

"That's bad," answered a young preacher, "but I must say that I do not experience any such annoyance. Not a single member of my congregation gets up and goes out during services."

"You don't say so?" the first speaker exclaimed. "How do you manage it?" "I don't manage it at all—seems to manage itself."

"Don't they complain when you preach a long sermon?" "No, I've never heard a word of complaint."

"That's indeed singular. Your people must have been exceptionally well brought up."

"No, I think not." "Then you must be one of the most eloquent of men. What is the style of your preaching?"

"Oh, rather dry. I am compelled to admit. I do not possess the faculty of drawing an interesting illustration or of throwing out a bright idea."

"Well, well, I have never heard of anything so wonderful. And you tell me that no one ever gets up and goes out."

"Yes, that's what I tell you." "Well, I don't understand it, that's all."

"Oh, it is easy enough to explain. I am chaplain at the penitentiary."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

An Ancient and Modern Romance. "My son," said the old gentleman, "whatever betides you never fail to preserve the principles of patriotism."

The Last Good-By. How shall we know it is the last good-by? The stars will not be darkened in that hour.

A Pretty Girl's Whim. It was a beautiful garden—a garden in which one might almost lose one's self among the heavy sweetness of the blossoming sprays.

It was a July day. A girl lay idly in a wide luxurious hammock, her bright head on the soft tinted cushions.

It was very pleasant there. The book she had been reading had dropped upon the grass and lay with crumpled leaves.

She drew a little folded note from the box in her hand and opened it. "Come to me," it said, and then in delicate tracery came the name, "Wilma."

That was all. The girl drew a quick breath. "A month," she thought, "in a month I shall be in the city."

LAST DAYS OF THE MOONSHINER. The rocky fastnesses of Tennessee's mountains were once famous for the moonshining of their inhabitants.

The moonshiner had no reluctance in the killing of a revenue officer. He was an invader of rights, an enemy of the people.

Now all is changed. The advance of the prospector, the miner, the boomer, has overtaken and the sound of splitting wood as a man with a tall silk hat crushed down on his ears.

The train for Cleveland was pulling out and had gained considerable headway, says the Indianapolis News, when the engine and the sound of splitting wood as a man with a tall silk hat crushed down on his ears.

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A MOMENT OF TERROR. A Pennsylvania Camper Finds a Battler in His Trapper Log.

Dr. Samsel and J. K. Snyder, both of Centerville, had an experience recently that they will never forget. They camped at the lower dam at Swift Run near a ledge of rocks on the right bank, and before darkness came upon them they seraped a lot of leaves together for a bed and provided a pile of wood to keep up a fire during the night.

Along toward 1 o'clock Mr. Snyder felt chilly, and got up to put some more wood on the fire, and then lay down and soon fell into a deep sleep. From which he was awakened by a cold object which seemed to be resting on his leg.

The next morning he felt an extraordinary sensation come over him which seemed to paralyze every nerve in his body.

He recovered himself of his knife, and quickly opening a blade kept as a razor, he cut the pantaloons up to the body. This released the snake, and he quickly uncoiled and thrashed about.

