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FRANK L. STANTON.

Across the land—from strand to strand
Loud ring the bugle notes, it rings
And Freedom's smile, from pole to pole,
Like Freedom's banner floats.

The velvet vales "Liberty!"
To answering skies serene;
The mountains, sloping to the sea,
Wave all their flags of green.

The rivers, rushing to the deep,
The joyful notes prolong
And waving to the glory leap
To that immortal song!

One song of Liberty and life
That flags, and is to be
Till tyrant flags are trampled rugs
And all the world is free!

It rises, and an echo comes
From chained and troubled isles,
And roars, like ocean's thunder drums,
Where glad Columbia smiles.

Where, throned and great she sits
In her high tower of majesty,
Beneath her flag of stars,
Her heroes' blood the sacred flood
That crimsoned all its bars!

Hail to our country! Strong she stands,
Nor fears the war drum's beat;
The sword of Freedom in her hands—
The tyrant at her feet!

—*Atlanta Constitution*.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— A satisfied heart is better than a silver tongue.
— Pride costs more than hunger, thirst, and cold.
— Never put off until to-morrow what you can do to-day.
— Let God lead, and whenever one door shuts, another will open.
— A good conscience is better capital than a large bank account.
— We sail to glory, not in the sea of our tears, but in the red sea of Christ's precious blood.
— The lower sensualist comes to poverty in all things. Poverty in fortune, reputation and character. The dissipated man shatters and scatters and wastes his manhood.—*Wakefield*.
— The indolent and unoccupied man seeks abnormal gratification and the debauchee is drowsy and indolent. It is one of those cases where a man gets to going wrong and seesaws down to hell.—*Wakefield*.
— The man who waits till he is better before beginning a religious life, is like the doctor who supposes that it will be easier to pay his obligations after they have been doubled by accumulated interest than now.
— The natural man goes through the world making use of what he finds and leaving nothing worse for his touch. It is the way of the animal—inhaling the pure air, robbing it of its oxygen, and sending it forth laden with impurity. The spiritual man makes use of what he finds, but he pays his debts as he goes, and more, for he leaves things purified, beautified, ennobled by his touch. A holy life is the philosopher's stone that turns everything it touches to gold.

TWINKLINGS.

— His Idea—"Davy, what's the use of calendars?" "So's we won't miss the Fourth of July."—*Puck*.
— The Difference—"They say a man is always nervous when he proposes." "And a girl is always nervous when he doesn't."—*Judge*.
— "Reggie Littleton is such a conceited thing," said Molly. "He called me a man-hater just because he heard I said 'didn't like him.'"
— Lord St. Agnant: "I say, old man, duces queer people in this country." Lord Nozoo: "Yes; never tell 'y' know when they're going to tell a joke."—*Puck*.
— "Somebody who said Uncle Eben, 'a man is like de bottom number on a fraction. De bigger he tries ter be, de smaller what he stands foh really is.'"—*Washington Star*.
— Wanted: Everything Clear—Editor—"I shall want about 500 words on the subject I mentioned." "New Reporter—"Yes, sir; about what size do you want the words."—*Puck*.

Suffered 20 Years.



Mrs. Mary Lewis, wife of a prominent farmer, and well known by all old residents near Belmont, N. Y., writes: "For twenty-seven years I had been a constant sufferer from nervous prostration, and had taken many courses of doctors' and advertised remedies without benefit. Three years ago my condition was alarming; the least noise would startle and unnerve me. I was unable to sleep, had a number of sinking spells and slow growth. I began using Dr. Miles' Nervine and after taking a few bottles I began to notice a change; I rested better at night, my appetite began to improve and I rapidly grew better, until now I am as nearly restored to health as one of my age may expect. God bless Dr. Miles' Nervine!"

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The Weekly Star.

NIGHT.
The sun has winked out of my sight,
And the moonlight is dark with the thought of night,
And the night is in my soul.

The day is set and never will rise,
And my heart is sick and sore,
For the sweet, sweet light of my true love's eyes
Will shine for me no more.

