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BILLARD'S LETTER.
I was ruminating about the cost of raising a child. My wife and my daughter have been busy for a week fixing up short clothes for the little girl and I wondered what was the matter. "We are just making some spring dresses," said she. "How many will it take?" said I. "Well, we will have to have fourteen to start on," said my wife. "One of each day and seven of them will have to go out in the wash you know every Monday." "How many other garments?" she said. "Well, there are seven white skirts and four flannels and some little shorts you know, but everything is so cheap now that her clothing doesn't cost much. These nice little dresses with lace trimmings and all only cost about 50 cents apiece for the material and we do the work at home." "Can't you read the grandchild and lives in the house with us and gives us lots of comfort. She loves me and I love her dearly and had rather nurse her and frolic with her than go to town and exchange wit and wisdom with the filbert and the nut." "Well, you mean that I shall have to have a nurse, don't you?" "I don't believe it is nature's compromise. I am old and wrinkled and gray, but this little child will put out her hands to come to me whenever I come in the room. That flatters me of course, though her grandmother says it just because I was a boy with her." "I don't believe it is nature's compromise for anybody else to nurse her. She is cutting more teeth now and is just getting over the whooping cough and needs more nursing, and when she puts out her arms to me I'm going to take her and walk about with her if the weather is so good. I say that I've been thinking of my children for forty years and I can get them to sleep when nobody else can. The measles are all over the town now and she has got to have them. Her little cousins have been kissing her and she has been out but that's all right. It is a right big thing to raise a child, and especially ten of them. It is the biggest thing in this life. There are things that the newspapers and society and Congress make more fuss about, than the pleasure with it in importance nor in purity and love and self-sacrifice. The innocence and helplessness and affection of a child, say from one to five years old, is the most blessed and attractive thing in the world. About three million babies are born every year in this country and it takes about ten million people to raise them up to walking and talking time. There another crop comes on, and another. The fact is that about half the people in the civilized world are engaged in raising the other half. And it is a labor of love. I speak from experience now. I say that the pleasure I have derived from nursing, caring for, maintaining, pleasing and educating our children has exceeded all that I have realized from all other sources. And now that I am old and tired, I had rather frolic with a grandchild than do anything else. My wife generally says some money is no thing about these things. There are some selfish mothers who are absorbed in society and its fashions and follies who turn their children off to be nursed, and there are some old bachelors who don't want to be bothered with them and some business men who think that making money is a bigger thing, and hardly have time to get acquainted with their children, and there is a big lot of thieves, burglars, robbers, drunkards and convicts who care nothing for children but nevertheless, the masses of the people get married and become engaged and acquainted with a crane who lived in the same marsh asked one day, "Neighbor Crane, do you always stand on one leg?" The crane thoughtfully swallowed a frog which it had impaled a moment before, and after some reflection, replied, "No; I always stand on the other."

How to Become Beautiful.
Eat fruit for breakfast.
Eat fruit for luncheon.
Avoid pastry.
Shun muffins and crumpets.
Eat whole-meal bread.
Refuse rice puddings.
Decline potatoes if they are served more than once a day.
Do not drink too much tea or coffee.
Wash the face every night in warm water.
Sleep eight hours a night.

Free Coinage Means Silver Monometallism.
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Borrowers to Pay in Gold.
There are 500,000,000 men in this country who, within a year or two, have borrowed gold on land, railroad mortgages, etc., says the Chicago Tribune (Reg.). "They have promised to pay back in gold coin of equal weight and fineness of present American gold coin. Why cannot the government be equally honest? Why does Congress want to shrink the promise to repay in as good money as it now demands? Is it done for the purpose of cheating the lender?"

A Query.
If the government should coin \$50,000,000 a month in legal tender silver dollars, how would the farmers of this section get any of it? Will some free silver advocate please answer?

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mothers always cling a little closer to the last one. So did Jacob to Benjamin, and it is according to nature I reckon. He writes to her every week and his letters are always bright and cheerful and loving. She flies them away in her hand drier and ties them up with tape, and every now and then takes them out and reads them again and takes comfort. Oh, if the boys would all write such letters to their good old mothers. What a word of comfort there is in them. Carl's last letter tells us about his getting a day off, and he and two Georgia friends went out a hundred miles to shoot ducks and killed 156 in a day, mallards, teal, canvas-backs and jacksnails.

Rev. John Jasper, a colored preacher of Richmond, Va., does believe in modern astronomy. He holds to the ancient opinion that the sun and planets go round the earth. One of Jasper's race at Woodland, Md., don't believe in the telegraph, as this anecdote affirms:
Last Monday week an old negro brought to the office a dispatch, which he ordered sent off immediately. Mr. Brown answered "All right," took the paper and sent off the message, then, taking down his die, he placed the original on the book and hung it up in the office and went on to attend to his business.

Prosperity in Fall River.
Dividends in the Cotton Industry the Largest for Many Years—Low Tariff Brought Profits.
The New York Tribune published on December 30 the annual statement of dividends paid in 1895 by the cotton mills of Fall River, Mass., the center of the cotton industry in the eastern States. The report shows that the average dividend to its employees of seven per cent per cent, a larger amount than was paid for many years past. In 1892, the year of which the McKinleyites always boast as the most prosperous period under a high tariff, the average was 7.30 per cent, but this has been exceeded by the average dividend of 1895. In addition to the annually high dividends paid large sums have been put by the mills as reserves or surplus capital, so that in reality the record for last year's business is even greater than the above figures would show. The Bourne mills, for instance, paid a profit sharing dividend to its employees of seven per cent in addition to a stockholders' dividend of 18 per cent, a total profit for the year of 25 per cent. Other mills were only a degree less prosperous, a number of them making extensive additions and repairs out of last year's earnings, after paying above the average dividend on their stock. It further reported that four new mills will be erected this year, which will give employment to several operatives.

