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Prof. Holden, director of the Lick Observatory, has written an article, taking up a page in the New York Herald, telling of the results of the first few months of work at that institution. He gives maps showing the observations on the planet Mars. Among the many new and magnificent vistas in the heavens opened up by the magnifying power of the Lick telescope are the so-called "contingents" and "canals," "seas" and "straits" of the planet Mars—our sister planet, the next outside exhibits the greatest analogy with the earth. The spectrum of Mars has already revealed the existence of water vapor in the atmosphere, but as yet its land and water masses have not been clearly distinguished. Prof. Holden finds in his observations reasonable grounds for supposing that the poles of the planet are snowey regions, their white caps enlarging with the increase of cold and diminishing with the advance of the Martial summer. The maps which accompany Prof. Holden's article illustrate the physical features of Mars with greater precision and detail than it has ever before been possible to illustrate them.

Mme. Boulanger is taking steps to obtain a divorce from her husband, the doughty General. A rich widow is said to be willing to marry the General, but the impression is that pretty Mlle. Molle Reichenberg, of the Comedie Francaise, is to be his new wife. While a captain in the French army Boulanger married a pious lady with \$5,000 a year. His married life was at first all that could be desired. In 1867 he was given a post as inspector at St. Cyr and he seemed to enjoy domesticity to its full extent. Mme. Boulanger is described as being at that time a woman of imposing figure, with large eyes and heavy brown hair, and was thoroughly devoted to her husband, whose praises as "little Capt. Georges" she never wearied of singing. Boulanger himself was described as gay and good-humored, "with a tongue as sharp as a sword." After the Franco-German war M. Boulanger, then a general, was appointed director of infantry in the War Office. It was then that the first domestic differences arose. When, in 1885, he was made minister of war the strained relations between husband and wife were pretty well known in Paris. After his official duties he began to seek for amusement outside his house. He became a constant frequenter of the Comedie Francaise and deeply devoted to Molle Reichenberg.

Evictions as bad as any that ever occurred in Ireland are now daily occurrences at Fort Dodge, Iowa. Farmers who have resided on their farms from five to thirty years are being driven from their homes by the United States marshal and his posse. After being turned out on the prairie, their cattle or household goods are seized to pay the cost of the eviction. The land from which these farmers are being ejected is owned by Mr. Richard Snell, an Illinois capitalist, who bought it from Mr. R. S. Burrows, of New York. Mr. Burrows was one of the New Yorkers who formed the Des Moines River Navigation Company, and undertook the impossible task of making the river navigable. For this undertaking the company received a grant of alternate sections of land five miles on either side of the river. There is a tradition that a small steambot, drawing perhaps six inches, once made its appearance at Fort Dodge, during the high water of spring time, but it cleared for below without any unnecessary delay and never came back. This was the extent of the navigation accomplished, but for over forty years there has been a contest over the possession of the lands embraced within the limits of the grant. The tangle is complicated by Supreme Court decisions, Acts of Congress and Acts of the Iowa Legislature. The navigation company finally dissolved, and the stockholders, who were mostly Eastern men of means, divided the land. What Burrows got as his share was bought from his estate by Mr. Snell's father. Mr. Snell is now seeking possession of what he bought.

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