My very sleep of rest is torn,
I am full of thoughts of what I have borne,
And of what I love and love to be.
I see the rose with thorns fired,
I hear the brook run dry,
I know the sun will rise no more,
I almost long to die.

For I know the sun will rise no more,
And the flower will fade in the wind,
And I know that my dream is all a dream,
And the charm of the stream is lost.

For we who never, never, no more,
There who never and I must part,
Astonish me with the thought of night,
And the night is in my heart.

—*Aliso Garry New York Ledger*.

NEW YORK'S GROWTH.

The City Has Never Reached Since It Was First Paired Heated.

Ernest Ingersoll writes a paper on the Greater New York, entitled "Reasoning Out a Metropolis," for St. Nicholas. Mr. Ingersoll says:

The people of New York, Brooklyn, Staten Island and certain nearby northern towns resolved to join themselves together into one city, which is now the Greater New York; it embraces 841 square miles of territory and has a population of 4,000,000.

Besides these at least another million dwell on the New Jersey side of the Hudson river, quite as near and as closely identified with the great city on Manhattan Island as those of the northern and eastern suburbs. This makes a population of nearly 5,000,000 which may be said to belong to New York, making it not only by far the largest center of human life in the interior of America, but, excepting only London, the most populous spot on the globe.

How has it happened that this vast city has grown up where it stands? Why did not the American metropolis arise somewhere else? Is its position an accident, or does history show sound reasons for its situation? The earliest settlement there was merely a trading post, which gradually became a small town, like those of other places along the coast. Before the year 1700 there were no more than a few shacks, and it was not until after the year 1760 that it was a city.

Great cities arise at the points where the greatest number of people find it convenient to meet for first business and later for pleasure. You cannot force a city to grow in an unnatural or unsuitable situation, and it is no easier to prevent a city from growing in its proper place. But the conditions that change a village into a big town and expand the town into a city or metropolis are not the same in different parts of the globe and vary with the march of the centuries; so that now many an ancient world market, like Nineveh or Memphis, has totally disappeared, while new cities have lately increased with amazing rapidity, after a long history as small and insignificant places. As for New York, it has never halted or gone backward for a moment since it was fairly started on its career in 1624.

Effects of a Bee Sting.

An English physician relates an instance of a lady who was stung by a bee. At the first moment she seemed to pay very little attention to it, but soon her face became flushed and spots appeared all over her body. Suddenly she developed a most severe attack of asthma, finding great difficulty in breathing. Another instance is that of a young lady who was stung on the back of her head by an ordinary honeybee. In less than five minutes her face began to swell, and very marked red and white spots appeared all over the surface of the body. The swelling extended over the entire person, accompanied by severe pain, burning and giddiness. The eyes were almost closed and the countenance was so distorted as to be unrecognizable. Fresh bathing in soda water, with a little soda taken internally, and hot applications to the feet and through massage finally afforded relief, but it was some hours before the patient recovered from what was truly an alarming condition. Violent attacks of nervousness accompanied the trouble, and the sense of suffocation was almost intolerable. The young woman had been stung a number of times before without any apparent unpleasant result. The physician's opinion is that the bee was feeding upon some extremely poisonous plant, which became concentrated in the venom of the sting. Be that as it may, the condition was such as to call for prompt attention, and the more severe the case, the more prompt the treatment should be.

DOG OPENED FATHER'S EYES.

Experience of a Man Who Had Severely Closed Eyes.

"It is quite interesting to be the father of several growing girls," said one of a group of fashionable men in the smoker of a suburban car.

"Yes," answered another one, with a shrug of his shoulders, "especially when they all want new gowns at the same time."

"I wasn't thinking of that," said the first speaker, "but of a way they have of taking the wind out of your own sails. It never occurred to me until the other morning that it was not so much that young fellow who was stopping in to play cards and make themselves agreeable. I tumbled at last, but it was my hunting dog Jack that opened my eyes."