Why It Was Not Reported.
The matter with our correspondent at Willons' "shouted the managing editor of the Examiner to the telegraph editor, as he bore into the office with a copy of a rival daily in his hand. "Here's a story as big as a house on Willons, and that blankety blank son of a gun's slipped upon it." The telegraph editor took the paper which his chief thrust at him and saw two columns of a terrible tragedy which had paralyzed the community at Willons. A highly respected and cultured man, who had been murdered under circumstances of singular atrocity. It was a splendid story, and a newspaper point of view, and all the hallies in the neighboring big city had made the most of it, except the Examiner. Nothing could have exceeded the managing editor's wrath at being so badly scooped, and the telegraph editor's efforts to soothe the irate man were unavailing. It was finally decided to investigate, and a telegram was sent to the correspondent that changed comedy into tragedy.

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COINAGE OF GOLD AND SILVER.
The following table and diagram show the coinage of gold and silver in the United States by periods:

Period	Gold	Silver	Total
1792-1807 (16 years)	\$11,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$12,000,000
1808-1823 (15 years)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
1824-1833 (10 years)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
1834-1849 (15 years)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
1850-1865 (15 years)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
1866-1881 (15 years)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
1882-1895 (14 years)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Total	\$15,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$22,000,000

From 1792 until 1853 coinage of silver was free. Any one could take bullion to the treasury and have it coined for him. During those 61 years \$79,241,854.50 of silver was coined. During the next 21 years the coinage of silver dollars only was free, and \$5,478,298 was added, making a total silver coinage of \$84,720,152.50 in 82 years of free coinage. During the last 21 years of government coinage we have coined \$684,419,733.85 of silver, or more than six times the amount coined under 82 years of free coinage. In the light of this it is not strange that sensible men will not attend meetings to hear Bland and Harvey rave about "the crime of 1873," when "Wall street struck silver down."

WHERE PRESIDENTS LIE BURIED.
Twenty-one Tombs Contain All That is Sacred of American Executive.
Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette.
1. George Washington died from a cold which brought on laryngitis; buried on his estate at Mount Vernon, Va.
2. John Adams died from senile delirium; buried at Quincy, Mass.
3. Thomas Jefferson died of chronic diarrhoea; buried on his estate at Monticello, Va.
4. James Madison died of old age; buried on his estate at Montpelier, Va.
5. James Monroe died of general debility; buried in Marble cemetery, New York City.
6. John Quincy Adams died of paralysis; the fatal attack overtaking him in the House of Representatives; buried at Quincy, Mass.
7. Andrew Jackson died of consumption and dropsy; buried on his estate, the Hermitage, near Nashville, Tenn.
8. Martin Van Buren died of catarrh of the throat and lungs; buried at Kinderhook, N. Y.
9. William Henry Harrison died of pleurisy, induced by a cold taken on the day of his inauguration; buried near North Bend, Ohio.
10. John Tyler died from a mysterious ailment, like a bilious attack; buried at Richmond, Va.
11. James K. Polk died from weakness, caused by cholera; buried on his estate at Nashville, Tenn.
12. Zachary Taylor died from cholera morbus, induced by improper diet; buried on his estate near Louisville, Ky.
13. Millard Filmore died from paralysis; buried in Forest Hill cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y.
14. Franklin Pierce died from inflammation of the stomach; buried at Concord, N. H.
15. James Buchanan died of rheumatism of the feet; buried near Lancaster, Pa.
16. Abraham Lincoln, assassinated by J. Wilkes Booth; buried at Springfield, Ill.
17. Andrew Jackson died from paralysis; buried at Greenville, Tenn.
18. Ulysses S. Grant died from cancer of the throat; buried in Riverside Park, New York City.
19. Rutherford B. Hayes died from paralysis of the heart; buried at Fremont, Ohio.
20. James A. Garfield, assassinated by Charles J. Guiteau; buried at Cleveland, Ohio.
21. Chester A. Arthur died from Bright's disease; buried in Rural cemetery, Albany, N. Y.

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A NORTH CAROLINA GOLD MINE.
Primitive Methods Employed in its Operation.
G. H. Claydon in Springfield Republican.
Did you ever go where the gold was and have the privilege of bringing away all that you could find? I have, and will tell you about it. A horse-back ride of a dozen or so miles brought me to Gold Hill, which was as full of holes as a tramp's coat. Some were done only as the earth could be thrown out with a shovel, and others were like unfinished wells, with rough wildcat across the mouth; but there was no sight or sound of workers, they had all departed, leaving the holes to tell a story of mispent labor. A few miles further in the same region I found a real operating gold mine. The prominent signs were a contrivance like an old-style cider mill, whose long lever was moved continually round and round by a mule travelling in a circle. This primitive motor operated a drum, which revolved by ropes two large barrels. These went down empty and came up full of water alternately, from a dark hole in the ground as the mule circuit went on. A man at the top was kept busy punching the motor and emptying the full barrels by a valve in the bottom. The hole or shaft was illuminated with timber, and looked as small to me. The only way down was a perpendicular ladder attached to the side of the shaft.

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CLEVELAND TRUE TO HIS PLEDGES.
He Was Always for Sound Money and Intercepted the Silver Plank in Its True Meaning.
Cor. of Charlotte Observer.
The favorite abuse of Mr. Cleveland by the silver men has been that he has proved himself a traitor to the financial plank in the Chicago platform. They have called him a Benedict Arnold and all that. They have quoted such portions of that platform as suited their argument, as Messrs. Reid and Craig did recently, and as Webster's Weekly did last week.

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