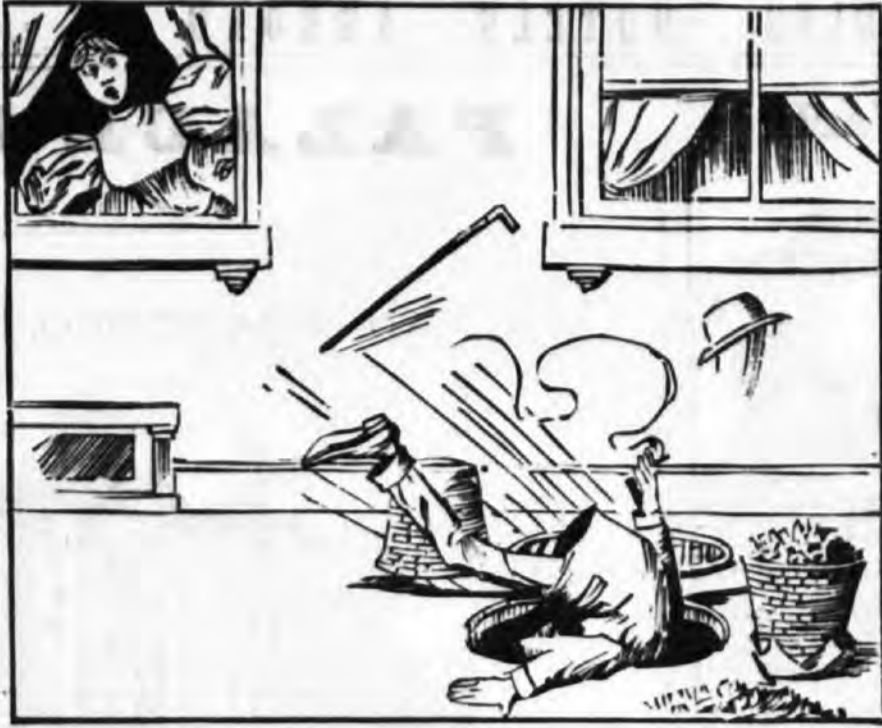
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 "My darling," said the wife as, at 10 a.m., she found her husband popping up all the umbrellas in the hall, as if he were off on a railway journey—"my darling, surely you are not going to take all those to the office with you?"
 "Sweetest," he responded suavely, "firmly, "surely you remember that you have an 'at home' this afternoon."
 She raised her hands in horror.
 "Surely you do not insinuate that the guests would steal—"
 "Steal! Nonsense. But it's a question to one they would recognize the initials on the handles."
 She hung her head in silence, knowing full well that the man but she took the truth.

Frowned on His Extravagance.

"It doesn't seem possible, dearest, that just one week from tonight you will be your own sweet little wife."
 She (dreamily)—"Doesn't it?"
 He (sweetly) if you are always good to me as you have been since our engagement, I shall have no cause to complain."
 He—"I didn't know that I had been so good to you."
 She—"Indeed you have. Why, just look at the lovely engagement ring you gave me! It's almost twice as large as any of the other girls'—"
 He (remembering the bill)—"True, my darling, I wanted to have the best."
 She—"And look at all the other beautiful things you have given me."
 He (modestly)—"You deserve them, dear."
 She—"And think of the lovely wedding trip we are going to—"
 He—"I'm glad that you are pleased with it. By the way, I have something else for you. Nothing in diamonds for your wedding present."
 She (clapping her hands)—"Oh, I just know it is perfectly perfect! Can't I have a peep at it beforehand?"
 He—"Certainly. I want you to have it ready tomorrow."
 She—"And will you let me see it tomorrow night?"
 He—"I am afraid not, dear."
 You see, tomorrow night we have arranged to give my wife a little dinner."
 She (coldly)—"Do you think it necessary to give your ushers dinner?"
 He—"Certainly. Why not?"
 She (reproachfully)—"Have you considered, dear, how much it will cost?"