"Your hunting dog?" echoed the crowd.

"Yes. I had heard of nearly every kind of a plan for the communication of lovers except a dog. In this case Jack became Cupid's messenger. Those boys borrowed the dog ostensibly to go hunting, but I have learned since that they didn't know a gun from a hoe handle. They tied Jack up overnight, and as soon as he got out in the morning he made a bee line for home. If I hadn't seen the corner of a paper sticking from under his collar I should never have suspected the eagerness with which those girls tried to head him off from me."

"He had a letter for them?"

"No, just a note asking the privilege of seeing dear Miss Kate or Miss Sue in the park for a walk and a chat. Nice idea, employing the dog of the family in a clandestine correspondence. I answered that note myself, and the two girls haven't spoken to me since. Jack is tied up, and I'm watching the cat now, for I have no doubt they'll find a way to circumvent me."—*Chicago Times-Herald*.

SEVEN MILES AN HOUR IS THE CAMEL'S LIMIT, NOT AN INCH UPON THE RATE OVER TWO HOURS. Its usual speed is five miles an hour. When a camel is pressed beyond its speed and its bent, it kneels down, and not all the wolves in Asia will make it budge again.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Raleigh Post: There is a large number of cases of measles in the city at this time. Yesterday 23 children were detained from the city grades schools on account of the existence of measles in their families.

Washington Progress: While storing hay at Wharton's Wednesday night a lamp was accidentally overturned, setting fire to the building, and also the store belonging to Mr. R. J. Johnson, both of which were burned.

Statesville Landmark: Mr. J. Ed. Turner, of Hixsonville, who is associated with Prof. W. E. Hixson in mining operations and has been with that gentleman in Macon county, was in Statesville Wednesday night and was showing some samples of a new mineral which Prof. Hixson has recently discovered in Macon. It is called "rhodolite" and is of great brilliancy, in appearance resembling a diamond.

Charlotte Blade: Thursday, March 17th, Mrs. Lena Fry quietly passed away at her home in Charlotte. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Muse, and at the time of her death was 88 years of age. Mrs. Margans A. Spence, aged 88 years, New London, Stanly county, died at that place March 15th. Mr. Charlie Fry, known as "Big Charlie," distinguished himself from the other Charlies of that name and on account of his size, was robbed of \$854 last week. Mr. Fry lives near Horner's post office on the plank road, and was away from home at the time. The money was in a safe. Mr. Fry either neglected to lock his safe or the parties were familiar with the combination, as the safe was not injured in the least.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligence: Contractors on the Moore County and Western Railroad are advertising for hands to work on the road, and there seems to be no doubt that the road will be built. We learn that the local \$1,000,000 recently secured by the company, together with county and township subscriptions already voted, amounts in the aggregate to enough to allow \$10,000 per mile for the construction and equipment of the road. The road will run from Aberdeen to Concord, the route being through Montgomery, Richmond and Stanly counties. A township, Union county, near the Anson county line, was raised by revenue officers a few days ago. The still was destroyed and about 200 gallons of beer emptied on the ground. A man named Hunnicutt was arrested. Several others who were present ran, and though fired at by the officers, made their escape.

CATCHING FLYING FISH.

It is an important industry of the coast of Barbadoes.

Off the coast of Barbadoes, where a species known as Exocoetis volitans is found, flying fish are very good food and form the staple of a considerable industry. The negroes go out in small boats and catch them, mostly at night. After a good catch the boats come into shallow water, where they are met by negroes with large baskets, into which the fish are cast. These baskets are carried to the shore, where they are put on to light, single wheel trucks, something between a railway porter's truck and a light wheelbarrow—and so conveyed by another set of blacks to the market. Here are gathered together a large number of negro women, all eager to secure good fish to hawk in the street. These women know their business thoroughly and have a keen eye for a bargain. They affect indifference, and some will even smoke a pipe as if to show how little concerned they are in what is going on.

