SPECIAL--For a few days only--2 lots 1 blk. from brewery $112.50 each. DON'T FORGET--Prices on Meriwether Down lots advance March 1st. Present price $40--$5 cash and $5 per month.

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SOMETHING NEW.

Children and Youths' Steel-Shod Shoes. All Sizes and Styles

We also carry a fine line of ladies' and men's shoes, from the best to the lowest reliable goods. All goods warranted just as represented.

JOHN HAHN & CO.,
479 Commercial street.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local weather for twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m. yesterday, furnished by the United States Department of Agriculture, weather bureau.

Maximum temperature, 62 degrees.
Minimum temperature, 44 degrees.
Precipitation, none.
Total precipitation from September 1st 1895, to date, 47.83 inches.
Excess of precipitation from September 1st, 1895, to date, .68 inches.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Job printing of all kinds at the Astorian job office.

Use Marshall's: You take chances on the others.

C. G. Palmberg, architect, Room Number 8, Kinney's building.

Dr. G. F. Ball, Dentist, with lady assistant, office 224 14th street.

Ito blend tea is the best. Ask your grocer for it, and take no other.

For the best of commercial job printing call at the Astorian job office.

Meany is the leading tailor, and pays the highest cash price for fur skins.

Marshall's salmon twine is without a competitor. Strongest, handsomest, best.

Just received, at the Scow Bay Wood Yard, 115 cords of oak wood. The finest wood ever brought to Astoria.

Dumbarton's Irish flax salmon twine, superior to any in the market. Fisher Brothers, agents for the Columbia river.

Parties desiring the best of job printing at the lowest prices should call at the Astorian job office before going elsewhere.

Go to 185 9th street to have your umbrellas repaired or recovered. A fine line of cover goods to select from at reasonable prices.

Don't use a plaster, but take Rogers' Kidney Cure for lame back and kidney complaints. It will probably give you permanent relief. Chas. Rogers.

Business men, if you want to fix up your office for the coming year, with the best of letter heads, bill heads, statements, etc., call at the Astorian job office where you will find the best of stock and material.

The Oregon Trading Co., 620 Commercial street, is the place to buy your dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, men's and ladies' furnishing goods. Should you want an auctioneer, S. Friedman makes his office at the Oregon Trading Co

Go to Elmore, Sanborn's office and see their new and handsome twine testing machine. Take along some of the twines "as good as Marshall's," in your packet, and test them. Then see how much more Marshall's will stand. It's money in your pocket and fish in your net to find out.

Marshall's twine—used by 75 per cent of the fishermen on the Columbia river.

A prominent steamboat man says: "My family have used nearly every brand of Beef, Iron and Wine made, and are satisfied that the preparation made by the Estes-Crain Drug Co. is the most palatabel and nutritious of any they have ever used." If you are run down and need a tonic, you should use it.

Most so-called "salmon twines" are colored with acids. The acids rot the fibre and render the material useless. In the office of Elmore, Sanborn & Co. is an object lesson that ought to be examined by all fishermen. It is the whole of the material used in the manufacture of Marshall's twine—from start to finish. Go there and examine the color right through. You will see then why Marshall's is called the best in the world.

For 25 cnts you can secure an excellent well served meal at the Bon Ton Restaurant, No. 571 Commercial street. They are also fully prepared to serve all kinds of fish, game and all delicacies of the season as well as oysters in evry imaginable style at the lowest living prices. Come once and you will continue to come.

Charles Wirkkula's saloon, on Astor and 7th streets, which has long been one of the most popular and best patronized drinking places in the city has been moved from its present location to the lot immediately east of the Casino theatre. Many improvements will be added as Mr. Wirkkala intends keeping up the reputation his saloon has had since he assumed charge years ago. Only the best wines, liquors and cigars sold at the bar, a musical concert by the best talent in the city, under the leadership of Professor Schwabe, the well known pianist, given nightly. Call around and bring your friends with you.

