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I should have sent a creature a thousand of which would not weigh as much as a fly's wing."

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these animalculæ is menacin[illegible] important branch of our foreign [illegible]mmerce. The trichina is disturbing the business relations of two continents; and not only merchants, but legislators and statesmen as well, are excited on the subject. And what is this formidable trichina? A parasitic worm, about a hundredth of an inch in length, yet more terrible to man than the anaconda or boa constrictor. Its very existence was unknown fifty years ago, and its real nature and habits were not understood till within twenty years or so. The reader does not need to be told that under certain circumstances it infests the flesh of the hog, and that the diseased pork, if eaten by man without being thoroughly cooked, may transfer the parasite to the human muscles, with dangerous and often fatal results. No wonder that our foreign friends are alarmed when they are told that American pork is liable to be of this trichinous character. The reports may be false or exaggerated, perhaps set afloat by interested parties who want to keep our pork out of their markets; but the trichina is none the less a frightful reality, and the risk of its presence in pork cannot be too vigilantly guarded against both at home and abroad, from commercial no less than hygienic considerations.—*Boston Journal of Chemistry.*

A Piute warrior killed himself recently near Gold Hill, Nev., and his superstitious fellow Indians, who had never before had a case of suicide among them, immediately deserted their village without even touching the body. The [illegible] people finally buried it, and then [illegible] back and set fire to

[Freeport (Ill.) Bulletin.]

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[Louisville Home and Farm.]

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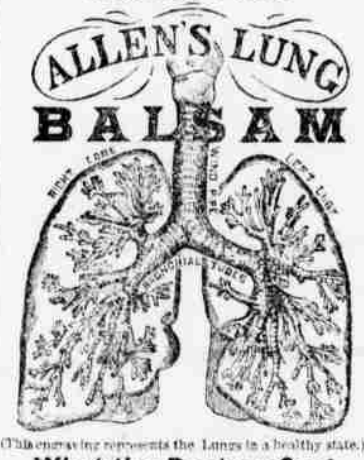

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