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THE STORY OF NELLIE BLY. in the Pittsburg Dispatch headed "What FOUGHT AGAINST FATE. An Authentic Biography of the Girls Are Good For." She wrote a reply

to the article, giving her imagination a Eventful Career of a Confeder-World's Globe-Girdler. pretty free rein, and though the reply The nature of the work that Nellie Bly was not published, a paragraph appear-

has done for the World during the past ed in the Dispatch the day after she sent two and a half years has made it neces- the communication asking for the writer's sary that her personalty should be kept name. Miss Cochrane sent her name as much as possible a secret. But the and received a letter from the editor republic interest in the young lady has be- questing her to write an article on the He was born in Yazoo county, Miss., in men ashore to cut the telegraph wires, the grave. An epidemic of suicide has come so great that the World to-day re- subject of girls and their spheres in life May, 1840. The sea was his hobby from Unfortunately messages from Fort Don- sprung up like a plague, coming no one lieves the intense public curiosity by for the Sunday Dispatch. She did this, publishing her portrait. At the same The article was printed and the same ime that the public learns what Nellie week she received a check for it and a academy from Mississippi, and was grad- nearing the city Read hoisted the Union rage number is two or three. The city request for something else. Her next uated a midship man. He was a bust- ensign at half mast-President Lincola is marked out for the scourge, with its Bly looks like, it seems well to say something about who and what she is.

It is easier to say what she is not. The the article appeared the now world-fa-World and Miss Bly have kept the secret mous signature "Nellie Bly." Miss man. When he pat away his diploma field towards salt water. But meeting of so many sobs. Despairing men come well, and most of the printed matter Cochrane assumed it by the suggestion and went into active naval service it was the Richmond, Read said further effort there to die, just as they would throw about this young lady has become entire- of Mr. Geo. A. Madden, managing editor on board the Powhat.'an, then stationed would be useless. The Webb was run themselves into an ocean. But never, I ly from hearsay. In the first place she of the Dispatch, who got it from Steven at Vera Cruz, Mexico. There he was ashore and then it was sauve qui peut. repeat, has the contagion of death seems not "Helen Finnegan." Nor is she a Foster's popular song. The divorce ar- when that Mississippi, along with South The men were caught by cavalry, and ed to claim so many victims. Some, in widow." Nor-so far as the World ticle attracted attention. It was timely Carolina and the rest, had nailed the on May 10 the captain found himself in their misery or madness, throw themand contributed to causing the salutary bars to the masthead and cried out upon Fort Warren again. Gen. Kirby Smith's selves from the bridges, and their bodies the Union. March 14, 1861, a day after surrender ended their imprisonment. body. Nor is she "anywhere from thirty change which was made shortly after in to forty-five years old," as various journ- the marriage laws of Pennsylvania, the Powhattan anchored in New York, Capt. Read settled in New Orleans, al- boats. Others prefer the rope; a few

faced, masculine woman who forces her setting forth the value of a series of ar- Ala., the Confederate capita I, offered his mit him to be much of a landsman. He suburbs, at Vincennes or Boulogne, but way in search of news." All of these ticles about working girls. She was inthings have been said of her and all of vited to the office and made arrangements to accept a salary and devote her navy.

Nellie Bly is known in private life as time to the Dispatch. Taking an artist Then came the echo of the cannon fir Miss Elizabeth Cochrane. She is an un- with her she went through the factories ing upon Sumter. The war was on, and commerce. He commanded a number corridors and latterly one has been found married woman, twenty-three years of and workshops of Pittsburg and describ- the martial youth of the South were ris- of ships sailing to different points, and who, simply to avoid the trouble of asage. She lives quietly in an uptown flat ed and pictured the condition of the ing to repel the Northern foe. The South finally became connected with the fruit cending five flights of stairs to his lodgwith her widowed mother. The kind of working girls. The articles made a big had few sailors and Read was a welcome trade and the Royal Mail line between ings, suspended himself from the railing work that she has done has made it hit and were imitated by writers in al- addition. May 1st he reported at New New Orleans and British Honduras. His of the staircase. Of poisoning there are necessary that she should know as few most every large city of the land. Later Orleans for service on board the McRae. special charge was the city of Dallas, and fewer instances; only women still swalweople as possible, and on that account Miss Cochrane became society editress She never ran the blockade, but was or- he commanded her for six or seven low laudunum or the phosphorus from a her private life has been a very quiet of the Dispatch and also looked after the dered to Kentucky. Young Read at New years.

one. She has accepted no social atten- dramatic and art departments, all for a Madrid, Island No. 10 and Fort Pillow He spent several years in South Amer- sometimes a successful means of suicide tion, but among the few people with salary of \$10 per week. Ideas kept bob- showed the mettle that was in him. ica. About a year and a half ago Gov. Women too, sometimes open an artery. whom she has come in contact she has bing up in her brain all the while and When Farragut and Porter entered the Nicholls, recognizing the worth of the while in a bath, and death puts them gained liking for her two most distinctive one of them took strong hold of her Mississippi the McRae went to the de bold fighter of the Arkansas, the Webb, gently to sleep under the tepid water. qualities-her frankness and her gentle- mind. She wanted to go to Mexico to fense, and was set on fire by the ene- the Florida and the Clarence, appointed A girl sixteen years of age, driven mad ness. Free from affectation and loud- write about its people. At this time she mies' shells at the battle of the forts. him one of the board of Harbormasters by disappointment in love, chose last ness, she is popular with all who have was receiving \$15 per week. She went, When the dead and wounded had been of the port of New Orleans. It looked week to die in this way. As to charcoal, known her, except the people she has and her letters printed in the Dispatch carried from her Read saw that there as if the brave sailor had found a "snug it remains the solace of the poor, a cheap nade uncomfortable through the col- were full of interest and were widely was no more work for him at the Cres- harbor" at last. With a good position, and ever ready cure for all the ills of life. copied. She had never been out of her cent City. He wanted to take a crew, the esteem of the community, and a Whenever an odor burning issues from amps of the World.

