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Let's go back, O brother mine, the precious ways of the day Back to the gleam of the glad sun shine. When we were children, you and I. We are growing old, but I long so

For the grasp of a mother's hand to Me away from sin and its soiling As they used to do in the days of

I'm tired of dogma of Church and Let's trail with our feet the dust of As we wander down to the pasture

And bring the cows up for mother again. And see once more the woodlark dip. From stake to stake of the ridered

And feel the old-time fellowship We felt in our boyhood innocene

Let's climb to the rafters overhead And build a swing on the old barn Let's "hide and seek" in the wagor

"knee high" again one Let's part the weeds where the truant Has stolen her nest; then stoop and

The sheltering weeds over the nes As we used to do in the days of old Oh, the endless joys of the days of

With the path that led to the fruited Where the dandelions their coins of Had scattered to bribe the bumble-

And overhead was the dragon fly; And round about us everywhere Was the dreamy gleam of the days gone by.

And oh! the years and tears since The smiles and smiles that have lured us on! The graves we have passed, and the

moments when The cradle and coffin seemed almos So let's go back, O brother mine. Forgetting to-night our greed of

And talk awhile of the glad sunshine That gilded the ways of the days of

-Chicago Record.

### Remember the serpent's head

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

s to be bruised, no matter how big or - If our faults were all written on our faces, the world would be full

- Loving the beautiful is one of the ways by which we may love God without knowing it.

According to the way some folks talk, the only people who have ever been good are dead.

— There are people who seem to think that because they have religion they have no need of brains.

- The preacher who receives the largest salary is not always the one who is doing the most for Christ.

- It may be impossible to see ourselves as others see us, but let us remember that it is possible and quite as profitable to see ourselves in others -that their failings should teach us to avoid them in ourselves-that their virtues should be an incentive to us to reach a higher plane.

- The Wesleyan Methodists of England propose to raise a fund of 1,000,000 pounds sterling, from 1,000,-000 Methodist people by way of signalizing the opening of the coming century. The purpose of the fund is to establish Methodist central halls in London and other great towns.

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#### The Meeklu Star.

A WAR MEASURE TO RAISE REVENUE.

Increases Tax on Beer, Tobacco, Cigars, Spuff-Stamp Tax on Telegrams Etc-A Tonnage Tax.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Chairman Dingley, of the Ways and Means Committee, this afternoon introduced in the House the war revenue measure which the Republican members of the Ways and Means committee of the Ways and Means committee have prepared. It is the intention of Chairman Dingley to press the bill on Monday and he hopes to have it through the House before adjournment Tuesday. It is probable that this programme will meet with opposition from the Democrats, who have not been consulted in its preparation and will not have an its preparation and will not have an opportunity to see it until it is presented to the full committee on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. They are inclined to think that they have been unfairly treated. As it is distinctly a war measure in which the war measure, in which they are expected to acquiesce without opposition, they believe they should have been consulted in its preparation. The Democrats have already decided to offer an income tax amendment Chairman Dingley estimates that the measure, as framed, will raise between \$90,000,000 and \$100,000,000

Tea and coffee, railroad tickets and petroleum, all of which were considered at different times as subjects for taxation, are not touched in the bill. The revenue to be derived is distributed as follows: Fermented liquors, \$35,000,000; tobacco, \$15,000,000; cigars, \$5,000,000; tobacco licenses, \$5,000,000; stamp tax on documents, telegrams, etc.. \$30,000,000; tonnage, \$2,500,000. The amount to be raised by the stamp tax on wines, mineral waters, chewing gum, etc., has not been estimated.

The tax on beer, ale and fermented liquids is increased from \$1 to \$2 a barrel, but no rebate for unused beer or destroyed stamps is allowed. The tax on tobacco and snuff is increased to 12 cents a pound; upon cigars, to \$4 per thousand, weighing more than three pounds per thousand, and \$2 on cigars weighing less than three pounds per thousand; \$4 upon cigarettes weighing more than three pounds per thousand and \$2 on cigarettes weighing less than three pounds per thousaud. A com-pensating tax of half that amount which is the amount of the increase) upon the stock of cigars and cigarettes

