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He Mixed His Proverbs.
"A seclusion and a dare," said young
Malapropos, as he kissed her under the
friendly seclusion of a big tree.
But he says he'll never get that
quotation wrong again; it's "a delusion
and a snare," and he can prove it.
—Detroit Free Press.

While Mr. Williams, of Montezuma,
Ga., was driving under an oak tree to
dusk the other day he was amazed to
find his horse leave the ground and re-
main in the air. Investigation proved that
the animal got caught in a swing hang-
ing from a bough of the tree.

Two Dogs Decorated.
Two dogs have been decorated for
bravery and fidelity by the Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Paris.
One saved its mistress from a burglar, and
the other its master's child from drown-
ing.—New York Sun

German foot soldiers are deriving benefit
from disinfecting stockings and keeping
the feet well oiled.

What mankind want is mercy. Justice
would ruin most of them.—Uncle Esch.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

The Common School Bill Passes the
New Mexico Legislature.

A Rumor Abroad That the Squatters on the
Nigger Tract Near Tacoma Are
to be Evicted.

The Upper and Lower Houses of the
Idaho Legislature have passed a high-
license bill.

Tacoma has voted to issue bonds to the
amount of \$866,000 to cover the present
indebtedness and build the city
hall. The measure carried by a vote of
3,000 to 75.

San Pedro, N. M., a mining camp that
had quite a boom two years ago, is look-
ing for another rush. Recent discoveries
of very rich rock have again attracted
attention to the camp.

The Paulin common school bill has
finally passed both Houses of the New
Mexico Territorial Legislature, and is
now in the hands of the Governor, who
has promised to affix his signature to it.

J. T. Hamilton of Spokane Falls, who
recently lost a value containing \$86,000
on a ferry-boat between New York and
New Jersey, has received a telegram
stating that his property has been recov-
ered.

Stanley C. Boom, late candidate for
State Surveyor-General in Nevada, ap-
plied for admission to practice before the
Superior Court of Eureka county, and
the committee appointed to examine
him reported adversely on his application.

A timely examination of the Sacra-
mento jail has revealed that many pri-
soners had pocket knives and razors, a
hole in the wall was used to smuggle
opium, and a tunnel in the back brick
wall had so far progressed that a jail de-
fender would have been possible within
a few days.

At Seattle, a bootblack, was sentenced
to one year in the penitentiary for as-
saulting Leonard M. Bruce with a hatch-
et on January 15. Bruce runs a ham
sandwich and peanut stand on Jackson
street, and so enraged Beckett by calling
him vile names that the latter tried to
tomahawk him.

Judge McLintock of Silver Bow county
has appeared before the Supreme Court
of Montana, at Helena, to show cause
why he should not be prohibited from
trying the Davis case on the grounds
that the jury was not fairly drawn and
was prejudiced. This is the millionaire
Davis estate case.

A desperado who goes by the name of
Ward Nickin is under arrest at Colfax,
Wash., and is supposed to be one of the
old Jesse James crowd of outlaws. He
shot at the Chief of Police at a distance
of six feet and missed him. This is one
point against the prisoner being one of
the James gang, as they were all good
shooters.

Tacoma's baseball team of 1891 is
completed, except the second baseman.
P. J. Rutcliffe was the last man signed.
He is from Oswego, N. Y., and is said to
be one of the best left-handers in the
country, a sure batter and good runner.
Billy Earl, of last year's team, was not
re-engaged, his terms being too high—
\$450 a month.

The missing registered mail bag from
Victoria, B. C., for Port Townsend which
was lost January 5th, has been found in
the harbor at Victoria, cut open and
rifled of its contents. Everything of
value was taken and the letters returned
to the bag. A piece of iron was placed
therein and the bag was thrown into the
water. The thief secured about \$50, and
is supposed to have been an employe of
the steamer Olympian, who had access
to the mail-room.

At a recent meeting of army officers
and several prominent citizens, Colonel
Mendell stated that the scheme of har-
bor defense for San Francisco mapped
out by the engineer corps contemplated
the placing of a battery of six twelve-
inch rifled cannon upon the verge of the
bluff north of Suto Heights, and the
construction of two mortar batteries of
sixteen mortars each in the swales
back of and on either side of the promon-
tory. Such an armament in such a posi-
tion, he added, would give the city com-
mand over any vessels which might
desire to be in the offing and shell San
Francisco. The land selected by the colonel
is fifty-five acres of the southwest
corner of the city cemetery, which would
have to be condemned, but which is
considered by the engineer corps essential
to the proper defense of the city.

