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WASHINGTON, March 18, 1884. The present Congress has done much to force the conclusion that the House of Representatives has grown to be a cumbersome and unwieldy body.

The Senate is now deliberating over the proposed naval vessels, and the House is talking about the cattle industry, and pleuro-pneumonia.

The former cutters in Texas call themselves Javelinas. Cases of typhoid fever are reported among Pennsylvania cattle.

A rail-catcher of Camden, N. J., has destroyed \$50,000 worth of the crops of his neighbor.

The value of the tourmaline taken from Mt. Mica, Me., is between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

The present wheat production of India is estimated to be 240,000,000 bushels. The insurance business is unprofitable in St. Louis, as five companies have withdrawn their agencies.

The Senate of the United States has passed a bill for the government of the territory of Alaska which prohibits the liquor-traffic therein, except for medicinal or scientific purposes.

The Methodist now number 3,995,820, and will hold a centennial next Fall. A fire department was called out in Philadelphia to meet a kitten from falling seventy feet off a church roof.

A huge crystal chalice has just been manufactured in England for an East Indian rajah. Jay Gould gave his son George \$3,000,000 to begin life with.

There are 113,000 miles of railway in the United States, of which Jay Gould and Vanderbilt control more than one-fourth.

Gold nuggets are being found in the mountains near Marshall, Ark. Some men will spend \$5 of time and labor to get \$2 of gold.

Ireland has one head of cattle to every four acres, and Island of Jersey one to every two acres.

Since 1789 the United States has expended \$105,000,000 in the improvement of rivers and harbors.

A man in New York was awarded \$8000 by a jury as damages for the loss of his left eye. He was looking at an elevator, and the janitor accidentally dropped a bottle.

The shipyards at Philadelphia, where 2700 hands are employed, are full of bustle and activity. The foreign immigration to the United States during the last year reached 870,324, against 730,349 for the previous year.

The value of the tourmaline taken from Mt. Mica, Me., is between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The saying that a bottle of old wine is small for its age is Greek and is found in Athenian.

In some South American earthquakes the waves raised by the first shock have been 200 feet high. The land crabs of Jamaica live on the tops of the mountains, but once a year they go down to the sea in crowds.

A South Carolinian has taught four frogs to croak "The Sweet By and By." The Afro and Sepoia quarrel as if fitting themselves for a church choir.

Pietingen, Wurttemberg, has a brigadier of four-two female water carriers belonging to the fire department, each of the four squads being commanded by a "female corporal."

There are 1400 gummy globules in every inch of the thread spun by the spider, and a web contains about 87,000. They act like birdlime and firmly hold the leg or wing of any insect which touches them.

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TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT. WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION. REPORT FROM LEHMAN W. C. T. U. At the meeting of the W. C. T. U., Feb. 22nd, it was decided to hold a public meeting, and a committee was appointed to prepare a program.

A class of small boys and girls sang "The Young Abstinence" in good style, and were warmly applauded. The drinking fountains over the way, was a very pathetic reading by Miss Ambler.

The house was well filled, and good order prevailed, and altogether we think the meeting was a grand success. Our little Union is attracting considerable attention, as well as awakening opposition.

Among the journals devoted to the liquor interest, one of the brightest, perhaps, on the whole, is the San Francisco Journal of Freedom, formerly the Wine-Dealers' Gazette.

It is noteworthy that two distinguished Republican leaders, both of whom are popularly accredited with being candidates for the presidency, have formulated plans for a permanent copartnership between the whisky ring and the national government.

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What will be beneficial for Alaska will be good likewise for Dakota and the other territories, and for the District of Columbia as well.

They do say that Mrs. Carlisle is now the Lucy Hayes of Washington, and that last season she disagreed to the point of "congress" with a Kentucky friend with whom she was to receive New Year's calls and who insisted on "punch" as a feature of the entertainment.

The April number has such an abundance of good things that our space will not permit us to particularize. The editor, Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, has an admirable article, "Practical Sympathy," and in the Home Page is a sermon by him, "The Royal Exile."

Among the elaborately illustrated articles are "A Pilgrim in Yellowstone Park," "Johann Wolfgang von Goethe," "D. E. Hervey," "Easter Festivities at St. Petersburg," "The Founding of New York City," and other articles, sketches, etc., by Alfred Hervey, Leigh Norval, Rev. E. H. Ward, Mrs. A. E. Alexander, Rev. J. F. Clay-Moran, J. Alexander Patten, etc.

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While escorting a lady home the other evening a popular doctor attempted to relieve her cough and sore throat by giving her a lozenge. He told her to allow it to dissolve gradually in her mouth. No relief was experienced, and the doctor felt quite chagrined the next day when the lady sent him a card.

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