This, however, deceives no one, for every one concerned knows that such woman is trembling with impatience to secure the best fish at the lowest rates. Indeed, as to bargains, they are as fond of making them as any lady shopping in the west end and make them much better than their fairer sisters. Having secured as many fish as they require, they hoist the baskets on to their heads and cry their wares through the town, and usually do not take very long to sell the lot. Clad in white, with short skirts, showing bare, shiny, black legs, and with baskets on their heads, these sturdy fishwives present a very picturesque appearance, and when Sambo, the ever ubiquitous waiter, serves you with a plate of flying fish at your dinner you may be very certain that the fish has been bought from one of these drowsy hawkers.

After dined learn from grinning Sambo that your wish to encourage their trade has been fulfilled, for there is no other source from which fish can be got except from these black but comely fishwives.

Flying fish are so called from the fact that they have the pectoral fins so large that they are enabled to make short flights or leaps from the water. It is a vexed question whether or not the flying fishes use their pectoral fins for flight, but the general belief is that they do not merely at the manner of a parachute, but of a kite. However that may be, these fish possess the power of rising from the water to a height of 20 feet, and often fall on the decks of ships. More frequently they skim along the water. There are several kinds of flying fish, more than 30 species being known. They inhabit the seas of the warmer parts of the world. They swim in shoals, varying from 12 to 100 or more. It is a fine sight to see a whole shoal rise from the water and dash through the air for a couple of hundred yards and then drop into the sea together to continue the flight. The cause of the hurry is apparent when you see a hungry dolphin in hot pursuit of the shoal, taking great leaps after his prey. The flying fish take shorter and shorter flights, until at last they sink into the water and fall easy victims to their pursuer.—*London Graphic*.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

Lord Salisbury is suffering from brain fog. John Sherman avoids that by having his understudy do all the thinking for the Department of State.—*New York Journal, Dem.*

Spanish bonds have risen two days in a way which suggests, if it does not prove, that those who control financial affairs abroad have made up their minds that Spain does not propose to go to war if it can help it, and that its Government will see some way to help it.—*Philadelphia Press, Rep.*

Indian Territory public sentiment pulled itself together the other day and lynched a white woman and a negro who had just taken the marriage vows. Strange as it may appear, the public sentiment of the Indians of the country is not becoming the least bit fustier on account of this incident.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

If the calculation that Japan will devote nearly \$100,000,000 to purchasing war ships in the ten years ending with 1905 is correct, perhaps Russia is right in exercising a policy of repression upon the "Gamecock of the east," as she appears to be doing. With a strong fleet at command, there is no knowing how far Japan's enterprise and thirst for glory will carry her.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

In one particular, the South is deeply interested in Cuba coming under the tutelage, if not under the political ownership, of the United States. That island furnishes us our crop of yellow fever. If Uncle Sam puts it for five years he will stamp the yellow demon's life out of him and wash his hideous wraith out of Havana harbor, by letting through it a full tide of sea water, ebb and flow. This would be literally, millions of profit and saving to the southern people.—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

QUEER AUTOMATONS.

EXAMPLES FROM THE DAYS OF DÆDALUS TO THE PRESENT.

A Wooden Venus That Walked and a Brazen Man That Talked—A Wonderful Mechanical Duck—The Greatest of All the Fraudulent Automata.

There are few things more attractive to the generality of men or more calculated to excite their wonder and admiration than a dextrously and mysteriously contrived automaton. There is, indeed, something almost uncanny in the sight of a figure made by men's hands acting like a creature of flesh and blood, and the phenomenon is one of the most subtle of fascinations. Hence the driver of the curious readily finds its way into the pockets of men ingenious enough to invent such marvels.

This passion for the automaton is certainly of new thing. Our moderns are almost the earliest books, sometimes veiled in myth, sometimes more directly stated. Vulcan, it will be remembered, made automatic tripods for the gods of Olympus—a stool, which advanced of its own accord to the banquet table and so retired when the feast was over.