The squatters on the "Nigger" tract
near Tacoma are excited over the rumor
that they are about to be evicted. The
rumor is based upon the fact that an
order has been issued by the United
States Circuit Court, by Hon. H. C. Han-
ford, appointing United States Marshal
Thomas R. Brown receiver to collect
rent from the persons in possession of
the land. Several meetings have been
held late in order to prepare some line
of defense, and it is reported that defense
committees have been appointed for the
purpose of resisting eviction. The squat-
ters to the number of 600 or 700 have
gone on the tract and taken peaceable
possession in good faith, in hope of secur-
ing title thereto, though, unlike the
squatters on the Carr-Smith contested
property, they have taken no steps to
protect their supposed rights under the
United States land laws, and do not
appear in the case as parties to the liti-
gation. They are there, however, in the
belief that the government will eventu-
ally recognize their claims and estab-
lish their rights.

EASTERN ITEMS.

A Mechanics' Institute to be Estab-
lished in Richmond.

A Bill Introduced in the Indiana Legis-
lature to Give Wife-Beaters Some
of Their Own Medicine.

The Portuguese have recently estab-
lished colonies in Connecticut and Mas-
sachusetts.

For the first time the United States
last year produced more pig iron than
Great Britain.

The Health Department of Milwaukee
is about to establish a "disinfecting
patrol service."

The Nebraska House has passed a bill
prohibiting the operation of bucket-
shops in Nebraska.

A new temperance league in Maine is
proposing to wage an unrelenting war
upon liquor dealers.

The Missouri Senate has passed a bill
allowing cities, towns and villages to
wage war upon prisoners who do not pay their
fines.

The impression is growing at Wash-
ington that the present session of Con-
gress will end without any silver legis-
lation.

A protracted fight is expected over
the amendment to the tariff act, which
is intended to preserve the treaty with
Hawaii.

A machine has been invented, and is
now in operation in Chicago, by which
binding twine can be made at one-fourth
the present cost.

Senator Stanford has introduced a bill
in the Senate providing for sale of a por-
tion of the Lime Point reservation, ad-
joining Sausalito, Cal.

Negotiations are said to be pending for
the purchase by the Vanderbilts of the
Northern Michigan iron mines now con-
trolled by the Schlesinger syndicate.

Twenty-nine States have passed laws
restricting the sale of cigarettes. But
the cigarette business increases every
year in volume and profit.

The shipments of ore from the Lake
Superior mines in 1890 reached the enor-
mous sum of 10,038,939 tons, an increase
of 7,341,488 gross tons over 1889.

Texas has no laws regulating railroads,
but it elected last fall a Legislature
whose members are instructed to enact
such laws, and that Legislature is now
in session.

The New York Commercial Advertiser
says that the three-month notes given by
the Union Pacific for part of the floating
debt are beginning to trouble the com-
pany as they mature.

Dr. Ignacio Martinez, at one time a
General in the Mexican army, but a political
exile, was waylaid and assassinated
at Laredo, Texas, while making the
rounds among his patients.

A mechanics' institute is to be estab-
lished at Richmond by a number of
wealthy citizens of that city. They will
devote \$25,000 for a site, \$50,000 for a
building and \$15,000 for a library.

As usual, there will be a pipe-line bill
considered during the present Legisla-
ture at Harrisburg. The bill will be in
the interest of oil producers, as against
the interest of the Standard Oil Com-
pany.

Twelve or fifteen of the students at
Cornell College, in Mount Vernon, Mich.,
have been before the Grand Jury, and
gave testimony concerning the gambling
engaged in at the college during the last
term.

The Pacific Mail steamship Colon had
a boisterous voyage to Panama on the
last trip from New York. She was badly
battered by the heavy seas, and the
passengers were kept below for forty-
eight hours.

Governor Jones of Alabama has ar-
ranged with the State Commissioner of
Agriculture to procure for him trees from
all the most noted battle-fields of Vir-
ginia, to be transplanted to the capitol
grounds at Montgomery.

An effort is being made by the Mis-
souri Legislature to enact a law requir-
ing foreign corporations doing business
in the State to establish offices in its
jurisdiction, and to comply with the
laws as do the home companies.

A Columbian memorial, designed by
J. Allen Whyte of Chicago, for the Ex-
position, would have a star-shaped build-
ing surmounted by a dome 400 feet high,
and that in turn surmounted by a tower
whose top should be 1,492 feet from the
base.