Miss Cochrane is a good-looking bru- state before, but she travelled every- get the ram Resolute afloat and go raid- home upon which rested the blessings of under a door in the faubourgs inhabited nette, of medium height, and slight where in Mexico that a railroad could ing up the coast of New England, but in- peace and love and perfect companion- by the working-people, the first cry is graceful figure, who does not look nearly take her. Her mother was her com- stead, was sent to Richmond, and help- ship, it seemed as if Capt. Read would "Suicide !" They break in the door, and so old as the records make her. Her ap panion on the trip. Returning to Pittsburg ed to erect the batteries for the blockade meet old age at anchor in the pleasant sometimes arrive in time to save some pearance is girlish, and while contact she became dissatisfied with that field, of the Potomac. Then he went to Fort harbor of rest. But the enemy pursued poor wretch struggling in the agonies of with the world in her journalistic capaci- quit the Dispatch and came to New Pillow to report to Commodore Pinckney him under the very guns of his changed death. Suicide by the knife is more rare, ty has given her thoughts and manners York. She did syndicate work for a and thence on a recruiting tour to Vicks- career and quiet prospects. Disease over- for it requires too much courage to a serious cast, and the far-reaching use- while. One day she lost her bocketbook burg.

uliness of many of her tasks has make and all the money she possessed, about The pretty confederate gunboat Arkan- But the warrior who braved a thousand A more suitable weapon is the pistol; it her feel that newspaper women have \$100. She was too proud to let her sas had then been launched. She was dangers did not surrender calmly. For demands only a slight movement of the earnest missions in life, still there is a friends know, or to go home, so she sat hurriedly put in order, after the evacua- many weeks he was confined to his bed, finger-even a nervous contraction of the glint of the sunshine of youth in many of down and thought. tion of Fort Pillow, and Lieut. Read had but bore his pain stoically. He would muscels will suffice. Moreover, in case

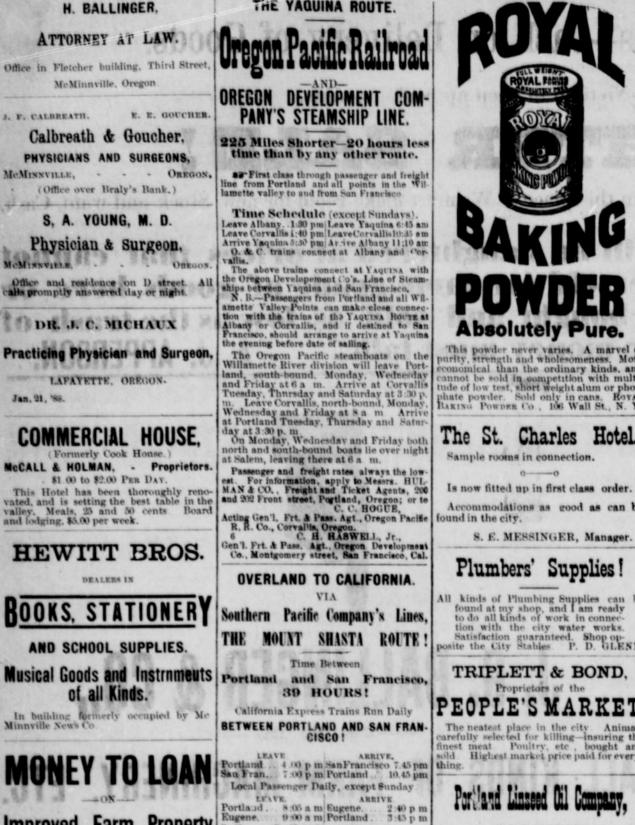
tion which Read had taken out wrought AN EPIDEMIC OF SUICIDE.

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Methods of Destroying Life that About that time the ram Webb lay in Are Now Popular in Paris,

as her commander, fitted her up as a Serenity in old age is beautiful, but cruiser, and in April of 1865 left Shreve- some of us find life too hard to bear un-Capt. C. W. Reid, chief of the board of port. She ran the gauntlet of fire from til we reach that tranquility. All around harbor masters of New Orleans, who died Federal gunboats at night and escaped. me, here in Paris, is evidence of this dislast Saturday, had an eventful history. Ten miles above New Orleans Read sent taste for life, this craving for the rest of boyhood, and when he was old enough aldson had already apprised the Federals knows whence. On some days the list he was admitted to the Annapolis Naval at New Orleans of his approach. But mounts up to ten suicides, while the avesubject was "Divorce" and at the end of ling boy, an energetic, ambitious, deter- was then dead-and the trick was not despondent populace, its many solitary mined youth, and a dashing, fearless discovered still she had almost a clear griefs, and its uproar drowning the sound are found in the Seine, caught under the als have stated. Nor is she "a brazen- Then Miss Cochrane wrote to the editor he left her and hurrying to Montgomery, though his love of the ocean did not per- bang themselves in some park in the services to Jefferson Davis and Mr. Mal- chose navigation as a profession, and the greater number spare themselves lory, secretary of the Confederate States served his country by guiding its mer- this journey by tying the rope to the chant ships safely through storm and nearest beam. Men have hanged themsea, and rebuilding and extending its selves behind doors, in garrets, along

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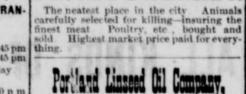
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