

CHAPTER V1.--(Continued.) So far then from an ocular inspection being an essential in a love affair, the herself, came something like a feeling of resentment at the whole conduct of this man Mason.

That he had foolishly permitted himself to fall in love with her was so very plain a case that everybody had seen f ong ago! It was certainly not her fault! indeed, nobody could say that of No. her! Not even the long-tongoed gossips of Sandtown!

True, too, that he had displayed some magnificent qualities of strong, calm manhood in the face of that awful peril of the storm. She could not dony that. She had no desire to subtract from his real deserts in the least. But then, was not this, like his new and wide philosophy of humanity, a reflection from his superior officer?

He had told her that his strange new hilosophy was also entertained by Prof. Huntley. And this had contributed much to give it a standing in her estimation. But had he told her the whole truth? No, she knew he had not. If he had been frank and honest, he would have said that he had imbibed these opinions from Prof. Huntley. And if so, was not that splendid display of practical knowledge, shill and courage the result of Prof. Huntley's training?

Undoubtedly she had been badly used by Mr. Mason. He had stood persistently between her and the perfect man that she had learned to love so quickly. He had misrepresented her to him either directly or by a culpable silence that through a base jealousy refused to put ber before him in her proper light. He was a mean fellow-that Mason.

And although her obligation to him must sompel her to a formal recognition of him when they should meet again on Monday, yet she was resolved to throw coldness into her manner that much he could not fail to see that she was through with him, and that he was a very thin article, too!

And when Monday came and went without him, and without rumor of Huntley, she grew even more bitter. If this fellow continued to keep Prof. Huntley away, she shouldn't even speak to him. She would bring matters to a crisis by refusing to acknowledge his first salutation upon his return.

Then when he should demand an explanation, as she knew he would demand -she would boldly charge him with his perfidious conduct in keeping Mr. Huntley away, upon whatever ground he should choose to put it. could choose to put it. From Lizzy herself, the condemnation

of Mason seemed to spread everywhere -to her great surprise-and to grow steadily and in an arithmetical ratio all through the week. .

Day after day inquiry revealed little expli-things that looked bad for Mason. The ence. first flutter of anxiety as to his fate had resolved itself on the ascertainment of and the elongation of the specter in a the fact that he had taken the train for vertical direction, were visual phenomresolved itself on the ascertainment of the city on that very Saturday evening after the storm.

his philosophic moods, that this vast human interest in a human life was an in stinct common to all observed animal life blood of one of the herd.

midnight train that awoke her. She did not know. There was no striking of clocks, and there was not sufficient light very opposite is probably true. Along from the wide open south gable window with the full confession of this fact to to enable her to see the hands of her watch, and so she could not make out that it was the reverberating rear of the train from the distant city that broke her

rest into unequal segments. Her bed was drawn out in front of the pen window so that the cool soft night breeze coming out of the woods and across the broad river could lave her hot face in its refreshing oblies and ripples. Whatever had awakened her, she lay there looking out into the shady street a little bit dimmed with a summer night's She was sure then that she was fog. fully awake, and that she saw in the road, not sixty feet away, Mr. Will Mason walking slowly toward the river, and having his face turned over his right shoulder and his head thrown back just far enough to allow him to fix his eyes upon that window, that he knew was the window of her bedroom.

He passed on; and she was so auxious to know, more of this lonely walk of his, because his very presence seemed to assure the re-establishment of a sort communication with the hero of her dreams-Huntley-that she arose and glided to the side of the window farthest from the pedestrian.

She had to cross in front of the open window, and she thought there was some danger that he might see the glimmer of her long, white nightdress against the black background of the dark room.

Sinking down upon her knees and doubling back till she sat upon her small, bare feet, and forward till an elbow rested upon the low sill of the window, she looked out and saw him standing with his face turned directly toward her. Her heart leaped hard against the soft, pliant walls of her little chest, and she drew back into the darkness.

In an instant she peeped out to be horrified at the spectacle of a gigantic black figure, half enveloped in the thicker fog toward the river, and seeming to andulate threateningly, and to elongate in an upward direction, as some of the make-believe giants of the circus and the farce are seen to do.

Then, while she lay there in a frozen orror of fascinated, wide-eyed gazing. the huge specter dimmed and vanished. How she got back to bed, and what brought her mother running to her room, she only knew from her.