try much to the point.
 WELL-KNOWN playwright was dining with a number of gentlemen, when one of the company became obtrusively talkative. Hint could stop the offender; he had only to be incited to increased verbosity. At last, when it became apparent that either the foolish fellow's gabble must be ended or an argument made, the dramatist turned to him and asked him if he had heard the latest parrot story. "Assure me that you will not tell me I mean to make any personal observation and I will tell it," said the playwright.
 "Of course I won't," was the man's innocent response, as he listened eagerly for the story.
 "Well," said the dramatist, "a parrot sat upon his perch in one of the rooms. A bulldog, a dog's arrival in the household was in the corner.
 "Seek 'em," said the parrot; "seek 'em, Bob!"
 The new dog sprang to his feet and looked for something to seek,



but finding nothing, lay down again.
 "The parrot clambered down from his perch and waddled across to where Bob was lying.
 "'Seek 'em, Bob,' he said again.
 "This time the dog found something to seek. He pounced upon the parrot, tore him about until the poor bird was well nigh dead.
 "When the dog had at last been called off the poor parrot struggled up to his perch, looked about the floor where his beautiful feathers lay scattered, scanned himself closely, noted his one remaining tail feather and said:
 "'I know what's the matter with me—I talk too much.'"
 The dinner proceeded without further interruption, for the preparatory denial of personal application had fully done its work.

Pasteur's Cautiousness.

Once when Pasteur was dining with his daughter and her family at her home in Burgundy, he took care to dip in a glass of water the cherries that were served for dessert and then to wipe them carefully with his napkin before putting them in his mouth. His fastidiousness amused the people at the table, but the scientist rebuked them for their levity and discoursed at length on the dangers in microbes and animalculae. A few moments later, in a fit of abstraction, he suddenly seized the glass in which he had washed the cherries and drank the water, microbes and all, at a single draught.

New Slang in Gotham.

HERE is a new bit of slang in town which came into being when two young newspaper men happened to be in the Fifth Avenue Hotel the other afternoon.
 The men saw a very pompous man, well known in society circles, who never leaves his home for his club until afternoon and is then beringed and perfumed to the nines and who always dresses in the very extreme of male fashion.
 This man, whose name is not at all necessary to the story, has what Dickens called in the case of Mr. Turveydrop, a "deportment." He walks with stately tread and makes as much fuss in progressing as a sidewheel steamboat.
 "That man," said one of the newspaper men, as he watched the assertive manner of the society leader, "is burning a lot of red fire for himself as he walks along."
 "Burning a lot of red fire" is now a sentence to be used when you mean to convey that somebody thinks he is somebody of importance.

A Woman's Idea.

MRS. DORCAS—"I haven't told you about my new neighbors in the flat upstairs. They are so nice; and then, you know, a newly married couple are always so interesting. Poor thing, how inexperienced she is! As soon as I saw her I thought how happy it would make me to help her along."
 Mrs. Cobwigger—"That's just like you, my dear; you are kindness itself. But how do you intend to do it?"
 Mrs. Dorcas—"You know how interested I am in co-operative housekeeping? Well, heretofore it was all theory with me, but now I have a chance to put this noble work in practice. The poor thing fell right into my plans. You can't imagine how grateful she is."

Mrs. Cobwigger—"But how do you manage it?"
 Mrs. Dorcas—"Why, as I have the experience. I do the marketing and cooking for both families."

Mrs. Cobwigger—"Isn't that a dreadful lot of extra work for you?"

Mrs. Dorcas—"Of course, it is, my dear, but I am willing to be a martyr for the cause."

Mrs. Cobwigger—"But your husband? I know how dreadfully opposed he is to what he calls women's nonsense. How in the world did you bring him around to your way of thinking?"

Mrs. Dorcas—"That was the most difficult part of the whole affair. Oh, how he did stamp around and swear when I suggested it."

Mrs. Cobwigger—"But what I wish to know is how you converted such a bigot. Was it because you were of such practical help to the young couple upstairs?"

Mrs. Dorcas—"Oh, no, my dear. He would not admit there was anything in the scheme until he saw for himself that by my plan of co-operation we got all our own meals without it costing us one cent."

They Won't Bear Inspection.
 "These big sleeves," he began.

"Well?" she said, inquiringly.

She knew that he had primed himself with some sharp remark, but she had learned that it eased his mind to make them and did not hurt her. So she led him on.

