

A SOCIAL PARASITE.

Women Who Live Out Their Lives in Other People's Spare Rooms. "Where is her home?" asked one of the women, setting her crochet needle crosswise between her lips, and stretching her work straight across her knee.

There are a surprising number of these women parasites who live out their lives in other people's houses, partaking of the best, participating in all their comforts and luxuries, and rendering no equivalent in return. A busy woman said, not long ago: "If I should accept all the invitations I get, I could never go home at all," and the cuckoo finds it, with a little management, an easy thing to spend her entire time very pleasantly in spare rooms.

FOUR ROBISONS SIGNED.

A characteristic story of the early days in the oil country. Grouped around a table in a well-known Fifth avenue restaurant were Samuel D. Robison, of Titusville, who has followed the developments since 1869 from Butler to Richburg; William C. Robison, mayor of Monongahela City; Charles W. Robison, Assemblyman from Allegheny, a uncle of the three gentlemen just named, who, by the way are brothers. Quincey Robison, who it was the first time the quartette had met for years, and good cheer and fellowship reigned supreme, while with electric flame depicted thoughts of the day and its dull care.

Rich Strike of Gold Ore Reported in Utah.

Mrs. Stanford Gives Orders to Proceed with the Making of the Memorial Window.

A rich strike of gold ore is reported at Tintic, Utah. Alanson P. Hammond has been nominated postmaster at Ashland, Oregon. Sacramento will soon vote on the issue of \$100,000 in city bonds for street improvements.

The Portland carpenter strikers are gaining in numbers. Other building trades are supporting them. Commissioners are now looking for a site in Washington on which to erect a State reform school for incorrigible children.

There will be no encampment of the National Guard of California this year, the State having made no provision for the expenses. A Presbyterian theological seminary, to cost \$1,000,000, and the building to be completed within a year, will be erected at San Anselmo, Cal.

Mr. Mitchell has presented in the Senate several memorials from Oregon citizens protesting against the Union and Central refunding bills. William Porter, who fell through a hole in a sidewalk at Whetcom and broke his leg, wants the city to pay \$5,000 in damages, and has brought suit to enforce his claim.

The steamer Oregon has been held liable for the deaths of two colored sailors, who were killed in the collision with the ship Clan Mackenzie in the Columbia river. Cassas Prairie (Idaho) farmers have suffered much from last summer's grasshopper raid and the cold of the past winter, and anticipations have been raised for their relief.

A miniature Eiffel tower, 125 feet high, covered entirely with flowers and crowned by 75 colored fireworks, was on display among the floral designs at the sixth annual flower festival at Los Angeles. The Clan McPherson, from Astoria, December 15, with 2,800 tons of wheat, has arrived in Queenstown. The Duke of Argyll, from Puget sound, February 3, with 600,000 feet of lumber has arrived at Adelaide, Australia.

Members of the Swift & Courtney Match Company, which practically controls the match industry of the United States, are in San Francisco. The object of their visit is to establish a match factory to control the Pacific coast trade. George H. Rice, general traffic manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, denies that the management is about to transfer all its San Francisco steamers to Tacoma. The statement which he contradicts was never made.

The suit instituted in San Francisco by the representatives of English capitalists for the recovery of payments made to the Aguaya Brothers on the Mulatas mine, and for rescinding the sale is causing great interest at the City of Mexico. The will of the late O. W. Childs has been filed for probate at Los Angeles. It bequeathed one-half of the estate to the widow and the residue to his children, share and share alike. The widow is appointed executrix and trustee for the children. She is to be under no bonds, and shall not be held accountable to any court. The estate is worth about a million dollars.

About 500 Italians, Greeks, etc., are on a strike at Martinez, Cal., in the salmon-fishing business. The strike is general all up and down the straits, the cause being that the canneries will not pay more than 2 1/2 cents a pound for fish. Some non-union men have been fishing, and the strikers use them very hard. One scoop was caught and 400 fish thrown overboard. Mrs. Leland Stanford has given a deal order to the Pacific Art Glass works to proceed with work on the grand memorial window for St. Paul's church, Sacramento. This window, when completed in stained glass, will be an art work of high character, and will, it is said, represent the most costly memorial window in this country or Europe, as no expense will be spared to perfect every part.

