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**Changes of a Lifetime.**

It took the Roman republic some ages  
to pass from the simple poverty of its  
early days upon the seven hills to the  
age of Augustus, but the American re-  
public has made that change in one gen-  
eration.

In the second decade of the nineteenth  
century the lives of the American people  
were severely simple and plain. Most of  
the necessities of life were raised on the  
farm by the people living on it. Most of  
their trading was done by barter. The  
country people scarcely ever got in the  
course of a year more than enough money  
to pay their taxes. The farmers' houses  
were almost destitute of furniture. Ex-  
cept a few school books and the family  
Bible, there was no reading matter, ex-  
cept in favored neighborhoods where two  
or three families took a weekly newspa-  
per together. Mails were infrequent and  
postage was almost prohibitory. The era  
of invention had not begun. The only  
means of cooking was the open fire and  
the brick oven. Meat was roasted by  
suspending from a cord attached to a  
hook in the ceiling. It was with great  
difficulty that fires were started or kept  
going. Tools and food and the labor of  
men and animals were freely borrowed  
and lent. Farming tools were rude and  
deficient. The poverty of farms in re-  
spect to tools made it impossible for farm-  
ers to prosper except by cattle raising  
and the cultivation of the small grains.  
Heating stoves or furnaces were un-  
known. Communication between dis-  
tant parts of the country was practically  
non-existent and transportation was of  
the crudest sort. Men were narrow and  
bigoted. Civilization was stationary.  
There was a prejudice against innova-  
tion and change, a belief that all wisdom  
was in the fathers.

Contrast this simple, narrow life with  
the complex and broad life of the poorest  
farmer of our times. Think of the tools  
and horses, the machinery and the im-  
proved methods he has. Think of the  
comforts and luxuries that are his. Think  
how farming has been changed from  
slavery to inspiring work. Then con-  
trast the picture of the past with the  
general wealth, progress in education, dif-  
fusion of knowledge, opportunities and  
hopefulness of our own times. Only the  
beginnings of the great power of the  
people are so far seen. As a matter of  
fact the tremendous changes wrought by  
improvement of communication and  
transportation have made it possible for  
great free governments to exist perman-  
ently.

It is now and ever will be the fashion  
to talk of the good old times, but in  
America the old times are not to be com-  
pared with ours. Our wealth has not  
spoiled the nation, though it has ruined  
some classes. At the core the nation is  
sounder now than formerly because it is  
wiser and better trained and equipped.—  
Minneapolis Journal.

**Feminine Overwork.**  
Now and then one hears the comment  
that women never know when to stop and  
take a rest, but persist in going on and  
until they are exhausted. The explana-

**"PEARL OF MADRID."**

This Endearing Title is Bestowed Upon  
a Former American Girl.

The most popular among the foreign  
ladies resident in Madrid is a former  
American girl, Mme. Patenotre, wife  
of the French Am-  
bassador to the  
court of Alfonso  
XIII. During the  
recent coronation  
festivities in the  
Spanish capital  
Mme. Patenotre  
was praised and  
flattered and court-  
ed as was no other  
woman in the king-  
dom. She is a fa-  
vorite of the Queen  
Regent, for whom she has a special  
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Mme. Patenotre's maiden name was  
Eleanor Elverson. Her father was the  
former publisher of the Philadelphia  
Inquirer and one of the millionaires  
of the Keystone State. She was edu-  
cated in Europe and on her return  
home after a six-years' absence she  
was pronounced the most fascinating  
woman in the Quaker City. Her facility  
for acquiring languages was re-  
markable. She is proficient in German,  
French and Russian, and had been living  
in Madrid only six months before  
she was able to speak the peculiar dia-  
lect of that province with the ease  
and fluency of a native. In 1854 she  
became the wife of Jules Patenotre,  
then French Ambassador to Washing-  
ton. In 1897 he was transferred to  
Madrid.

**AN EMERGENCY FIRE ENGINE.**



A convenient emergency fire engine  
is shown in the accompanying illustra-  
tion, which, Engineering says, has sev-  
eral commendable features. It is man-  
ufactured by an English concern.