Mrs. Wickly lay down, taking ber frightened daughter in her arms, as she was in the habit of doing yet at times, and endeavored to reassure her by telling her that it was simply the climax of some hideous dream. Her father coming in, more deliberately sat by the window and told her that this was simply a phenomenon of the fog-an unusual one to be sure, in all its details, but clearly explicable upon maxims of physical sci-

For instance, the undulatory motion The mist concealing the feet of ena. fter the storm. the man concealed all the ground about That anxiety was not at all an evi- him, and thus left no object within the dence of any good quality in Mr. Mason. range of vision for comparative measure-He himself had said to her, in one of ments, such as the eye makes automatically every instant.

The undulating movement upward was the pulsating or wavelike advance of the kicked the toe of his boot hopelessly a basis where it can stand alone. No fog bank toward her, thus putting the against the arm of the dashbourd. even cattle ran about wildly and paw- fog bank toward her, thus putting the ed the earth at the smell of the spilt gradually disappearing body and head at i farther and farther distances, as more and more of the foreground was enmight if alive, be set upon and gored croached upon by the advancing for of the lighted cigar, and watching Coon-by each separate heast of the herd, with bank. That might all be good physical rod Redden out of the corners of his ience, but she had seen something that frightened her horribly. And she felt that some dreadful misfortune was commysteries of all the violent deaths, was ing upon her, she couldn't imagine what. did more to explain away the specter than all the physical science that all

the bank company at haint plum busted, nuther! You see we was all a delun en wheat to-g-yuther, un all at once the bottom drapt plum outun st! Un that left urse all flatter'n un flitter. But that haint the wust uv ut, nuther. I see Billy Biler this mornun, un he tells me at all the bank's klatter'l is hilt by one a tham blame railroad companies. Un thur scheme is to sell uvertheng right slap dad when they haint a dollar at we kin git a holt uv, to buy in nothun with, by gum!"

And now came Billy Biller, M. C., a fresh, rosy-checked young gentleman, with a great show of laundered linen in the way of big stiff cuifs, "dog collar," white tie, and all ornamented with massive gold sleeve buttons, gold studs and diamond pin, and all other appointments on a corresponding scale of magnificence.

in Billy Biler's fine raiment, as if it the individual property of each and ev-ery voter that "worked" for Billy all day the polls on the occasion of each me-請礼 ceeding congressional election

"Hello, Billy! Har yoh, Billy! When't ruh git in. Billy? Purty warm, halu't ut. Billy? Makes you swent, don't ut, Billy! Gut hot under the collar haint at, Billy?" of salutation, together with a disjoint-ing hand shaking, wait upon the popu Billy Biller, and he is at once in the center of the crowd of people who are blocking up the Overcont Road Immediately between the Sandtown Farmers' Bank building and the court bonse, that extent that teams still coming through the cloud of dust along that popular thoroughfare, as well as teams coming up the river road, were obliged to turn out of the way, which they did very cheerfully, when it was known that Billy Riler was back from Washington on pur pose to help his friends in this extrem

"Now, boys," said Billy in a loud. jolly, good-natured voice, and taking off his shiny silk hat to permit the thorough mopping of his rosy, smooth, fat face, "I'm a go-un down with Coonrod, h-yur, fur dinner, un when we git back we'll go un see whut these railroad fellers is tryun to steal from yuh. Un if it's too big fur un to pack off in a hurry, we'll make them sweat awhile instead of us."

This speech was followed by a gleeful roar of applauding laughter from the whole crowd, which, with much interchange of knowing comments on Hilly have four of these posts, which have shrewdness and ability to cope with the very smartest of the railroad rascals, and their own shrewd foresight in electing such a Congressman as Billy Biler-broke up in little groups to discuss the situation.

"Billy," said Coonrod Redden, as the two drove past Squire Wickly's house on their way to the hig white frame mansion of the old farmer-"right there is may well be called everlasting the man un the g'yurl at's bout the wust burt over this bank business uv airry one uv urse fellors. Weekly's mighty night plann, slap, dab ravan crazy. Un I low the g-yarl haint much better. Smartest and purti-est g-yurl roun h-yur, too! Blame pity fur um.

'How much do they lose?" asked Billy Biler, as he prepared to light a cigar, without showing any interest in the mental condition of the patients.