"What about them?" she asked, as he hesitated.

"These big sleeves," he said, when he had finally arranged the witticism to his satisfaction, "always make me think of the way people do up packages that won't bear inspection."

Curiosities Indeed.

"How big did you say those hailstones you saw yesterday were?" said the very mild-looking man.

"As big as hens' eggs; big as hen's eggs, sir," replied the citizen who always talks at the top of his voice.

"It's marvelous; simply marvelous! I'm sorry not to have some of them for my collection."

"Why, you are not making a collection of hailstones, are you?"

"No. I refer to the hens' eggs. I guess they are about the smallest on record."

A Difficult Case.

Railroad Official—"You say you want damages for the death of Mr. Puffin in that accident?"

Lawyer—"Yes, sir. 'In what car was he riding?'"

"In the smoker."
 "Hum; you can take the case into court if you think it will pay, but just remember you will have to prove that he did not die of the bad air before the accident occurred."

Then it Becomes Literal.
 "There is a good deal of what one might call the poetic quality in slang," said Professor Trivvles.

"Indeed?"
 "Yes. For instance, when you say of a person 'he wants the earth,' that is entirely a figurative expression."

"Of course. But suppose you were to say, 'England wants the earth?'"

The Joys of Politics.

Manager—"Good morning. What are you doing?"

Candidate—"I'm writing to a man in the third ward, who wants to know what I think of the tariff."

Manager—"So! What is he? A protectionist or a reformer?"

Candidate—"I don't know. I'm telling him what I think."

Manager—"Great heavens! man—wait. Don't be so impulsive. Don't tell him what you think. Tell him what he thinks."

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A TRIP.

IT is rarely that one connected with newspaper business can take a holiday if it be only for a few hours, and consequently when the opportunity does occur it is the more appreciated. Last Saturday, owing to the falling through of the football match, a short afternoon was snatched from the regular daily duties and a visit paid to Tokyo. One or two calls having been made, it was decided to pay our respects to Col. P. Peacock and Lieut. Col. McDonald. In good time the British Legation was reached and the first named gentleman was found in charge, the North of Scotland representative being away on business. Suffice it to say that the beautiful grounds were thoroughly traversed and all the points of interest alluded to. The stables with their contents were examined and there is no fault to be noted. The horses were in first class condition and show that more than ordinary care is taken with the choice selections

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seen there. The war scare had not then reached the Embassy, so we were not looked upon as emissaries from the enemy as might have been the case if the visit had been delayed a few days. Taken all in all the visit was a very enjoyable one and we hope to repeat it again ere long. Many items of interest were gleaned during the pleasant afternoon but lack of space prevents the recital of them this week.

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Week after week, and month after month, passed away, and doubts and fears were hinted at for the safety of the "boaty;" but still it came not. At last some murmurs were expressed by owners to the amount of ten pounds that it would have been better to have allowed the men of Glasgow to have taken both the risks and profits of sugar and rum speculations, than for the decent and sober burgesses of Aberdeen to have left the sale with Holland for any such outlandish speculation. At last, when hope had grown sick, the joyful tidings were spread that the "boaty" was safely moored, and all as it should be. All the substantial, 'sponsible men of the city hastened on board, with the provost at their head, to behold with their eyes a ship which had actually passed twice over the Atlantic, a feat to which Captain Parry's voyage would have seen the mere crossing of a ferry. Captain Skene received them at the gangway with the gruff hospitality of a seaman, and heartily welcomed his owners on board. What pen can describe the wonders that met their wondering eyes! There was a

