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Youth's Companion. The recent flurry of excitement over the possibility of war with Great Britain will not be wholly without good result if it fastens the attention of the public and of Congress upon the defenceless condition of our seaboard.

Charlotte Observer. A Populist at Raleigh says there is about to be a sensational development in politics but that for the present his lips are sealed.

A number of quotable epigrams may be found in Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst's initial paper for young men.

Ecclesiastical Bulletin Issued by the Catholic Church. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on the 19th day of February.

He Enjoyed His Good Things, but Got Few of Them. Mr. Lincoln was one of the rare talkers who could always point a moral with an adoring tale taken out of his own experience.

On the Pacific coast alone, according to the estimate of General Miles, there are more than five hundred millions of dollars of destructible property within reach of hostile invasion.

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By virtue of an indult to the United States, dated August 3, 1887, the following special dispensations are granted:

The story teller is the man who finds his own material. An old southern politician was moralizing thus a few nights ago and enlarging the man the south used to dislike.

Last summer, in conversation with an American, Li Hung Chang, the eminent Chinese statesman, insisted that the United States would have come to the help of China, in the war with Japan, if it had not been afraid of the Japanese fleet.

"Personal pressure can no more be hooted down, or voted down, or argued out of existence than can the push of the wind or the pull of the moon.

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The Paschal time extends from the first Sunday of Lent (Trinity Sunday), during which times all Catholics who have attained the proper age are bound to receive worthily the Holy Communion.

Another New State Enterprise. Messrs. J. H. Bobbitt and J. L. Ramsey, of Raleigh, have organized the Bobbitt Drug Company with headquarters in that city.

"If Japan should declare war against the United States," said the Chinese envoy, "the only way to avoid a collision in her army and every ship in her navy on our coast within a month."

"Empty barns in October are the logical consequence of empty furrows in spring. The young man may as well understand that there is no gratuity in this life, and that success is never reached 'across lots.'"

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for March. The great "Lee of Virginia" series in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly is continued in the March number with a picturesque and superbly illustrated paper devoted to Major General Henry Lee, of Revolutionary fame.

By order of His Eminence, the Cardinal. "Would Appeal the Devil." From the Grimm's.

Judge Walter Clark, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme court, will be remembered as having been in Concord in December, to write articles relating to Mexico and her affairs to the Boston Arena.

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Clinton Democrat. In his very timely address before the Teachers' Council last Saturday, Mr. Geo. Butler called attention to the fact that our public schools are practically without a head in every county.

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Now we have made but feeble beginning. Ordinary prudence should compel a more energetic policy, without waiting for some sudden emergency to bring the penalty for our remissness.

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Absolutely Pure. Highest of all in Leavening Power—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Man born of woman is of few days and no teeth, and indeed it would be money in his pocket sometimes if he had less of either. As for his teeth he had convulsions when he got them, and as the last one comes through, lo! the dentist has a grand new law in force. The last end of that man's jaw is worse than the first, being full of porcelain and a roof-plate built to hold blackberry seeds. Stone bruises line his pathway to manhood; his father boxes his ears at home, the big boys cuff him in the playground and the teacher whips him in the school room. He grows up a western at 110, when he had sold short at 96, and his neighbors unloads upon him Iron Mountain at 60, and straightway breaketh down to 52. He riseth early and sitteth up late that he may fill his barns and storehouses, and to his children's lawyers he bequeatheth the spoils among themselves and says: "Ha! ha!" He groweth and is in sore distress because it raineth, and he beateth upon his breast and saith: "My crop is lost!" because it raineth not. The late rains blight his wheat and his first barnyard is a sea of mud. He be so that the sun shined for three of the nineties, he saith: "Woe is me for I perish!" and even if the north-west wind sigheth down in 42 below, he crieth: "Would I were dead!" If he wears sackcloth and blue jeans, men say: "This is a tramp," and if he go forth in heaven and clothed in purple and fine linen, all the peopery cry: "Shoot the dude!" He carrieth insurance for twenty years, until he had paid three over all his goods, and then he letteth his policy lapse one day, and that some night fire destroyed his store. He buildeth him a house on Fifth Street, and his first born is devoured by mosquitoes; he pitcheth his tent in New York, and tramps devour his substance. He moveth to Kansas and a cyclone carrieth his house away over into Missouri, while a prairie fire and 10,000,000 acres of grasshoppers fight for supremacy. He settles himself in Kentucky and is shot the next day by a gentleman, a colonel and statesman, "because, sah, he resembles, sah, a man, sah, he did not like, sah." Verily, there is no rest for the sole of his feet and if he had to do it over again he would not be born at all, for the day of death is better than the day of one's birth.

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