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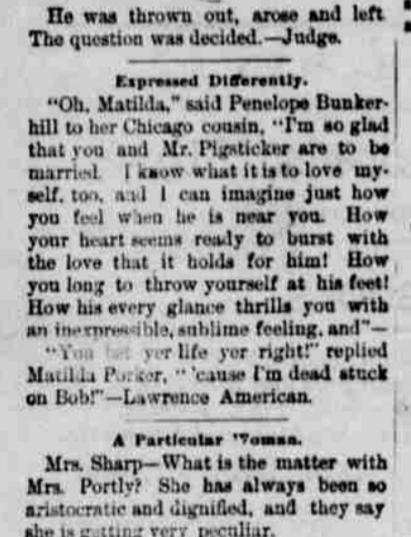
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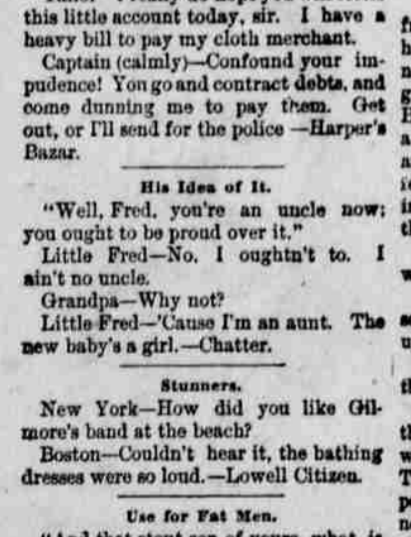
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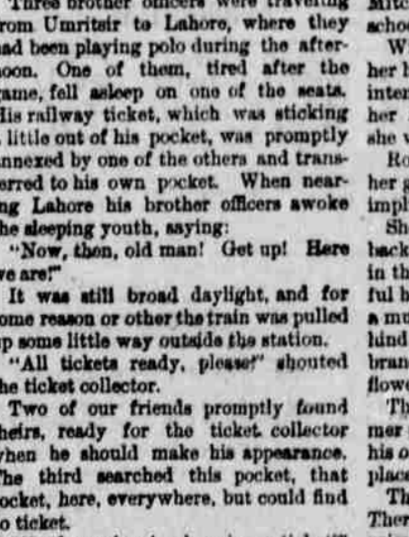
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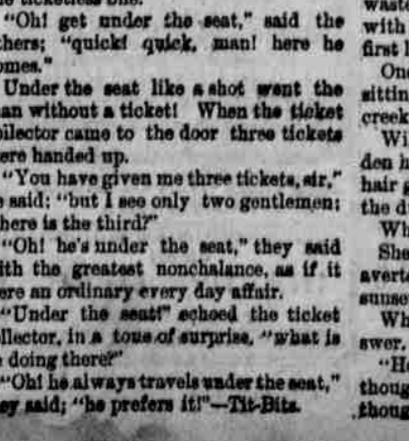
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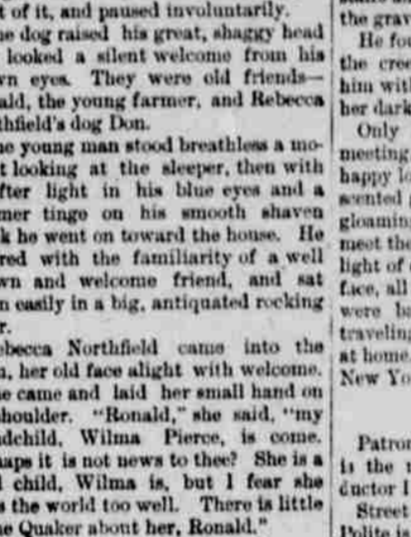
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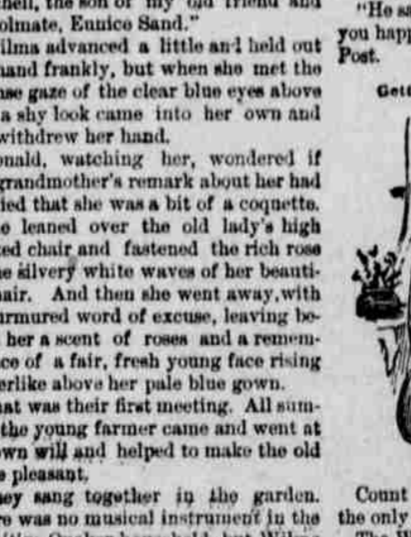