Soothing, healing, cleansing, De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is the enemy to sores, wounds and piles, which it never fails to cure. Stops itching and burning. Cures chapped lips and cold sores in two or three hours. Chas. Rogers.

FROM NOW UNTIL SPRING

Overcoats and winter wraps will be in fashion. They can be discarded, temporarily while traveling in the steam heated trains of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway. For solid comfort, for speed and for seafety, no other line can compare with this great railway of the West.

AN ENIGMATICAL BILL OF FARE,

For a dinner, served on the Dining cars of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, will be sent to any address on receipt of a two cent postage stamp. Apply to Geo. H. Heafford, General Passenger Agent, Old Colony Building, Chicago, Illinois.

ROYAL Baking Powder has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.

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★ Best Brands of ★

WINES, LIQUORS and CIGARS

"BEST ON THE COAST."
The Famous Gambrinus Beer
Always on Tap. . . .

473 Commercial St., - - Astoria, Ore.

AROUND TOWN.

Silver rentals are the latest musical fad.

C. T. Howe, of New York, was in town yesterday.

Born, to the wife of C. S. Wright, yesterday morning, a boy.

Tamarine is the name of one of the smartest spring dress fabrics.

Mr. C. S. White, and wife, of St. Paul, Minn., are visiting in the city.

As Lent approaches the thought is, "What can I give up that will not be missed."

Miss Maudie Stone, who has been very low with German measles, is reported to be slowly improving.

Walking on dry planks again has not become so much of a regular thing that the novelty has worn off.

Work of repairing the crossing at the intersection of Thirty-first street and Franklin avenue has begun.

Miss Laura Fox, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks is again able to resume her studies at school.

Almost the entire population was out yesterday on the docks, sunning themselves in the welcome spring air.

Mrs. Mary Elec, mother of Mrs. J. J. Walter, left Astoria Monday night on her return home to Decatur, Mich.

Chas. Finch and his bike got mixed up yesterday and Chas. came out of the scrape little the worse for wear, but still game.

C. Detrick, Jr., L. Hanselman, M. Meyer, F. Silverstone, and E. S. Isaacan and wife, all of San Francisco, were in Astoria yesterday.

O. Nelson, of Oneida, Fred Olsen, of Olney, and Wm. Anderson, the Deep River merchant, were among yesterday's visitors from the country.

By putting castor oil in molasses cooking is the way fond mothers induce their coniding offspring to take "something that is good for them."

A. R. Ockerman, managing editor of the Pacific Coast Elk, of Portland, and secretary of Portland Lodge, No. 142, called on the fraternity yesterday.

Crocuses and other spring flowers have made their appearance on the lawn, and there can be little doubt that the grand chance of nature has commenced.

Manager Western Union Johnson, yesterday, by his own efforts, completed the manufacture of one of the new style receiving desks. Of course he is proud of the result of his labors.

Parisian ladies are now wearing the hair prettily waved and coiled up in the middle of the back of the head and ornamented with a satin bow. In front a few loose curls fall over the forehead.

Engineer Jamieson reports that the last few days of good weather have enabled the workmen at the bridge to make fine progress. If there could another week or two of the same kind of weather the pile-driving might be finished.

In yesterday's issue appeared a local, the import of which was that Samuel Matthews had died in San Francisco. Instead of Mr. Matthews, it should have read Mrs. Matthews, wife of the former foreman of M. J. Kinney's cannery.

The following Portlanders were in the city yesterday: L. Naix, C. C. Barker, A. J. Rhodes, A. B. Colby, H. E. Colman, Frank King, W. H. Mead, S. Schmidt, Joe McKee, H. S. Griffith, Tom Williams, and Alfred R. Ockerman, all of whom were guests of the Occident.

The Knights of Pythias' annual memorial service to be held tonight, is attracting unusual attention. From the fact that the very best local musical talent has been engaged, is in itself sufficient to call out a very large attendance.

