

How is your woodpile?  
About two inches of snow fell last night.  
Fifty-six Chinese registered at Corvallis.  
Mrs. Frank Goodman continues to improve.  
Populist primaries two weeks from tomorrow.  
A number of sportsmen went out hunting today.  
The snow plow was again used today to clean off the city sidewalks.  
Lieut. C. E. Dentler, U. S. A., is now military instructor at Corvallis college.  
There are now 48 pupils enrolled in the Oregon school for deaf mutes at Salem.  
Miss May See of Coburg is visiting with Miss Jessie Gilstrap in this city for a few days.  
The state assessors' convention meets in Portland next Tuesday. Assessor McPherson will attend.  
It is expected that the tax rolls will be turned over by the county clerk to the sheriff some time tomorrow.  
Benton Killin and Dr. Harry Lane are the new applicants for the postmastership at Portland, Oregon.  
The populists announce that Governor Penneyer will deliver a speech in Albany the last of April or early in May.  
Mrs. Frank Crow came up from Albany on the local this afternoon on a visit at the residence of her uncle, Geo. F. Crow.  
Corvallis Times: Ed Bryson is so far recovered from his recent attack of boils and is gripped as to be out on the street.  
Wm. Dunbar has been discharged from the Portland jail on a \$5,000 bond, pending the decision of the U. S. supreme court.  
As one result of the hard times three of Salem's saloons have gone out of business. This reduces the city's revenue just \$1200.  
The order in which the several state conventions will be held are as follows: Populists, March 14; republican, April 11; democratic, April 17.  
Salem Journal: Jim Lamb, the Tammany chieftain of Fourth ward, has returned from a visit to his old home at Cottage Grove.  
Frank S. Harding the newly appointed postmaster of McMinnville, has sold his interest in the Telephone to his partner, H. L. Heath.  
The governor of Illinois has honored the requisition of Gov. Penneyer for the return of Geo. F. Russell, the defaulting school superintendent of Linn county.  
The Engine Company has about \$200 in its treasury, and at the regular meeting of the company last evening the finance committee was authorized to loan the same.  
Lewis Better of Waterloo, Linn county, was received at the state insane asylum yesterday. There are now 335 patients confined in that big state institution.  
John Barrett, minister to Siam, was more promptly confirmed than any appointee in the diplomatic service. He will pass two weeks at Portland on his way to Bangkok.  
School Superintendent Newell, of Morrow county, who was put off the Union Pacific east-bound passenger train the night of December 5, has sued the company at Pendleton for \$20,000.  
Corvallis Times, Feb. 14: Mrs. Norris Humphrey arrived Saturday, and is on a brief visit to scenes and friends of childhood. She remains until Monday, and to night will be tendered a reception.  
Tobacco chewing has about stopped in the Fossil Methodist church since Rev. Hawkins last year tacked up with the building several placards bearing the following verse of Scripture: "Please do not use tobacco in the house of God."  
Vick's Floral Guide for 1894 is by far the prettiest publication of the kind we have seen this year. It is perfectly gorgeous in its brilliant colorings and gift work, though so tastefully arranged as to make the catalogue delicate and attractive.  
A local paper in British Columbia traces 17 cases in which Siwash girls have been sold to white men at prices ranging from \$5 to \$150 each. The governor is now on the warpath against the miscreants who have been guilty of the outrage.  
The Oregon City woolen mills, the largest west of the Rocky mountains, costing upwards of \$250,000, is as still as a mouse. Not a spinning jenny or a loom is moving. It has stopped and like a corner at a general's tent, is waiting for orders.

KNOWN IN EUGENE.

The Countess de Henriot has at Last Been Heard From.  
Portland Sunday Welcome: Bonnie Riley, or as she now poses, the Countess de Henriot, has at last been located. She is living in Montreal, Canada, and cutting a wide swath. Bonnie's father died in this city last December and left an estate, her share of which would amount to several thousand dollars. When the will was opened and it was ascertained what disposition had been made of the property inquiries were begun to ascertain the whereabouts of Bonnie. But she could not be found. It was learned that she had left San Francisco a few weeks previous, traveling as the Countess de Henriot, but the lawyers in charge of the estate could get no trace of her.  
