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AN agricultural exchange says a profit of over \$100 per acre may be realized from cucumbers. Two-thirds of this profit, we suppose, is realized by the doctors who prescribe for the achers.

MEN live and move in the presence of some very curious things without giving a thought to their peculiar character unless their attention is particularly called to it. One of these things is the lawyer's fee. It is one of the few real talismans that have descended to this matter-of-fact age from the era of the mysterious. It is perhaps the only power which will invest a reputable member of society with the privilege of sinning with impunity.

AND so the reapportionment bill in the legislature has got into "politics," which, in this case, means partisan littleness. It is a pity that justice cannot be done this and other sections of the state in the matter of fair representation without a squabble about the effect of the new apportionment would have on the political complexion of future legislatures. The appearances are now that no reapportionment will be made. "Blessed is he that expecteth nothing: for, verily, he shall not be disappointed."

Nobody believes that there is much business ability in Congress, but how little there is would never be imagined were it not for the failure of every attempt to secure a national bankruptcy bill. Such bill is opposed by two classes—dishonest debtors and debtors' lawyers. The latter can make more money by keeping settlements in suspense and abeyance, and the debtors themselves do not relish the prospects of a law which would give their most distant creditor as fair a chance as those at home, with whom a dishonest debtor may easily have an understanding. To oblige these two classes the prevailing uncertainty as to business settlements and credits must probably continue another year.

There is a phase of "woman's rights" which seems to escape the consideration it deserves, says the *Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph*, and that is the right of a young woman to remain single if she desires to do so. The men do not challenge this right. It is her own sex which, urged by a variety of very subtle reasons, conspires to put a sort of stigma on women who have no inclination to matrimony, and by the opprobrious epithet of "old maid" force discerning and fastidious women into unsuitable and unhappy marriages. A man is not abused for not taking a partner in business, nor does he suffer reproach because he fails to marry. A woman ought not by social pressure be urged into marriage when she has no desire that way, or has at least found no man to whom her judgment and affections alike incline.

AN English scientific journal enumerates the following as among the inventions which are specially needed at the present time: Macaroni machinery, good red lead pencil, type writers that will work on account books and record books, indelible stamp canceling ink, a practical car starter, a good railway ventilator, better horseshoes, locomotive headlights, an instrument for measuring the velocity of wind currents, apparatus for measuring the depth of the sea without sounding by line, piano lid hinges which shall be flush on the outside, good fluid India ink for draughtsmen, a good metallic railway tie, an effective cutoff for locomotives, a method of alloying copper and iron, a molding material for iron and brass castings capable of giving a mold that can be used over and over again, a device for telegraphing and tele-

phoning without the use of local batteries, and a washing machine that will imitate hand washing more closely than anything now known. A patent cold steel finger nail to button shirtcuffs washed by a Chinaman, is also badly needed.

Ben Perley Poore's Forthcoming Book.

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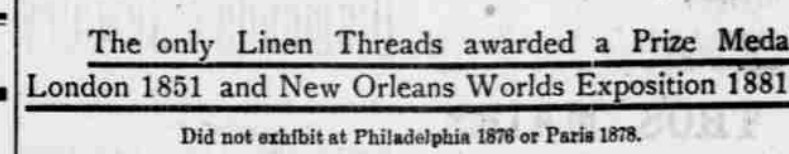


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