The following licenses are placed on obacco dealers: Dealers in leaf tobacco whose sales do not exceed \$10,000 shall pay a \$24 license; those whose sales exceed \$10,000, \$48; dealers in to-bacco, whose sales do not exceed \$1,000, \$4.80; in excess of that amount, \$12. It is also provided that in addition to the quantity of tobacco and snuff, in packages, now authorized by law, there may be a package of smoking tobacco containing one and three-fourths ounces; and in addition to the number now authorized by law in packages of cigarettes, there may be packages containing eight and sixteen cigarettes each. The provisions of the stamp tax in-

clude proprietary medicines and similar preparations, a tax of one cent on all packets, boxes, bottles, etc., which retail at 25 cents or less; two cents be tween 25 and 50 cents, three cents between 50 and 75 cents, and a \$1 and for each 50 cent or fraction thereof above that amount an additional 2

The same schedule applies to perfu-mery and cosmetics. Chewing gum is o pay one cent for packets retailing at five cents and two cents for packets exceeding five cents. Ginger ale and mineral waters are to pay one cent per pint and wines two cents per pint. Bonds, debentures or other certifi-cates of indebtedness after June first, issued by any association, corporation, etc., are to pay five cents on each \$100 or fraction thereof issued, and on all transfers of shares or cer tificates of stock two cents on each \$100. On bank checks and drafts exceeding \$20, two cents; bills of exchange, drafts at sight, or ordinary notes for circulation not exceeding \$100, five cents; between \$100 and \$200, ten cents; \$200 and \$350, fifteen cents; \$350 and \$500, twenty cents; \$500 and \$750, thirty cents; \$750 and \$1,000, forty cents; \$1,000 and \$2,500, \$1; \$2,500 and \$5,000, \$1.50, and for each \$2,500 in excess of \$5,000, \$1. Foreign bills of exchange, letters of credit, including express money or-ders, to pay the same rate as bills of exchange or promisory notes, except where drawn in sets of three or more,

when for each bill of each set where the sum payable does not exceed \$150, Above that there is a graduated scale running \$1 for \$7,500 and 30 cents for each \$2,500 additional. Bills of lading, receipts for goods, merchandise, etc. for export, ten cents each; express packages, one cent upon all such as pay not to exceed 25 cents; between 25 cents and \$1, two cents; in excess of \$1, five cents. Indemnifying bonds, 50 cents. All other bonds required on legal packages 25 cents; certificates of profits on each \$100 of face value two cents; certificates of damage or otherwise, issued by a port warden, 20 cents. Certificates of deposit of money in bank or trust companies, two cents

for sums not exceeding \$100; five cents above that amount. Certificates of other descriptions, ten cents; charter contracts for ship, vessel or steamer which does not exceed 300 tons, three dollars, or between 300 and 600 tons, five dollars; exceeding 600 tons, ten dollars; memorandum of sale of goods, stocks, bonds, real estate or property of any kind issued by brokers, ten cents; conveyances, when the consideration exceeds \$100 and does not exceed \$500, 50 cents; be tween \$500 and \$1,000, one dollar; be tween \$1,000 and \$2,500, two dollars between \$5,000 and \$10,000, ten dollars; between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

Telegraphic messages, except press news dispatches, one cent on messages below the charge of twenty cents and three cents where the charge is above twenty cents; on the entry of goods at houses for consumption not exceeding \$100 in value, 25 cents; between \$100 and \$500, forty cents: exceeding \$500, one dollar; entry for withdrawal of goods from bonded warehouse, 50 cents; life insurance policies not including accident policies, and fire insurance, twenty-five cents; leases for a period not exceeding three fifty cents; exceeding that period, \$1; clearance papers for a cargo destined for a foreign port if the ton-nage of the ship does not exced 300 tons, \$1; between 300 and 600, \$3; ex-

twenty dollars; for each additional

\$10,000, ten dollars.

ceeding 600, \$5. Mortgages not exceeding \$500, fifty cents; between \$500 and \$1,000, one dollar; between \$1,000 and \$2,000, two dollars; between \$2,500 and \$5,000, dollars; between \$2,500 and \$5,000, five dollars; between \$5,000 and \$10,000, ten dollars; between \$10,000 and \$20,000, fifteen dollars; for each additional \$10,000, ten dollars; passage ticket for a foreign port, if less than \$30, one dollar; exceeding \$30, five dollars. Power of attorney, twenty-five cents; power of attorney to condollars. Power of attorney, twenty-five cents; power of attorney to con-vey real estate, or rent or lease the same, one dollar; probate of will or letters of administration where the estate does not exceed \$2,500, fifty cents; between \$2,500 and