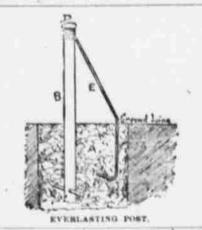
anytheng to do with ut. But hits alland a little more, meli-by. They was two moggijis yuh see, un the g'yurl ud gut nuff saved to pay um off. Un when the went, she foun three uv um stid a two! The Squire's tryun to git that fordah on top a the yuther two! Un you auther could tech hottom, by gum. Th an' haint woth more'n half uv ut. 114 a bought it in myself, of hit of a bon anywhers high worth ut. But shoh?"

"What did Wickly do with the money? son himself is eredited with this be-He must a got a thousan or so, didn't dief and the statement that it will be he?" asked Billy Biller, chewing the end rod Redden out of the corners of his country at 2 cents a pound. large whittsh eves.



An i-vertagging Post-

A correspondent in a farm exchange gives the following method of making an everlasting post; A is a cubic pit 4x4x4 feet filled with cobble stones and Portland cement, about 8 inches whole Sandtown district gloried of the top being strong as used for were walks. Post B is 3 inches gas pipe, well galvanized, with scrow cap on top at D, and short piece of % rod C through hole in lower end, and top end also has 34-inch hole to receive top end of % inch brace rod E, which has short double hend at top as shown, so as to hold firmly when in position These and hundreds of other formulas shown. For gate post, I use 114-inch



enter the % inch pole, and place the brace on other side of post, forming brace instead of tension brace in the other style. Possibly a smaller cube of cement might hold, but I wished to Louis Republic. make sure, so used 4 feet cube. 1

been in use nearly four years and they show no indication of moving or of deterioration. The materials cost me about \$5 each, which some may conwider expensive, but for roadway or other places where a post will always be needed, they are not expensive, when durability is considered, for they

Sugar and Tobacco.

The proposal being made to secure er was a pall with the reduction of the duty on Philippine sugar and tobacco promises to bring design. An illustration of the lat. COVERED MILE FAIL on another fight similar to the sugar war over Cuban reciprocity. It is proposed now to lower the tariff on sugar milk pail with a closely fitting cover, and tobacco coming from the Philipwhich has an opening near one side, plnes 25 per cent, although it is uninto which is soldered a funnel four "O nut much-fur's the 'mount's gut derstood that Secretary Taft proposes inches in diameter having a wire to continue a fight from session to sesgauze of fine mesh soldered across the sion of Congress until free Philippine bottom. This funnel extends slightly sugar and tobacco are secured. In above and below the cover and alopea this connection it is interesting to somewhat toward the side of the dail. know the great and varied develop-Another funnel, which is loose, fits intune 'at he lows he's heired, and he'd ment which is going on in beet sugar side of the first one. When the pail is thode in a third moggiji right plum slap, affairs. In fact, a strong argument to be used a few layers of clean which the beet sugar people advance cheesecloth are placed across the opensee that kivered the lan' up so deep at why Philippine sugar production ing of the lower funnel and the loose should not be unduly stimulated is funnel is pushed in to hold the cheesethat if the beet sugar industry is givloth in position. The whole apparen a reasonable period, say of ten Coonred Redden looked down and years, the industry will be upon such ered pall an average of 29 per cont of

plenty of arraw, filling with chaff to make a smoother surface, and see that the curve toward the bottom is smooth, so that the eggs roll easily and cannot work into corners,

Good Income from Hens.

In a prize article in a Philadelphia paper, B. F. Lake, of West Virginia, tells how he makes \$1,000 a year from 400 hens. The houses are simple, the climate not being severe. They are 10x40 feet, facing the south, divided into four compartments, two roosting rooms and two scratching rooms, after the usual plan, each house being used for fifty to sixty fi a fowls, Each house is expected to pay a profit above cast of food of \$100. The food is wheat, oats, bran, cut clover and dry blood or beef meal, with plenty of sharp grit, plenty of water, and the lice kept in check. The stock is kept up by incubators and setting hers are also used. In short, the success of this establishment seems to be the result of adopting the thorough-going Northern methods in an especially favorable climate.

an advantage that the apple free ap-

preciates. There is a difference in

trees as to the amount of air that

must come to their roots to permit

them to grow, as is evident in the fact

that some trees will die if their roots

their roots at all times. The apple

tree is never a swamp loving tree. It

prefers the dry land, where its roots

con get air as well as water St.

