Detroit Currency.

MICHIGAN cranberries will either cure the dyspepsia or kill the patient.

"As we go to press the result is still in doubt," is a leading editorial in all the weeklies.

IN case of a brush between Russia and Turkey the Czar will have the Pole at the send-off.

THEY don't have so very many hurricanes in India, but when the wind blows it means business.

INFORMATION wanted of the whereabouts of that "occasional but well informed correspondent."

A DETROIT man refused to look at a patent balloon yesterday on the ground that fly-time was over for this season.

MR. BIGGE and Miss Small were married at Keokuk the other day. A medium sized notice is all they can ask for.

WHAT is the use of the arithmetic saying that "four farthings make a penny," when no one in this country ever sets eyes on a farthing?

IT is the candid opinion of the Rochester *Chronicle* that some of the New York dramatic critics would do well with saw and buck.

A CHICAGO paper says that the Americans are losing the art of conversation. Good lands! but just come up here and ride in a Detroit street car.

SHOWERS of flesh are getting to be so common that scientific men no longer wrangle over them. A fall of pigs' feet would hardly breed a discussion.

THERE are seventy-three different varieties of flies in use, and when a man enters a newspaper office and asks to see "the files," he should specify the particular kind.

ALL hair-pins look alike to men, but let a wife go off on a visit and come home and find a hair-pin near the gate and she can't wait a minute to grow red in the face.

THE average pedestrian does not begin to realize how many trap-doors are left open in the sidewalks until he finds himself mixed up with somebody's winter supply of coal.

A MICHIGAN boy filled the camphor bottle with kerosene oil, and when his mother had the toothache she "*Resolved*, That a druggist who will cheat that way ought to be hung."

"DID you do nothing to resuscitate the body?" was recently asked of a Boston witness at a coroner's inquest. "Yes, sir; we searched the pockets," was the reply. —*Cincinnati Commercial.*

THE new Sultan of Turkey is a progressive chap and has set to work to make reforms. If he could only hear the Common Council of Detroit through two sessions he would be all right.

THE St. Louis *Republican* has seen an old bachelor stand before a show window filled with corsets, but it cannot reproduce his sighs nor imagine how he felt way down in his heart of hearts.

THE late Prof. Snell, of Amherst College, kept a weather record for more than thirty years, taking observations three times a day. The only benefit gained was in knowing when to set our cabbage plants.

AN English paper believes that the time will come when mules will bray as sweetly as the nightingale sings. Nothing is impossible with nature. We may even see the time when an Englishman will drop his h's.

EVERY American soldier who has passed a winter in Alaska has frozen his nose, and about the time a spring break-up occurs the exclamation points rattled against Seward's monument are numbered by millions.

A NEW ORLEANS editor recently visited Boston, and evidently went around upon a tour of investigation. He says: There are eighty-three uncles in Boston with whom young men can leave their jewelry.—*Traveler.*

THE clear, crisp, star-lit winter nights are near at hand, when the love-smitten country swain hitches his horses to the sleigh and drives seventeen miles to get his nose frozen, and discovers that his girl has gone off to a party with some other fellow.—*Brooklyn Argus.*

AN ANECDOTE OF TCHERNAYEFF.—An anecdote is told of Tchernayeff which throws a curious light upon Servian ideas of patriotism and the worth of so-called "national" asperations. A soldier was brought before him charged with having cut off two of his own fingers in order to render himself unfit for service. The soldier denied that he had himself performed the act of self-mutilation, but subsequently admitted that a comrade had served him only too faithfully in the matter. "And were you not ashamed," asked the General, "to abandon the field when the Turks are on the soil of our fatherland?" "Excellency," replied the soldier, "I am quite willing to fight the Turks, but I want to see my home again." "Indeed," replied the Commander-in-Chief, "well, you shall have a long leave of absence. Say your prayers. You will be shot this moment."

The platoon was drawn out, and the man, who was really no coward, made the sign of the cross, and was stepping in front of his executioners without a word, when he suddenly stopped, as if he had forgotten something, then walked up to the General, and, placing in his hands a few pieces of money, said: "To be given to my wife after ——." "Go and be ——; take them to her yourself," blurted out Tchernayeff, whose eyes are said to have filled with tears. The man was of course pardoned. He seems to have been a veritable type of his countrymen, who love their hearths and home, and will die in their defense, but cannot understand the beauty of abandoning them that Prince Milan may be enabled to play at royalty, or even that Russian may be substituted for Turkish ascendancy.

