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DENVER, Colo., June 18, 1891.

TO THE EDITOR:—

I arrived in Denver last Sunday morning just in time to go to church, and upon entering the first one I came to, was shown a seat in the midst of a congregation of seven or eight hundred persons. Immediately after taking my seat the minister began to pray, and from the chorus of "amens," "bless the ——" etc., which simultaneously came from all parts of the congregation, I at once recognized their denomination. I listened for two hours to a soul-stirring sermon and exhortation, at the conclusion of which three sinners signified a desire for a change of heart. The choir, of sixty voices, including a splendid quartette, rendered excellent music and led the congregation in singing "Rock of Ages," all of which had a tendency to make your correspondent homesick.

Denver in some respects resembles our Portland, but I hardly think the wholesale and retail trade is so extensive in proportion to the territory of which Denver is the principal center. But Denver undoubtedly is ahead in the matter of reduction works and manufactories.

Colorado Springs, the next town south of Denver, is a lovely little place. The streets are very wide and perfectly smooth and covered with white glistening sands and pebbles all rolled in as hard as a floor. It seems too bad that our Oregon towns have such rough and muddy or dusty streets. The great difference attracts an Oregonian's attention at once. In Greenwood cemetery and on a street in Denver, I noticed heavy steam rollers which were in constant use. A few men would be working the streets, scraping up the loose gravel and dirt and after distributing it uniformly over the surface the roller would mash it down and it would become almost as hard as stone. Now it occurs to me that when our street committee in Corvallis has gravel hauled on to the streets, if they should not have quite so much hauled and the difference applied on distributing it smoothly over the ground and have some good, substantial rolling done, we would have better streets. You might say, "very good, but Corvallis cannot afford a steam roller." Admitting the truth of this; still we could easily afford one or more rollers which horses could pull and which would be infinitely better than none. It really does no particular good to dump a load of gravel here and there in a mud hole and round the top off a little and have it wash down all in a lump. Good enough as far as it goes, but it is getting comparatively little for the amount expended. I have seen a good many streets recently, which are no easier improved than those of Corvallis and with no better material or facilities than we have, which are kept as smooth as a floor and at no greater expense relatively than we expend on similar street work in Corvallis, and streets too over which heavy loads of freight are constantly passing. I do not believe that it is essential, in order to have good streets, that we have a sandy or a gravelly soil. Not by any means. Our soil is good enough, especially the clay, and gravel is convenient and plentiful enough to enable the city of Corvallis to have just as good streets as any town, and to my mind there is no reason why we should have a main street which would disgrace a town of half our size. We need many improvements in Corvallis, and the improvement of our streets is by no means the least in importance. I only intended to mention incidentally, the beautiful streets of Colorado Springs, and here I find myself devoting quite a little space to the subject, but to proceed: Manitou and the "Garden of the Gods" are attractions here. The former is a small village of three or four hundred people residents and ten or twenty thousand visitors. Not all visiting at once, you know, but that many during the season. Its popularity is due to the healthfulness of the climate, the magnificence of the scenery and the mineral springs to which the

"sick, the halt, and the infirm" flock in great numbers for the benefit of their health. Pike's Peak towers above this little hamlet like a grim visaged sentinel of the desert, and his snow crowned summit stands out in bold relief against the azure blue of a Colorado sky, across which no shadows fall for three hundred days in every year. Persons desiring to ascend Pike's Peak can ride half way up on a railroad and the balance on horseback. Soon the road will go clear to the summit, which is more than fourteen thousand feet in height.

My sympathies went out to numberless persons whom I noticed crawling about with heavy overcoats buttoned up to their chin and the thermometer about seventy degrees in the shade. But I realized my inability to contribute to their relief excepting by a silent invocation which went from the very bottom of my hardened heart.

ANON.

### Objections to Magazine Guns.

I had the honor of serving in the army of northern Virginia under the late renowned Gen. Robert E. Lee. Early in the war the nerves of the confederates were somewhat shaken by a report that the federal armies were to be furnished with breech-loading rifles, which up to that time were unknown in the United States army. All fears, however, were allayed a few days later by the statement that Gen. Lee regarded such weapons as a serious disadvantage, assigning as his reason that most troops were apt to fire at random and too rapidly, and were thus in danger of exhausting their ammunition and rendering themselves helpless at the critical point of the battle. If this applies to breech-loaders, with how much greater force does it apply to the magazine-rifle? I have no proof that Gen. Lee ever uttered this opinion, but most execution in battle is done at close quarters, and my subsequent experience confirmed the wisdom of this opinion, whether expressed by Lee or not. Rapid firing at close quarters is no doubt a tremendous power, but it becomes impossible if troops have wasted their cartridges at long range, when armies are approaching each other from a distance. A detached magazine, applicable to an ordinary breech-loader, would therefore seem to possess great advantages over a weapon that could only be charged from a fixed magazine. It could be attached at the proper moment by command of an officer, and thus a tremendous reserve power would be insured for the critical moment.—*London Spectator.*

### Asphalt Lake of Trinidad.

Asphalt is a substance as familiar now as are its related substances, coal and petroleum. It is used in great quantities for paving streets and roofing houses. A large part of the supply is brought from the lake of La Brea in the island of Trinidad. This lake is said to have been discovered in 1595 by Sir Walter Raleigh, who employed the pitch found there in caulking his ships.

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The method of skimming the great bowl may be illustrated by comparing it to a pond from which blocks of ice have been cut and the water solidified again by the action of frost, the difference being that heat is the agent in one case and cold in the other.—*Youth's Companion.*

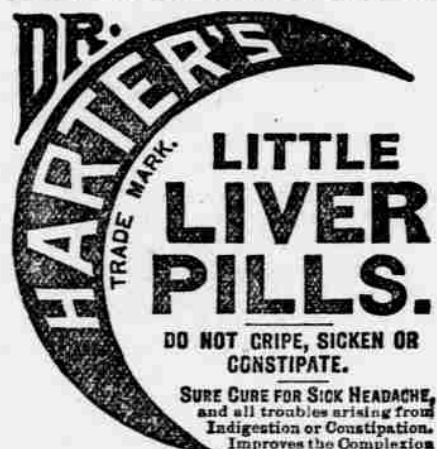
### A Joke on Hermann.

"I once had a singular experience," he said, "while giving a performance at the house of the governor of Montevideo, in which I had the tables turned on me. During my performance I noticed three half-savage Patagonians standing aside from the rest of the company, and I at once determined to have some fun with them. From the nose of the first I took an orange, from the hair of the second I took a number of silver coins, and the third was overpowered with terror when I extracted a live rat from his nose. Uttering a cry of fright, the Patagonians withdrew. While receiving the congratulations of the guests on the success of the entertainment, I discovered that my watch and chain, purse, eyeglasses, and handkerchief were missing. In a short time the Patagonians returned, and the one from whose nose the rat had been taken handed me the missing articles. He had picked my pocket at the moment he appeared to be overcome with fright."—*New Haven Union.*

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