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On Doing Without.

Oh. Tom. I've just seen such a love of a bounet! Pale blue, and tea roses, half blown, and such

I'm sure that some poet could write a sweet About it, when over-well, somebody's face.

The cost? Thirty dollars. You know, it's imported. The fashion, you see, dear, has but just come

I tried it on, Tom, and, oh! I was transported. Can't have it? Now, Tom, why? Can't I do without

Let's see: there's the gas bill, the milk and the Jack wants his new shoes, and the butcher'

bill's due And the dressmaker - There, I see you wish to know, sir,

How much it all makes. Well, of course forty-two. Have I bonnets up stairs? Yes. Worn out?

No, of course not. But - There! I can't have it : to argue's no

Well, Tom, then that table, all gilding and what

The table is lovely. I'm sure that we need it; The parlor, you know, dear, is really equite

Twenty dollars: 'tis nothing; you never will

meant for a swear?

You're always reminding me- Hark! did the the killing of Tyrrel, an imputation A bundle for you just been left at the door.

What's in it? No matter, I'll see for myself, The shoes that you got on your way from the

Ch. Tom, what a story? There, now, it is

As I live, you extravagant wretch, it's eigars! "Mr. Smith, for tobacco, to So-and-so debtor." Five hundred cigars. Fifty dollars, no doubt. Now, then, sir-the gas bill, the milk von had

Preach poor. Now that bonnet I sha'n't do

CAUSE WILLIAMS: OR, FALKLAND'S VICTIM

BY WILLIAM GODWIN.

without a relation in the world upon crimes as that which I suspected him of whom I had any direct claim, and I committing, deepened my conviction. eagerly accepted the post of secretary Still, all this might have arisen from the offered me by Ferdinando Falkland, a pangs of wounded honor, smarting neighboring county squire.

In my master's character I soon found ast, in conducting the examination of a an ample field for study. Though com-Tpeasant charged with murdering a ruffian passionate by nature and considerate for | who had persecuted him beyond endurothers, he was in the utmost degree soli- ance, Mr. Falkland betrayed such untary; he scarcely ever smiled, and, from | controllable anguish that I doubted no some mysterious torment of mind, grew longer. Escaping into the garden, I exat times perfectly frenzied. On such claimed, spontaneously: occasions he would strike his forehead and knit his brow; his features became it! Guilty, upon my soul!" distorted, and his teeth ground one against the other.

went one day, by chance, to a small struction. During the confusion exclaimed:

"Who is there?"

The voice was Mr. Falkland's, trayed confusion, which instantaneously trance of despair I waited my fate. gave place to rage,

you here?" I hesitated.

"Wretch! You set yourself as a spy upon my actions. Begone, or I will trample you into atoms!"

tolerably composed and doubly kind: putting five guineas into my hand, he

learned that he could not help thinking your lips, expect death, or worse." our patron was at times disordered in his

always thus. Ferdinando Falkland was evil, I was full of apprehension for the once the gayest of the gay. You see future. My situation soon became an nothing of him, my dear Williams, but unendurable servitude, and, vaguely the ruin of one who was courted by sages hoping for some release, I threw myself

and adored by the fair." land from a long sojourn in Italy gave an beyond doubt return and clear my repualarming shock to Tyrrel's authority. tation.

Polished, talented, benevolent, his growtial friend:

"This Falkland haunts me like a demon. He poisons all my pleasures. I should like to grind his heart strings I see him ruined.

Nor was his bitterness lessened when Falkland espoused the cause of a poor tenant, named Hawkins, whom Tyrrel was heartlessly seeking to crush; and when Emily Melville, a lovely girl dependent on Tyrrel's bounty, was rescued from a burning house by Falkland, and begun to sound his praises, Tyrrel's rage knew no bounds. Failing in an outrageous attempt to force her into a marriage with a boor named Grimes, he had the hapless girl arrested and flung into jail, where she died. Exasperated by such villainy the whole community turned against him, and he was formally expelled from the village assembly. Forcing his way in he had braved the whole company, until cowed by the indignant We saw at the auction. Don't scowl so, you eloquence of Falkland. Obliged to retire, he soon returned, maddened by brandy, assaulted Falkland, knocked him down, and kicked him before the bystanders could interfere.

