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For the Argus. The Song of the Sewing Machine.

The song of the sewing machine, 'Tis said it has not been sung. Yet many might dwell on the happy theme.

LIBRES. Suggested by hearing a lady say her home plants were killed by the present cold storm.

A WOMAN'S HEART.—The most precious possession that comes to a man in this world is a woman's heart.

BAKER'S LAST EFFORT.—Col. Baker's last speech in the Senate was in August last.

A RAILWAY IN THE EUPHRATES VALLEY.—When the ship canal across the Isthmus of Suez was first undertaken, it was considered that nothing farther in the way of enterprise remained to be accomplished.

STATISTICS FOR YOUNG LADIES.—It has been ascertained that during the last year five hundred and forty ladies fainted away on various occasions.

A GEM OF THOUGHT.—Religion is the final center of repose—the goal to which all things tend; apart from which, man is a shadow, his very existence a riddle.

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The Right Sort of Religion.

We want a religion that goes into the family, and keeps the husband from being spiteful when the dinner is late, and keeps the dinner from being late—keeps the wife from fretting when the husband tracks the newly washed floor with his muddy boots.

The North East Going to Ruin.

Under this heading the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser gives some interesting statistics, with a very brief commentary: "Those who predicted that in consequence of the insurrection grass would grow in the streets of New York will find a curious fulfillment of their prophecies in assessors' returns of this State for the current year.

GEN. McCLELLAN'S PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

By Bayard Taylor.—At the grand cavalry and artillery review an Austrian cavalry officer, just arrived, remarked to me that he had never seen finer material for an army.

A Game of "Hide-and-Seek," on the Ocean.

The fog is beginning to clear up slowly. It appears that while on this side we were engaged in discussing the legality of the arrest of Mason and Slidell, other events of great importance were transpiring off the British coast.

How the World is Governed.—There are about one hundred separately organized governments in the world at the present time. Nearly one half are monarchies in Europe, and of these a large proportion are petty principalities and dukedoms.

The governments of Asia are all absolute despotisms. Tibet has the name of being a hierarchy, but differs in no practical sense from a despotism.

Monticello Confiscated.—A petition has been filed in Richmond for the sequestration of "Monticello," the well known house of Jefferson, now owned by Capt. Uriah P. Levy, of the United States Navy.

It was a perplexing case for the British editors. The London Times tries to work out of the scrape by saying that "both have acquired a sort of vested right to come into our ports without prizes, and demand asylum and hospitality."

On the American continent, there is but one monarchical government—that of Brazil—which is, however, liberally constitutional.

The great islands in the Southern and Pacific oceans are mostly independent and despotic—such as Japan, with a population of 20,000,000 and Madagascar containing about 5,000,000.

Cavalry.—A charge of cavalry on a body of infantry armed with rifles is now considered impossible. At Waterloo, when the British soldiers were armed only with flint-lock muskets and could not fire until the cavalry were within 100 yards.

Who the Secessionists Are.—A correspondent writes from Mayfield, Kentucky, as follows, concerning the manner of men who are most earnest for secession: I have noticed here what I may safely presume to be true of other localities.

Explosive Kerosene.—There is a spurious article of Kerosene, which, it is said, is as liable to explode as camphene. The genuine article is not explosive.

Rebel Hope Blasted.—Col. Mulligan said in a speech at Chicago lately: "Gen. Price remarked to me as he sat in his carriage one day: 'Colonel, by the 25th of December next, every battle will be fought north of the Ohio River and on free soil.'"

Pride Will Have a Fall.—The Alta says: "Nothing but pride keeps together to-day the great mass of the Southern army; but pride cannot exist long, shoeless and in tatters, with chattering teeth and a craving stomach—particularly when there is, in truth and in fact, nothing in the way of oppression to strengthen its backbone."

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When I goes shopping, said an old lady, "I allers asks for what I wants, and if they have it, and its suitable, and I feel inclined to buy it, and its cheap, and it can't be got any place for less, I most allers take it, without chattering about it all day, as most people does."

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