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Stocking Song.

Welcome, Christmas, heel and toe! Here we wait in a row, Come, good Santa Claus, we beg-- Fill us lightly, foot and leg!

Among the Brigands.

The history of brigandage in the south of the Italian peninsula and in the lovely island of Sicily is full of thrilling episodes, one of which is still fresh in the minds of the English and Italian public.

The robber proved to have a heart beneath all his wickedness and was unable to resist his prayers. Then came the other more ferocious still, and determined to kill him before they were taken prisoners or killed themselves.

The Honey Bee.

The honey bee is an inflammable being, sudden in his impressions and hasty in his conclusions, or end. His natural disposition is a warm cross between red-pepper in the pod and fusil oil, and his moral bias is "git out o' my way."

Dining Comfortably.

Most people are aware, even without any scientific knowledge, that the mind has a most direct influence on the stomach, that the stomach reacts upon the mind, and that the two, linked mysteriously together, act and react upon each other with unflinching certainty.

London.

All roads lead to London, as once all roads led to Rome. Here all the world's balances are struck at last, and here the vibrations of human life and progress from five continents quiver and tremble.

Antonelli's Estate.

The Liberta, published at Rome, contains the following mysterious statement: "The succession of the property of Cardinal Antonelli will give rise, it is said, to a trail which will excite the interest and curiosity of the public in the highest degree."

Nye on Webster.

Some years before Daniel Webster's death, a dinner was given to him in Boston at the Rovers House, I think, and Nye—who, though then a young man, had already gained considerable reputation as a speaker—was invited, and selected to reply to a toast following Edward Everett. Webster was then the height of his fame, as Everett was, and idolized by the Hub, which was proud to name him the god like Daniel.

The only real remedy is for the loyal people to report faithfully to the proper authorities information they may have upon the subject, and the authorities will then adopt means to punish the outlaws. But this is the great difficulty. The people are intimidated; public confidence is lost, and no man knows when to trust his neighbor.

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There is one thing that a bee does, which will give him credit for on his books—the always attends to his own business, and would allow any body else to attend to it, and what he does he does well, you never see a bee in a hurry.

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The vicinity of Wall Street was greatly excited, Jan. 17th, by the report that the Union Trust Company had been defrauded out of \$64,000 by a skillful forger.

It was discovered to be a forgery. Mr. Morris Franklin, President of the New York Life Insurance Company, makes the following statement of the facts: "Since the check for \$64,000 was pronounced a clever forgery, the officers of the Union Trust Company were notified of the forgery immediately, and the cashier stated that it was presented to him on the 31st of the month, and he, supposing it to be perfectly regular, certified it."

It was a great and overmastering genius. This was a true and hyperbolic eulogy; but Boston did not believe Webster could be overpraised, and as Nye delivered the words, they sounded magnificently, and awoke high enthusiasm, amid the expressions of which he sat down, glowing and triumphant.

Another case, marked with even greater atrocity, took place about the same time. Dr. Signorelli, an Italian, was liberated the other day after a fierce combat with the brigandieri, the brigands who had captured him forty days before. He was captured on a stormy night and taken to the house of a person in Roccamena, in Sicily, who had no apparent connection with the brigands, but was secretly their ally.

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