\$5,000, one dollar; between \$5,000 and \$20,000, two dollars; between \$20,000 and \$50,000, five dollars; between \$50,000 and \$100,000, tem dollars; between \$100,000 and \$150,000, twenty dollars, and for each additional, \$50,000 ten dollars. Protest against any note, check, acceptance, etc., 25 cents; warehouse receipt for goods in merchandise, etc., held in storage, 25 cents.

The bill also imposes a system of tonnage taxes of 8 cents per ton, not to exceed 96 cents per ton per year, upon all vessels from a foreign port, and from the receipts from these duties \$750,000 is appropiated for the marine hospital service.

The loan provisions of the bill are as

The loan provisions of the bill are as That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the United States the sum of \$500,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and to prepare and issue therefor, at not less than par, coupon or registered bonds of the United States in such form as he may prescribe, and in denominations of 50, or some multiple of that sum, redeemable in coin at the pleasure of the United States, after ten years from the date of their issue and payable twenty years from such date, and bearing interest payable quarterly in coin, at the rate of three per cent. per annum; and the bonds herein authorized shall be exempt from all taxes or duties of the United States, as well from taxation in any form by or under State or municipal or local authority: Provided, that the bonds authorized by this section shall be first offered as a popular loan under such regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury as will give opportunity to the citizens of the United States to participate in the subscriptions to such loans, and a sum not exceeding one-half of one per cent. of the amount of the bonds herein authorized is hereby appropriated to pay the expense of preparing, advertising, issuing and disposing of the same.

That the Secretary of the Treasury

is authorized to borrow from time to time, at the market rate of interest, not exceeding three per cent. per annum, such sum or sums as, in his judgement, may be necessary to meet pub-lic expenditures, and to issue there-for certificates of indebtedness in such form as he may prescribe and in denominations of fifty dollars or some mulipule of that sum; and each certificate so issued shall be payable with the in-terest accrued thereon, at such time, not exceeding one year from the date of its issue, as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: Provided that the amount of such certificates outstanding shall at no time exceed one hundred million of dollars; and the provisions of existing law respecting counterfeiting and other fraudulent practices are hereby extended to the bonds and certificates of indebtedness authorized by this act.

#### TWINKLINGS.

- "Old Grabber ought to be satisfied with the money he has." "He is satisfied—so much so that he wants a lot more of exactly the same kind." - She-"Julie and Joe are en-

gaged, but they have decided to keep their engagement a secret; Julie told me so." He—"Yes, I know it; Joe told me."-Yonkers Statesman. - Imagination-"Is your husband

a man of much imagination?" "I didn't think so before he married me, but since I have heard the reasons he gives for not coming home to supper and for staying at the club until nearly daylight I've changed my mind." - "Mrs. Miffin," said a visitor,

'Emma has your features, but I think she has her father's hair." "Oh, now I see!" said little Emma. "It's because I have father's hair that he has to wear a wig."-Tit-Bits.

- "Yes," she exclaimed indig-nantly: "he kissed me by force." "Oh, well," replied her friend nonchalantly, "it was all your fault." "All my fault! "Certainly. If you hadn't resisted he wouldn't have had to use force."-Chicago Post.

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THE NEW YORK'S CAPTURE.

Spanish Tramp Steamer Pedro Towed Into Key West in Charge of a Prize Crew.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. KEY WEST, April 23.—The Spanish tramp steamer Pedro, Captain Bonet, from Antwerp on March 25th for Santa Cruz and Pensacola, was captured by the United States flagship New York yesterday afternoon and was brought in here at 6.30 this morning under her in here at 6.30 this morning under her own steam, but in charge of a prize crew, consisting of Lieutenant Capehart, Ensign Brumby, Engineer Ball and twelve men. She is owned by the Navigation Company, of Bilbao, is of 1,628 tons net register, is the control of about 330 feet long, was over 38 feet beam and 28 depth of hold. She was built at New Castle in 1883 and has a crew of 36 men. The Pedro had been unloading a cargo of rice, iron and beer at Havana, when the news of the descent of the United States fleet upon Cuba caused her to put to sea in a hurry. She made off in an easterly direction, but was not quick enough in getting away.