MARVELS OF SKILL.—Some marvels of human ingenuity may be seen at the London Scientific Exhibition. Thus, a machine loaned by Sir Wm. Armstrong, the great gunmaker, measures thickness up to the one thousandth part of an inch; another, on the same principle, to the one-millionth part. The delicate balance of Mr. Oerting carries 3,000 grains and turns distinctly with the one-thousandth part of a single grain. Among the historical implements is the chronometer, sent by the Royal United Service Institution, which was twice carried out by Capt. Cooke and again by Capt. Osligh in 1787. When the crew of the *Bounty* mutinied, this veteran timekeeper was carried to Pitcairn's Island by the mutineers and sold by Adams in 1808 to an American captain who touched there, He sold it in Chili, and in 1840 it was bought at Valparaiso by Sir Thomas Herbert, taken to China by him and finally brought back to England in the *Blenheim.*

Charlotte Bronte.

The "storm and stress" period of Charlotte Bronte's life was not what the world believes it to have been. Like the rest of our race, she had to fight her own battle in the wilderness, not with one devil, but with many; and it was this sharp contest with the temptations which crowd the threshold of an opening life which made her what she was. The world believes that it was under the parsonage roof that the author of "Jane Eyre" gathered up the precious experiences which were afterward turned to such good account. Mrs. Gaskell, who was carried away by her honest womanly horror of hardened vice, gives us to understand that the tragic turning-point in the history of the sisters was connected with the disgrace and ruin of her brother. We are even asked to believe that but for the folly of a single woman, whom it is probable that Charlotte never saw, "Currer Bell" would never have taken up her pen, and no halo of glory would have settled on the scarred and rugged brows of prosaic Haworth.

It is not so. There may be disappointment among those who have been nurtured on the traditions of the Bronte romance when they find that the reality is different from what they supposed it to be; some shallow judges may even assume that Charlotte herself loses in moral stature when it was shown that it was not her horror at her brother's fall which drove her to find relief in literary speech. But the truth must be told; and for my part I see nothing in that truth which affects, even in an infinitesimal degree, the fame and honor of the woman of whom I write.

It was Charlotte's visit to Brussels then, first as pupil and afterward as teacher in the school of Madame Heger, which was the turning-point in her life, which changed its currents and gave to it a new purpose and a new meaning. Up to the moment of that visit she had been the simple, kindly, truthful Yorkshire girl, endowed with strange faculties, carried away at times by burning impulses, moved often by emotions the nature of which she could not fathom, but always hemmed in by her narrow experiences, her limited knowledge of life and the world. Until she went to Belgium her sorest troubles had been associated with her dislike to the society of strangers, her heaviest burden has been the necessity under which she lay of tasting that "cup of life as it is mixed for governesses" which she detested so heartily. Under the belief that they could qualify themselves to keep a school of their own if they had once mastered the delicacies of the French and German languages, she and Emily set off for this sojourn in Brussels.

One may be forgiven for speculating as to her future lot had she accepted the offer of marriage she received in her early governess days, and settled down as the faithful wife of a sober English gentleman. In that case "Shirley," perhaps, might have been written, but "Jane Eyre" and "Villette" never. She learned much during her two years' sojourn in the Belgian capital; but the greatest of all the lessons she mastered while there was that self-knowledge, the taste of which is so bitter to the mouth, though so wholesome to the life. For a brief period she had the company of Emily; and the two sisters, working together with the unremitting zeal of those who have learned that time is money, were happy and hopeful, enjoying the novel sights of the gay foreign capital, gathering fresh experiences every day, and looking forward to the moment when they would return to familiar Haworth, and realize the dream of their lives by opening a school of their own within the walls of the parsonage. But then Emily left, and Charlotte, after a brief holiday at home, returned alone. Years after, writing to her friend, she speaks of her return in these words:—"I returned to Brussels after aunt's death, against my conscience, prompted by what then seemed an irresistible impulse. I was punished for my selfish folly by a total withdrawal for more than two years of happiness and peace of mind." Why did she thus go back "against her conscience?" Her friends declared that her future husband dwelt somewhere within sound of the chimes of St. Gudule, and that she insisted upon returning to Brussels because she was about to be married there. We know now how different was the reality. The husband who awaited her was even then about to begin his long apprenticeship of love at Haworth. Yet none the less had her spirit, if not heart, been captured and held captive in the Belgian city. It is not in her letters that we find the truth regarding her life at this time. The truth, indeed, is there, but not all the truth. "In catalepsy and dread trance," says Lucy Snowe, "I studiously held the quick of my nature. * * * It is on the surface only the common gaze will fall." The secrets of her inner life could not be trusted to paper, even though the lines were intended for no eyes but those of her friend and *confidante*. There are some things, as we know well, the heart hides as by instinct, and which even frank and open natures only reveal under compulsion. One of the hardest features of the last year she spent at Brussels was the necessity she was under of locking all the deepest emotions of her life within her own breast, of preserving the calm and even cool exterior, which should tell nothing to the common gaze, above the troubled, fevered heart that beat within.—*Home Journal.*

