

Mrs. Logan warmly denies that she is writing a novel. She says that her talents do not lie in that direction, and that if she had the ability she has not the inclination at present to indulge in the production of fiction.

When Mayor Hewitt, of New York, was recently asked what he thought of President Cleveland's administration he replied, "I have scarcely time enough to think what I think of my own administration."

Donald G. Mitchell, "Ik Marvel," lives, says an exchange, near New London. This is a mistake. The author of "Reveries of a Bachelor" has a farm a little way out from New Haven, where he has lived a quiet but busy life for years.

Patti says the Americans ought to be very proud of Mrs. Cleveland. When the diva was in Washington she and the President's wife exchanged pictures and autographs. Mrs. Cleveland promised to visit Patti at Craigynos some time in the future.

Mr. Washington Irving Bishop, the mind-reader, has added another feature to his public entertainments. In Cincinnati the other evening he opened his performance with a brief lecture on the rottenness, corruption and general rascality of the New York press.

Queen Victoria is anxious to buy the great Cap-diamond, which is valued at \$5,000,000 and is owned by a syndicate, but Her Majesty is deterred from doing so by the price. Now is the time for patriotic Englishmen to raise a supplementary Jubilee Fund and buy the little trinket for the Queen.

The New York World says, instead of forbidding men to drink wine and beer with their meals, the laws should encourage those who drink at all to do so at those times. There would be vastly less intemperance if this were the rule. It is the bottle-emptying and bar-drinking—especially the absurd custom of "treating"—that lead to excess.

At the opening of the American Exhibition in London on Monday, the Grenadier Band played the American and British National airs, after which Archdeacon Farrar offered prayer, Lord Ronald Gower delivered an address of welcome, and Sir Charles Russell replied. Miss Lillian Nordica sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Rule Britannia."

A dispatch from Wytheville says, the question of voting a subscription of \$6,000 for the purpose of supplying the town with electric lights and water works, was placed before the voters in the town on Saturday last and carried almost unanimously. Only six persons opposed it. The works will be placed to contract at once.

The New York World says, Queen Kapiolani has been presented with a lock of George Washington's hair. Thus does a hirsute relic bridge a century and join by a sentimental bond a monarch and a foe to monarchs. Even the Washington Monument must have shed tears when the dusky Queen received that memorial of a man who had never heard of the Sandwich Islands.

Pope Leo has written a letter to Bishop Ireland, in which he says: "Let pastors do their best to drive the plague of intemper-

ance from the fold of Christ by assiduous preaching and exhortation, and to shine before all as models of abstinence, that so many calamities with which this vice threatens both Church and State may by their strenuous endeavors be averted."

Earl Cameron, for Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has addressed a letter to the Times in which he suggests the creation by Parliament of a special tribunal to investigate the charges made by that paper against Parnell. Should the suggestion be adopted it must naturally lead to the inclusion of the charges against Mr. Dillon as subject matter for inquiry by this commission or the appointment of a similar body to deal with Mr. Dillon's case separately.

The action of the debt commission of Virginia and that of the English creditors has resulted in nothing at all, after preliminary arrangements extending over weeks and secret sessions of more than a week. The bondholders demanded an equivalent of \$32,000,000, which would require reduction of school fund, asylum appropriations and stop the pittance paid to Virginia's crippled soldiers. The Virginians offer \$25,000,000, and to pay on it three per cent. interest, equal to \$750,000 annually.

At the battle of Fort Fisher, North Carolina, Gen. Alonzo Alden, of the Federal army, received a bullet-wound in the neck. For years he has suffered at intervals from the injury. The physicians have never been able to locate the bullet until within a few days. It is in the neck, about two inches below the ear, and lodged against the spinal column. Gen. Alden is now suffering from secondary spinal meningitis. As soon as he recovers sufficient strength an effort will be made to remove the bullet. Gen. Alden is now at his home in Troy, N. Y.

Cairo, Egypt.

Cairo has a population of 370,000 and contains one mosque for every thousand. There are, perhaps, twenty Christian churches. The principal university of the Mohamadan world, and the most celebrated in all the East, is located here. Its average attendance is 12,000 students. It is an interesting sight in Western eyes to look upon all these, divided into groups or circles, amid a forest of columns, listening to learned professors and taking notes. Each student must qualify himself in every subject taught in the institution before receiving his diploma. (They all sit on rugs).

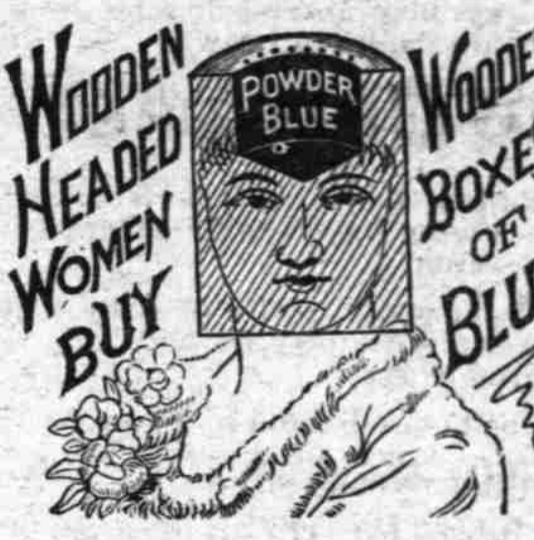
I have been hunting for the origin of Cairo, and have given up the chase. Menes, the first recorded king, founded Memphis, the ancient capital. The order to build Alexandria was given to the architect Dinocrates, B. C. 323. The foundations of New Cairo were laid one night by Gower, the conquering general of El Moez, in A. D. 969. The next year he built the university. The city was named Kaherah—pronounced Cairo by the Europeans. The word means victorious. But who built the old city? I have traced it back to the Romans—thence to Cambyses, the Persian conqueror, thence to Sesostris—and thence into pre-historic night. Further researches I leave to posterity.—Dr. Young in Nashville Advocate.

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