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THE PRESIDENCY.

Of the great number of aspirants for the Presidential nomination for the coming year...

Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, who is pretty well posted in such matters, thinks that President Arthur...

The same Senator, in speaking of Blaine and his chances, said that the latter comes nearer the ideal party leader than any one prominent in our politics today...

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SHORTS.

The last completed work of the late Sir Anthony Trollope, an Old Man's Love, is soon to be published by the Blackwoods.

One of the barkeepers of the Canard line has sent out a circular stating he has made 500 trips across the Atlantic...

It is not likely that the fate of Gen. Gordon will remain long in doubt. What is done by England to rescue him must be done quickly.

The State Campaign in Rhode Island is to be conducted without platforms. There isn't room in the State for each party to have one, and so they go with out them altogether.

It is asserted by the advocates of the 24 o'clock idea that the adoption of it will render railway time-tables intelligible even to feminine travellers.

Passage for Hebe and Jumbo by a steamer of the Monarch line in October next has been secured...

The Maori King has chosen April 1 as the day of his sailing from Auckland, so that he will probably be in New York early in May...

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MARCH MIRTH.

"Why do Indians get drunk?" asks the Temperance Worker. Because they drink more whiskey than they are gauged for...

An actress of this city was offered a sealskin cloak if she wouldn't speak for an hour. At the end of seven minutes she exclaimed, "Mind, it's got to be a \$250 one."

A Philadelphia dancing master is about introducing a new dance expressly for fat people. All the performers have to do is to sit on the floor and kick.

"Dig graves for old follies and errors," says Ella Wheeler. That's the way to do, dear Ella; but where can you get enough cemetery room for all the corpses?

Light-minded young thing in a bathing suit: "Silly Aunt Margaret, you're not going to wear your spectacles into the water! Aunt M.; indeed I am. Nothing shall induce me to take off another thing."

Physicians Prescribe in Epilepsy. "I prescribe it in my practice," is the expression used by Dr. J. A. Patmore, of Riley, Ind.

"Madame, you've destroyed five dollars worth of merchandise," angrily remarked a dupe to a lady, as she seated herself in a chair in which had deposited a new Derby hat.

"If People Will Chew," they should counteract the injurious effect of tobacco upon the teeth, with the sterling preservative and purifier, SOZODONE, which not only whitens the teeth and renders the gums healthy...

"You advise placing Alcock's Porous Plasters, in dyspepsia, on the pit of the stomach; in acute colic, on the spleen, in torpid liver, over that organ; but I really think you should also recommend that one or two Plasters be put over the kidneys. They stimulate, strengthen and act as powerful diuretics, thus casting out many poisonous acids and salts. I have had lever and ague. All remedies I took produced little or no effect until I put an Alcock's Porous Plaster over each kidney; their action being more than doubled, the malaria was quickly washed away.

The New York Times says: "Positive and direct information has been received by the authorities of the Catholic Church in this city that the American College at Rome is to be sold by the Italian Government. This news is received by the clergy of this city with indignation. There is no doubt that this property was given to the United States by the Holy Father for the establishment of the American College, but there was no deed passed, and that was no considered necessary at the time. The college was opened on December 8, 1859, and during that year this archdiocese alone sent to the Holy Father the sum of \$53,000 for the enlargement and improvement of the institution. The same year the other dioceses of this country sent \$400,000 to Rome for the same purpose. The funds since contributed amount to a very large sum. Mr. Astor, the United States Minister to Italy, is expected to take action in the name of this Government against

of the property claimed by the hierarchy of the Catholic Church in this country. In a letter to the Boston Herald-Messenger Field gives a vivid and touching picture of the condition of those unfortunate Southerners who have been lured away from their homes by the Mormon elders and missionaries who come down to the South every winter on their work of securing converts. Miss Field says she found hundreds of Tennesseans, Alabamians, South Carolinians and others in Utah and Colorado in the most miserable condition, lacking food, without fires, even in the coldest weather, destitute, pover stricken and homesick; abhorring Mormonism, but afraid to speak out their views about it, lest it might subject them to persecution. All of them regretted leaving the South, and all were anxious to get back there again.

General Baden, American Consul General at Havana, is said to be very unpopular, and accounts have been published of not especially creditable incidents at the consulate. Gen. Lew Wallace's recall as American Minister to Turkey, is said to have been requested by the Sultan, who, according to the Paris Figaro, now declines to give him an audience on any subject.

Baron Schaefer, Austrian Minister at Washington, has been in town this week to attend the wedding of a friend. Baron Smith van Alpen, of the Legation of the Netherlands, at Washington, has gone to Europe.

It is thought that Hon. John Russell Young, the American Minister in China, may soon have an important part to play in the settlement of the long-drawn-out trouble between that country and France.

A Druggist's Story. Mr. Isaac C. Chapman, Druggist, Newburgh, N. Y., writes us: "I have for the past ten years sold several gross of DR. WILLIAM HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS. I can say of it what I cannot say of any other medicine. I have never heard a customer speak of it but to praise its virtues in the highest manner. I have recommended it in a great many cases of Whooping Cough, with the happiest effects. I have used it in my own family for many years; in fact, always have a bottle in the medicine closet ready for use."

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