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**CURRENT COMMENTS.**  
A bill introduced in the Kentucky House of Representatives, making pool-selling or betting on horse races punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500.  
Kansas City looks up second in winter fog picking. Chicago jockeys slaughtered and packed 2,025,000 head; Kansas City packed 225,000 head; Cincinnati, 270,000; St. Louis, 355,000; Indianapolis, 274,000; Milwaukee, 240,000; and Louisville, 241,000 head. The total shortness at the points named aggregates about 750,000. As the falling off in weight is large, it would seem that people must eat much less pork or prices must go up.  
This millionaire of New York is making ample provision for a dazzling show in the shade of costly monuments and mansions. In the woodlawn cemetery stands a model of the Pantheon. The lot on which it stands cost \$20,000 and the structure is \$72,000, constructed of Western granite, surrounded by thirty Doric pillars. The bronze door cost \$8,000. Inside are twelve balustrades, and through the fretted glass windows a soft, molten light plays over the interior. This is the elaborate temple which is to receive the dust of Jay Gould.  
The Legislature of Kansas, which has been called in session to consider the prevailing cattle plague, has already inaugurated steps for its suppression. The number of cattle now in the state is nearly two million head, which has been increased during the year 1883 by two hundred thousand head, valued at nine million dollars, with a total value of at least \$50,000,000, there are at least \$10,000,000 worth of cattle ready for the market, and a large sum of money will be lost to the cattle growers if their cattle are quarantined against by other states and countries on account of the prevailing disease.

**A WEEK'S NEWS.**  
The strike at the Monitor Iron and Steel Mills, Duaneville, Penn., inaugurated on January 11, has assumed serious proportions. Five hundred men are out of employment, and the weekly payroll of the idle number of families. The wife of one of the laboring men fell sick, and falling to get proper nursing, died in a few days. The strike is still in progress. Two three-year old Holsen breeders, Jamaica and Relea, owned by John Mitchell, a farmer near Newburg, N. Y., have a show, themselves in the grand reik. The best in the world, and a recently purchased 12 1/2 pounds of milk one day, and Ebleh 10 1/2 pounds. During thirty-one days the former gave 5,839 1/2 pounds, and the latter 5,486 pounds and ounces, totaling all records to date. The war has cost about \$20,000 for Jamaica and her calf, or \$10,000 for the calf only, but she has produced 100,000.  
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**MADAM MARYNA BISHOP.**  
A woman who died in New York last week, in the 77th year of her age, was a native of Poland. She was a widow of a Polish nobleman, and had several children. She was a devout Catholic, and was highly respected in her community. She was a generous benefactress, and had done much good for the poor. She died on the 10th inst. at her residence in New York.

**BOGUS BUTTER.**  
Report of a New York State Senate Committee.  
The New York State Senate committee which has been investigating adulterations of food, says in its report that it has discovered alarming wholesale adulterations, which are dangerous to the community, and which are depriving property in the rural districts. The adulteration of butter is chiefly carried on in the State, and is estimated at about one-half the production of the State. The adulteration is done by mixing with the pure butter a large quantity of inferior butter, and by coloring the mixture with saffron, turmeric, and other substances. The adulteration is done by mixing with the pure butter a large quantity of inferior butter, and by coloring the mixture with saffron, turmeric, and other substances. The adulteration is done by mixing with the pure butter a large quantity of inferior butter, and by coloring the mixture with saffron, turmeric, and other substances.

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**MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.**  
St. Louis will have a musical festival in May. The chorus at the Buffalo, N. Y. June Festival will consist of 100 voices. An artist's performance in New York, which began October 22, took up a loss averaging \$8,000 a week. They are already securing seats in London for their future performances of Henry Irving and Ellen Terry. Mrs. Minnie Ivack is teaching the Texas children to play the piano. A Japanese young man in New York wants to open Japanese theatre there. He says he can obtain plenty of talent, but must have a building.