The torpedo boat Foote was scouting about twelve miles off Havana shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday after-

noon. The weather was hazy Suddenly the Foote signalled the New York that a strange ship habeen sighted, and the flagship started out. Wiser than the Buena Ventura, when she saw the mighty flagship heading for her the Spaniard scudded away at a fast clip. The New York then fired the usual first shot as a signal to heave-to, but the Pedro continued on her course. Then came a pretty chase. The cruiser fired several more small guns at the fleeing vessel, and finally sent a solid shot across her bows. This brought the enemy to terms and she promptly hove to. A small boat was lowered from the New York, and Ensign Marble with a crew put off. The wildest excitement prevailed on the Spaniard, and her decks were crowded with men, scurrying about like frightened rats as the New York's men clambered up the side of the ship.

Meantime the Foote had sighted a German coasting vessel and signalled to the flagship and a shot was put across the vessel's bows. No resistance was offered, and the New York men boarded her, found her papers to be correct and her German register was established. She was turned back. The action of the fleet in refusing to allow the German vesse o enter Havana shows that the plockade is practically established.

#### GEN. FITZHUGH LEE

Anxious to Get Back to Cuba and Meet the Spaniards-Will Make Ouick Work of Blanco's Army.

RICHMOND, April 23. Gen. Fitz-Monday for Washington. The General appears somewhat restless under the estraints placed upon him by the delay in sending troops to Cuba, as he is anxious to get back to the island and attack the Spaniards, and predicts that if he is put in charge of troops down there he will make quick work of Blanco's army. The an-nouncement from Spain to-day that Weyler had conferred with the Queen Regent and would return to Cuba at the head of an army proved interesting reading to Gen. Lee, who said after he read it that he would like nothing better than to face Weyler with an

General Lee appears to think that the proposed delay in sending troops to Cuba will prove somewhat dangerous. The rainy season sets in on the island about the middle of June or first of July, and he had hoped that the troops would be sent at once to Cuba, and that the fighting, as far as driving the Spaniards from the island, would have been over before the rain began to fall, for if Americans unacclimated are caught on the island after the wet season begins they will be very apt to contract fever.

It having been suggested to General Lee that the Richmond troops who had at first been somewhat loath to go to Cuba had reconsidered, and were declaring themselves as prepared to go wherever ordered, he exclaimed: "Richmond and Virginia will do their duty. I never knew them to fail and certainly they can be depended upon

THE BLOCKADING SOUADRON.

Another Prize Captured-Movements of the Fleet Off Havana. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, April 24.—The fleet captured another prize yesterday after noon, the schooner Mathilde, of Ha vana, laden with rum. The schooner was taken by the torpedo boat Porter after a lively chase, during which a number of shots were fired. A prize crew from the flagship was put on heavel the schooner hat the crew from the flagship was put on board the schooner, but no ship could be spared to tow her and she was brought into Key West in tow of the Associated Press dispatch boat Dauntess, which arrived about midnight. The Dauntless reports that the fleet has been divided. The Nashville and the Machias or Castine sailed west at 10 o'clock this morning, while the Amphitrite, the Puritan, the Cincin-nati and the Castine or Machias sailed east later. The rest of the fleet at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon was blockading Havana, which is distant ten miles

THE STEAMER PARIS.

to the southward.

No Truth in the Report That She Has Been Captured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, April 23 .- Clement A. Gresham, vice president of the American Steamship Line, said to-night: "I have just received a cable message from the agents of the line in

Southampton, stating that there is absolutely no truth in the rumor that the steamer Paris has been captured. She sailed at 2:15 P. M. yesterday and passed the Lizard at 11:45 P. M. She proceeded on her way for this port. and as since that time nothing has been heard from her it is certain that overhauled by a Spanish vessel the captor and her prize would have put about for some Spanish port, but as no vessel arriving either at Southampton or any other port reported her, we are certain that she is well on her way to New York."

#### WAR BULLETIN.

Dispatches from Queenstown, Eng., says the Spanish torpedo boat Audaz has completed repairs and is awaiting orders. It is expected she will leave Monday.