To the sensitive Falkland this treatment was disgrace worse than death : Why; Thomas, I'm shocked? Was that nor was he allowed the poor reparation of a duel, for Tyrrel was found murdered Very well, sir; there's surely no use of your in the street a few yards from the assembly house. To plunge poor Falkland The gas bill. I hate it; the butcher still more. | into deeper misery, he was charged with which he repelled so convincingly, that after his examination the multitude received him with huzzas, took his horses from the carriage, and dragged him home

in triumph. Hawkins, the poor tenant whom Tyrrel had oppressed, was arrested soon after, and, upon accumulated evidence of the strongest kind, he and his son were convicted for the murder, and hanged Since then, Mr. Collins concluded, our patron had been a kind, retired, melancholy and ofttimes frenzied man.

in me a thousand emotions, the strongest of which was an unconquerable suspicion that, after all, Mr. Falkland might be the murderer of Tyrrel!

So fixed did this alarming idea become, that I determined to place myself as a watch upon my master. His agitation, At eighteen my father's death left me when our converse turned upon such under a consciousness of injustice. At

"This is the murderer! I am sure of

My excitement had hardly abated the next morning when a burning chimney Perplexed by these singularities, I threatened the whole mansion with deapartment separated from the library by found myself by some fatality in the a narrow gallery. As I opened the door small apartment containing the mys-I heard a groan of anguish, a trunk was terious trunk. Seized with sudden inhastily shut and locked, and then a voice fatuation, I forced the fastenings and that seemed supernaturally tremendous, raised the lid. Just then Mr. Falkland entered! His eyes sparkled with rage as he bade me begone, and, overcome with horror, I eagerly complied. The I instinctively advanced. His face be- fire was soon extinguished, and in a

It was evening before he sent for me. "Villain!" cried he, "what brought In his presence I trembled in every joint. With solemn composure he dictated an oath of secrecy, and I repeated it with an aching heart. Then he said:

"Is it not strange that such a one as I should retain lineaments of a human Saying this, he advanced, but I vanish- creature? I am the murderer of Tyrrel. mond, This proposal I refused, and ed in a moment. In the evening he was I am the assassin of the Hawkinses."

I started with horror. "But, though I be the blackest of vilpressed it with emotion, and then took lains," he continued, "I will leave a refuge in his usual solemnity of manner. spotless name. I had no alternative but On the same night I supped with Mr. to make you my confident or my victim. Collins, the steward, and repeated to him You shall continue in my service; but if all that had passed. From his answer I ever an unguarded word escapes from

Great was my dismay at this unexpected result of my fatal curiosity; and, "Alas!" he continued, "it was not though I had escaped any immediate upon the sympathy of Mr. Forester, This melanchely change, as Mr. Col- Mr. Falkland's half brother, a blunt, but lins went on to relate, had sprung from good hearted man. Without betraving a feud with Mr. Falkland's nearest my master's secret, I obtained a promise neighbor, a man of estate, named Barna- of aid, and, shortly after, secretly withbas Tyrrel. By brute strength, skill in drew from Mr. Falkland's house by rough sports, and a certain copiousness night, intending to take refuge in Lonof speech, this Tyrrel, though boorish, don. A messenger, however, soon overheartless and insolent, had maintained took me with a note from Mr. Forester, an unquestioned ascendency among the intimating that if I were a rascal I might rural gentry. The return of Mr. Falk- endeavor to fly, but if innocent I would

Such a challenge I could not decline. ing popularity was wormwood to his en- and I hastened back to defend my good vious rival, who declared to a confiden- name. Imagine my horror, when Mr. Falkland charged me before Mr. Forester -who was a magistrate-with robbing him of money, watches and diamonds, contained in the trunk which I had with my teeth. I shall know no joy till opened on the morning of the fire. Robert, the valet, gave corroborative evidence as to my distracted appearance on that occasion, and as to the broken trunk, trate belief whom I was taken proand when my boxes were searched, by nounced me a "most impudent rascal." order of Mr. Forester, a watch and several jewels belonging to my accuser were found therein. When allowed to speak, I defended myself fervently, concluding with these words:

"One thing more I must aver. Mr. Falkland is not deceived; he perfectly knows that I am innocent. As to how these articles came to be in my possession, I firmly believe their being there is of Mr. Falkland's connivance."