THE ORIOLE.—Speaking of the oriole, its habit, and tractableness, the Ogdensburg *Journal* says, "An old bird which should happen to be trapped would probably quit singing on being deprived of liberty, but one caught young and fed from the human hand will make a most delightful and tractable pet, and happiest when closely surrounded by people, will sing marvelously sweet notes and trills. We know one of this sort, that when liberated from its cage will go to the hand of its owner, assist in threading a needle or ripping a seam, nestle on her shoulder, stand on her hand, and bathe in a bowl of water, and when it has had its liberty of the premises to its heart's content it will go back into its cage and sing its merry tune. It will eat fruit, cake, bread and milk, potatoes and sugar, lean meat, nuts, eggs, and is especially fond of house flies and small worms and insects, and will catch anything tossed to it just as a smart dog will a cracker. Talk about that bird being mournful!"

ACROBATIC EXERCISES.—All excessive muscular exercises are unhealthful. It is a statistical fact that circus performers and athletes become injured and diseased early in life. "Acrobats" are even more subject to injury because of their efforts at distortion and abnormality. They who live most healthfully and long are moderate in the matter of exercising the body.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—Hanging on her lips.

In the Turkish Camp.

A correspondent of the London *Daily Telegraph* writes as follows from the headquarters of the Turkish army at Nissa:

I then proceeded to look at Hussien Pasha's men in the valley. A curiously composed force was that. To say that there was no bona-fide Turks in it would perhaps be an exaggeration, for I think there were 150 Turkish Cossacks and half a battalion of regular Osmanli infantry there. But the foot regiments, of which there were two, close to the Morava stream, and within easy gunshot of Alexinatz, were certainly not Moslem. In uniform they were like their comrades of the line; in drill and set-up they were, I fancied, a little superior to some battalions I had seen. They were, if anything, a little finer in point of stature, handsome, soldierly men; and it was only when I came near their commander's tent, and saw unfolded the bright red banner of which I told you once, bearing alike the crescent and the cross, that I learned I was amongst Greek Christians of Constantinople, who had enlisted to save the Porte from the designs of Moscow. I have read somewhere that not 500 were ever enlisted. Here were 2,500 as handsome volunteers as I ever saw in my life. "They fight well, too," said a Turkish colonel. "I never saw the Serbs run so fast before as when these Giaours came down that hill over there after them," he added. "You see that one," he continued, beckoning a fine light-haired, sharp-featured corporal to him; "he's a Jew. Yesterday we were going over the hills, and we came across a party of Serbs. That fellow ran in and caught two of them, brought them in as prisoners, and is to be decorated for it. He's done equally good things before." Saying which he patted the young Hebrew on the back, while the soldier modestly smiled, made a salute and then went away. "This is a good man, too," added the officer, calling up another soldier. "He's a Pole, I believe; at any rate he fights like a lion." To my surprise the volunteer had no sooner saluted than he said: "I beg your pardon, sir, but I have been in the English service. I served in Abyssinia. My time being out I came here; but the difference is that whereas the English gave us plenty to eat and drink and regular pay, we here get scarcely enough to live upon and no money. However, we want to teach these restless Serbs a lesson; so we don't mind much." And off he went to munch his hard biscuit and drink the particularly muddy water of the river. But these were only part of Hussein Pasha's happy family. The rest were the Circassians.

A FETE NIGHT IN CAMP.

This was the first time I had seen these Asiatic warriors in encampment, and on this occasion, curiously enough, it was a kind of fete night. The Circassians had driven in scores of Serbian oxen and sheep, had brought hundreds of fowls and pullets, and both they and the Christians were to have a great feast. So at their invitation I was seated by a great brushwood fire, while a warrior whose broad chest and powerful lungs had well fitted him for the duty, chanted out a ditty, in which all around joined. It was a melancholy chant, always in a minor key, never once resolving itself into a joyful note, but ever redolent, like the Scot's call to battle, of "chains and slavery." And for this there was reason enough and to spare. Of the strong men who stood and sat near that bright, roaring fire, most were past the middle age. Their faces were deeply seared with hardship and care; their lives had been that of an Ishmaelite since their earliest days. And there was scarcely one among them who could not tell some dark tale of Russian oppression. The singer himself had spent year after year in a Muscovite dungeon; his brother, whose life he had saved this very morning with peculiar daring, had been whipped and imprisoned, too, by those same Muscovs—all had lost their property, their horses, their everything, in those dark days when the great Czar would have them begone, and wished to exterminate them.