It was not until Tuesday that news of the missing heiress was received. Then a lady just from the East gave out the information that she had seen Bonnie in Montreal. She knew nothing then regarding her father's death, but apparently was not in want of funds.  
Letters have been written to her and it is probable that she will return here shortly to take charge of her share of the estate.  
MARRIED.—At the residence of M. Wilkins, near Coburg, by W. H. See, J. P., M. A. M. Griffin and Miss L. C. Elliot.  
MARRIED.—At Harrisburg, Oregon, Friday evening, Feb. 9, 1894, by Rev. Thomas, Mr. S. B. Couch and Mrs. Mary Riley.

Very few farmers in town to day.  
The Amity Poppun, populist, is dead.  
Populist primaries two weeks from today.  
V. B. Matthews, of Goshen, was in town today.  
City Marshal McClure, of Junction, is in Eugene.  
Dr. W. H. Rowland is now operating in Ashland.  
Prof. Holland, of Cottage Grove, visited Eugene today.  
The Reflector is again out. It is a creditable number.  
Hon. J. P. Schooling, of Harrisburg, spent last night in this city.  
Deputy Sheriff Geo. Croner went south on the local this afternoon.  
Postmaster Houston, of Junction City, was in Eugene over last night.  
The average daily school attendance in Albany is given at 417; in Eugene, 628.  
The funeral of the infant child of J. G. Kelly took place this morning at 10 o'clock.  
Miss Edith Tongue is a supernumerary teacher in the public schools at Hillsboro.  
About 25 young men will graduate from the law department of the State University this year.  
Snow has fallen nearly all day, and about two inches of the "beautiful" now lies on the ground.  
A syndicate of Michigan capitalists have concluded to erect a large saw mill near Florence.  
Louie West, of Kickapoo fame, is now located at Harrisburg, where he is studying medicine.  
A wedding occurred in Albany this week, wherein the groom was three times as old as the bride.  
Miss Agnes Greene, of Seattle, a graduate of the State University, is studying art in New York.  
T. R. Berry, formerly of this city, who has located a placer claim on Dendman creek, Douglas county.  
W. T. York, of the Medford Mail, well known in Eugene, is visiting at his old home in North Dakota.  
J. W. Christian is moving his stock of goods into Barker's store, who will dispose of them for the gentleman.  
Governor Penneyer will take the stump for the populist cause in the latter part of April or the first of May.  
Dallas Itemizer: Mrs. J. A. Chambers is down from Eugene cheering up Miss Mattie Martin who has been very sick.  
Another second hand store has been opened in the Hale block, Willamette street. This makes the fourth one in the city.  
Friday's Portland Telegram says: "The denunciations of the indictment in the O. H. B. Simmons case has been sustained."  
Harrisburg Courier: The snag boat has been working a couple of miles above the city the past few days, clearing a channel.  
Johnson and McFarland, blacksmiths, have formed a partnership and opened their new quarters, corner Olive and Eight streets.  
Mr. Mitchell, formerly of Ord, Nebraska, but now of Boise City, Idaho, is visiting several of his former townsmen in this city today.  
A debate will be held on the evening of February 24, at the Palestine church, 13 miles west of Eugene, the subject being that of free coinage of silver.  
It is a matter subject to ensure when police officers allow prisoners in the city jail to work outside without any guard, and young boys to associate with them, snow-balling, smoking cigarettes, etc.  
Walter McCormack, Rev. Knott, Mr. Dale and Mr. McNeer, all of Florence, arrived here yesterday afternoon. They all walked out from the Head of Tide, a distance of 62 miles.  
J. H. Eckley, editor of the Latirande Chronicle, spent last night in Eugene, going to Albany on the early train. Mr. Eckley thinks Eugene one of the finest looking cities in Oregon.  
Hon. R. M. Vetch, of Cottage Grove, the newly appointed register of the land office at Roseburg, Oregon, visited Eugene today. He was quite busy accepting the congratulations of his numerous friends.  
Capt. M. G. Butterfield, of Portland, has been elected permanent secretary of the trans-Mississippi congress that has just adjourned. The position is said to be worth \$5000 per year. Mr. Butterfield is well known here.  