Wholesome Milk.

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Storrs station W. A. Stocking, Jr., re-

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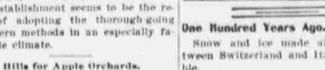
these experiments.

One was a regular

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covered pails. Two Y



Five thousand negro soldiers were enlisted to serve in the Leeward isi-

part of Illinois and Indiana the land With the closing of the Eighth Conis admirably adapted to the raising of gress the political life of Aaron Burr apples, and as yet is but little used ceased.

for that purpose. The apple tree Thomas Jefferson was insugurated seems to want air drainage. The for the second time President of the drainage in the soil is better on the United States. hills than in the valleys, and this is

Minuesota, east of the Missinstppl. was made a part of Michigan territory. The month of the Cuyahoga river, where the city of Cleveland now stands, was made a port of entry on Lake Erie.

Nine French gunboats, attempting to are in water, while others grow best get into Brest, were captured by Britin swamps where the water covers lab frigates.

Seventy-five Years Ago.

Bread riots occurred in Liverpool. The French Chamber of Feers and Deputies met at Parls.

The "Book of Mormon," written by Solomon Spaulding was published in New York

ports the results of comparative stud-William Cramp established his famous shipyards at Philadelphia. The Indiana State road from Lake

Michigan to Madison, on the Ohio, was begun.

Abraham Lincoln's father moved with his family from Indiana to Macon connty, Ill.

The first regular news boat to intercept packet ships for foreign intelligence was put in commission in New York:

ter is here given. It is an ordinary Fifty Years Ago.

Fire destroyed the quarantine station at States Island.

The government hospital for the insupe of the army and navy at Uniontown was opened.

The law excluding from the California courts negro and Indian evidence was amonded by adding Chinese.

President Pierce vetoed the French spolation bill, and it failed in the House of the requisite vote to pass over the veto.

The House of Representatives received President Pierce's veto of the ocean atus is simple in structure and can be steamer bill and attempted to pass it easily cleaned. By the use of the cove over the veto, but fulled.

Ratifications of the treaty of allithe total number of bacteria and 41 ance between Sardhuia and the weatern per cent of the acid producing bacteria powers were exchanged. Sardinia transmitted to other govern ments the



Snow and ice made all roads between Switzerland and Italy Impassa-

Where there are hills and a clay soll the conditions are suitable for the raising of apples. In the southern ands

And that, too, although the slain beast the acquiescence, or the perfect indifference of all the others.

The insatiable desire to penetrate the the answer to the universal animal in-stinct of fair play--most strongly developed in the Saxon Hoosier people. They were known to have taken sudden Sandtown possessed. and terrible vengeance upon the murderer of a man confessedly of very little account to anybody.

But he had had a life! And this it was that had aroused the whole popuince to demand who had taken it? Sec that when the safety of Mr. Mason had been settled by the train dispatcher at the little station a mile from the vilthe defense of Mr. Mason withdrew and joined the prosecution.

CHAPTER VII.

As day after day, and even week after week went by without tidings from Mr. Mason he went down to the very lowest plane in the estimation of all Sandtown.

"I tell yuh, Squar, blame if I ever liked that feller Mason, nohow, purtick-ler," said "Coon" Hedden, as "Coonrod" Redden, the wealthiest land owner of Field county, was familiarly or more formally called

The whole Redden family were visiting at "Squire" Wickly's on that Saturday evening two or three weeks after the storm and the disappearance.

'He tried his level best to argy me down at the Board uv Trade wair authun but the ornerriest kine a gambiun. Blamefe didn't! That was that same Sat'dy evenue. Lizzy, at you up him got cotch in the hur-kun, up en the hig woods, you reckleleck ?" turning to look straight at Miss Wickly, who was now greatly interested in the lond flow of the old Hoosier's "hair-rangue." as he himself termed it. "By gum! he nuvver stopped to say good by ar how dy do, but he ups on he goes affron down to the Bank. Un thurreckly he comes affron Redfoot Pond, and from the Wabash to out, un away he went to the tell-graft the end of the Overcoat Road, would offus, a walkun so fast yuh could a play- have taken its "weapuns," and have ed seb-um-up awn his cont-tails, Squar! Un the next I h-yurn uv 'im, he taken Un the next I house thout stoppan to rope. the train fur Chicago 'thout stoppan to No! no! Mister Cashier! You may go at I know uv myself."