J. Wilkes Booth Again Said to Be Living.

New York Senate Passes the Weekly Payment of Wages Bill—Other Interesting News.

There is a reduction of deserters in the army the present year over those of last year of 16 per cent. The disputes of the building trades at Philadelphia have been settled by concessions of the masters. The mortality of the Fifty-first Congress has been exceptionally large, Congressman Randall being the ninth.

No one enters Clans Sprockels' great cigar refinery at Philadelphia without a permit from the owner, and permits are few. Ed Brown, a cowboy, at Cheyenne, put a bullet through his head because a pretty school teacher wouldn't marry him.

The New York Senate has passed the Weekly Payment of Wages bill, and the bill making Abraham Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday. Kansas sends a solid delegation of Union soldiers to the lower branch of Congress; Mississippi sends a solid Confederate brigade.

New York banks have been specially warned to look out for a bogus bank inspector who is representing himself as Chief Inspector Bell. British Scotch, Welsh and Canadian societies in Chicago are active in forming a political organization of friends of the public school system.

The Northern Society of Georgia, composed of Northern men residing in that State, has been organized with W. B. Mills, of Ohio, as President. Frank B. Loomis, for several years past Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star, has been appointed consul at St. Etienne, France. The killing is reported in West Virginia, near Pigeon Creek, of Smith Baisden, John Baisden and William Baisden, three brothers, noted desperadoes.

The celebrated Pan-Electric case of Rodgers vs. Ex-Attorney-General Garland and others has been dismissed at Washington, each party to pay his own costs. While Chicago people want a Sunday closing law, New York people are asking the Legislature to relieve them of a Sunday prohibitory law that does not prohibit. Twenty persons were poisoned at Manhattan, Conn., by cake delivered to various homes by a baker who peddles in the vicinity. Five of the victims are likely to die.

Agents of six great coal companies met in New York recently and decided to restrict the production for May to 2,500,000 tons. No action was taken toward advancing prices. The resignation of John S. Bell, chief of the secret service bureau, has been asked. There are several candidates for the place, with ex-Detective Furlong, of Missouri, in the lead.

From appearances the city of Pittsburg is liable to lose the \$1,000,000 library that Andrew Carnegie proposed to donate to that city. Some trouble is experienced in complying with the conditions. Pierre Bayard Cox, a son of ex-Congressman Gov. of North Carolina, is dying from the effects of a fall which fractured his skull. He was in the graduating class of the New York Medical College.

The United States steamer Philadelphia, now at Cramp's yards, Philadelphia, is practically completed, and will be given a preliminary trial next week. The date for her official trial has not yet been fixed. By order of Governor Gordon, of Georgia, General Commander of the United Confederate Veterans, there will be held in Chattanooga a general reunion of all ex-Confederates on July 31, 4th and 5th next. The hearing on Gerneheim & Co's application for an injunction to restrain reorganization of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company has been concluded in the New York Supreme Court. Decision was reserved.

An Amphitheater Collapses at a Mexican Bull-Fight.

Bismarck Regrets His Enforced Retirement, and Lays Its Cause to One He Befriended.

At Cairo the Greek gamblers are defying the law. President Diaz favors a system of savings banks throughout Mexico. Reports of discontent among the Brazilian troops are growing numerous. Work on the harbor of Vera Cruz, Mexico, is being pushed to the utmost. General von Caprivi, the new Chancellor of the German Empire, is unmarried.

A newspaper and governmental campaign against dress suits is in progress in Japan. The quantity of wheat shipped from Australia during February was 568,000 bushels. The Mexican Cabinet has decided positively to grant no more railroad concessions.

The use of electric lights is increasing with great rapidity among the London shopmen. The Tampico branch of the Mexican Central railway has been opened for regular traffic. The Comte and Comtesse Maitmont have been arrested in Paris for embezzling charity funds.

Those professing to know all about it say the ocean races of two lines will forsake Liverpool for Holyhead next year. Extensive railway building operations in Manitoba and the Northwest are mapped out for the coming season. It is rumored that there are serious dissensions in the French Ministry and an early collapse of the Cabinet is feared.

Lord Wolseley is at the head of a movement for the financial relief of survivors of the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava. A scheme is on foot to establish a gigantic bank in Rome. Four German bankers will soon go to Rome to take steps in the matter. The English Government has accepted the invitation of the Government of Germany to send a fleet to attend the German naval maneuvers which will take place at Kiel on September 8.