University Reflector: Mr. Fred Dunn, of '92, is now secretary of the Oxford club at Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Oxford club is an organization of Harvard students, of Methodist affiliations, and is for social and religious purposes.  
Harrisburg Courier: Last Friday evening T. H. McGill was expelled from the people's party club in Portland. McGill has for the past two years or more been connected with the Farmers' Journal, now defunct, and two or three weeks ago started the Post.  
Register: "It is said that H. J. Day is looking for an appointment under Collector Blackman, at Portland, and in case he can get that he will not be a candidate for sheriff." We can inform the above paper that Mr. Day is not a candidate for an appointment under Collector Blackman, but that he will accept the nomination from the democrats for sheriff if it is tendered.  
Thursday's Corvallis News: A reception was tendered Mrs. Orce Humphrey, of Lane county, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Graham last evening, by her many friends in this city. Mrs. Humphrey is by no means forgotten in her old home, as evidenced by this pleasant gathering. A very delightful evening was spent by all, and the excellent lunch following the other features of the occasion was heartily enjoyed.  
Daily Guard, Feb. 17.  
EUGENE.—At 10 o'clock fruit farm, about three miles southwest of Eugene, last evening, at 10 o'clock, from dropsy, R. B. Johnson, aged 71 years. He leaves a wife and seven children. Mr. Johnson came here from Alexander county, North Carolina, in the year 1882. The interment will take place in the Mulkey cemetery tomorrow forenoon at 10:30 o'clock.

**A Rule Under Consideration.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Democratic leaders of the house have under consideration the following rule intended to discourage the practice among republicans of refraining from voting on important measures, and compelling the democrats to produce a quorum: "Whenever, upon a roll-call a quorum fails to appear, upon the demand of any member the clerk shall certify a list of members not voting on such roll-call to the sergeant-at-arms, who shall deduct from the monthly compensation of each member so failing to vote the amount of his compensation for one day; provided, this deduction shall not be made in case the member is absent by leave of the house." This rule simply carries out the provisions of the law, which says the salary of members absent, except on account of sickness, shall be deducted during the time of absence. Heretofore, however, the sergeant-at-arms had no way of officially ascertaining the absence of any member. It is thought the loss of pay for failure to vote will put a stop to the practice of refusing to respond when called to vote.  
**Troops Sent to Meet Them.**  
RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 15.—Minister of War Galvies has resigned on account of differences with Pelvoto on the treatment of political prisoners. Colonel Maedoe, commander of Fort Santa Cruz, has been arrested as a spy of Admiral Mello. The rebels have possession of the state of Parana. Sao Paulo, the capital of the state of that name, against which the rebels have been marching, is reported ready to join the insurgents, and the garrison there has been replaced by reliable troops, so the rebel advance was changed, and is now said to be marching directly on Rio Janeiro. The government has sent troops to meet them, and a battle is imminent. It is reported that the state of Alagoas has joined the rebels. Mello is said to have recovered, and is in active command, preparing to attack Santos.  
**A Boy Cruelly Tortured.**  
LEON, Mex., Feb. 15.—At the hacienda, at San Isidro, an old man named Ernesto Zavala, took two goats from a herd under the care of a little boy. Upon the boy threatening to tell, Zavala overpowered him, and after tying him down cut the boy's tongue out. The boy was subsequently found and taken to the office of the governor. There a scene was presented which made the bystanders turn away in horror. With blood flowing from his mouth, the boy, by inarticulate sounds and motions, tried to make himself understood, and succeeded sufficiently to satisfy the officials of Zavala's guilt. But for the care of Judge Frendano, Zavala would have been killed Wednesday night by the people.  
**Hess McKane Found Guilty.**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The jury in the case of John Y. McKane, the bravest political boss, charged with violation of the election laws, fraud in registration at the election and defying the court's order, intended to prevent frauds in the conduct of the polling, returned into court this morning with a verdict of guilty.  
The verdict may mean imprisonment for two or ten years at the discretion of the court. He is now in jail. Sentence will be pronounced Monday. The jury recommended him to the court's mercy. Of course the case will be carried to the higher courts. The indictment upon which the conviction was found charged a conspiracy to falsify the election returns.  
