

The Style in Massachusetts and that in Missouri.

Two "sports" were discussing upon New Year's sports and New Year's customs at home in the older States.

Said one of the men: "Now in Missouri you can travel through the country, from one end of the State to the other, and not be charged a cent for a night's lodging."

Said the other: "Yes, that is so. You ride up to a farm house in Massachusetts, the proprietor comes to the door, and you ask if you can stop over night with him."

"Now I have traveled all through Missouri, and I'll tell you how it is. Seven stamp-tailed yellow deers jump off the butt of a haystack and come yelping about you."

"For supper you have bacon, corn dodger and black coffee. You sleep in a room where the 'boys and girls' are strewed all around you on the floor or in trundle-beds."

"You ask him what it is to par, and drawing himself up proudly, he says, 'Nothing, sir; I don't keep a hotel, but if you've a mind to give the children something, it's all right.'"

"Now there you are; you're a son of a gun if you give these young ones less than two bits apiece, and I'm a son of a gun if there is ever less than thirteen of them."

"The Unprotected Female."

Under the above title Mr. Nast has drawn, in the current Harper's Weekly, a capital illustration of the present deplorable condition of our naval defenses and other means of warfare.

Society in Washington.

Mary Clemens says that in no other American city is visiting carried on to such an extent as in Washington.

Sidney Smith used to say that the common practice of the clergy in his day was to draw sin out of men as Eve was drawn from Adam's side, by casting them into a deep sleep.

The Romance of Home.

We would not imply that education is to blame for the threatened fading away of the romance of home to our woman-kind, says a writer in the London Queen,

But that the role of education in women's lives is often misunderstood. The home woman, not only of the married, but also of the unmarried. It is the fashion to lament the number of the latter and puzzle over their position as over a serious social problem.

Her duties and her enthusiasms must go hand in hand; not duty here and enthusiasm there. The vulgar duties of life may be poised by the spirit in which they are interpreted.

Brave Women.

The extraordinary courage of the Albanian women has been displayed over and over again in the history of the country.

Gov. Garelon's Love Marriage.

His first wife was Miss Waldron, and by her he had five children, four of whom are now alive.

Eligible bachelors should be very circumspect now. Young ladies have a way of jumping at conclusions during leap year.

Bessemer Steel.

In the afternoon a special train, provided free of cost by the directors of the London and North-western Railway Company, conveyed a large party of the members of the Iron and Steel Institute,

After the members of the Institute had been entertained to a very excellent luncheon by the railway company, they were shown the Bessemer steel converting vessels, where four five-ton converting vessels were seen in operation.

Becherer Again.

In Williamsburg, New York, on the evening of February 11th, there was a meeting for the relief of the starving Irish.

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Having thus knocked \$9,500 off of his wedding fee account, Dr. Hall proceeds to denounce the whole wedding fee business. He asks: "Would it not be a good thing to cut off all the small favors given to ministers—such as half fare passes on railroads, wedding fees, and even 'donation parties,' and let ministers be put, like other men, on living salaries?"

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When Mrs. Hayes came in, bright, attractive, and not unaccustomed to society, there was naturally the old acclaim with rebeldious violence. Now, in almost the last year of the administration, it is therefore worth saying as a matter of sober chronicle that no woman since Harriet Lane approaches the success of Mrs. Hayes as the lady of the White House.

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