Among the visiting Elks from Portland yesterday, were noted "Cactus Joe," familiarly called the baby Elk, Long Tom Williams, and Advance Agent Bob May. Mr. May says that Brother Colby has selected the grounds for the circus, and he expects to bring off his show in Astoria very shortly.

At St. Mary's Hospital last evening Dr. J. A. Fulton performed a very delicate surgical operation upon Mrs. G. Zeigler. The lady's many friends will be glad to know that she stood the operation very well and was resting easier at a late hour last night, with every prospect of a complete recovery.

Superintendent Wattis, of Corey Bros., returned from Portland yesterday and immediately went out to camp. He took with him twelve men and a large lot of supplies. In this connection it may be noted that to gain entrance to Corey Bros' office, it is necessary to use a very peculiar door bell. Paymaster Jones has the combination.

Monday afternoon a party of real estate and newspaper men, chaperoned by Messrs. Stuart Brothers, made a trip in the launch Fanchon to Meriwether Downs and inspected that beautiful tract. In the depth of winter this tract is quite dry, and its levelness makes it a very desirable site for a town. Property in Meriwether is selling fast.

The Monte Carlo, of Astoria, August Erickson's new building on Astor street, is rapidly nearing completion. Manager Thompson thinks that it will be ready for occupancy by April 1st. At least the barroom, billiard room and club rooms will be ready by that time. He claims that it is the best constructed frame building on the coast, and the statement has not been denied.

Cries for help about 5:30 o'clock yesterday attracted a large crowd in front of No. 124 Eighth street. Officer Seafeldt burst open the door of the house and found Richard Harry, county surveyor, beating his wife in a most brutal manner. He was taken to jail and locked up. The inhuman treatment of his wife by Mr. Harry, it is said, has gone on for several years. He will probably be tried this afternoon.

The presentation of "The Fairies' Escapade," at Fisher's Opera House last evening, was witnessed by a large and fashionable audience. To dwell upon the merits of any one performer would be impossible, with the exception, probably, of Master Ernest Oberg, who, as "Beechnut," was excellent, and Miss Pearl Estes, queen of the fairies. A vocal solo by Mr. Harry Vidalin was exceedingly well rendered and very much appreciated. The affair was a most successful one.

On Monday afternoon in the police court P. J. McCabe was fined $25 for drunkenness. He was what is commonly termed a "soak," being in a state of intoxication from morning till night. Judge Nelson agreed to suspend the fine if the man would leave the city, which he promised to do. He has been very much in evidence around town for the past week, having while intoxicated, fallen and terribly disfigured his face. He was a mass of blood from head to foot. True to his promise he left town, starting for Portland on a river boat. At Mayger's Landing, while pitching on wood, he fell overboard, and before help arrived, he was drowned. The body was recovered. Otherwise than he was at one time a policeman in Portland, nothing is known of him.

On account of a theatrical performance that is to take place at Fisher's Opera House on the 27th, Herman Wise is compelled to postpone his masquerade ball for one night, that is, to Friday night, the 28th inst. Remember the date, the 28th of this month, the place, Fisher's Hall. Gentlemen must have tickets, ladies free. A fine silk umbrella to the best sustained lady's character, an overcoat to the best sustained gentleman's character; three silk handkerchiefs to the best lady waltzer; a fine hat to the best gentleman waltzer.

Yesterday afternoon Judge Nelson, for the first time in his official career, officiated at a wedding ceremony. The contracting parties were Miss Annie A. Peterson and Mr. Charles J. B. Carlson. The happy event took place at the residence of Mr. August Danielson on the hill. Mr. Carlson is state of the Columbine, lighthouse tender, and Miss Peterson is a sister of Mr. S. G. Peterson, a well known Astoria business man. Mr. Carlson, the groom, came around the Horn with the Columbine on her initial trip, and has been with the vessel ever since. After the ceremony, an elegant repast was served, and the newly married couple took the steamer Potter for Portland, where they will spend several days and from whence they will go via Chicago to New York for a few months' visit in Sweden. Their permanent home will be made in Astoria. Among the guests present were Miss Alma Backlund, Miss Mary Berglund, Miss Amelia Larsen, S. G. Peterson, Victor Peterson, August Danielson and family.