**Opposed to College Athletics.**  
BOSTON, Feb. 15.—President Elliot, of Harvard college, is about to throw a bomb among college athletes. In his forthcoming annual report he will advocate three wholesale restrictions: First, that all intercollegiate freshmen shall be abolished. Second, that all intercollegiate contests between universities every alternate year in each branch of college sports. Third, that no student shall be allowed to represent Harvard on a university team for more than one year. Much vigorous opposition to all this is looked for.  
**In the Senate.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—In the senate, McLaurin of Mississippi took the oath of office. Hoar presented the bill to prevent lottery practices through the national and foreign mail service.  
Harris of Tennessee presented a bill to prevent a conflict between state and federal courts in all cases affecting private rights. Consideration of the bill to compel the Rock Island road to stop the train at certain Oklahoma stations, was resumed. Platt of Connecticut took the floor again. At the conclusion of the debate, a motion was made to lay on the table; defeated, 31 to 25. Puffer moved as a rider an amendment providing for woman suffrage in Oklahoma; defeated, 15 to 42. The bill then passed, 28 to 27, the vice-president voting in the affirmative.  
**Suit Against an Indian Agent.**  
PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—A suit was brought today in the United States court by the United States against James C. Luckey and his bondsmen for the recovery of \$346.82 with interest and costs, it being alleged that this amount was collected by Luckey and not accounted for, while acting as agent for the Indians of the Warm Spring agency, in Oregon, to which position he was appointed by Harrison, May 20, 1880.  
**Succeeded the Third Time.**  
SARASOTA, Fla., Feb. 15.—Henry Rich, a well-to-do man died yesterday from the effects of self-inflicted injuries. He cut his throat with a razor on Monday, after a quarrel with his third wife. This was his third attempt at suicide. After his first wife's death he made an attempt to kill himself. Doctors saved his life, and he married a gay young woman who eloped. He then made another unsuccessful attempt to end his life. Then he secured a divorce and a third wife.  
**The Children Are in America.**  
PARIS, Feb. 15.—The fourth civil chamber has declared the French courts incompetent to try the suit of Princess Colonna against her husband for legal separation and the custody of her children. The chamber gave an order giving the children, provisionally, into the custody of their father.  
**The French Quarrel Confesses.**  
PARIS, Feb. 15.—Anarchist Henry has confessed he has been in communication with Paul Reville, the young devil-engineer friend of Vallian.

**Cars Blown Up With Dynamite.**  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 16.—The overland Southern Pacific train No. 23 was robbed at Roscoe station this morning about 1 o'clock. The train was heavily loaded with passengers and the Wells, Fargo express company's shipments were unusually heavy. At Roscoe, four miles north of Burbank, there is no station but a siding. As the train approached this switch, Engineer Thomas saw that the switch was misplaced and he vainly tried to stop the train, but he could not do it and the engine and two fruit cars were a total wreck. As soon as the wreck occurred three masked men sprang up from out of the bushes and commenced a fusillade and everyone knew that the mission of the desperadoes was robbery. A few seconds later a couple of dynamite bombs were placed under the express car. The passenger refused to open it and the whole side of the car was blown off. Brakeman Foster rose to the emergency. As soon as he heard shots he made a run for a neighboring ranch house where he saw a light. Here he got a team and drove back to Burbank four miles and gave the alarm. He cannot tell how much the robbers got but it is probable they cleaned out the express car, as they had their own way when they left. A posse has gone in pursuit.  
There were only two robbers. Both were masked. Besides Arthur Masters, the fireman, one unknown tramp was killed.  
**No Partisan Questions.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The trans-Mississippi congress resumed its session this morning, when Chairman McConnell, of Idaho, informed the meeting that the committee on resolutions was not yet ready to report. After some discussion it was resolved to have a prolonged session this evening to enable members of the Idaho delegation to render their views on the silver question. A committee of five was also formed to draft a resolution thanking the city of San Francisco, the state of California generally, and particularly the management of the midwinter fair, for their courtesy and hospitality to members of congress during their visit.  
