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A New York physician of extensive practice has been effecting many cures of his lady patients complaining of lame backs by prescribing slippers and woollen stockings for a week, to be followed by wearing low, broad heels to their shoes. in place of the high French hee's that had caused their ailments.

The special correspondent of the London Times thinks that the number of persons killed by the Chio earthquake does not greatly, if at all, exceed 4,000, and that this is possibly too large. In the southern half of the island scarcely a house remains in a habitable condition, so that a population of nearly 50,000 persons is camping out in the open air. Throughout the northern portion of the island the repeated shocks wrenched the houses and frightened the inmates with out doing them any serious bodily barm except in a very few instances.

The Washington arsenal has been abolished, and the buildings will be converted into barraeks. It is explained that this movement to gather troops at Washington is intended for the protection of the Treasury, where are deposited over \$1,000,000,000 in securities The government is afraid of burglars and mobs, and it is proposed to keep soldiers pacing around the buildings day and night. At present twenty cripples guard the treasury building, and it has been perfectly safe under such protection. The government, however, seems to be nervous about a sudden raid of bur-

Mayor Grace, under the conference street-cleaning bill, which will pass both branches of the New York Legislature in a few days, is to assume control of the street-cleaning in New York City .-Under the bill agreed upon the Mayor is to appoint the superintendent of streetcleaning with the concurrence of two members of the board of health, but he will have absolute power to remove the superintendent. The Mayor is to have full control of the expenditure of the street-cleaning moneys as these are monthly appropriated by the board of apportionment. The bill is practically the one contended for by Mayor Grace and the citizens' committee.

The situation at Albany, in regard to the election of two United States Senators, remains practically unchanged. It is said now that there is no doubt that Conkling and Platt will be cardidate and the Stalwarts claim positively that they will be returned, while the Administrationists, or "half-breeds," assert that such a thing is impossible. It is said that the two ex Senators will make a personal canvass among the nembers of the Legislature, which means much in their favor. Conkling is still a formid able power in New York State and his personal influence in his own favor will prove a tremendous force. As for the Democrats, they will, it is said, side with neither faction, but will probably put up candidates of their own, in which case, if the Administrationists prove as strong as they now claim that they 'are, there will be a dead lock.

and what the result will be no man can now foretell. We are inclined to the opinion, however, that the best thing that could happen for the Democratic party would be the return of both Conkling and Platt. Such a result would have the effect of widening the breach, not only in the party at large, but especially in New York State, which the Democrats are determined to carry at the next election.

Mrs. Garfield's illness, says the New York World, is likely to revive the question of building another Presidential mansion in Washington. Many consid erations seem to favor the project; and the historical interest, such as it is, at taching to the White House need not be injured, for that building could still be used as an Executive office for the transaction of business. As for the ex pense, doubtless an excellent plat of land could be obtained free of cost to the Government from land-holders whose adjacent property would be immensely en hanced in value by the proximity of the President's house. A suitable mansion for the President need not cost over half a million of dollars. The present White Hou e stands on the site of the older one, which was burned in 1814 by the British forces. It was first occupied by you of it." Then another gentleman Mumor. Its drainage has always been rose, both the ladies took seats, and one denestive, and doubtless the faults of its said, "What a lovely time we have had. construction in a sanitary view will never while the other replied, "I haven't felt so well for ages. Shopping is a great

Mrs. John Quincy Adams was never in perfect health while she occupied it "Old Hickory" and the suave "Magician of Kinderhook" who succeeded Adams lived too much in the open air to be dangerously affected by the local Taylor influences. Harrison and both died in the White House. Tyler and Polk confessed to fits of depression brought on by the air of the White House in summer time. Presi dent Buchanan's illnesses were ascribed to his National Hotel experience during the so-called "poisoning" there, but the White House atmosphere perhaps was more to blame for his occasional bodily infirmities than the "poisoning." Poor little "Tad" Lincoln contracted a mortal sickness in the White House, and possibly Mrs. Lincoln's physical and mental troubles resulted in part from her residence there. Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Stover, the daughters of President John son, were frequently invalids while members of his household. General Grant probably counteracted the White House malaria with the antidote of his "fragrant Havanas." The temperance societies will of course agree that but for tea and cold water Mr. and Mrs. Hayes would have been White House invalids. How much of President Garfield's troubles may be due to the malarious influences of the "Kidwell bottoms"-a well known topographical phrase at the na tional capital-only time and the diary of Secretary Blaine can disclose.