In the police court yesterday afternoon, L. E. Selig, manager of the Casino Theatre, was before Judge Nelson on a charge of selling liquor without a license. And thereby hangs a tale. At a meeting of the common council some weeks ago a petition, signed by several ministers of this city, was presented, asking that the council refrain from granting this place a license. To make the effect complete, a number of ladies werepresent and heard the reading of the petition, which was published in full in this paper at the time. The communication was referred to a committee. The complaint for the apprehension of Mr. Selig was sworn to by City Attorney C. J. Curtis, but was issued at the request of the ministers. The following jury was impaneled to try the case: Chas. H. Gribble, T. O. Trullinger, John W. Brown, R. S. Worsley, and Wm. E. Clinton. Mr. C. W. Fulton appeared for the defense. The facts in the case are that Mr. Johnson, proprietor of the Casino, had deposited with the city treasurer the sum of $100, the amount of the liquo rlicense, and that he had deposited it on February 16. As the council does not meet until this evening, Mr. Johnson could not possibly procure a license. After a very brief discussion, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. A very strong effort is being made by certain parties to have the council abolish the place, but a councilman yesterday said he did not think they would succeed. However, the effort is apparent. It is argued by the supporters of the movement that the Casino is one of the worst dives in the city, and, if the flood street nuisance could be removed, why could not the Casino? Again it is said the Casino is a great improvement over the shacks that constitute Chinatown, and it is argued that those should be removed first and the Casino afterwards. The outcome of the agitation is awaited with much interest.

RETURN OF THE FAVORITE BACON COMPANY.

Commencing on Monday night, February 24th, the Bacon Co. will begin a three nights engagement at Fisher's Opera House and will produce three of their latest successes. The opening play will be "A Prisoner of War," a military drama in five acts and is said to be the company's masterpiece. The plot of the play is laid in Kentucky during the late war and its success is equal to "Shenandoah," "Held by the Enemy," etc. It is bubbling over with comedy, yet the pathetic scenes are frequent enough to cause the auditor to alternate, first a laugh, then a tear. Aside from the scenic and mechanical effects, it is a most interesting story. Mr. Geo. W. Webster will appear in the leading role and Mr. Bacon has the comedy part, the other members all being well cast, and a fine production may be looked for. This company will be remembered as opening the opera house last September, and made such a favorable impression, and the prices will be within the reach of all, 25, 35 and 50 cents. The second night "A Barrel of Money" will be given, and on Wednesday "Uncle Daniel." Seats are on sale at the usual place. The following is the cast for the "Prisoner of War."

Col. Blanchard ..... Geo. P. Webster
Carter ..... Frank Bacon
Edwin Carlyle ..... Albert Hosmer
Judge Carlyle ..... Wm. Burress
Dudley Middleton ..... Howard Scott
Reuston ..... Albert Trench
Uncle Joe ..... Wm. Beckwith
Lucille ..... Mis Camille Cleveland
Gay ..... Jennie Weidman
Kate Wilmah ..... Virginia Jackson

Remember, the prices, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit court was in session yesterday.

W. E. Warren vs. Daniel May et al., default and decree for plaintiff.

L. P. Mullinix vs. Geo. Cruickshank, default and judgment ordering sale of attached property.

Astoria and Columbia River Railroad Company vs. Andrew Tronsen et al., set for trial February 27.

Frank Patten vs. P. H. Johnson, set for trial February 28.

Mutual Trust Company vs. Pacific Union Packing Company, set for trial February 29.

Rosenfeld-Smith Company vs. J. N. Laws et al., set for trial March 2.

Sidney Campbell vs. William Holmes, March 3.

Portland Trust Company vs. August C. Kinney, set for trial March 5.

Astoria Savings Bank vs. Wm. Chance, et al, default of William Chance and wife.

And now she sighs for short skirts or bloomers.

A touch of black on any gown is deemed chic and Parisian.