Those present looked at me with furious glances, as if they could have torn me to pieces. Mr. Forester pronounced me "a monster of depravity," and I was speedily committed to the county jail. While waiting for the officer to convey me thither, I ventured to protest my innocence to one of the servants left to guard me.

"Do not speak to me," he cried; "I have done with you. I loved you, yesterday, all one as if you had been my own brother. To-day, I love you so well that I would go ten miles with all the pleasure in life to see you hanged."

Appalled at this, I spoke to no one else, and soon found myself in the very prison which had held the wretched and innocent Hawkinses. After months of confinement I managed to escape, but fell from a wall, sprained my ankle, and was speedily captured, ironed, and treated with redoubled severity. The same servant who had judged me with such harshness visited my cell, and, touched with pity, gave me tools for a second effort to escape, which proved more successful than the first. On the second day I encountered a band of thieves, who wounded me with a cutlass, and left me This remarkable narrative awakened bleeding and helpless in a ditch. From this plight I was rescued by a benevolent man, who conveyed me to a rude retreat in a pile of ruins, and cared for me as kindly as if he had been my father. Gines had put into circulation! This proved to be the den of the very thieves who had robbed me; my rescuer, brutality of Gines, the one who had wounded me, led to his expulsion, and

> me; but Mr. Raymond defended me so made a prisoner in earnest. well that the idea was abandoned. However, an old hag, who served them as rectly to the chief town of the county in housekeeper, and who had a special par- which Mr. Falkland resided, and renewed tiality for Gines, whose expulsion she at- the charge of murder against him with it best to escape. Disguising myself as summons was duly answered by the acan Irish beggar, I set out, and after a cused. But how shocking was his apday's travel ventured at night into a pearance! Pale, helpless, unable to small alchouse, where I was not a little stand, he seemed to have not three hours. startled to find myself the subject of to live. When I saw him what I had breaker, Kit Williams." Next day I was begun to appear detestable cruelty to a overtaken by two men on horseback, whose questions soon showed that they lated my story, excusing Falkland and were in pursuit of myself; but they did blaming myself with such emotion that not penetrate my disguise, nor was one my hearers were melted to tears; and, of Mr. Forester's servants who presently when I finished, Falkland rose, supjoined them more successful.

> These incidents alarmed me so much self into my arms. that I made the best of my way to the nearest seaport, and secured a passage quered! The story you have told has to Ireland; but, before the anchor was weighed, two officers came aboard and to the magistrate-"do with me as you away to the magistrate. At first I was when I found that I was supposed to be a mail robber for whom they were look- feel that death and infamy must seize me ing. My captors soon concluded they together.' had made a mistake, and offered to release me if I would give them the fifteen guineas found upon me, fer which I was indebted to the kindness of Mr. Raythey left me in charge of a benevolent old man, who, upon hearing the circum- constantly passing over this vicinity, stances of my arrest, was at first inclined to suffer me to escape. But on my frankly confessing my name, and that I formerly lived with Mr. Falkland, he displayed the utmost horror; declared leaden missiles. Sometimes, however, me "a monster with whom the very earth groaned," and would not, for the world, aid me in any way. The behavior of this amiable old man cut me to the heart, but I had no time to reflect on it, and, my captors presently consenting to release me for eleven guineas, I found

myself again at liberty. I soon made my way to London, disguised as a peddler, and for some time obtained a precarious livelihood by literary work. Meanwhile the thief Gines had turned thief taker, and, partly for reward, partly for revenge, had tracked mewith devilish ingenuity through all my journeyings. Baffled for a while by my last disguise, he finally stumbled on a clew, and I escaped arrest only by the forethought of a kind hearted woman, who was herself, thrown into Newgate for misprision of felony, though, hap-I fell in with a watchmaker named Spurrel, who had lately lost his only son, and who gave me work and treated me with kindness. But the infernal persistence of Gines soon put in circulation a half- "Illinoyster?"

penny account of all my alleged crimes. escapes and disguises; and, one of these falling into Spurrel's hands, his cupidity led him to surrender me to the officers of the law-one of them being Gines him-

revealed Falkland's terrible secret. Now felt that I could endure his persecutions no longer without reprisal. But, instead of receiving my declaration against my former master, the magis-"Fine it would be," he added, "if, when gentlemen take up their servants for robbing them, those servants could trump up such accusations as these, and

get any magistrate to listen to them!" soon found myself again in the very prison from which I had escaped. Hope died in my heart; my prospects were gloomier than ever. But when my case was called for trial no one appeared against me, and, to my great astonishment, I was dismissed from the bar, a free man!