Samuel M. McGrew, of Arkansas, who had just arrived, was appointed an additional member of the committee on resolutions, being the only representative from that state.  
The committee on resolutions then sent down the following approved resolution: "That the discussion of all or any partisan questions should not be allowed in this congress," and after considerable discussion this was ultimately agreed to.  
**Another Victory for Davis Hill.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Peckham's nomination was rejected, 31 to 41.  
**In the Senate.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—After some routine business the senate went into executive session on the Peckham nomination.  
The first half hour of executive session was devoted to consideration of unopposed nominations. Then Vilas resumed his speech begun Wednesday in favor of confirmation.  
Mitchell of Oregon followed Vilas in favor of confirmation. Mitchell spoke briefly. He was followed by White of California, who in turn gave way to George. George spoke for confirmation, White against.  
**Smallpox on the Baltimore.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Letters from the flagship Baltimore of the Asiatic squadron, now at Yokohama, state that the cruiser is quarantined on account of smallpox on board. Seven cases are under treatment since the middle of January. The disease is of a virulent type, but no deaths.  
**Heavy Squall at San Francisco.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—A heavy squall, accompanied by a downpour of rain, struck the city about 1 o'clock today. Five small fishing boats were seen to capsize in the neighborhood of the Golden Gate. The lifesaving crew has gone to the rescue. No further details are obtainable at present.  
**Joe Goddard Whipped.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Advices from Melbourne, Australia, say that on January 1 a vicious fight between Joe Goddard and Harry Laing took place in the Melbourne Athletic Club. Laing was declared the victor in the twelfth round. Goddard was not in good condition.  
**Refused the Petition.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Judge Bradley, of the district supreme court, had refused to grant the petition of C. L. Riker, of Chicago, for a mandamus to compel the secretary of the treasury to award him \$50,000,000 in bonds issued on his bid.  
**Will Fight a Tax on Sugar.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Members of the subcommittee on finance considering the tariff, were again notified by Senators White and Caffery, of Louisiana that if sugar is taxed they would aid in defeating the whole bill.  
**No Trace of Evans and Morell.**  
FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 15.—Deputies Timmins and Boyd have returned from hunting Evans and Morell. They have no trace of the bandits since the evening of the 7th inst.  
**A Vast Anarchist Conspiracy.**  
PARIS, Feb. 15.—It is now believed the bombthrowing at the Hotel Terminus, Monday, is a part of a vast anarchist conspiracy, and 23 are engaged in it.  
**AFTER WATER.**—Amended articles of incorporation of the Harrisburg Water Power Co. have been filed with the secretary of state. The incorporators are E. E. Upmeyer, J. G. Senders, W. S. Brown, E. F. Wyatt, John R. Cartwright, Dan McClain, and Sam May. The object of the incorporation is to bring water out of the McKenzie river to Harrisburg for power and irrigation purposes. The capital stock is to be \$16,000 and Harrisburg is the place for the principal office.  
Daily Guard, Feb. 17.  
**CASE DISMISSED.**—The criminal case against Rev. F. S. Beck, in Justice Kinsey's court, was dismissed this morning on motion of the prosecuting witness, at his cost.

Resolved that the writing of love letters is an evidence of insanity to be discussed in Portland.  
The next legislature should reject the mortgage tax law, and abolish the useless railroad commission.  
As the Southern Pacific's net earnings last year were \$17,000,000, at railroad has no kick coming if they want the world?  
The O. P. is economizing to such an extent that the mail clerk is being utilized as fireman, doing away with the regular fireman.  
If detected, the thug who so cowardly assaulted and robbed Louis Johnson, should be punished to the extreme penalty of the law.  
The K. of P. order is thirty years old today and has a membership of over 400,000. The Eugene lodge will celebrate the founding of the order in an appropriate manner this evening.  
Prof. Lombroso, the Italian scientist, concludes after investigation that women of the criminal and immoral type are invariably of larger hands and feet and smaller in head than average women.  
The two highest inhabited spots on earth are Arevichy and Incauta, mining camps in the Andes. The former has an elevation of 17,950 feet.  