Aristotle tells us that the human automata which Dædalus made were so active that it was necessary to keep them tethered for fear they would run away. The same philosopher describes a wooden Venus who walked about and gave also the secret of the phenomenon. She was tied with a chain to a support which crude device, Albertus Magnus is credited with having made a brazen man who talked and St. Thomas Aquinas with having provided it to pieces with a clockwork mechanism. Some marvelous feats of mechanism are credited to John Muller, otherwise known as Regiomontanus, who flourished in the fifteenth century, and in dealing with him we perhaps touch upon the real history of the automaton. In the eighteenth century lived Mr. Vaucannon, perhaps the most wonderful of all makers of automata and the creator of the famous duck which first appeared before the public in 1746. The duck, which represented a masterpiece and completed a reputation already made wide by his mechanical flute player and an automaton musician which not only blew upon the flageolet, but sang to the accompaniment of the flute. The bird of life size, and not only was it outwardly an exact imitation of a feathered animal, but its internal anatomy was absolutely true to life. So, indeed, were its movements, for it swam, dived, walked, quacked, ate, drank and by an ingenious device even seemed to digest its food.

This automaton disappeared after its inventor's death, but turned up again in 1840 in a garage in Berlin and was purchased by a George Tisch, who took four years to put it in proper working order again. At the end of this time it was exhibited in a room in the Palais Royal, Paris, where Mr. Houdin, the celebrated conjurer, saw it, and, indeed, afterward, when some one was allowed to one of its wings, took charge of and repaired it. No doubt it is still in existence. Of more modern automata this is scarcely the place to speak, for they are private secrets. Let us content ourselves to merely mention Mr. Maskelyne's "Psycho" and "Zoo."

Like most things, automata have not always been what they seemed. Of many frauds upon the wonder loving public, the most conspicuous was that of the famous automatic chess player of Mr. Kempelen, which was exhibited all over Europe at the end of the last century and afterward in America. It was the figure of a Hungarian Turk seated at a large box, the top of which was marked in the middle for chess. Prior to the automaton's meeting an opponent the front of the box was opened and the interior of the figure, which was hollow. Then Mr. Kempelen wound up his Turk with a key, and it was ready to play, which it did by moving the pieces with its left hand and giving three rods for check, king and two for check to queen. All the noted chess players of Europe succumbed to the figure's superior strategy, and its skill so impressed the Emperor Catharine II of Russia, she wished to try it and was with difficulty persuaded by Mr. Kempelen to give up the idea. It was not for years that the secret was discovered; but, like most secrets, it leaked out at last. The real chess player was Mr. Wronsky, a Pole, the captain, both of whose legs had been amputated at the trunk in consequence of a wound from a cannon ball. While the spectators were examining the box Wronsky was in the Turk's body, and when they turned to inspect that ingenious mechanism slid him back into the box. To the fact that Wronsky was a chess player of consummate skill the wide fame of the automaton, which he secretly controlled, is to be attributed. After this disclosure Mr. Kempelen's automaton naturally enough ceased to move mankind to wonder.—*New York Post*.

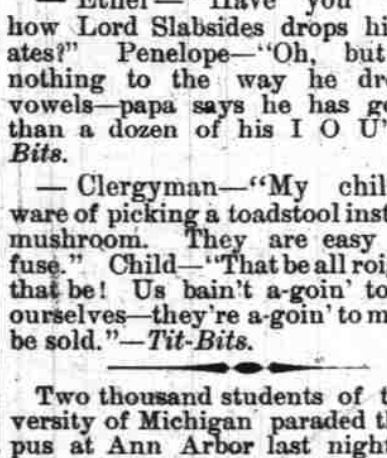
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Due from other Banks	\$108,187.71
Cash on hand	62,242.31
Total	\$600,387.27

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT	Feb. 18, '98	Feb. 17, '98	Feb. 17, '98
Total Deposits	\$597,500	\$604,000	\$692,000
Surplus and Net Profits	24,887	26,500	10,000
U. S. Payable and Reserve	78,000	78,000	78,000
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