That night I was seized, gagged, blindfolded, and hurried into Falkland's presence. Freed from my restraints, I was shocked at his haggard, frenzied, emaciated appearance. He insisted on my signing a paper declaring the charge I had made against him "false, malicious and groundless." I refused. Gnashing his teeth, he exclaimed:

"You refuse? You defy me? I will grind you into atoms!"

Saying this, he quitted the room, and I left the house unmolested. To complete my perplexity, one of his servants pressed a twenty pound note into my hand, and hastened away without a word of explanation. Puzzled by an animosity thus tempered with humanity, I withdrew to an obscure town in Wales, and there, by my services as tutor and watchmaker, I made a modest livelihood, and soon gained a few friendly acquaintances. Week after week glided smoothly away, and I began to hope that Falkland's terrific menace had no meaning. But suddealy my friends grew shy, my scholars quitted me, my mechanical employment ceased. An amiable and cultured lady, with whose family I had formed the pleasantest relations, dismissed me with cruel abruptness. In an agony of desperation I sought to regain her esteem.

"Go, sir!" she cried; "I despise you, robbed me of my coat and waistcoat, You have taught me to what a pitch the villainy of man can extend,'

Heartbroken, I hastened from her presence to my lodging. Entering the family kitchen, I found a copy of that accursed history of my adventures, which

Nor was its appearance there an accident, for, as I soon heard, Falkland had Mr. Raymond, being their captain. The employed Gines to follow me and blast my reputation wherever I might go.

I will not attempt to detail the dreary the others treated me with much fair- and desperate wanderings that followed this discovery. At last I determined to Meanwhile, my pursuers had issued leave England, and went to Harwich to handbills offering a reward of a hundred take ship for Holland. But here the deguineas for my arrest, and one of these tested Gines appeared, and warned me falling into the hands of the thieves, that upon the first attempt to quit some of them were disposed to surrender British soil I should be arrested and

Exasperated to frenzy, I journeyed ditributed to me, alarmed me so much by such vehemence that the magistrate felt vague threats of betrayal that I judged compelled to appoint a hearing. The conversation, as "the notorious house thought to be simple justice suddenly dving man. Suffocated with agony I reported by the attendants, and threw him-

"Williams," said he, "you have concarried conviction. And now "-turning arrested me summarily, and hurried me please. You cannot inflict on me more than I deserve. I am the most execrable greatly dejected, but my spirits rose of all villains. If, however, you wish to punish me you must be speedy, for I

Falkland survived but three days this

The Sagacity of Wild Geese.

The large flocks of geese which are says a California paper, are frequently shot at, but they generally fly at too high an altitude to be reached by the the shots take effect. The other day we were watching a flock flying southward, when the report of a gun was Upon receipt of this Gov. Packard issued a heard and we observed one of the geese begin to fall slowly. The others, perceiving that their comrade was wounded, uttered shrill cries of distress, and about a dozen of them flew under the wounded bird, huddling together so that their as force was not used by either side, and the backs formed a sort of bed upon which the wounded one rested. They buoyed it up for some time, the others meanwhile looking on and manifesting their concern by uttering loud, discordant shrieks. Finding that their companion in their flight, they abandoned him to his fate, and he fell to the earth and pily, soon released. Turned adrift again, into the arms of an expectant Chinaman.