Bennett's yacht, the Namoura, was caught in a violent storm in the China sea and three of the crew were washed overboard. Bennett was on board. It is openly announced that Mrs. Langtry and Freddie Gebhardt are out, and that the Jersey Lily is receiving the attention of Lord Lugan, an Irish-English peer. English customs officers the other day discovered 20,000 cigars secreted aboard a troop ship, ready to be smuggled ashore at the first convenient opportunity, and did not succeed in tracing the ownership of them.

Bismarck is reported to have expressed regret at his enforced retirement from office. To the intrigues of one whom he had befriended he attributes the necessity for such action. Cunningham Graham, in the British Commons, denied that he had incited starving laborers to violence, but said he would do to the moment the workers became powerful enough. The English are reported to hold thousands of coolies kidnaped from China in bondage in Borneo on what is called the contract labor system, but which is really servitude of the most exacting character.

Despatches from Kosenau say that the Dahomians have advanced and occupied a position only one kilometre from Porto Novo. The warship Meagan has landed fifty men to re-enforce the French troops. An object glass for the forty-inch telescope to be mounted at the University of Southern California has been taken to Cambridge, Mass. Clark Bros. are expected to spend two years on it before it is ready for use. France and Holland have agreed regarding the powers of the arbitrator in delimiting the boundaries of the two respective territories in Guiana, Holland consenting that the arbitration shall be absolute.

At the conclusion of a bull-fight at Guadalupe, Mexico, a section of the amphitheater collapsed, precipitating thousands of spectators to the ground. No one was killed, but hundreds were wounded, and many, it is believed, fatally. Mr. Gladstone has lately completed an article which is to be published in Lloyd's Weekly under the new management. The article is described as a review of the past, a study of the present and a hopeful anticipation of the future of labor. William O'Brien's novel, which he wrote while in prison, has just been issued. The book, which is entitled "When We Were Boys," is a historical story and deals with the Fenians. The English criticisms are very favorable. The Hamburg Nachrichten asserts that the Emperor of Germany has purchased the private diaries of the late Emperor Frederick from Frau Kruz, widow of the former Major Domo of that sovereign, paying her a large annuity for life. Five sisters named Domovieroff, the youngest 19 years old, committed suicide at Moscow. Ashes found in their apartment show that they burned a number of papers before taking their lives. It is believed the fear of arrest as nihilists led to commission of the deed. It is stated that the Duke of Orleans has refused the proffer of liberty made by the French Government, on account of the conditions imposed. It is expected that the Duke will be married, while undergoing imprisonment, to his cousin, Princess Marguerite, of Chartres. The four sterns battlements of London were recently asked to vote upon the question of whether or not the museums and art galleries should be opened on Sundays, it having been alleged that such an opening was not favored by real workmen. The vote was 532 in favor to 52 against.

During the past week business has been brisk, the fine weather bringing with it country orders with a rush. The outlook is most promising, and the general feeling is one full of hope that this year's transactions will exceed all others. An enormous increase in the grain acreage east of the Cascades is reported, and a bountiful crop is expected. Competition among wheat buyers must be looked for, however, for exporters on Puget sound are determined that their grain fleet next season shall compare favorably with that of Portland if possible.

Table of Portland Market prices including Agricultural Implements (e.g., Breaking Plow, 2300; Potatoes, \$100 lbs., 3.00), Raisins (e.g., Bursaps, 40 in., 7), and Vegetables (e.g., Asparagus, \$100 lbs., 6).

Table of Portland Market prices including Poultry (e.g., Chickens, large young, \$5 50; Ducks, \$5 00) and Fresh Fruits (e.g., Apples, 1 50; Lemons, California, \$1 50).

Table of Portland Market prices including Grain (e.g., Barley, whole, \$80 @ 90) and Dairy Produce (e.g., Butter, Oregon fancy creamery, 35).

Table of Portland Market prices including Flour (e.g., Portland patent roller, \$7 75) and Seeds (e.g., Grass Seeds, Timothy, 6 @ 6 1/2).

Table of Portland Market prices including Lumber—Rough and Dressed (e.g., Rough, \$100 M, \$10 00) and Wool (e.g., Eastern Oregon, \$10 @ 14).