"They call that man a statesman whose ear is tuned to catch the lightest pulsation of a pocketbook and denounce as a demagogue the man who dares to listen to the cart beat of humanity."—Bryan of Nebraska.  
The largest and best mahogany ever exported from Central America was sold at auction a short time ago at Liverpool bringing the sum of about \$1890, and was immediately resold by the purchaser at about \$2625. The log weighed trifle less than a ton.  
The new law governing the compensation of county officers will go into effect next July. While the pay for the new officers will not be remunerative as now, the new officers will know just how much they will get, and can cut their expenses accordingly.  
Roseburg Review: The farmer will be interested to know that finding twine and jute grain bags will be on the free list after the passage of the Wilson bill. That will reduce the price one-half probably, since nearly the entire supply, especially of bags, is imported.  
Catholic Sentinel: The Italians have formed a Garibaldi Club in the interest of the republican party, and without a word of abuse from the "Oregonian" about their being "ignorant riffraff" or "Europeanism." How can one help laughing every day if he reads the only morning paper in Portland?  
Salem Democrat: Postmaster Rand, of Oregon City, is evidently in to his job. He draws a salary as postmaster, and during the last session of the legislature he filled a clerkship and edited the Oregon City Enterprise. He was away from his business but three days, yet he drew pay for over thirty days at five dollars per day.  
Mrs. Lease, as a member of the state board of charities, is making it as hot as she can for Governor Jewelling. She has proof, she says, that the populist governor and his associates in office took bribes from the various railroads, and she adds: "They paid \$500 to obtain affidavits that Gen. James B. Weaver and I occupied the same room at many of the leading hotels during the campaign." The Kansas situation calls for a disinterested.  
Corvallis Times: The Portland Chamber of Commerce has resolved to the effect that the Wilson bill ought not to pass congress, and he manifesto will be sent post haste to the national capital. There was a hot fight over the resolutions, and Whitney L. Boise, under indictment for complicity in unlawful landing of Chinese, led the contingent in support of them. Until the young man clears his name, people who are respectable prefer that he would mind his own business and let congressmen attend to theirs. The manifesto should be labelled, "A Smuggler's rosette."  
John D. Rockefeller has obtained absolute control of the most important iron mines of the United States. By a deal that was closed on Friday, he absorbed all the Lake Superior iron mines and the big ones in Cuba. This places him in the same position towards the non-producing business that he has long held toward that of oil. There is not a single mine in the Lake Superior region or in Cuba that he does not control today. To do this it has only cost him between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000. He was able to accomplish this because of the recent financial crisis.

**THE GAME OF POKER.**  
**How the Great American Institution Was Managed in Shakespeare's Time.**  
The claim is made that poker, whether it be "straight" or "draw," is so far from a game of cards as commonly supposed, that this claim must be abandoned. This is the age of the ironclad. He is continually discovering that what we call the new is in reality the old, and it is really good near to be thought that, as the wise King Solomon hath it, "There is no new thing under the sun."  
By the old writers the game of "primero" is frequently made mention of, and Shakespeare had two allusions to it. In the fifth scene of the fourth act of "Merry Wives of Windsor" Sir John Falstaff exclaims, "I have never prospered since I foreswore myself at primero"—tied as to the value of his hand it is to be presumed. In "King Henry VIII," act 5, scene 1, this occurs:  
Lovell—Come you from the king, my lord Gardiner—I did, Sir Thomas, and left him at primero with the Duke of Suffolk.  
The Duke of Suffolk, it will be remembered, was the brother-in-law of the king, having married his sister Mary, "the French queen," as she was called, the widow of Louis XII of France.  
This game of primero was a favorite, though at the same time quite complicated, and went quickly out of fashion after the introduction of the game of ombre. It was played with six cards, although there were several forms of it, as there are of poker. One of the most curious accounts of primero is given in a work entitled "Mistaken Dialogues," published in London in 1569, the author of the book, John Minsheu, being contemporary with Shakespeare. Here is an extract from one of the dialogues:  
Q.—Now, to take away all occasion of strife, will give a means, and let it be primero.  
M.—You have said very well, for it is a means between extremes.  
