

NEWS IN GENERAL
FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Chicago Too Swift for Him.

George Freeman, a member of Tammany, presented a woeful appearance Saturday morning in Justice Kersten's court. Freeman felt so badly over the defeat of the braves that he wandered over on North Clark street and drowned his sorrow. He also got both eyes battered and blackened, his tall white hat jammed and ruined, and wound up in an East Chicago avenue police cell. "Just look at me, your honor," said he; "Tammany's knocked out, and so am I. Of course I had to get full, and here I am a thousand miles from New York and not a cent in my pocket."

"You are not used to a large city," suggested the court.

"Well, Chicago isn't like New York, I'll admit. Judge, the town's too swift for me. If you'll just let me go I'll get back to New York instanter and stay there."

"See that you do, and the next time you come to Chicago leave Tammany behind."

ST. PETERSBURG, July 5.—The cholera is advancing towards Moscow. It is privately reported that it has appeared on the other side of the Volga in Samaria. The mortality is increasing at Baku and suburbs. Only four doctors volunteered to attend patients in the cholera hospitals, the others being compelled to do so. The hospitals are totally inadequate to care for the numbers sick. Medicine and disinfectants are only obtainable at an exorbitant price, the streets being sprinkled with petroleum as a disinfectant. Affairs are badly mismanaged, the cholera hospital being located in the most populous district in town. Steamers have withdrawn from the Batoum route on account of the epidemic. Temporary hospitals are being erected along the trans-Caucasian railway between Baku and Tiflis. The Russian frontier is closed against goods and passengers by way of Ozizminda, except after months of quarantine. Twenty new cases are reported at Saratovka. The disease is spreading at Astrakhan. It is rumored the disease has appeared at Romanoff, and there is disquieting news from Rybinsk.

"Playing birdie."

Empire state girls and their favored swains have taken to "playing birdie," the latest craze at "taffy pulls."

Gentle reader, do you know what "playing birdie" is? Well, we'll tell you. Or, we'll let Nellie tell you, which is better for Nellie was there.

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without any teacher; you came to the rescue when Miss Lafarge deserted her Delarue class so suddenly, and certainly we are all improving in grace under your instruction; I heard you telling Conway last evening how you taught little instances in playing chess and checkers to the little ones in the nursery, and now just wait! I do mean the circumstances; you entertain beautifully; and in the last month you have improved so in health, owing, you tell me, to your physical culture exercises. Where do you get all of your information in this little out-of-the-way place? — for never go to the city."

KATE: "Way, Jennie, you will make me earn. I have only one source of information, and it is surprising how it meets all wants. I very seldom hear of anything new but what the next few days bring me full information in the subject. Magic? No! Magazine? Not a great treasure it is to us all; for it is not for reading for the whole vessel; rather has given me more pleasure than he gives more and better information on subjects of the day; and mother says not it is that that makes her such a famous housekeeper. In fact, we all agree that it is the only really FAMILY magazine published, as we have sent for samples of all of them, and find that one is all for men, another all for women, and another for children only, while this suits every one of us; so we have no need to take one instead of several, that is where the economy comes in, for it costs \$10 a year. Perhaps you think I am a great deal of a prude; but I will assure you, we better still, and 10 cents to the publisher, Mr. Jennings Pease, 125 West Broadway, New York, for a sample copy, and I shall always consider that I have done you a great favor; and may be you will be curious to say we are the best informed family in town. If that be so, it is the most popular magazine

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