> If you call the Michigan people "Michiganders," isn't an Illinois man an

A SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Items of Interest from Home and Abroad Dun, Barlow & Co., in their annual report of failures in the Dominion of Canada for the year 1876, say the number was 1,728, with During all my misfortunes I had never the failures in the Dominion were 1,968, with \$28,843,967 liabilities..... Sargent Brothers & Co.'s extensive dry goods house in Boston has closed, with liabilities amounting to \$167,000 and assets stated at \$242,000 The Central Hotel at Long Branch, N. J., together with several adjoining buildings, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$40,000; partially insured A

conflagration in Swanton, Vt., destroyed a block devoted to commercial purposes, in which were located the custom house and post-office. Loss, \$10,000. The official books were destroyed:The Pope received the students of the American College, who read an address and presented a sum of Peter's pence. The Pope, in reply, dwelt upon the marvelous progress Catholicism is making in America. ... Miss Pauline Lucille Western, favorably known as an actress, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., of pnuemonia, at the age of thirty-four years A broken rail on the Virginia Midland road, near Alexandria, caused two sleeping coaches to run off the track and down an embankment, turning completely over in their descent. Fifteen persons were injured, several of them severely. Most of them were invalids on their way to Florida. ... Ten fishing schooners belonging at Glou-

cester, Mass., are believed to have been lost during the recent heavy weather, with all on The vessels were the Ellen Francis, David A. Burnham, Gettysburg, John S. Tyler, W. T. Marchant, J. F. Huntress, Robert Emmett, Howard Steele, Medus, B. Jerrold and D. E. Woodbury. They all carried crews numbering from five to ten men, most of whom leave families. The New Jersey Legislature organized by a compromise between the Democrats and Republicans, by which the officers of the body were divided between the two parties, the Democrats taking the speaker and the Republicans the clerk There is a prospect that the difficulties in Europe will be settled without war, and on an amicable basis. . President Borrero, of Ecuador, has been obliged to flee for his life-the revolutionists being successful after a hard fought battle failed to effect a compromise with Iglesias

with the government troops. Sliding snow on the roof of the Grand Central depot in New York demolished \$2,000 worth of glass, and thoroughly frightened the inmates of the edifice. Fortunately no one was under the falling mass..... An ice gorge in the Ohio near Cincinnati broke and cut down the steamer Andes, which sunk. Loss, \$24,000; no insurance, Detectives arrested three burglars at work in an express car on the Hudson River road..... A \$40,000 fire is reported from Brockport, N. Y., by which several buildings were destroyed, including a Methodist church. The express and post-offices were damaged The Mechanics' savings bank of Boston has suspended Eastward-bound freight has again been advanced..... The accounts of Alexander Bartow, cashier of the Fishkill (N.Y.) National bank, shows a deficiency of from \$20,000 to \$60,000. Bartow explains it by saying he was forced to sell bonds deposited in the bank for safe keeping in order to make good overdrafts drawn by personal friends.... Another cargo of arms and ammunition for the

Turkish government has been dispatched by the Winchester Arms Co. of New Haven, Conn. Wm. M. Tweed's appeal from the decision against him in the \$6,000,000 suit was denied by the supreme court.

Sergeant Bessy, with two men from the Sixth cavalry, while reconnoitering for the Indians who had cut the telegraphic line between Forts Laramie and Fetterman, had a skirmish with fifteen redskins, and the three troopers were severely wounded A conflagration in Scranton, Pa., destroyed the Exchange block entirely, and inflicted a loss of \$100,000.....

Bishop Whittingham, of the Episcopal diocese of Maryland, has been paralyzed in his left side. The Spanish steamer Moctezuma, which was captured by Cubans who overpowered the officers, was burned recently by her captors, on finding they would fall into the hands of a Spanish gunboat. The Cuban crew escaped to an adjacent shore in small boats Where the Western Union and Atlantic and Pacific telegraph companies compete, the rates have been greatly reduced The Boston steamer Seminole has been attached under a suit for \$60,000 by the owner of the steamer Montgomery, which

was run down and sunk by the former steamer. A dispatch from India states that in one of the Bombay districts (Sholapore) the crops have totally failed. Things are nearly as bad in two other districts. The crops have partially failed in six districts. Already 287,000 persons are on the relief works. In Madris the famine prevails in twelve districts, and now a million persons are on the relief works. The cost to he State is estimated over £2,000,000 sterling in Bombay and £4,000,000 in Madras..... The moving ice in the Ohio and its tributaries carried off and wrecked ten steamers, between three and four hundred coal barges, ten coal tippers and numerous dry docks. It is estimated 2,500,000 bushels of coal were lost. The aggregate losses will foot up between two and three million dollars A fire in Edinburg, Clarion Co., Pa., destroyed twenty-two buildings in the business part of the town. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