A bill has been introduced into the
Legislature of Indiana, providing that
any man who shall be proven guilty of
whipping his wife shall himself receive
fifty lashes, and that the public shall be
admitted to the jail-yard to see him
whipped.

The announcement is made that the
Soda Lakes of Natrona county, at Cas-
per, Wyo., have been sold to an English
syndicate for the sum of \$2,000,000.
These lakes form circular basins where
sulphate of soda has filled to a depth
of twenty feet of solid soda.

The State Board of Arbitration and
Mediation of New York has made a
special report on the strike which took
place on the New York Central railroad
in August last. The report recommends
that the relations of the railroad toward
their employes be regulated by a general
law and in a quasi-military fashion.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Relations Between Portugal and
Great Britain Strained.

Prof. Hensch of the Berlin University Re-
ports Unfavorably Treatment
With Lymph.

Charles Chapin, the French painter,
is dead.

The American saddle is being used by
the British mounted infantry.

Italy's governmental expenses for 1891
will be about \$12,000,000 greater than
her revenues.

The German census shows an increase
of nearly 3,000,000 in the population of
the empire since 1885.

The authorities of Cologne have re-
solved to furnish employment to 15,000
idle men in that city at 18 pence per day.

The American claims to dig at Delphi
are refused, and France will probably
get the concession on the island of Mity-
lene.

President Carnot believes in the power
of peace. He contemplates the entire
demolition of all the fortifications around
Paris.

The bears on the London stock market
are now attacking the credit of very
large houses supposed to have business
relations with Chili.

It is reported the Chilean insurgents
have been obliged to abandon La Serena
in Copiabe, and the harbor of Iquique
has been re-occupied.

Shares in breweries are held by twenty-
six members of the English House of
Lords and by forty-seven members of the
House of Commons.

The coal fields of Tonquin are turning
out so well that it is thought that M.
Ferry may be restored to popular favor
upon that issue alone.

Deposits of iron have been discovered
in the northern part of South Australia,
and a shipment of about one ton has
been made to Port Adelaide.

It is said that in Paris twice as many
crimes are committed by persons be-
tween the ages of fifteen and twenty as
by those between twenty and forty.

War between Honduras and Guatemala
is momentarily expected according to a
message from Honduras from a high offi-
cial to a business firm in New York.

Forbidden to hold public meetings in
Germany, the messengers of the Salva-
tion Army in that country are visiting
the public houses and singing and pray-
ing in them.

The physicians of Berlin assert that
their practice has fallen off 15 per cent.
since Koch's operations began, and con-
sequently they demand from the govern-
ment free lymph.

The municipal authorities of Cahors
having expressed a desire to have the re-
mains of Gambetta conveyed to that
town, it is thought likely that President
Carnot will accede to the request.

Queen Victoria is taking great interest
in the promotion of a large whisky dis-
tillery in Wales. She has had the plans
and photographs sent to her and agreed
to take a cask of the creature itself.

The committee appointed by the Ital-
ian government to investigate and report
a plan to connect the city of Rome by a
ship canal with the sea has reported that
the project would cost \$0,000,000 lire.

A London firm of engineers has re-
ceived a concession for the building of an
electric railway, five miles in length, be-
tween Naples and Capri di Monte. The
work must be finished within nine
months.

The new magazine rifle and the man-
ner by which it was introduced into the
British army have become subjects of
investigation by Parliament. One offi-
cial is said to hold ten out of thirteen
patents on the gun.

A recent survey has established the
number of glaciers in the Alps at 1,155,
of which 240 have a length of more than
four and three-fourths miles. The French
Alps contain 144 glaciers; those of Italy,
78; Switzerland, 471; Austria, 462.

Some one has summed up the Stanley
expedition as follows: The distance
traveled by him in the interior is esti-
mated at 5,400 miles, of which all but
1,900 were on foot. The expedition oc-
cupied three years, and rescued 300 per-
sons at a cost of less than \$30,000.

At an open-air meeting of the unem-
ployed in the East End a speaker, who
had worked in General Booth's work
shops, denounced the General as a
"sweater," pure and simple. He had
discharged men earning 6½ pence an
hour to make room for those who would
work for 3 pence an hour.

Russian merchants in Central Asia are
demanding that the Jews be expelled
from that region. The sole pretext for
the demand is that the Jews outwit the
Russians in trade and are monopolizing
the traffic of Asiatic markets. It is be-
lieved that the desired order for the ex-
pulsion of Jews will be issued, if indeed
it has not already been sent quietly to
the Czar's representatives in Central
Asia.