There was a great deal more of the same roaring fire of shrewd, half-humorous comments and observations upon Mr. Mason. / Lizzy, fully aware that she violated no rule of Sandtown etiquette. went up stairs to bed in her own little hot room, when she tired of the "hairrangue," and was soon blissfully unconscious of the weight that hegan to drag

All Sandtown, however, got hint of the story in some unaccountable way, and told it with much multifarious, ingenious and original additions, amendments and substitutions, so that it got out that a "hant" was a walkun the "Overcoat Road"-as the strictly ex-urban portion of the continuation of Main street had been called from a time so remote that it was lost in legendary incertitude.

CHAPTER VIII.

Right in the middle of the red-hot ath of July the light, loam-mixed sand of the Overcost Road was in the shimmering air all day long, whitening the dark coats of the sweating horses that drew all sorts of vehicles along it at all hours of the day and night, and hiding the glossy green of wild hemp and innson leaves under a dull veil of gray. The whilom school boy of Sandtown was taking his back of a lurid brown as far fown on his shoulders as the cool, clear waters of the Wabash would permit.

All at once a vast buzz of wonder changed into wrath throughout all Sandtown, far up and down the mellow distances of the river, and out upon all the lanes and "wagon tracks" that were tributary to the Overcoat Road.

To those who had not heard the news by reason of temporary absence, rashed everybody, to be the first to communicate the stunning intelligence that the Sandown Farmers' Bank had closed its doors. There was no escapade of a cashier. Nobody had gone to Canada with the funds of the bank in his satchel. If anybody had gone to Canada, it is safe to gone into the Dominion after the culprit. with no other writ of extradition than a

from the effete "East" to Canada with poor people's money in your pocket, with safety. But by all the Coonrod Reddens of the Wabash country it won't be healthy for you to run away from Hooelerdom with that sort of luggage in your hand

"I wouldn't k-yur a blame fur what I lost myself, feliers, but stop and thenk scious of the weight that began to drag at her hitherto buoyaut and merry heart. left! Nut the wrappuns uv thur little It might have been the whistle of the finger, by gum! Un they haint one a East war began.

"O, you can't navver toll what feller does with money, thataway. Thode ut away, lak as nut. Il-randor he goes into The bright sunlight of the next day the house with both weening follorin 'im! Shouldn't wonder of they'd he troug ridges in half of the spaces and the ble there, Billy! He's mighty nigh plum other half are level (Fig. 7). When slap dab erory, by goin?"

(To be continued.)

MOSI FAMOUS OF PEARLS.

Named the Tavenier and in Posses sion of the Shah of Persia.

The most famous pearl in all the world is owned by the shah of Persia and called the Tavenler. It was nam ed for the celebrated traveler of that name and was sold to the shah's ancestors by him for \$500,000. To-day it is probably worth more than \$650,-000.

Another eastern king, the isman of Muscat, has in his collection a pearl worth \$165,000, weighing twelve and a half carats. The daylight can be seen through it. Princess Yousoupoff's finest geni is wonderfully beautiful. It was first heard of in 1620, when Georgibus Calais sold it to Philip of Spain for \$180,000. The pope's pearl is worth \$80,000. It has descended in a regular course to the incumbent of the throne from one of the earliest popes, who became possessed of it in manner which has not been told.

These are all of the truly celebrated pearls. But there are remarkable but one horse, so the potatoes do not pearl necklaces which have an enormous value. They are usually made carries some ground shead of it, which up, pearl after pearl being added to it pulverizes. It may be used to the set, and leading jewelers are con- scrape the barnyard if the ground is stantly on the watch to secure more smooth. to add to the chain.

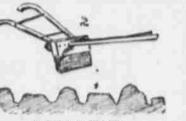
Pink pearls are not as valuable as either the black or the white. Queen Victoria had a pecklace of pink pearls which is worth \$\$0,000 and the dowager empress of Germany had one of thirty-two pearls which would easily sell for \$125,000. The women of the Rothschild family have gems of this sort which far exceed in value those owned by royalty. Baroness Gustave De Rothschild possesses one made up of five rows of pearls which is valued at \$200,000;

Demand in China for Japanese canvas shoes, fans, china and antimony cover, eleven or twelve being better is increasing since the present Far than a larger number for hens of

possible to produce heet sugar in this

Useful Potato Coverer.