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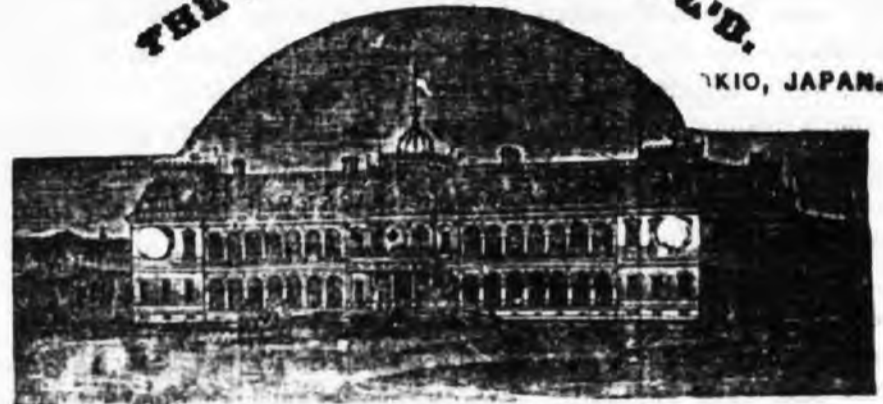
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and resumed the thread of his discourse. Scarcely had he done so, however, when the attack was resumed. This was too much to bear; he forgot in a moment both his age and his place, and exclaimed, in peevish fretfulness, "Laddie, but gin you

come that gait again. I'll put ye in the heart o' auld Aberdeen" (the gaol). "What's the matter wi' ye, provost?" said the captain. "It is only that unchancy laddie of yours," replied the provost, "has pu'd my tail, as an he wad tug it oot by the roots." "What laddie, provost?" cried the captain. "Why,

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that yin there wi' the rough mouth and the snair een." "Laddie! Bless you, provost, that's only a monkey we hae brocht wi' us." "A monkey ca' ye it?" said the astonished provost. "I thocht it was a sugar-maker's son, frae the West Indies, come home to our university for his education."

IS IT WAR?

THE Venezuela question has reached a point that every true Britisher and American cannot but deeply regret, and if diplomacy fails to overcome the situation there can be but one result. War! with all its horrors.—What would be the outcome of such a war it is hard to predict, for there would be no telling what complications would most probably arise and what nations would be mixed up in the affair. The time has arrived when the great principle of Arbitration that has carried both nations through more perilous times than the present must be tested. If this sensible means of settling international questions proves a failure in this case England is alone to blame, for the United States, while disputing the former's claims on Venezuela, offered to leave it to a Court of Arbitration, the offer was refused and the result has been that England's demands have been declared unsatisfactory to the United States and must be withdrawn. The sentiment that prevails locally among a few that the U. S. will not enforce the Monroe doctrine, we do not deem well taken, for the utter failure of the Democratic Administration compels President Cleveland to make some record previous to the coming election next November, or his party will be so buried in the oblivion of the past that it would be many years before it could possibly come to the front again. The enforcement of the Monroe doctrine is a question that all Americans fully endorse and are willing to fight to uphold, and it is a bright movement on Cleveland's part to cover with glory the close of his term of office, one that has been so tarnished with everything that has been detrimental to the best interests of the Govt., and the people. Having no particular foreign policy the U. S. has been looked upon by England as playing a big game of bluff, using the Monroe doctrine as a harmless weapon, and when the Corinto affair ended in smoke Salisbury concluded that it would not be enforced. America's policy has been to look after the protection of its trade and territory, and while England, France and Germany have been roaming the world over and adding to their possessions, the U. S. have given them a free hand and only insisted that no further encroachment of the American Continent would be permitted, and that if necessary, for the protection of the South and Central American States, the United States would battle for their

defense. In days ago this policy has been recognized by all the European Governments, and particularly by Great Britain, and it is only on account of the rich gold fields that have been invaded and worked by the miners of British Guiana, that England has taken the standing it has, no doubt trusting that the United States' weak foreign policy would make it possible for her so to do. They are too prominent a nation to any longer "Stay at home and mind their own business," and the European Powers must recognize they are a factor in foreign affairs that will have a voice in international affairs. Heretofore they have been content to confine their attention to developing their own resources and furnishing its food and surplus supplies to those abroad, but the enterprising people now are determined to develop the foreign trade and their natural resources. This movement has already begun and the United States realize that its people must be protected abroad and its strength supported at home, and the sentiment of the people are a unit on this question. Its position; its natural resources; its wealth and strength insures it being able to accomplish all it proposes to do, and the only thing lacking is the smallness of its navy—a defect easily overcome when it has the money to buy, or the facilities of building on short notice, additional ships. This war scare has most certainly developed the individual sentiment of both Britishers and Americans, and it has been plain to see that they both realize that it seems most foolish that the two great English speaking nations should fight on any grounds, but more particularly on such a question as that of Venezuela. Reciprocal trade and the ties of relationship should prevent a war, but unfortunately it is not the individual sentiment that controls these matters but the judgement of the statesmen who are the heads of their respective Govts. It would be downright hypocrisy to say that England and the United States are not great business rivals; that England's policy is ever reaching in gaining new territory, and that when this desire for possession attacks the rights of the U. S., then all ties will be ignored and the people will be ready and anxious for war in their defense. A Britisher's private opinion is that Great Britain is a tower of strength that is invulnerable; an American's private opinion is that there is no single power on