L.—I take it that it is called primero because it hath the first place at the play at cards.  
R.—Let us go. What is the summe that we play?  
M.—Two shillings stake and six shillings rest.  
L.—Then shuffle the cards well.  
Q.—I lift to see who shall deal. It must be a coats card. I would not be a coat with never a blank in my purse.  
R.—I did lift an ace.  
L.—I a fower.  
M.—I a fower, whereby I am the eldest hand.  
Q.—Let the cards come to me, for I deal them. One, two, three, fower, one, two, three, fower.  
M.—Passo.  
R.—Passo.  
L.—Passo.  
Q.—I a fower, much.  
M.—I will none.  
R.—None.  
L.—I must of force use it. Deal the cards.  
M.—Give me fower cards. Let see as much as he sees.  
R.—See here my rest. Let every one be in.  
M.—I a fower, to pass again.  
R.—And I too.  
L.—I do the self same.  
Q.—I set my rest.  
M.—He see it.  
R.—I also.  
L.—I cannot give it over.  
M.—I was a small prime.  
L.—I am in too.  
M.—I would you were not.  
L.—Is this good neighborhood?  
M.—Charitie, well placed, doth first begin with one's wife.  
Q.—I made six and fiftie, with which I was his prime.  
M.—I a fower, whereby I draw.  
R.—I play no more at this play.  
But that the language is antiquated, we might almost regard this as the talk of the poker table of the present day, and how redolent of that game the whole dialogue is! We may assume that the six was 2 shillings and the limit of the bet 5 shillings—the "stake" being the ante and the "rest" the limit. O. deals the cards, and all pass except the dealer, who "sets," or bets, so much. L. sees the bet, and then they all come in and "the hands are helped." O. who has "opened the pot," again "sets," and they all see him. M. thinks to win on "a small prime"—a small pair perhaps, upon which he was bluffing, while M. had a "flush," and so raked the pile. It is an every day and every night occurrence; nothing but the old thing over again. Call it by whatever name we will, "primero" or "poker," be it ancient or modern, it is one and the same. Let us "put on sullen faces," for we can no longer regard the games strictly national.—Boston Herald.  
**At the "Donna."**  
Every day from 12 to 1 a truck loaded with hot food stands under London bridge. It is called the "donna," and from it is sold excellent portions of soup, pudding, etc., for a halfpenny to hundreds of poor and unemployed men. The cost price of each portion of food is a penny, and half the cost is therefore provided by contributions from the benevolent. Some of the scenes are described by a writer in Longman's Magazine:  
A poor fellow, after ravenously devouring a haporth of plum duff, edged up to a visitor and begged to be given a pint of soup at his expense.  
"Ah, sir," he said in reply to a hint that he had already had food, "it's all very well for them as has plenty to say as arf a loaf's better than no bread, but when a chap's downright 'ungry then old saws is like old crusts—they don't satisfy."  
A poor boy got so close to the soup can that a basin was half emptied down his jacket, which was open, showing his bare chest. He wrestled for a moment with the sharp pain, then turned sharply to reply to the question, "Was he much hurt?"  
"Not very much, but I do wish it had been my mouth open instead of my jacket. It ain't done me much good applied on the outside."  
**Hobson's Choice.**  
A physician of Ocoota, Wash., while botanizing in the woods near that place recently, stumbled across a big black bear, which got annoyed at his presence and chased him. The railroad was a few yards away, and the doctor took the track and sprinted along it, a few yards ahead of the beast, until a long trestle was reached, when the bear halted and squatted down to watch the doctor hop along the ties. When he was a third of the way across, a freight train appeared at the other end. Out on a high trestle, with a bear waiting for him at one end and a freight train coming for him from the other, the doctor felt that the situation was embarrassing. He dropped to a supine beam, hung from the end of it while the train passed overhead, and then continued his way home by another route.—Brooklyn Citizen.  
**Waste Incalculable.**  
An Old Laxative pointing out to one of his younger brethren the increase in the act of adulterating and falsifying to "Waste," the time is not to be made!  
"What makes you think so?"  
"Faith, a barrister who talks to himself is like a rusty cog devouring his own stock in trade."—G. de la Tribunaaux.