Professor Hensch of the medical fac-
ulty of the University of Berlin, a dis-
tinguished authority on diseases of chil-
dren, reports unfavorably the treatment
with lymph in his department. He ad-
ministered lymph to twenty-two chil-
dren, only one of whom seemed to im-
prove, and the improvement in that case
was only temporary, while many of the
children became worse under the treat-
ment. He therefore stopped experi-
ments with the lymph.

PORTLAND MARKET.

Wheat—The market is quiet, but
steady. Shippers are generally well sup-
plied for present and near future re-
quirements, and the demand is not of an
urgent character. Quote: Valley, \$1.25
@1.25 1/4; Walla Walla, \$1.15.

Oats—The market is steady. The
demand here is fair, while the supply is
very good. Quote: Standard, \$3.80;
Walla Walla, \$3.70 per barrel.

Oats—The market is steady at present
prices, and is in sympathy with the de-
cline in San Francisco. The demand
and supply are very good. Quote: 60c
per bushel.

Wool—The market is steady; de-
mand and supply are very good. Quote:
Wool, \$21; Short, \$22.50; Ground Wool,
\$23.00; Sheep Feed, \$25 per ton;
Barley, \$1.25 @1.30 per cental.

Hay—The market is steady and the
supply keeps up with the demand.
Quote: \$16 @17 per ton.

Vegetables—The market is weak and
dull. Potatoes and Cabbages are very
plentiful, more than the demand calls
for. Onions and other vegetables are in
fair supply, but keep up with the de-
mand. Quote: Cabbage, \$1.25 @1.50
per cental; Cauliflower, \$1 per dozen;
Celery, 50c per dozen; Onions, 2 1/2 @2 3/4
per sack; Carrots, \$1 per sack; Beets,
\$1.50 per sack; Turnips, \$1 per sack;
Potatoes, 75 @80c per cental; Squash,
\$2 per cental.

Fruits—The market is steady, and is
well stocked with Oranges, which are a
drug in the market. Lemons are firmer,
and probably an advance will be made in
a few days. Apples, Pears and Bananas
are scarce. There are no Quinces in the
market. Quote: Riverside Oranges, \$3.00
@3.25; Navel, \$4.75 @5.00 per box; Sicily
Lemons, \$5.00 @6.00 per case; Pears,
1 1/2 @2 per pound; Apples, 60 @65c per box;
Bananas, \$5 @4 per bunch.

Butter—The market is steady, with a
good demand. Choice is scarce, while
common is in fair supply. Quote: Oreg-
on fancy creamery, 40 @42 1/2; fancy
dairy, 37 1/2; fair to good, 27 1/2 @30c; com-
mon, 20 @25c; choice California, 37 1/2c
per pound.

Cheese—The market is steady. Quote:
Oregon, 13 @14c; California, 9 1/2 @10c;
Young America, 14 @15c per pound.

Meats—The market is steady. Quote:
California Wainuts, 17 1/2c; other vari-
eties, 12c; Peanuts, 12c; Almonds, 17c;
Filberts, 14 @15c; new Brazils, 20c per
pound; Cocoanuts, \$1 per dozen.

Eggs—The market is firm, with a
steady demand. Quote: Oregon, 25c
per dozen.

Poultry—The market is firm, with a
good demand. Quote: Chickens, \$5.00
@5.50; Ducks, \$9 @10; Geese, \$9 @10 per
dozen; Turkey, 14 @15c per pound.

Horns—The market is dull, with nomi-
nal prices. Quote: 30 @35c per pound.

Wool—The market is quiet. Quote:
Walla Walla Valley, 16 @20c; Walla
Walla, 16 @16c per pound.

Hides—The market is weak. Quote:
Dry Hides, selected prime, 8 @8 1/2c,
1c less for culls; green, selected, over
55 pounds, 4c; under 55 pounds, 3c;
Sheep Pelt, short wool, \$0 @60c; m-
dium, 60 @80c; long, 90c @1.25; show-
ings, 10 @20c; Tallow, good to choice,
3 @3 1/2c per pound.

The Merchandise Market.
The markets are all steady; business
is active; demand and supply are very
good.

COAL OIL—Quote: \$2.20 per cask.
RICK—Quote: 45.50 per cental.
PICKLES—Quote: \$1.33 1/3; \$1.50 5/8.
CANNED FRUIT—Quote: Cape Cod, \$11
per barrel.

SALT—Quote: Liverpool, \$17, \$18, \$19;
stock, \$11 @12 per ton in carload lots.