The Bear of Russia has just suspended the engagement between his cousin, the Grand Duke Michael Michailowitch, and the beautiful Countess Ignatieff, daughter of the Russian Ambassador to Turkey.

The cost of teeth and the income of Some Popular Dentists. "Dentistry is not what it is cracked up to be, and, although it pays big profits, many bills for work done are not collectible," said a well-known Fulton street dealer.

"For this reason honest men and women are compelled to suffer for the transgression of 'dead beats,' he went on. 'I have a friend who recently sold a set of teeth for \$95 which cost him exactly \$12.25. If a set of teeth is made in the upper and lower sets, the teeth mentioned above were set on aluminum. Teeth set on rubber cost the patient \$30 and the dentist \$10. The prices given are average ones. Some dentists who serve the 'best people' ask even higher rates.'

All dentists, according to the Brooklyn expert, claim to do their mechanical work on their premises. This is not so. Less than one-half of the dentistry in Brooklyn do their own work or employ mechanical men by the week. A larger part of the work claimed to be done by local dentists is performed by half a dozen mechanical dentists who make a specialty of that branch of the business. "What are mechanical dentists paid for their services?" was asked. "Eight dollars per set, which includes upper and lower. The dentist so contracting for the work is obliged to furnish the teeth, which usually cost from \$4 to \$5 per double set. Plain teeth are worth 10 cents and gum teeth 15 cents each. The best teeth are made in Philadelphia. Dentists try to convince their patients that teeth are very expensive," he added, "and that to make an upper and lower set takes two or three days. This is all humbug. A mechanical dentist who is a good workman can make three sets in twenty-four hours. Dentists who employ mechanical men make a plaster of Paris cast of their patient's jaw, so as to get the articulation, or fitting of the teeth, correct. These casts cost about 5 cents each, and when made are sent to the dental laboratories, where the remainder of the work is done.

"Until the middle of September dentists might as well close their offices and go in the country, as little or no work is done then. The months of August and September are the dulllest in the year for the dental profession." "What are the incomes of Brooklyn dentists?" "Some dentists make as high as \$12,000 and \$15,000 a year, while others hardly earn their salt. Ladies prefer to patronize pleasant and agreeable dentists to men who are surly and uncouth in manners. Dentists who are personally popular have the largest incomes. 'Amen dentists?' Oh, yes. To my knowledge there is one in Brooklyn. This lady attends almost exclusively to women and children. Occasionally she has a man patient, but not often. 'Do women make a success of dentistry?' 'Not always. The feminine mind is sometimes unable to grasp its intricacies. More women dentists practice their profession in Europe than in America.' 'How are twelve-dollar-a-set teeth 'made while you wait,' manufactured?' 'In almost the same manner that fifty-dollar sets are made. A mechanical dentist would charge the same price for making a twelve-dollar set of teeth as he would for a higher-priced set. Dentists, however, who make teeth at the rate named always do their own work. In cheap upper and lower sets of teeth the teeth cost \$2, while in the higher-priced sets the teeth are worth but \$2 more. In cheap sets the only additional expense is for rubber and plaster. The materials used in dentistry cost but little. It is the work and skill for which the patient is obliged to pay.'

Endeavored Electricity. This department gets its share of queer patrons. A fashionably dressed and handsome woman smiled in here recently and wanted "a permit to practice electricity." She had been cured of a feminine weakness by the use of a small battery and she wanted to doctor other people. I asked her what kind of a current she used, and she replied, "I use both kinds—sometimes the positive and sometimes the negative kind, according to the case I'm treating." "How long have you been studying electricity?" "About a year." "And you know all about it?" "Yes, this battery of mine has six cells, and it has both kinds of currents, and, "I interrupted again to ask, "But do you employ an alternating or continuous current?" "Say, mister, I guess you don't know much about electricity anyhow. Are you going to give me a permit to practice or not?" I referred her to Dr. Dudley, and he sent her to the secretary of the state board, not knowing any other way to get rid of her. When I asked her if she knew anything about medicine—meaning, of course, the science—she answered: "Oh, yes, I know about a good many kinds, especially those that are good for women and little babies." She acknowledged however, that she had never studied either medicine or midwifery. —Secretary Board of Health in Globe Democrat.