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Highest Honors—World's Fair,
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Most Perfect Made.
40 Years the Standard.

ROYAL WAS THE TIME HAD

At the Elks' Social Last Evening for the Entertainment of the Visiting Portland Brothers.

THE OLD VIRGINIA REEL

Left a Lasting Impression With Many Visitors—Baker and Perth Contributed a Whole Show—Come Again Soon, Friends.

It was well established last evening that Astorians in general, and Astoria Elks in particular, thoroughly understand the art of entertaining. A large number of visiting Elks from Portland paid a fraternal visit to their Astoria brothers. Quinlin lodge was equal to the occasion, and the citizens generally have cause to congratulate themselves that they were not found wanting.

In the early part of the evening a regular session of the lodge was held and candidates initiated. After the ceremonies a typical social was held and Royal is the only word that expresses the good time had. Messrs. Baker and Perth, entertained the gathering with theatrical representations. Mr. Baker's impersonation of Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde, and of Fagan, in Dickens' Oliver Twist, were masterpieces. His rendition of "Myself and the Bottle Alone," brought down the house. The duet between the two gentlemen of a scene on the Bowery, was full of humor and pathos. "Paradise Alley" by Mr. Perth and the entire lodge, was full of humor. Mr. Baker wound up this part of the entertainment with "Friendship is but a Name."

Dancing and general fun occupied the rest of the evening. J. S. Dellinger was the most graceful dancer on the floor. Duncan McTavish was next in order, and his only excuse for not occupying first place was that he had a pain in his left arm. Billy Mead, the great, sat back in his dignity and took it all in. Harry Griffin was the funny man and earned his share of the lunch.

Seriously speaking, the entertainment was one of the best ever given in Astoria, and is only another proof that whenever the Elks undertake to have a good time they are sure to achieve it.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Astoria Public Library Association.

Madame President and Members of the Astoria Public Library Association:

I beg to present the following statement or report as secretary of the Association for the year ending February 1st, 1896:

It is a matter for congratulation that the Association has passed through a year of unprecedented financial depression, and not only have we been able to keep out of debt, (thanks in part to the generous aid received from the city) but have a small balance cash on hand to begin the next year. We have also added to our stock of books and periodicals to a considerable extent. Our free reading room is a success, as proven by the large and appreciative attendance of readers, and from the fact that the majority are strangers and young men, I consider that this branch of our library should be given careful and generous attention. The following are a few facts showing what has been accomplished in the various branches: We are regularly receiving fifty-two leading magazines, periodicals, and newspapers (a few of them donated by friends of the library) for the use of the free reading room; 1060 readers have enjoyed the benefits of the reading room during the past year; 144 books were taken out from the circulating library during the year; the library contains 1750 books; 125 new books were added to our stock last year. The treasurer will hand in her report, but part of my duties as prescribed by our constitution, seems to be to make a statement in regard to the finances of our Association, which is as follows:

Cash received from all sources	$ 1135.94
Cash paid out	1017.93
Balance cash on hand	$118.01

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. G. WINGATE, Secretary.

THE SHAKERS ARE A HAPPY COMMUNITY.

It is said, but the shaker who shakes because he can't help it is by no means a happy individual. So shakes the person troubled with chills and fever. The quivering and shuddering sensation is followed by no less a plague, namely, burning fever, which is followed by a perspiration bath that leaves the unhappy sufferer as "weak as a cat," a most unfortunate simile, by the way, as the cat, for its size, is a particularly muscular animal. Under the above circumstances vital stamnia is soon used up. What will recuperate it? Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which eradicates malarial disease in every form and repairs its terrible ravages upon the system. Derangement of the liver always accompanies malarial disorder. To the relief of this complaint as well as constipation and dyspepsia the Bitters is admirably adapted. No less efficacious and thorough is it for kidney trouble, nervousness, rheumatism, and neuralgia. A wineglassful three times a day.

MARINE ENGINE FOR SALE.

