

**Civil Service Reform.**  
The Washington correspondent of the New York World, after a careful review of the situation, says that between 75 and 80 per cent of the clerks now holding positions in the civil departments at Washington were appointed by the Republicans when they were in power. With a single exception, the clerks in the Executive departments at the White House were appointed by Arthur, and have been retained in office by President Cleveland.

In the State department 85 per cent of the clerks appointed by the Republicans have held over under the Democratic Administration. Exclusive of the detailed men who do duty in the navy and war departments, at least 75 per cent of the clerks are Republican "hold-overs."

Fully 90 per cent of the corps of clerks employed in the departments of justice are Republican "hold-overs." It is estimated that at least two thousand out of the three thousand men employed in the treasury department were appointed by the Republicans.

Not more than 25 per cent. of the employees of the post office department were appointed under President Cleveland's Administration.

And so it runs through the departments. President Cleveland has been true to the spirit and letter of civil service reform. It is certain, too, that he deliberately surrendered the certainty of re-election in preference to compromising his sense of right and propriety. The millions of the millionaire monopolists defied him but he would have been too strong for those millions if he had been willing, even in the last weeks of the canvass, to act and speak as a partisan politician.

It is all over now, and the irony of politics displays itself in the knowledge of the minor officeholders from the South that their only hope of retaining their places is by virtue of that very civil service law.

**His Speech Saved His Life.**

Chicago Tribune.  
"If you would like to say a few words before we string you up," said the spokesman of the Vigilance Committee, sternly, "you may have the chance."

"There is something I would like to say," responded the condemned horse-thief, pale but self-possessed. "All I ask is that you will permit me to say it without interruption."

"Go ahead," said the spokesman, laconically. "We'll let you finish."

"Then gentlemen," began the condemned man, with deep emotion, "I have a few words of solemn warning to utter. In the innocent and happy days of my young manhood, before I came to Arizona and fell into evil ways, I was engaged in a useful and honorable calling. Had I never abandoned it I might have been still a respectable and upright citizen. Though I have become a bad man and am about to receive my just punishment, I have always kept a memento of those happier days. In my valise gentlemen, you will find a copy of a little work entitled, 'The American Voters Text-Book,' of which I sold nearly 1,000 copies in one county in Pennsylvania alone. It is indispensable to every man who would keep himself thoroughly informed as to those questions concerning which it is the duty of every citizen to be fully advised. You will find in that volume, gentlemen, full and accurate information as to the political platforms of all the parties, election returns from every State in the Union, names of all the members of Congress, judges of the various courts, &c., with a mass of miscellaneous statistics and facts never before grouped together in one work. Bound in cloth or half calf the price of this valuable book has always been—"

"He paused a moment to wipe the scalding tears from his eyes. When he looked about him again his audience had vanished. He was saved!

**A Gambler's Paradise.**

Europe is becoming moral. At Homburg the most desperate gambling had gone on for years until it was recently suppressed. The managers of Monte Carlo are sad. It had become the international gaming house. Princes and tramps sat side by side and tried their luck in the gilded palace of sin. Beautiful women wore their jewels from their necks and cast them on a favorite card. People traveled across continents to risk fortune on the most famous gaming tables of the world. As a rule the betters lost. Suicides were common. Confidential clerks, trustees, guardians, young men with their paternal pocket-books in charge, women overdrinking their accounts—all these were frequently found self-slain almost under the shadow of the temple of chance. But now Memis seems to have turned her hard hand against these gamblers. The stockholders of Monte Carlo sized up accounts four days ago and found that they were \$50,000 short of last year's business. Only nineteen persons suicided on the grounds during the past twelve months, a fact which indicates that losses were not as heavy as usual. The previous year was twenty-five suicides, and the number has gone as high as sixty in one year. The prince of the miserable little sovereignty in which Monte Carlo is the only attraction realizes the decline of his gambling shop and is trying to devise means to revive its lost prestige. He has offered to hire himself to a syndicate of American gamblers and sit on exhibition as the king bee of the gaming fraternity. Monte Carlo is now advertised in the Paris papers, an expedient never before deemed necessary. It proves that the concern is hard up and awakens the hope that it may be soon obliterated.