earth who can best the U. S. or, will be permitted to interfere with her rights. England's strength is undoubted, but it is a divided strength that proves its weakness, while it is the union of the strength of the United States as well as its ability to produce everything it uses, is what makes it invulnerable when attacked upon its own shores. If war unfortunately should be declared between the United States and England it seems to us that owing to the strained relations now existing between Russia, France and England, that the two first named Powers would not be silent spectators of the affray, but they would find the opportunity they have longed for and would strike a blow at England and its trade that would be most disastrous and far reaching in its effects. It would not be the first time that both nations were the allies of America, but if they should not be in such a war they would not lose the opportunity to step into China on a life lease and secure such a control by which England would have no voice in the matter, besides losing one of her most valuable markets. Self protection would compel the United States to gobble up Canada and perfect the map of the North American Continent.

As to whether Australia would declare her independence or not is hard to say, but that the downfall of the British Empire would follow, or at least be materially weakened is inevitable under such a complication of circumstances, and such an event would be most ruinous not only to England but to the United States as well, for the latter's best customer is England, and besides this not only is intermarriage binding the two nations more closely together, but immense capital is invested in both countries that if jeopardized by the complications of war would bankrupt the financial conditions of the world. Admitting that immense sums of British capital are invested in the United States, yet self interest would not permit the investors to sacrifice their investments on such good securities in so prosperous a country, and the result would be less injurious to the U. S. than to England. It is not a pleasant picture to dwell upon, and a state of affairs would ensue that we should much regret, and we most earnestly hope to see some good sense displayed in handling so delicate a question. For over 80 years has peace reigned between the two countries, and may it ever be thus continued.