One new, upright, 9x9 duplex marine engine. A bargain. Apply

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

Notice is hereby given that the tax roll for 1895 is now in my hands for collection. Taxes must be paid on or before April 1, 1896, to save additional costs.

JAS. W. HARE,
Sheriff and Tax Collector.

PEERLESS CORINNE.

The Kimball Comic Opera organization will appear in "Hendrick Hudson Jr., or the Discovery of Columbus," at the Fisher Opera House. The superb production of this operatic extravanza is elaborate, magnificent, bright, melodious, up-to-date and international in the delights it offers. It is said every stitch of scenery and every thread of costume was designed and made expressly for this production. The scenic pictures are extraordinary, elaborate and beautiful, and the costumes are the very richest imaginable.

Sixty people are in the company, which is headed by the always charming Corinne, who was never as attractive or as accomplished as now. The favorite little artist has new songs, new dances and new graces innumerable. A multitude of beautiful girls in a variety of handsome, striking costumes attend the action of the vivacious plot. There need be no fears that Mrs. Kimball does not appreciate the value of feminine charms in stage presentations or that she does not thoroughly understand the art of displaying the materials most effectively. The organization consists of well known artists and contains a number of clever specialty performers, the most prominent of which are Ben. F. Grindell, Charles Fostelle, Lindsay Morrison, Marney McDonough, J. Henry Mack, Frank Hyllen, Otto Craft, the Nichols Sisters, Mabel and Lulu, Lillian Knott, Fanny Decosta, and Georgia Rush. The chorus numbers 36, and a number of high class specialties and novelties are introduced. Some of the scenes are said to be of the most gorgeous description. Notwithstanding the enormous expense the same prices that govern in New York, Boston and Chicago, engagements will prevail, 75c, $1.00 and $1.50.

One full act of Trilby will be produced, by special permission of A. M. Palmer, and is put on with all of the gorgeousness of the original.

LADY COOK

Sets Forth the Existing Condition of Women.

This word slave, now a term of ignominy or reproach, is derived from the Slavonian slava, which meant glory or renown, and formed the termination of the most illustrious names in all the dialects of that tongue. But when the Slavi had been reduced to servitude by the Germans, their name became synonymous with their state, and our Teutonic ancestors bequeathed the word to us to indicate these in bondage. Thus Gibbon, in his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," says of the Slavs: "From the Euxine to the Adriatic, in the state of captives or subjects, or allies or enemies of the Greek empire, they overspread the land; and the national appellation of the slaves has been degraded by chance or malice from the signification of glory to that of servitude."

Few of the lower animals have had the art or the inclination to make slaves of others, but man's ingenuity was exercised in this manner ages before the dawn of history. The sacrificial stones and the contents of sepulchral tumuli tell their own tale as cogently as if written. His presumption claimed all animals for his use, and this was speedily followed by the subjugation of the weaker of his species. The classic rhapsodies on Freedom, by Greeks and Romans, referred only to a privileged class. Those who were always ready to pour out their blood for their own liberty felt no impropriety or remorse in visiting the venial offenses of their slaves with cruel stripes or a more cruel death. Even our own Magna Charta was extorted by freemen for freemen, and contained no provisions for the numerous servile. From the time man first appeared on this earth slavery has been the lot of the great bulk of humanity. The masses have lived and suffered, have toiled and served, as chattels and beasts of burden, to enhance the comfort and ease of a comparative few. All religions, with their superstitious influences so potent over the ignorant, have been the auxiliaries of the enslavers. And, from Genesis to Revelations, even our own sacred book contains no disapprobation of the practice. On the contrary, it implicity upholds slavery, as it does the cognate custom of polygamy, and demands unqualified obedience from servants and wives.

