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My Illogical Mind.

I confess, with a feeling akin to regret, that as there are spots on the sun, so the best of us all are with failings beset.

"Little Cold Vittles."

She was a tiny little midget, and had such a starved, pinched, and appealing look that my heart was touched by the quick, and I took her into the kitchen myself and told Bridget to give her a good hearty breakfast.

The Fashions.

Winter bonnets appear in the revived coronet shape. Some of these have the face trimming formed exclusively of clear de lune beads laid on in close rows, of gimp and dropping fringe.

The Mule of Sumter.

A writer in the Hartford Times has the following reminiscence of the war: When Dahlgren's iron-clad began operations in Charleston harbor, the tenth army corps made a sudden dash and drove in the thin line of pickets which the Confederates had posted on the eastern end of Morris Island.

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Edging around in front of the animal the reporter saw that sure enough a tube had been inserted in the windpipe midway between the head and shoulders.

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