When we plant potatoes we furrow with a plow drawn by two horses. When the furrows are made there are covering we use what we call a scraper. (See Fig 2). It is made of a plank, tongue, handles and several braces and bolts. The length of the plank should be about twice the distance between the rows. The plank should have a strap of iron at the bottom in front for a cutting edge and



POTATO COVERER.

to prevent wear, says a correspondent of Ohio Farmer. The tongue should be fastened to the plank at right angies, and securely braved. The handies, which may be taken from an old plow or walking cultivator, should also be fastened and braced to the plank. We let each horse walk in a furrow, but it is better to use a long doubletree and neckyoke or shafts and get moved and tramped. The acraner

The Sitting Hen.

Eggs' intended for early sitting should be gathered at least twice a day and kept where there will be no danger of chilling. Hens that want to sit early in the spring are apt to be rather unreliable and should be allowed to become thoroughly started over a nest of china eggs before being intrusted with a valuable sitting. When a hen really means business, her skin feels hot and feverish, and she usually sheds a few feathers from the breast. Early sittings should not be more than the hen can very easily

average size. Build up the nest with the spring.

were excluded from the fresh

Good Prices for Produce.

From prices quoted at Panama there is a chance for truck growers within reach of the line of the proposed canal. Apples are selling for 15 cents each, lettuce 25 cents a head and cabbages \$1.50 aplece. Chickens and eggs are selling at high prices and board costs from \$3 to \$5 a day in the better class hotels.

Garden Hints.

Study the seed catalogues,

Now peas as soon as the ground can be worked.

Now will you be good and test your secula?

Cherries and plums should be among the trees grafted earliest. An "earliest green eating onlon" is

one of the new things of 1905, "Trimming time"-the milder days of late winter and early spring.

"Frune when the knife is sharp,' but never when the wood is frozen.

Lettuce and radish weed can go into the ground as soon as the surface can Confederate lines had reported and

Plowing the garden when the ground is wet makes had work. Better a good job a few days delayed.

Farm Notes.

Spring trimmed trees produce the most suckers.

Wasteful feeding may mean too much or too little.

Farming is poor business when the farming is poor.

One way to increase the profits in farming is to reduce the cost of production.

The early killed is the easy killed weed and the weed that robs the crop the least.

But few plants will thrive in a wet soil. A good drain is sometimes better than manure.

It is the vigor and not the size of the seed polato that determines the size of the product and the amount of the crop.

With the majority of fruits the sim should be for a few fine, large, smooth

Plants to be kept in pots or tubs and needing more sun, should be given a larger size just as the fresh growth is about to be made, generally early in

declaration of war against Russia

The first steam five engine built for the city of Hoston was schibited in Baltimore.

Forty Years Ago.

Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated President for the second time.

Col. B. M. Anderson, one of the alleged conspirators from Chicago, on trial before court martial at Cincinnati, committed suicide.

The Treasury Department reported that seventeen national banks, with a capital of \$3,523,000, were authorized during the week.

Confederate deserters to the Union lines at Richmond brought report of the capture of Waynesboro by Sheridan.

Gov. Oglesby of Iflinois issued a proclamation urging the citizens to respatial in filling a deficiency of 14,000 In the State's quota of troops,

Reports from Washington, D. C., stated that 2480 deserters from the taken the oath of allegiance within a month. Forty of these were officers.

Thirty Years Ago.

Fifty lives were lost by the burning of a factory in Gottenburg, Sweden.

The Forty third Congress adjourned after putting a damper on the force bill.

Of an original population of 52,000 n one district in Asia Minor, 20,000 had died of the famine then prevailing. The German government issued a deree prohibiting the importation of American potatoes.

A bill to admit Colorado as a State was approved, and a similar measure concerning New Mexico was defeated in Congress.

A snow storm with a precipitation ranging from two to eight inches occurred along the Ohio river.

The Pope ordered the Austrian bishops to comply with the civil law requiring reports to be made to the State and plamp specimens rather than for taken as an unusually conciliatory of the roster of priesthood. It was move.

Iwenty Years Ago.

President Cleveland signed the order placing Gen. Grant on the retired list with pay.