**The Girl at the Front Gate.**  
Heaven bless the girl at the front gate, with peach bloom on her cheeks and love light in her eyes. Some men would shut her out of our literature, but I am not one of them. The girl at the front gate can never grow old to those who have been there with her. Years may come and go, but the music of the low voice at the front gate will be still, and the memory of the cherry lips we kissed at the front gate will hold out faithful to the end.

What if the old gate does sag and its hinges rattle and its latch refuse to hold it shut? What if the posts are shaky and some of its pickets gone? We love the dear old relic still. We love it for the sake of the girl who used to stand out there by its arch, rosy on her cheeks and nectar on her lips.

We held the old gate up and counted the stars, and bade her good by and counted the stars again. How many times a night was good by said? How many times did lips meet over the dear old gate? The old gate knows, but it will never tell. The old front gate may have counted the kisses, but I never did. And I am sure that the girl with the peach bloom cheeks never did.

And what of the girl with the peach bloom cheeks? Ah, me! she married another. She forgot her vows at the old front gate, as some girls will, and married a richer and handsomer man. And I? Well, I went off to another front gate, where there were other peach bloom cheeks and other lips as sweet, and just as many stars to count.

And now I have a front gate of my own, and a girl of my own with peach bloom cheeks who count the stars with the boy or the girl whose vows made with me at the front gate were broken. But he is a true, good boy, and my girl is a good, true girl, and heaven help them both as they stand to-night at the old front gate!—*Er.*

**Transplanting Trees.**

In the opinion of Vick's Magazine, an excellent authority on all such matters, a large proportion of trees are lost from transplanting in the spring for the reason that the tops are not reduced sufficiently. The tree, as it is received from the nursery, may have a well-formed head, and one does not want to see it deformed, not knowing that it is a necessity, perhaps, to its life, certainly to its well doing, and also that the surest way to preserve the head in good form is to cut back severely all the young branches. In the same way shrubs, and especially rose bushes, are transplanted with the desire to see them bloom at once, and with the result of a feeble growth for the first year. The danger of such newly transplanted subjects in a dry time and under a scorching sun is very great. On the other hand, if the branches are closely pruned, growth usually proceeds promptly, and at the close of autumn the plants are amply provided with now, well-ripened wood, able to bear the coming cold season. The dangers that attend tree-planting in spring-time are greatly lessened by very early planting, but usually early planting is impracticable, and therefore the most careful attention afterwards is demanded. In our own experience the best success has resulted in transplanting trees and shrubs in the fall, in properly prepared soil, and giving winter protection by mulching with litter or leaves. Such subjects usually start to grow promptly in the spring, and have already made a fine growth before spring-planted trees have started. We do not hesitate to advise fall planting in climates not more severe than our own.

**Wilmington Star.**

A machine for welding cut bale ties and parts of ties has been perfected by the Thompson Electric Company. Each weld is made in less than five seconds, the amount of horse-power required is very small, and metal at the weld is fully as strong as any other part of the tie. By means of this machine cut ties can be easily united, and the pieces which accumulate at the compresses made very quickly into proper lengths for use. The machine cannot fail to be of great value throughout the South. Cut bale ties at present are worthless except as scrap iron. They are passed between rollers which straighten them out and are then welded, and submitted to a chemical bath, which gives them a bright, clean look.

Every steamship that sails out of the ports of Charleston, Wilmington, Port Royal and Savannah now is, in no small part, loaded with cotton fabrics, instead of unmanufactured cotton exclusively, as was formerly the case; and we have it from Bradstreet's that Southern mills are exporting more cotton fabrics to China than all New England. The truth is, the manufacture of cotton is increasing much faster at the South than in New England, for the simple reason that cotton manufacturing industry has better prospects for growth at the South than at the North, so that the New England concerns are being crowded to the wall.

**Workingmen Waste Nearly \$250,000.**  
According to Mr. Barry's statement—and no one is disposed to deny its correctness—nearly a quarter of a million of dollars have been collected from members of the Knights of Labor without the slightest benefit accruing from it to the rank and file. Yet the treasurer finds himself without \$50 on hand with which to meet an indebtedness of \$3,000. This quarter of a million, almost, has come out of the pockets of the workers, who keep their families out of their wages, and have no dollars to spare to keep up an organization from which they derive no benefit.—*Pittsburg Press.*

A certain preacher being annoyed at the persistent sleeping of a good old sister, said to her one day: "You had better take to using snuff to keep awake." Quick as thought, with twinkling of the eye, the old sister replied: "Sure, brother, you'd a great sight better put the snuff into your own sermons." The snuff of wide-awakeness needs to be put into a great many sermons.