**THE LONDON GROCERS' JOURNAL**  
The London Grocers' Journal says there is a very common idea that the Americans inundate us with their grain. It is not so. Mr. Mongrellin, in his pamphlet on 'Free Trade and English Commerce' (1880), declares that this is a gross mistake, and he even goes so far as to say that the Americans do not send us as much as one shipload of grain in the course of the whole year. The whole of the large importations into the United Kingdom of American wheat, maize, etc., according to him, is supplied by English millers, and shipped or English accounts at English prices by the buyer, in fact, he says, 'as if it were of the goods.'

**THANKFUL FOR**  
"Yes, wife, was much to be thankful for. Let us complain."  
"Oh, you provoking man. No matter how miserably you are situated, you always lay backward say, 'We have not out in the state or food in the pot.'" "But think of it thousands who have not the blessings of enjoy."  
"Blessings! At you pray? There is not a stick of wood or a piece of coal in the house, and the thermometer is below zero. There is not so much as a crumb in the cupboard. The windows are broken, and we have not a blanket to be had for love or money."  
"Now, where do you find anything to be thankful for?"  
"Think of the thousands, my millions, in India and Africa, who are being starved and smothered and day for what we have in our abundance."  
"Is that for us?"  
"No!"

**THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.**  
The Electoral College will this year consist of the following votes:  
Alabama.....7  
Arkansas.....7  
California.....9  
Connecticut.....3  
Delaware.....3  
Florida.....10  
Georgia.....10  
Illinois.....12  
Indiana.....11  
Iowa.....6  
Kansas.....6  
Kentucky.....8  
Louisiana.....8  
Maine.....4  
Massachusetts.....13  
Michigan.....13  
Minnesota.....10  
Mississippi.....6  
Missouri.....12  
Nebraska.....6  
Nevada.....3  
New Hampshire.....4  
New Jersey.....7  
New York.....36  
North Carolina.....11  
Ohio.....20  
Oregon.....3  
Rhode Island.....4  
South Carolina.....7  
Tennessee.....10  
Texas.....12  
Virginia.....12  
West Virginia.....6  
Wisconsin.....11  
Total 401. Necessary to a choice 201.

**REPRESENTATIVE HOLMAN** thinks Congress will be unable to adjourn before August. The President sent the following nomination to the Senate: Sumner Howard, of Michigan, to be chief justice of the Territory of Arizona; Cass Broderick, of Kansas, a associate justice of the supreme court of the Territory of Wyoming; and a associate justice of the supreme court of the Territory of Wyoming. Senator Hawley has introduced a bill in the Senate authorizing the secretary of the navy to offer a reward of \$25,000 for the rescue or discovery of the Greely expedition in the Arctic region. Secretary Chandler and Lincoln wrote to the President opposing any such action. Secretary Chandler has written to Mr. S. S. Cox, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, opposing the recent resolution of the committee providing for the investigation of the Greely expedition. He says the allegations made against the officers of the Greely expedition, the members of the court of inquiry, and the navy department, in behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, and objects to reopening the inquiry into what he says, the court of inquiry was not a court of inquiry, but a court of honor, and should not be reopened in any case.

**SOME BIG THINGS.**  
An Iowa man drank three quarts of cider in three minutes.  
A TEN-FOOT alligator was captured recently near Waxahatchie, Texas.  
The governor of the cotton factory at Hartford, Conn., was a ton of gun a week.  
A FARMY of Baton Rouge, La., bird hunters recently killed 1,400 robins with sticks.  
A sea serpent was killed on the beach near Long Branch, N. J., not long ago. It weighed 145 pounds.  
While trawling near Bridgman, Mich., a fisherman caught an eagle that weighed 135 pounds.  
An owl measuring four feet and two inches from tip to tip was recently captured in Franklin county, Va.

**CRITICISM.**  
The New York Globe (a negro organ) says of the marriage of Fred Douglas: "The criticisms upon Mr. Douglass' course for our own people are just what we expect in cases of that kind, and yet such criticisms should not come from us. We are always prating about the unreasonable prejudices of other people, and yet, when the occasion arises, we show our own people are just as prejudiced as any other people are. We are always prating about the unreasonable prejudices of other people, and yet, when the occasion arises, we show our own people are just as prejudiced as any other people are. We are always prating about the unreasonable prejudices of other people, and yet, when the occasion arises, we show our own people are just as prejudiced as any other people are."

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