John Stuart Mill, writing in 1869, said, "Less than forty years ago Englishmen might still hold human beings in bondage as saleable property; within the present century they might kidnap and carry them off, and work them literally to death." We have had abundance instances of men of honor and sincerity who kidnaped and smuggled with pious sentiments and devout aspirations. They relied on scriptures—"the revealed will of God"—just as the opponents of divorce, of the "deceased wife's sister's bill," and of woman's emancipation generally, rely still. Was not Canaan cursed by Noah for Ham's transgressions? "A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren." And so the Rev. John Newton, like Sir John Hawkins and so many other English worthies, preached on deck from the text, "Love one another," while the hold below was crowded to suffocation with stolen negroes, by whose capture and sale he was enriched. The consciences of such men were clear; they were carrying out the will of Providence, like their imitators today. Was not the woman made for the man, and not man for the woman? Was not her creation a divine afterthought, caused by pity for his loneliness and want of suitable help? And was not she also cursed, by a higher than Noah, "Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee?" And so our bishops, good men some of them, and most of them "liberally educated," have no compunction in hindering the freedom of women, being assured that they are thus fulfilling the will of God. But if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without the will of our Heavenly Father, would it not have been equally His will had the bishops the other day voted for the marriage with a deceased wife's sister, instead of defeating it?

It would be a profound mistake to imagnie that the barbarisms which survive longest are less barbarisms than those which die early. All unnecessary interference with individual liberty is either a survival of barbarism or a reversion to it. Every adult should be free to eat, drink, work and think in any manner that he desires and is able. To curtail or modify any of those by law or force is to render him more or less a slave, and to do so for the supposed benefit of others or for the good of some special portion of the community is the very essence of slavery. In the struggle for existence and supremacy, or even for a fad, we may see many reversions today to obsolete forms of bondage; all holding to retard progress by crippling individual energies and abilities, or by producing a spirit of subserviency. But the oldest and worst survival is the subordination of women. Comparing the past with the present, Mill says: "Human society of old was constituted on a very different principle. All were born to a fixed social position, and were mostly kept in it by law, or interdicted from any means by which they could emerge from it. . . . Manufacturers have stood in the pillory for presuming to carry on their business by new and improved methods. . . . At present, in the more improved countries, the disabilities of women are the only case, save one, in which laws and institutions take persons at their birth and ordain that they shall never, in all their lives, be allowed to compete for certain things. The only exception is royalty." And yet there are some people who urge that women have no wrongs and no just cause of complaint! They point to the majority of women and say: "See how satisfied they are. They are not clamoring for a change."

Even if this be true, it proves nothing except that slavery paralyses its victims. Rarely in the world's history have the oppressed risen unless stimulated by outside sympathizers. And if slavery is not good per se, it is not good for women, whatever many of them may think or feel.

To those who dream that nothing can be more beautiful or more successful than our present marriage system, we commend the following passage on English wives by the author already quoted: "I am far from pretending that wives are in general no better treated than slaves: but no slave is a slave to the same lengths and in so full a sense of the word as a wife is. Hardly any slave, except one immediately attached to the Master's person, is a slave at all hours and all minutes; in general, he has, like a soldier, his fixed task, and when it is done, or when he is off duty, he disposes, within certain limits, of his own time, and has a family life into which the master rarely intrudes. . . . But it cannot be so with the wife. Above all, a female slave has (in Christian countries) an admitted right, and is considered under a moral obligation to refuse to her master the least familiarity. Not so the wife; however brutal a tyrant she may unfortunately be chained to—though she may know that he hates her, though it may be his daily pleasure to torture her, and though she may feel it impossible not to loathe him—he can claim from her and enforce the lowest degredation of a human being, that of being made the instrument of an animal function contrary to her inclination.

Slavery, then, is not dead, and wives are chief sufferers. In face of this fact, whatever difference of opinion may exist on other matters in the minds of those who love their fellow-creatures, it must be the duty of all to resist all forms of slavery, whether spiritual or physical, mental or social, and especially sex slavery, so that the day may not be distant when women may enter into equal and honorable competition with men in whatever is good or great. From that hour only the moral regeneration of mankind will seriously begin.

LADY COOK
(née Tennessee Claflin).