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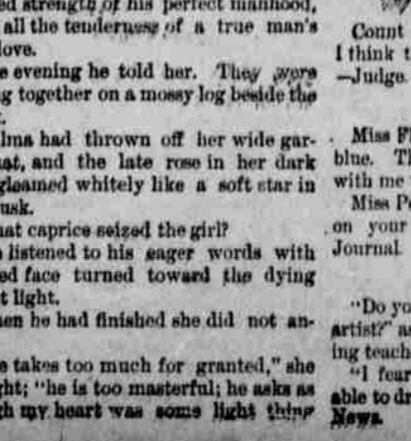
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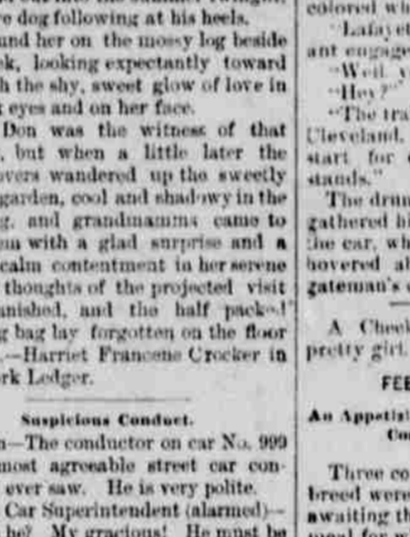
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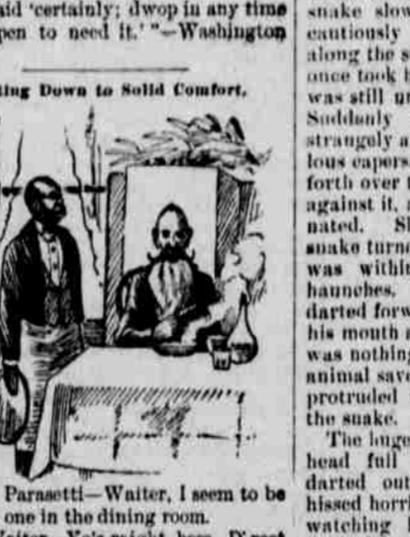
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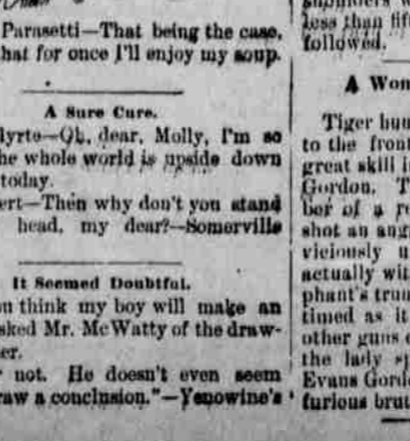
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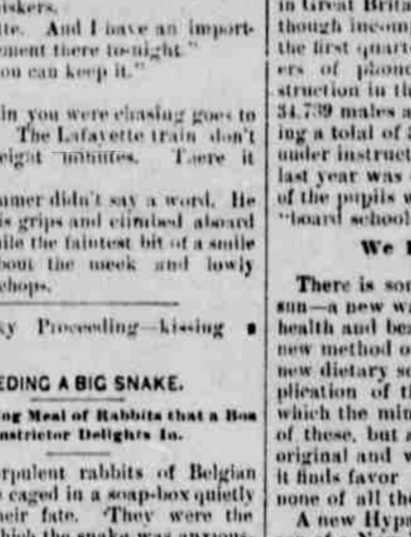
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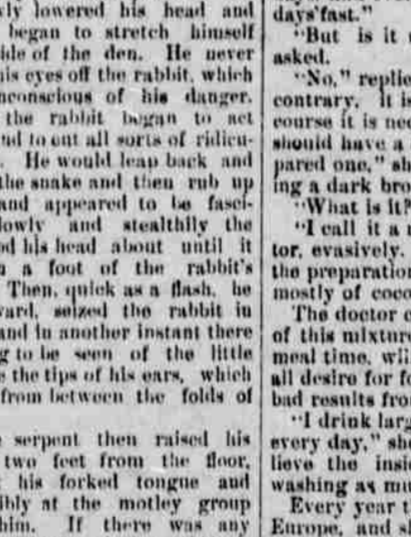