Dublin—It is rumored that Spain is negotiating for the fast mail steamer

Madrid—The Leon battalion started for the Balearic islands this evening. On board flagship New York, off Havana—The torpedo boat Ericsson captured a Spanish fishing boat during last night under the guns of Morro SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Columbus News: The plant for the Columbus Canning Co. has been ordered from the manufacturers in Baltimore, and will have a capacity of from 2,000 to 2,700 cans per day. A good many tomatoes are being planted this week.

- Newbern Journal: Capt. Wm. Moore, who has been drilling his company of colored men, preparing them for war, says he is all ready to assist make up North Carolina's quota, as per call of the President, and will lead his fifty men when the call is made. - Taylorsville Visitor: Hartwell

P. Millner, a young man from this town, on last Monday, at about 10.30 A. M., near Farmington, N. C., in a sudden fit of insanity shot and killed his horse and then shot himself through the head, from which he died in about eight hours. - Maxton Scottish Chief: The

sash, door and blind factory is com-pleted and will begin operation in a few days. —B. G. Barefoot (white), the shomaker, who was carried from this place to Lumberton jail a few weeks ago charged with having stole three pairs of pants from Moses Fine was tried in Lumberton last Wednesday and found guilty and was sen-tenced to 12 months in the penitenti-

- Monroe Journal: More than a year ago Mr. E. M. Griffin sold a horse, which at the time showed signs of being lame, but which he and the purchaser expected to be all right in a few days. Instead of getting better, however, the lameness got worse, the horse finally being unable to put the foot on the ground. For over a year it remained so, and the closest examination discovered no cause for it. Some days ago the cause became known. A nail had penetrated the foot several inches, remaining undiscovered in there all this time. It was taken out and the horse is getting better rapidly.

- Raleigh News and Observer. The power of the Yadkin river has been harnessed and is now being transmitted upon the lightning wings of electricity to the Twin City to turn the wheels of its industrial progress. The consumation of the scheme marks great event in Winston-Salem's history. It is the only enterprise of the kind in North Carolina. The plants now being operated by this power include Fries' woollen, cotton and flouring mills. The South-side cotton fac ory, the street railway and electric light plant and Fogle Bros.' planing mills will be connected by the first of next week.

- Lincoln Journal: The many riends in this country of Mr. William Tiddy will be grieved to learn of his death, which occurred at Morganton Saturday night. For many years Mr. Tiddy was a citizen of Lincoln country a member of the firm of W. & R. Tiddy proprietors of paper mills at Lincoln Mills, Laboratory Buffalo and was nonored and esteemed by all who knew him. For the last several years he had been living in Charlotte. Last Winhugh Lee will leave on the noon train ter he fell, receiving injuries to his monday for Washington. The General brain which impaired his mind and he was taken to the hospital at Morgan ton for treatment. His mental trouble had been entirely cured and he was on the point of leaving the hospital when attacked by pneumonia, which caused

> - The successful test of the lynamite cruiser Vesuvius, with an actual service charge of nitro-glycerine in her pneumatic guns, makes her usefulness in case of hostilities self evident. Whether she be called on to countermine the harbor of Havana or harass Morro Castle, the account she will give of herself is likely to astonish every one, but particularly those against whose works she is directed.—Philadelphia Record, Dem.



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A Walter Who Can Tell a Hen's Oc pation by the Way He East. There is a waiter in a Dearborn street staurant who has discovered the solrestaurant who has discovered the sol-ence of reading a man's occupation by his manner of eating. He can look into the calm eye of a customer engaged in disarticulating a "ham and" and de-termine with wonderful accuracy whether the man is a scissors grinder or

State street merchant. Of course one must be a close observer to do all this, and it isn't everybody that is afforded a lunch counter for a field of study. Yet if the student will avail himself of opportunities while seated at the mahogany board he will find that when the business man is at the table some habit acquired in the daily pursuance of his profession will be sure to show itself.

For an instance, the banker may come in and order wheat cakes. If he does, the waiter declares he will invariably dip his fingers in the water and run over the cakes to see if there is a mis-

The gambler will look around to see if any one is watching and then palm a slice of bread. If he orders flapjacks, he is sure to slip them one by one from the bottom as he eats them. The clothing salesman will hold his flapjacks up to the light and feel the texture, while the keen observer will notice that the jeweler, upon ordering pie, will hold it to his ear, shake it and then listen, after which he will lift off the top crust with the point of his knife and examine the

During an interivew the other day the waiter stated that he called his new science "eatistry."