COFFEE—Quote: Costa Rica, 22 1/2c;
Rio, 25 1/2c; Arabuckle's, roasted, 20 1/2c
per pound.

BEANS—The market is firm. Quote:
Small Whites, 3 1/2c; Pink, 3c; Bayos,
4 1/2c; Butter, 3 1/2c; Limas, 4 1/2c per
pound.

SEGARS—The market is firm. Quote:
Golden C, 4 1/2c; extra C, 5 1/2c; dry granu-
lated, 6 1/2c; cut crushed and powdered,
6 1/2c per pound.

DRY FRUITS—The market is firm.
Quote: Italian Prunes, 12 1/2c; Pe-
lles and German Prunes, 10c per pound.
Raisins, \$2.50 per box; Plummer-dried
Pears, 10 @11c; sun-dried and factory
Plums, 11 @12c; evg. orated Peaches, 18 @
20c; Smyrna Figs, 20c; California Figs,
8c per pound.
CANNED GOODS—Market steady. Quote:
Table fruits, \$2.00, 2 1/2c; Peaches, \$2.50.
Bartlett Pears, \$2.25; Plums, \$1.65;
Strawberries, \$2.50; Cherries, \$2 @2.50;
Blackberries, \$2; Raspberries, \$2.55;
Pineapples, \$2.75; Apricots, \$2.00. Pie
fruit: Assorted, \$1.50 per dozen; Peaches,
\$1.50; Plums, \$1.25; Blackberries, \$1.65
per dozen. Vegetables: Corn, \$1.25
@1.50, according to quality; Tomatoes,
\$1.15 @3.50; Sugar Peas, \$1.40 @1.60.
String Beans, \$1.10 per dozen. Fish: Sal-
mon, \$1.25 @1.50; sardines, 80c @1.60.
lobsters, \$2 @3; oysters, \$1.50 @3.25 per
dozen. Condensed milk: Eagle brand
8 @25; Crown, \$7; Highland, \$6.75.
Champion, \$6 per case.

NAILS—Base quotations: Iron, \$3.20.
Steel, \$3.30; Wire, \$3.90 per keg.
SUGAR—Quote: \$1.75 per sack.

The Meat Market.
The market is firm; business is very
good; demand and supply are also good.

Beef—Live, 3 1/2 @4 1/2; dressed, 7c.
Mutton—Live, 4 1/4 @4 1/2; dressed, 8c.
Lamb—Live, 4 1/2 @4 3/4; dressed, 6c.
Wool—5 @8c per pound.

SMOKED MEATS AND LARD.
The market is firm. Quotations: East-
ern Hams, 12 1/2 @13c; Breakfast Bacon,
10 1/2 @11c; Sides, 9 @10c; Lard, 8 1/2 @
11c per pound.

It is reported that Villard had sold all
his holdings of Edison electric stock and
the stock had been bought by the Van-
derbilts. The report is denied by Vil-
lard, who states he is the largest individ-
ual stockholder. Parties long identi-
fied with the Edison interests, however,
confirmed the report that Villard had
acquired a very large block of the stock,
and said H. McK. Twombly will enter
the directorship as their representative.

BILL NYE AND MRS. LANGTRY.

A Few Remarks About His Dinner with
the Jersey Lily.

It was my blessed privilege last summer at
Long Branch, in company with several other
people prominent in art and literature, to
converse with Mrs. Langtry, and at leisure to
converse with her in low, passionate accents
about her future and her past. I had not in-
tended to make the delightful chat public at
first, for neither of us care to be brought
prominently before the public, shrinking as
we do from publicity of all kinds and only
wishing to do right while keeping in the back-
ground as much as possible. But the general
interest felt in Mrs. Langtry leads me to
burst through these restraints.

Mrs. Langtry, on the day I speak of, wore
a new dress of lavender serge trimmed with
a different color around the bottom. She wore
a sort of a brown straw turban, and her hair
was done up in a hard knot at the back of her
head. Her hair is a deep brown in color and
quite nice to look at. She has a calm, honest
eye, and behaved like a perfect lady all the
time. I sat on her right at table, also on the
edge of her dress by mistake. When we rose
from the table she rose before I did, for I had
lost my places as the menu, gently drifting
back to bosom of lamb with mint doings onto
it, a dish of which I am very fond and one
which we rarely get at home. I was eating
some more of this when the rest had reached
the doxology, and I did not notice that Mrs.
Langtry was trying to rise. But she kept
her temper like a perfect lady, waiting cheer-
fully until I