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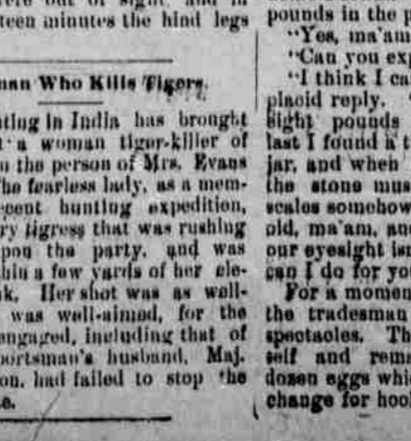
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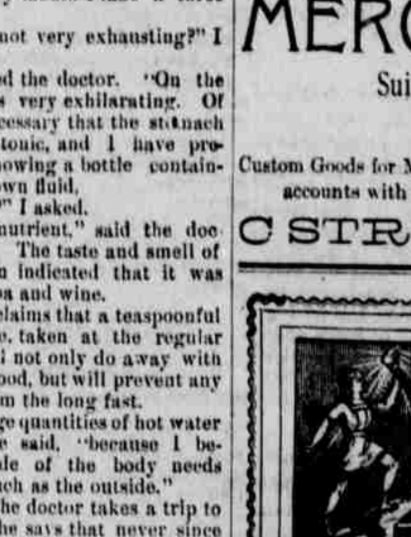
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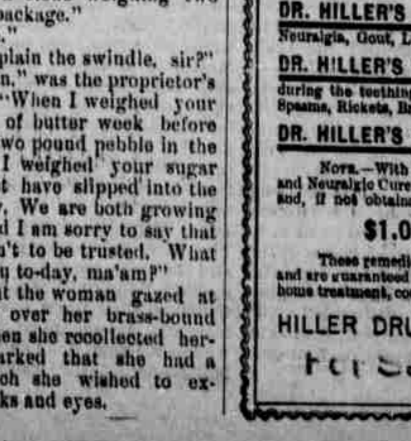
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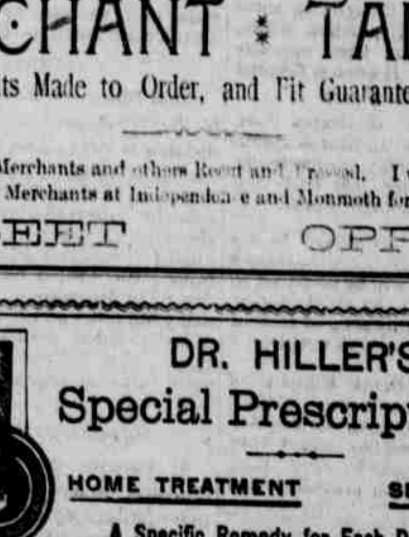
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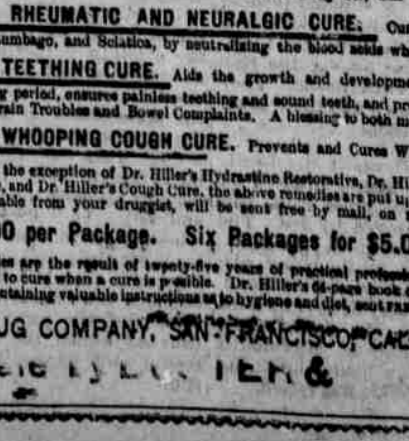
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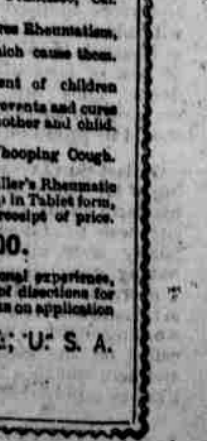
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