"I have not mastered my science yet," said he, "and seldom a day passes but that I learn some new point. Oh, it's a great study, and I think in time it will take its place along with palmistry and phrenology and other kindred "Have you ever made a mistake in

judging a man's occupation?"
"Only once, and that could hardly be called a mistake, for I made no decision as to the man's business. I confess I was stumped. The fellow came in and ordered his dinner. Of course I gave him a glass of water. He looked at it with some surprise and said, 'I didn't

"'It costs you nothing,' says I, 'and you don't need to drink it unless you

"He thanked me, and what do you think-he broke his bread into it and then ate it with a spoon. I didn't know what to make of it, and for the life of me I couldn't determine what his business was. When he was leaving, I tapped him on the shoulder and asked him outright what he did for a living. "'Why,' says he, 'I'm a milkman.' -Chicago Inter-Ocean.

THE MAHNIMAH.

A Wonderful Parrot of India Which, the Natives Claim, Thinks. A little bird in town did a surprising thing the other day, though that is the middle of the story. The first of the many years in India and who has a love for all things Indian was walking along the street and saw in the window of a bird store a green parrot with red spots on its wings.

"That bird," she said to herself, came from India. I will go in and speak with it. Perhaps it speaks the

So she went in and spoke to it in the ernacular of India. "Do you speak the language?" sh said. It is the common question which the people ask of a parrot in the land from which the bird came. But the creature made no answer. It stared at her with dull eyes and was not inter-

ested. Still she persisted. "Come," she said. "Surely you speak the language? What do you want? Are you hungry? Is poor Polly lonesome away off here? Come, come, you speak the language."
Still the bird made no answer, but

from away back in the dusk of the room came a clear little bird voice in Hindoo-"I speak the language. Dalso, I speak

The birdseller did not notice the cry It is merely the chattering of a foolish little bird to him. But the woman who loved India said:

"Where is that bird?" "It's back there," said the bird seller, pointing to a remote corner. So the woman went there, and in an old cage she found a neglected looking mahnimah, standing erect on its perch, all its feathers ruffled, looking this way and that as it quivered with excitement. This bird of all talking birds is the most wonderful—nay, in India they maintain that it thinks. It learns, in fact, the tongue of the people, they say, and does not speak by rote, but it converses. At any rate the mahnimah cried:

"I speak the language. I speak it."
"Here I am, brother," oried the weman. "I am one who speaks it too." The bird fixed one sharp eye on her. "You are little," he said disdainfully, putting his head down in his feathers to indicate how little she was. 'You are little, but I am large," and then he stood erect with his head thrown back and looked down on her. It said other things, too, while the bewildered bird seller stood by and listened, astonished that the bird had any value or that any one could understand

"How much will you take for the bird?" asked the woman. "Twenty dollars," said the man. The price had gone up in the last ten

"Where did you get it?" "A sailor brought it here, and I bought it of him. He had come from New York and was going to San Francisco. He said he was tired of lugging it over the country.

"He must have come from some place where there are Lascars." "I do not know. Will you take the bird. ma'am?" But the woman could not afford that,

so she called back: "Salaam, little brother." "Salaam," said the bird.-Chicago Chronicle.

Where a Man Must Speak Up. "I had occasion the other day, for the first time," said a sober minded citizen. "to go up high in one of the modern tall buildings. I called on a man in the seventeenth story. It certainly was tremendous the way they hoisted us up that shaft, with a smooth start and asy stops and lightning between. Bu the most impressive thing about the trip was this: A man who got on where I did, at the ground floor, and who wanted to get off at the tenth floor, said "Tenth,' as it seemed to me, the instant we started up, but the elevator man said: 'This is the twelfth. We'll

stop going down.'
"If there is a place on earth where a man needs to speak up, it appears to be in the modern elevator car."—New York Sun.

London Architecture. Not long ago an English architect was heard to make a curiously suggest-ive remark. Conversation had turned upon the manifold dangers to which we expose ourselves by traveling in rail-way carriages. "The great rule," said this architect, "is never to look out of the window until you are a good 30 miles from London. Otherwise you risk seeing the Crystal palace."

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