**Playing with Moral Fire.**

In various parts of the country there  
has been an extraordinary number of  
tragedies of late arising out of the ad-  
ventures of unmarried women with mar-  
ried men. Morbid literature, chiefly of for-  
eign birth or extraction, has been pro-  
moting in this country the myth of pla-  
tonic affection between men and women,  
married and single. Almost invariably  
the platonic illusion is actualized in a  
somber ending. If crime does not smirch  
both the parties or annihilate either the  
reputation of both suffer, and it is the  
unwritten law that the woman in such a  
case suffers beyond repair, while the guilty  
man escapes or endures with compla-  
cency the stigma which cannot be ef-  
faced from the future of his companion.

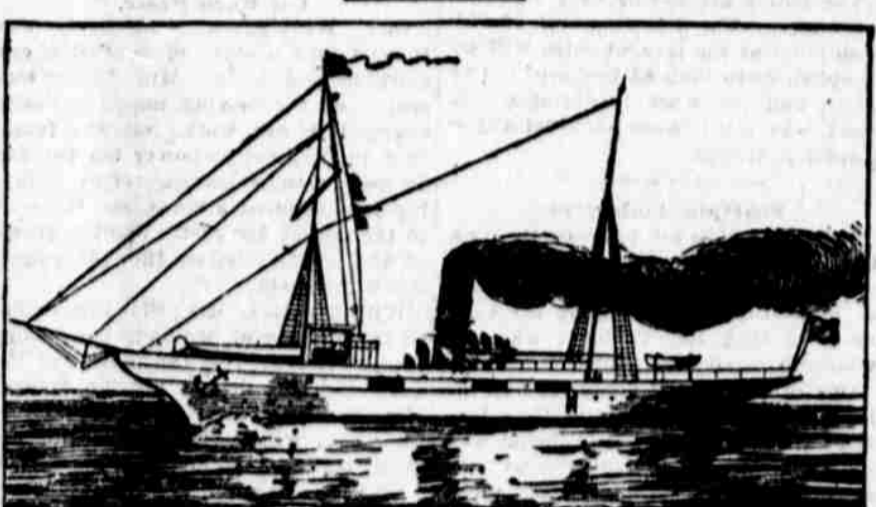
There is no prudence in mining words  
about these escapades. A married man  
or woman who seeks intimate and con-  
stant companionship outside the family  
circle to which he or she belongs is either  
a libertine or a fool.  
No plea of extenuation can be set up  
for the moral laches of a married man or  
married woman. They know perfectly  
well that they are playing with fire or  
playing the trapper of inexperience. No  
family of intelligence or self-respect will  
tolerate social attentions from a married  
man to an unmarried woman when those  
attentions transcend the bounds of abso-  
lute decorum. Yet mothers who are am-  
bitious or avaricious will let their in-  
nocent daughters play with this moral fire  
with whose flame nine times in ten they  
are bound to be burnt.

Many a blackened home is a grim  
monument to the satanic character of the  
myth of platonic love between married  
men and unmarried women and no less  
often between married women and un-  
married men.—Chicago Chronicle.

**The Press and Crime.**

Much has been said and written upon  
the idea that the press, by the publication  
of the details of crime, incites to the  
commission of other crimes. Because the  
details of a suicide or a murder are some-  
times copied by other suicides or murder-  
ers there are those who generalize  
from that fact that a curb should be put  
upon the press to restrain them from giv-  
ing the sensational incidents of such tra-  
gedies.  
People who argue in that fashion to  
such conclusions understand human na-  
ture imperfectly. They who know most of  
the psychology of the human animal  
understand that there is no rigid law of  
imitativeness that will explain incidental  
replications of example. The utility of  
appealing to any such law was evidenced  
in the cases of Cain and Abel. The law  
does not exist, else both those boys  
would have been righteous instead of but  
the one, and to-day we would be rejoiced  
by seeing only good boys and good girls  
in the families of which the parents are  
models of morality.  
Humanity is born crooked—twisted into  
a living interrogation point. It wants  
to know all about things as soon as it  
finds out that there are things. It instin-  
tively wants to put this and that together  
and get at the ends of things—and that  
is why the baby tries to put his toes in  
his mouth! That same inborn curiosity  
follows the human creature always and