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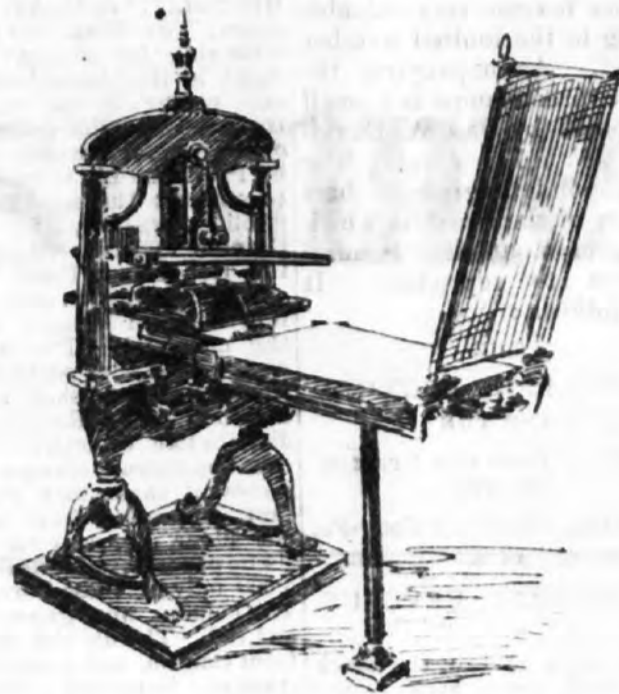
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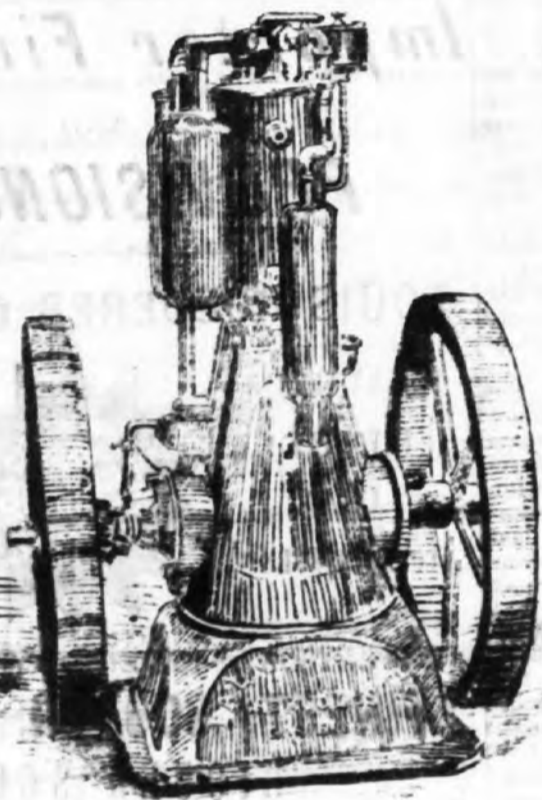