WHAT THEY HAD TO EAT.

I was clearly in luck's way, for from their abundant haversacks came fowls and eggs in plenty. There was one among them, too, who had some rice, and these, with some coffee I had brought, made a feast, to which were presently added two melons, some roasted ears of maize and some plums. It was clear we were to make a night of it, and I almost forgot my fever in the excitement of the scene. Some of the party made a huge stew in a copper bowl, which ere while had figured on Serbian boards. Others picked fowls, and, running sticks through them after the manner of spits, roasted them in the blaze. Indian corn was placed upon the embers, and eggs simmered in tiny pots, while those who could sing told of the incidents of the day in verse more noisy than tuneful. At last the meal prepared was eaten; then all sat around the fire and smoked; the modesty with which these uninstructed savages helped themselves from my tobacco box astonishing me beyond measure. Tales were told of personal adventure, the prospects of the war debated upon in rude fashion, and so the evening wore on. A fact for teetotallers—not one of these men drank anything stronger than coffee, and in this they followed the custom of all the Circassians in camp, who, while undergoing more fatigue and privation than any other class of men in the army, and always evincing the greatest daring, are total abstainers from their youth upward, even from the thin wine with which the country abounds. The Turks, since the Crimean War, have unhappily contracted a taste for raki, a heady, disagreeable spirit, made, I believe, from some parts of grapes; but into this vice the Circassians have never fallen, and their marvelous physique and endurance is a proof of what temperance can effect.

THE German papers tell a story of the Crown Prince, which is calculated to convey the impression that the young man is not only interested in but lenient to his servants. One of the latter, it seems, was very timid and blushed whenever he was spoken to. The Prince, wishing to put the bashful one at his ease, instructed one of his chamberlains to tutor him a little, and advise him that such excessive bashfulness was not agreeable to his master. The chamberlain did his duty, and when the Prince got home that evening he was surprised to find the bashful servant waiting for him with a broad and genial smile on his countenance. "Who is here?" asked the Prince. "Only the old man!" smilingly replied the valet, meaning the Emperor. "Great Moltke! he is drunk!" said the Crown Prince, starting back in astonishment. "Lord! No! He isn't more'n half tight," replied the servant, pleasantly.

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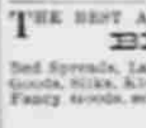

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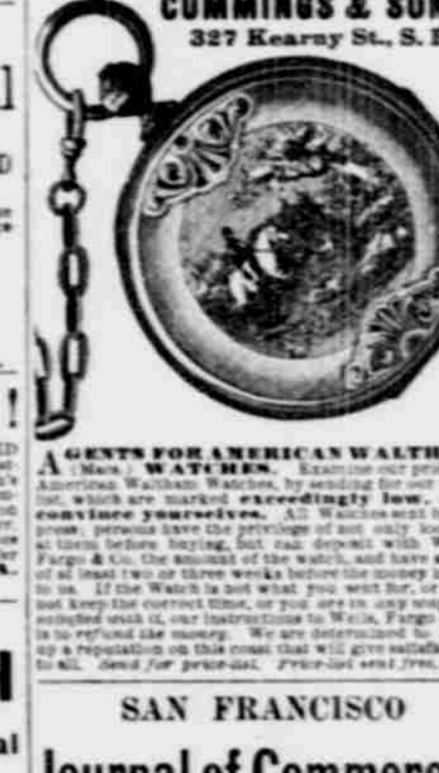

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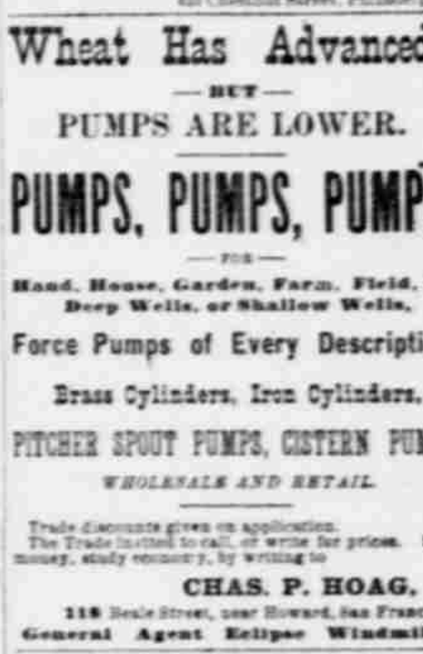

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