**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S OFFICIAL  
YACHT, THE MAYFLOWER.**



President Roosevelt's official yacht, the Mayflower, has been practically remade  
and more than \$50,000 has been spent on fitting up her interior in a style that  
rivals the royal and imperial yachts of European princes and potentates. Not the  
Hohenzollern itself can outdo the presidential yacht in splendor, luxury and  
beauty of appointments, upholstery and decoration. The President's personal  
apartments, in the aft of the vessel, are a dream of princely beauty and comfort.  
He has six state rooms for his own use and for the use of his family. Silk hang-  
ings, soft carpets, the most expensive of fancy wood, fine mosaics, luxurious easy  
chairs and lounging sofas, glittering art bedsteads and other equipments of this  
kind wait on the presidential pleasure when he sees fit to take the sea air. Simi-  
larly with the culinary department. The kitchen and dining room staff can  
serve on short notice a feast fit for a king. The Mayflower was formerly the  
property of Mrs. Ogden Goelet. It was purchased by the government at the  
time of the Spanish war and had been lying idle since then. Recently the Presi-  
dent decided to have it fitted for his personal use. The presidential yacht has  
a displacement of 2,680 tons, is equipped with twin screws and has a horse  
power of 4,700. It is one of the fastest steam yachts afloat.

**Stopped by Caterpillars.**

A railway train was recently stopped  
near Rheims, France, by the number  
of caterpillars that fell on the track.  
The rails grew too pasty and slippery  
for the wheels to adhere until cinders  
were thrown on them.

**Cuba's Flag is Old.**

The flag of the Cuban republic ante-  
dates the establishment of the republic  
itself by a good many years. It dates  
back to about 1850. It has a Masonic  
origin and hence the triangle. The  
red field is the emblem of war. The  
purpose of the movement here in the  
United States was to conquer the is-  
land. Southern people, fighting Ma-  
sons, were the leaders. The three  
stripes represented the three depart-  
ments into which the island was then  
divided. The white stripes were put  
in merely to divide the blue. The star  
which appears in the red field was the  
lone star of Texas. In New Orleans  
there existed the Association of the

**accounts for the enormous growth of  
newspapers and gives invincible support  
to the doctrine of the freedom of the  
press.**

One of the greatest laments of a read-  
ing civilization is that the world's his-  
tory begun before the printing press was  
invented and the reporter who interviews  
got on the scene. How really satisfying  
it would be even now to read the details  
of the meeting between Satan and Eve,  
a stenographic report of their conversa-  
tion and graphic interviews with Adam  
after he got fired from the Garden of  
Eden and with Noah after he ran  
aground on Ararat!

Newspaper makers know human na-  
ture better than amateur moralists. They  
do not find that news reports of crimes  
breed conversions, or news reports  
of gifts to charity set everybody  
or many bodies crazy to make large dona-  
tions and get their names printed. The  
real newspaper gives the news—the sto-  
ries of the daily life of the world—the  
good, the evil, the wise and the silly, be-  
cause the public want to know it all and  
will be satisfied with nothing less. The  
newspaper is printed for the ninety-and-  
nine that are wide awake, and not for  
the one who yearns for the millennial  
age!—Atlanta Constitution.

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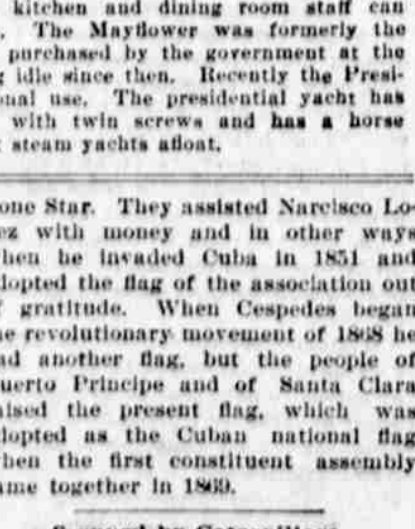
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