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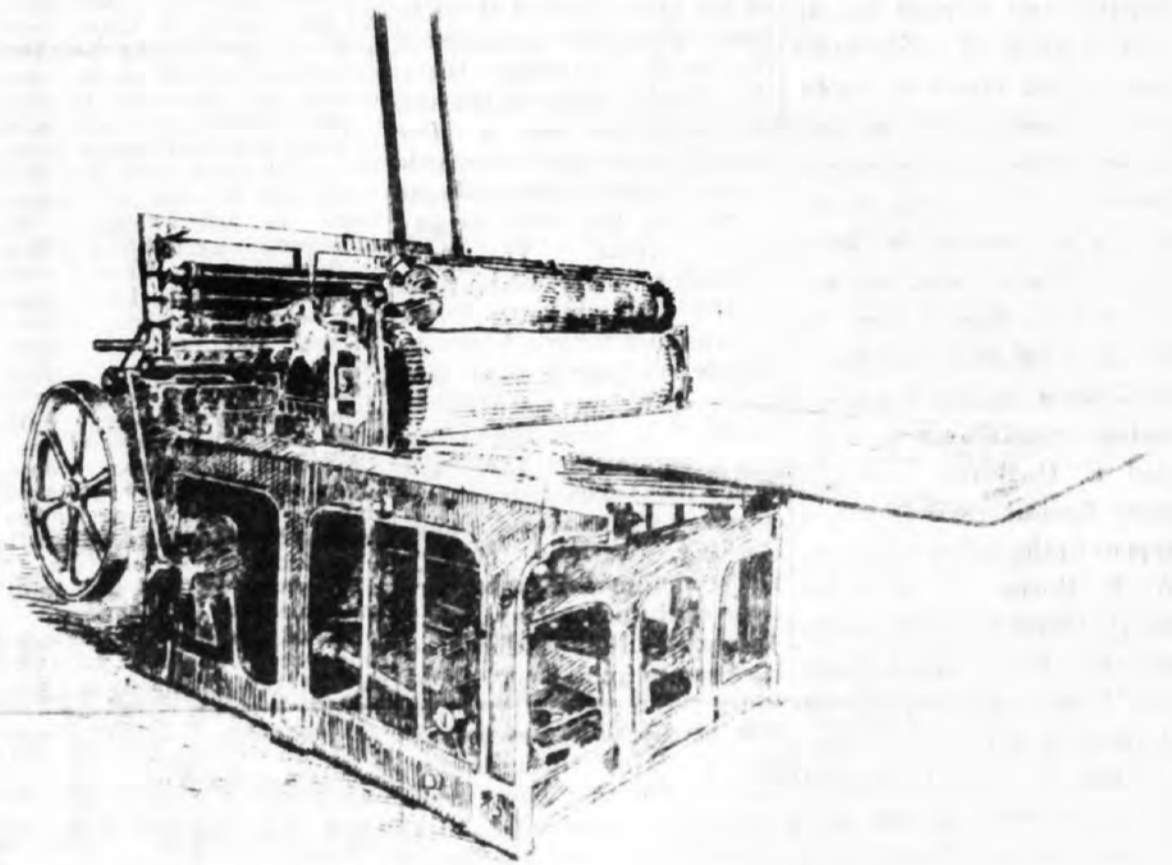
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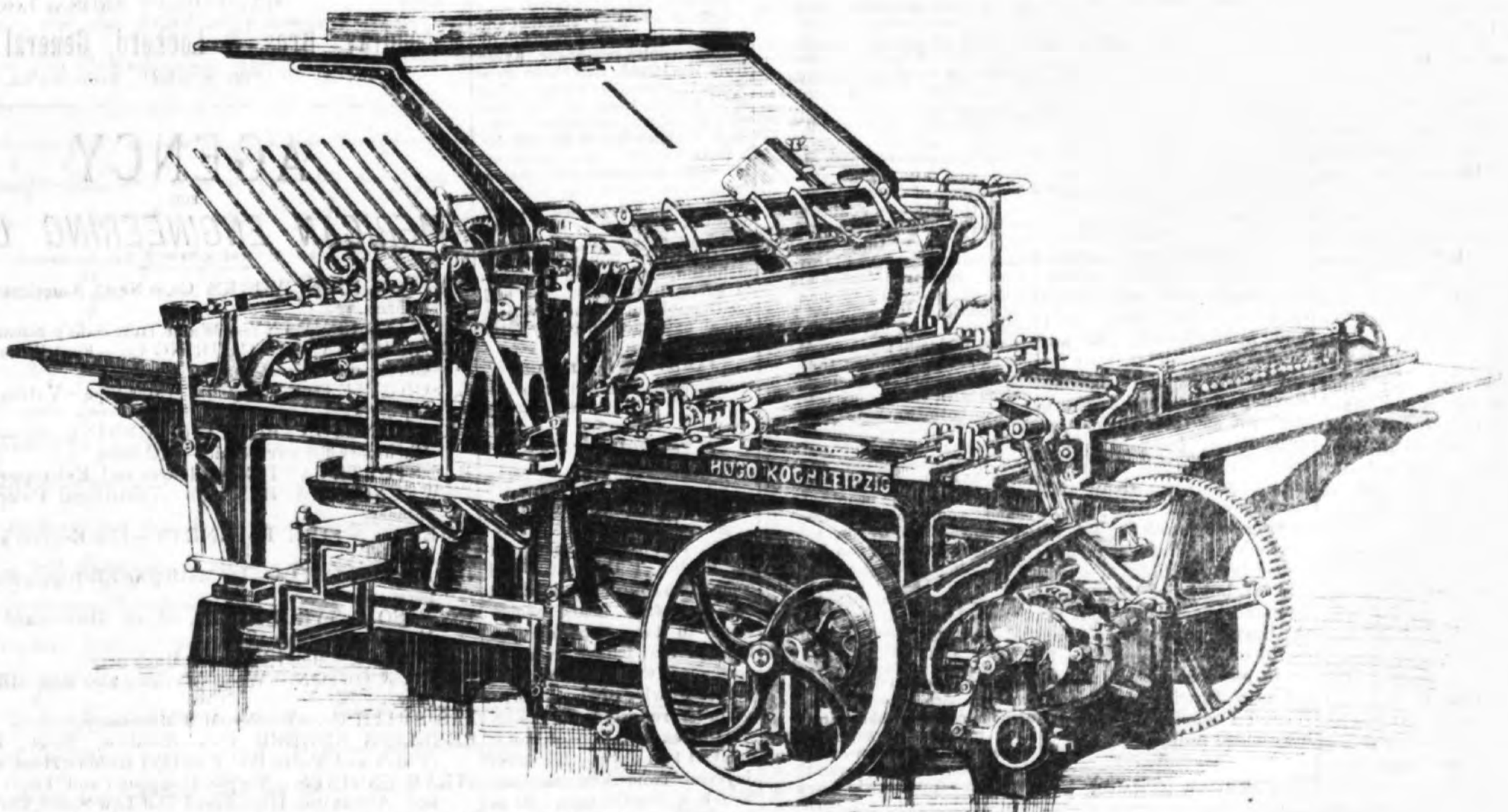
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