Governor Seay, in his recent message to the General assembly of Alabama, speaks hopefully of the agricultural and manufacturing development of that State. The public debt is \$3,102,000, on which the annual interest is \$392,220. The valuation of property in the State is fixed by the assessors at \$223,000,000, a decided increase over the assessment of the previous year.

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**An Industry for Women.**  
Silk culture is an occupation peculiarly suited to the industry, patience and manipulation of the deft hands of females. It has made some progress in our State of late years, and it is something that merits earnest consideration.

There has been located a silk factory at Wadesboro, which promises an interesting development, and it may lead to the manufacture of silk fabrics in our State on a scale that may stimulate the industry among our people to a great and a very profitable extent.

A gentleman in Massachusetts is having a dress made of silk entirely grown by himself, the first one in the country wholly grown by one person, and one of the five dresses made of silk produced in this country.

But what is infinitely more important is the establishment in New York of three of the largest silk mills in the world. These parties have possession of all the secrets of the French process, and it is claimed they cannot fail of success.

It is, therefore, apparent that a market will soon exist here for all the raw silk or "cocoon" that can possibly be produced in this country. This ought to open a congenial field of labor for women, one that will practically be without limit.

**What has Infidelity Done?**  
It never raised a man or woman from sin. It never took a drunkard from the gutter, a gambler from his cards, or the fallen from a life of shame. It never found a man coarse and brutal in life and character and made of him a kind husband and father. It never went out into heathen lands, among the morally depraved, and lifted them out of their degradation to a high stage of civilization.

It has never written down languages, translated literature, or prepared text-books or planted schools, or established seminaries and colleges. It has never founded hospitals for the sick or homes for the helpless. What discoveries has it introduced? Has it added anything to human happiness? Does it bring one ray of comfort to the chamber of death? The religion of Jesus has done all this, and more too. "The tree is known by its fruits."

**Brace Up.**  
You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with headache, you are fitfully nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to *brace up*. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whisky, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an abradative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of liver and kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at Klutz's Drug Store.

**It Removed the Pimples.**  
A lady friend of mine has for several years been troubled with bumps and pimples on her face and neck, for which she used various remedies in order to remove them and beautify and improve her complexion; but these local applications were only temporary and left her skin in a worse condition than before. I recommended an internal preparation—known as Botanic Blood Balm—which I have been using and selling about two years; she used three bottles and nearly all pimples have disappeared, her skin is soft and smooth, and her general health much improved. She expresses herself much gratified, and can recommend it to all who are thus afflicted.

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A bill has been introduced in the Alabama legislature to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors outside of incorporated and policed towns.

It may take a moment more to lay a tool up carefully after using, but the time is more than equalized when you want to use it again, and so it is time saved. Habits, either good or bad, go a long way in their influence on men's lives, and it is far better to establish and maintain a good habit, even though that habit has no special bearing on the moral character; yet all habits have their influence.

W. J. Barnwell, a mathematician and organist of Berkshire, Eng., claims to have squared the circle. He has been at work on the time-honored problem for 15 years. His solution consists of eight figures, which, in concrete shape, form a perfect cyclometer. Mr. Barnwell has laid his formula before the French academy of Science.

The British cruiser Hyacinth has taken possession of the Cook Islands in the name of the British government. The natives are rejoicing. The act signals the entrance of the English into the island region of the Pacific where the French alone have heretofore had considerable interests.

The Russian Government has informed a number of Bulgarian refugees that Russia renounces all interest in Bulgaria, and that this decision dates from the time of Emperor William's visit to Vienna. Russia having abandoned all hope of German mediation.

The novel method of driving machinery by ammonia vapor, which it is claimed will revolutionize marine engineering, is to be tried in a few days on the new Red Star tug Hercules which is now being prepared for the experiment at Philadelphia.

Mr. John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, is credited with having contributed \$900,000 to the Republican campaign fund, and, in consequence, there is much talk about him for a Cabinet place. Money "talks" in politics.—*Baltimore Herald.*

A novelty exhibited at the New York horse show is the sulky sledge intended for winter use. It is built in the same way as the ordinary racing sulky, light and having steel springs, but instead of the wheels a short pair of runners is substituted.