For more than a hundred years the Shakers have been studying the remedial properties of plants. They have made many discoveries, but their greatest achievement was made last year. It is a cordial that contains already digested food and is a digester of food. It is effective in removing distress after eating, and creates an appetite for more food, so that eating becomes a pleasure. Pale, thin people become plump and healthy under its use. It arrests the wasting of consumption.

There never has been such a step forward in the cure of indigestion as this Shaker Cordial. Your druggist will be glad to give you a little book descriptive of the product.

Give the babies Laxol, which is Castor Oil made as palatable as Honey.

ADDITIONAL TELEGRAPH.

ROOTS AND ALL.

She Allowed Her Hair to Be Torn Out to Save Life.

Anderson, Ind., Feb. 18.—Minnie Shutz, a work girl at the bolt works, had a narrow escape from a horrible death tonight by sacrificing her hair by the roots. She is one of the bolt machine hands, and was at work. Her tresses were hanging loose. She bent over and they became caught in the revolving shaft. Her head was driven toward the big wheel, but by a wonderful display of nerve she braced herself and let her hair be torn out roots and all. She had to be removed to her home, and doctors are now attending her.

MATHEMATICS IN PHOTOGRAPHY.

How Prof. Trowbridge Finds a Bullet in a Man's Leg.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 18.—Prof. Trowbridge, by the application of well-known mathematical principle, demonstrated today the possibility of locating the exact point of a bullet in a man's leg. Previous investigations had proved that the position of a bullet could be approximately determined by its shadow, but there was nothing to show whether it was in the front or the back of the limb.

Two discs in Crookes tubes were set at a certain measured distance from one another and their rays thrown upon the limb, and each cast a shadow upon its photographic plate showing a foreign body. Those plates were at a known distance from each other, and the intersection of the lines running from the photographs of the object to the two sources of light was, of course, the exact location of the bullet.

GENTLEMAN JIM IS ANGRY.

Says He Will Break Fitz' Face for Calling Him a Cur.

Special to the Astorian.

El Paso, Feb. 18.—Prize fight matters are very quiet today. Not a corporal's guard of sporting men is on hand waiting for Friday, and it is not sure that all of them will remain that long.

El Paso, Feb. 18.—Fitzsimmons received this morning the following telegram from Chicago: "I read in tonight's papers that you said I was a cur. Next time I see you I will make you take it back like I did before. James J. Corbett."

Julian sent the following reply: "All right, chapple. Get yourself in condition and get down here quick, but mind you get yourself in better condition than you were at Hot Springs. Fitzsimmons will put you out of existence the very next day after he places Maher among the has-beens. Martin Julian."

BLACKBALLED CARNEGIE.

Made His Fortune Because of Protection and Is an Oppressor of the Poor.

Cleveland, Feb. 18.—The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce tonight blackballed the name of Andrew Carnegie, which had been proposed for honorary membership. Before the vote was taken, L. A. Russell, a leading attorney, made a speech, saying that he had been led to suspect Carnegie made his fortune because of tariff protection, and he also suspected, from what he had read of the Homestead strike, that he was an oppressor of the poor. Unless somebody could convince him to the contrary, he would vote against admitting Carnegie to membership. Five blackballs were voted—the constitutional number resulted to debar and applicant.

CUTTING RATES.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—The placing of the steamer Lakme on the route from Puget Sound ports to this city has caused a reduction in freight rates on the steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. When the Umatilla sails tomorrow for the north she will be loaded down with general merchandise at $1 per ton. Heretofore the rate has been $2.40 to $3 per ton.

THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN LOST.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Hope is about abandoned for the barkentine Discovery, owned by Pope & Talbot, of this city. The vessel is now out twenty-eight days from Port Gamble, with lumber for this city. She was commanded by Captain Christensen. There were twelve men in her and there is scarcely any chance of them turning up alive.

The woman with the small foot is the exception these days.

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A twister in twisting
May twist him a twist,
For in twisting a twist
Three twists make a twist;
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Untwists from the twist,
The twist untwisting
Untwists the twist.
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