Missouri Begubligan. Tetotalism in Kansas

The constitutional amendment prehibiting the manufacture, sale and giving of liquor, backed by a legislative enactment making minute and rigorous provisions for enforcing it, in Kansas, went into operation Sunday, May 1st, and our neighboring State is now in the full tide of the prohibition experiment. The progress of it will be watched with curiosity and interest. If successful, it will be made a subject for imitation in ther Western States, probably; if un successful it will reflect disastrously on the prohibition theory and add another to the many proofs of the folly of attempting to regulate the tastes and habits of communities by legislative statutes. The rigorous nature of the law and its serious interference with vest ed rights render a vast brood of law suits under it certain. There are several costly distilleries and many breweries in Kansas which claim the right, under Federal license, to manufacture spirits and beer for export in other States, and they will carry the trial of this issue to the Courts. A decision against them would destroy their business entirely and eradicate the cause of so much suffering. No impair the value of investments involving many thousands of dullars. The law is so strict and peremptory as to include the administration of wine in the sacrament. Of course clergymen will not respect this part of the prohibition, and will go on administering the eucharist as usual. Public opionion would tolerate this, but the classes opposed to prohibition, resolved that it shall be made as odious as possible, declare that no exception shall be made in favor of any form of administering wine, and the penalty shall be enforced against all violators of the law. The Kansas Courts will therefore have to deal with some delicate and difficult questions of conscience and religion growing out of the law. One offensive feature in it is that which requires physicians to make oath that they "will not prescribe intoxicating liquor of any kind for any person or persons whomsoever, unless in case of actual sickness, and when the same is necessary for the health of the patient." The greater number of the physicians refuse to subscribe to the oath which, they assert, the State has no right to exact of

As the law passed last Winter did not go into effect till the first of May, there was ample time for consumers of spirits to stock themselves with liquor in auticipation of the coming famine and there is hardly a family in the State not provided with a generous supply of well The balloting will begin next Tuesday filled barrels, kegs, demijohns or bottles; and it may be that the real strain of the law will not be felt till these are exhausted. One effect of the experiment will be to largely increase the consumption of liquor in Kansas City and to make saloon keeping on the Western border of Missouri a profitable business.

At dinner.-Jones (who speaks French like a native—of America). This is good boolee, Fogg." Fogg-"Just as you say,

It is quite common to read a paragraph like this: "A thunderstorm passed ever the city to day." One that passed under the city would be something new and worth mentioning."-Boston Transcript

The hotel landlord who makes it s rule that any of his waiters who accept a free will be discharged so quick that it will make their heads swim, and who sees that his guests receive proper attention without having to pay double board in the way of fees, is the landlord who will get the most patrons, make the most money and be the happiest. This feeing a waiter every time he moves for

you is getting played out.—Boston Post. Two ladies. handsomely dressed, entered a car. A gentleman rose and offered one of them a seat. She said to the other lady, "Dear, you take it. I am very tired, but you are much more tired than I am." The other said, "No. dear, you look so weary, and I can't rob pleasure. I'm all in a glow."-Memphis Avalanche.

A Cleveland lawyer once said in his appeal to the jury: "Gentlemen, you may hang the ocean on a grapevine to dry, lasso an avalanche, pin a napkin to the mouth of a volcano, skim the clouds from the sky with a teaspoon, throw salt on the tail of our noble American eagle, whose sleepless eye watches over the welfare of the nation, paste 'for rent, on the moon and stars." But the jury did none of those things, all the same .-Boson Post. -

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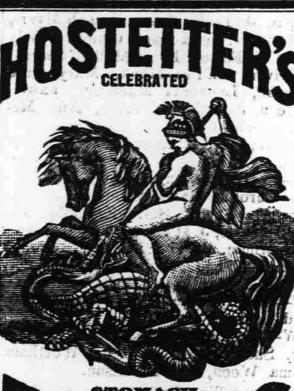
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