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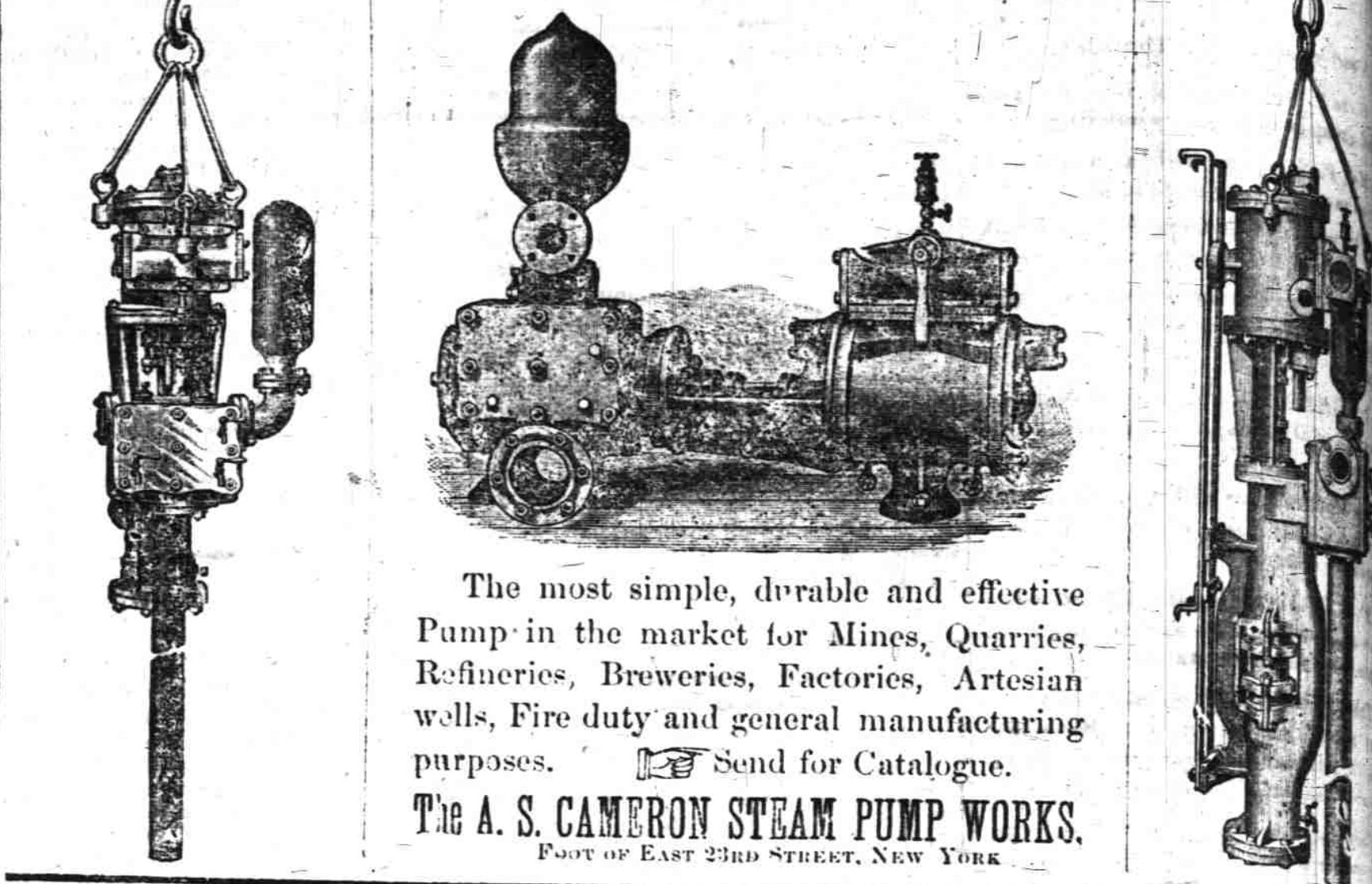
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Advertisement for Bucklen's Arnica Salve, highlighting its effectiveness for various ailments.

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Richmond and Danville Railroad. W. N. C. Division. Passenger Train Schedule. Effective May 13th, 1888.