President Grant, in an order to Gen. Auger, of New Orleans, sustains the Packard government in the following language: It has been the policy of the administration to take no part in the settlement of the question of the rightful government in the State of Louisiana, at least not until the Congressional committees now there have made their report. But it is not proper to sit quietly by and see the State government gradually taken possession of by one of the claimants for gubernatorial honors by illegal means. The supreme court set up by Mr. Nicholls can receive no more recognition five of the House, each party choosing its own than any other equal number of lawyers con-State. A returning board, existing in accord- the whole number according to geographical ance with law and having judicial as well as divisions of the country. Accordingly it is beministerial powers over the count of the votes and in declaring the result of the late election, have given certificates of election to the legislature of the State. A legal quorum, of which House holding such certificates, met and de-clared Mr. Packard governor. Should there be a necessity for the recognition of either, it must be Mr. Packard. You may furnish a copy of this to Mr. Packard and to Mr. Nicholls. proclamation ordering the Nicholls government to disperse.

The order of 'President Grant to Gen. Auger. followed by the proclamation of Gov. Packard, created a widespread excitement in New Orleans. It was believed in that city that the administration at Washington would not interfere so long proclamation, which, to a certain extent, recognized the Packard over the Nicholls government, caused the excitement. A dispatch says that as soon as the facts became known the streets were crowded with people, but that no acts of violence occurred. Gov. Nicholls and his administration declared that they would give no attention to Gov. Packard's proclamation, but would continue their government, not interwas unable to longer accompany them | fering with Packard unless attacked, when they would resist, as directed by the Louisiana Democratic delegation in Congress. Preparations were made to quell any disturbance that might arise. Gen. Auger said that he considered the President's order as not recognizing either branch, but should await further instructions,

which were hourly expected. The funded debt of Massachusetts, according to the report of the auditor, is \$33,550,000. The cost of the Hoosac tunnel and Troy and

Green eld railroad has been \$17,200,079 Two snow cleaners on the New York Central were killed by a locomotive near Buffalo and three others injured Gen. Julian Queroga, a prominent Mexican connected with the late Lerdo government, was seized on his ranch and shot by one of Diaz's adherents Hon, John A. McCall, deputy insurance superintendent of New York, in his report mon the Security life insurance company, charges the officers of the company with falsifying the accounts and of perjury to cover their mismanagement. The American ship George Green is sup

osed to have been lost off the Irish coast... The oyster schooner Virginia, of Annapolis, Md., was ent through by the ice in the Chesapeake and six of the crew drowned The officers of Revueltas continue to enforce the three per cent. tax on the merchants of Matamoras by breaking into and plundering stores, They carried off the furniture of a prominent citizen a short time since, leaving his family in an empty house Advices from the Cape of Good Hope, Africa, are to the effect that the Zulu king will not permit British occupancy of the territory in dispute between the Dutch republic and himself, and has stationed 8,000 armed warriors to prevent the English possessing themselves of the territory, as requested by the

Thos. W. Ferry has been re-elected United States Senator from Michigan Blaine was elected senator by the Maine Legislature for the short term ending March next, and for the long term ending in 1883 Wm. Windom was re-elected senator from Minnesota. ...During the coroner's inquest upon the victims of the Ashtabula bridge disaster, E. A. Beebout, chief engineer of the Canton bridge company, testified that he had examined the wrecked bridge and found the braces were attached to the angle blocks in an unsafe manner, and that some of them had slipped out of place. He found some of the braces with the ends slipped away to accommodate the tension rods reducing their area of section, thereby impairing to some extent their ability to perform their duties; he thought this a very material injury to the structure The Arkansas Legislature elected A. H. Garland to be the successor of Powell Clayton in the Senate. . . . News from Mexico states that Diaz having attacked his enemy at Guanajuato, commanded by Gen. Antillon, and totally defeated him. Iglesias has asked to be allowed to retire to vate life. Diaz has thus disposed of the la his opponents for the presidency.....On the eighteenth of December three companies the Eighth infantry, under Lient. Frank D. Baldwin, struck Sitting Bull's camp in the Redwater, and defeated him with the loss of all the property in the camp and sixty mules and nies. The Indians escaped with little beides what they had on their persons An

earthquake occurred in southern California... Mrs. Minuie Blaser, of Dayton, Ky., drowned herself and infant child while insane from puerperal fever..... The mercantile agency of Dun. Barlow & Co., in their January report, give the total number of failures in the United States for the year 1876 as 9,092, with liabilities amounting to \$191,117,786. In 1875 the failures numbered 7,740, with liabilities amount ng to \$201,040,353. In the Dominion of Canada the failures in 1876 were 1,728, with liabilities amounting to \$25,517,991. In 1875 the failures in the Dominion were 1,968, with \$28 843,967 liabilities. In the United States there are 630,-

099 people in business, and in the Dominion of Canada, 54,282. The government of India has forwarded a

ispatch to the India office at London, estimating the total cost to the State on account of relief works and other measures for mitigating the famine in Madras and Bombay at \$32,500. 000 Negotiations have been opened be tween Germany and France, and there is now probability that Germany will reconsider her original decision and agree to participate in the Paris Exhibition in 1878 There appears to be a probability of the Poles taking advantage of Russia's liability to become engaged in war, as the leaders are unusually busy and silent, dissia has abrogated the order by which intmigrants were permitted to return to Poland During a heavy rainstorm in Memphis. Tenn., a shower of small live snakes was observed in the southern part of the town by thousands of persons On Mr. Moody's last night in Chicago he asked for a large collection for Christian purposes and received \$67,000 The Democracy of New Hampshire nominated Hon. Daniel Marcy for governor, and adopted resolutions setting forth the supremacy of the Constitution and the equality of the States: upholds the national Democratic platform, and reiterates its demands for reform ; denounces the "conspiracy organized at Washington by desperate and unscrapulous men among the leaders of the Republican party to thwart the clearly expressed will of the people through the action of the illegally constituted and corruptly controlled returning boards at the South as revolutionary and treasonable in purpose and effect, inasmuch as it strikes at the very life of the elec-tive franchise, which is the basis and vital principle of this government:" deprecates the use of troops by President Grant in South Carolina and Louisiana; calls upon Congress to secure a peaceful solution of the difficulty, but to defend the Constitution; demands a reduction of the army; discourses on the Presiential question, and concludes in these words Believing that Mr. Tilden received a majority of the whole number of electoral votes, we pledge him our hearty and unqualified support in the full exercise of his authority in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the land A smooth-tongued man in Wall street, New York, succeeded in getting cash for

Under the arrangement for the settlement of the election difficulty, the grand committee is to consist of five members of the Senate and vened on the call of any other citizen of the members of the supreme bench, selected from lieved the judges of the first, third, eighth and pinth circuits have been agreed upon, these being Justices Clifford, Miller, Strong and Field. These four are to select a fifth. To the committee of fifteen members, thus composed, are to be referred the questions relating to the disputed States, which are understood to be Florida, Louisiana and Oregon. The committee, composed of members of both houses and experts, as many other committees have been formed, notably the silver commission, will report its conclusions to the two houses, and its report will stand unless both houses unite in rejecting it. Finally, the measure will come into operation as soon as it is passed and signed by the President, and the count of the vote will not therefore wait until the usual time, the fourteenth of February, but will proceed at once. Thus the country will be the sooner relieved of its anxiety.....Gen. Augur, commander of the Department of the Gulf, sent to Gov. Packard, of New Orleans, a communication charging the latter with misrepresenting the tate of affairs there. Gov. Augur denies that he has made any request of either claimant, but ays he did send members of his staff to "inquire" of both if it were not possible for them to make some arrangement which would result in the dispersion to their homes of the armed men on both sides. This could not be construed s intermeddling with the politics of the State, It was simply a suggestion," says Gen. Augur. in the interest, as I thought, of peace, and to give a moment's quiet to the citizens of this

a forged \$64,250 check on the Union Trust Co.

Transparent stuffs are worn exclusive, ly by young ladies in Europe.