

The Greatest of Nations.
 quote from the speech of
 President Hargrove to the Indus-
 trial Convention at New Orleans:
 "Of the world's area the United
 States represents 7 per cent, and
 of the world's population she rep-
 resents only 5 per cent.
 "The United States produces 80
 per cent of the world's cotton, 80
 per cent of its cotton seed, 80 per
 cent of its corn, 30 per cent of its
 grain, 25 cent of its wheat, 30 per
 cent of its meat, 30 per cent of its
 iron, 40 per cent of its steel, 40
 per cent of its mineral products,
 33 per cent of its coal, 20 per cent
 of its salt and 10 per cent of its
 wool.

"She has 30 per cent of the
 railway capital, and furnishes the
 cheapest railway tonnage of the
 world, carrying a ton of freight
 100 miles for 82c, against that of
 Great Britain of \$3.4; France
 charges \$1.44; and Germany \$1.28
 for like service, the latter having
 next to the United States the
 cheapest railway service in the
 world. The United States has
 12,000 miles more railroad track-
 age than all Europe combined.
 Her proportion of the world's
 mileage is 40 per cent, thus allow-
 ing for every 400 of her popula-
 tion one mile of railroad track,
 while the rest of the world has
 only a mile of track for every
 6,500 people.

"She produces more gold than
 any other part of the world, ex-
 cept Africa, more silver than any
 other part of the world, except
 Mexico, and coins annually 20 per
 cent of the world's metallic money.
 She manufactures annually a
 greater product than England,
 France and Germany collectively.
 Her export manufactured articles
 amounted in 1898 to \$15,000,000
 monthly, in 1899 to \$31,000,000
 monthly and 1900 to nearly \$40,-
 000,000 monthly. In 30 years
 our manufactured output has in-
 creased from \$3,700,000,000 to
 \$13,500,000,000.

"Besides all these overwhelming
 advantages possessed by our na-
 tion we have a modern system of
 transportation, new and modern
 machinery, and 15 per cent of the
 world's wealth."

When Christmas Comes.

When Christmas comes by
 all means have the the house
 dressed with holly and pine
 and fir, and don't forget
 the mistletoe. Go out and
 mingle with the Christmas
 throngs. There is an exhilaration
 in forming a part, if only a unit,
 in the crowd that is so gay and
 so merry, in hearing bits of bright
 talk, in greeting friends and ac-
 quaintances and seeing the over-
 flowing joy of the children. Never
 let a single Christmas pass with-
 out reading a Christmas story and
 singing a Christmas song, and do
 not overlook the sweet signifi-
 cance of the day itself. Remember
 that it is for all the world the
 anniversary of Christ's birth. Be
 as happy as you can and make
 others as happy as you can.

Help is needed at once when a
 person's life is in danger. A neg-
 lected cough or cold may soon be-
 come serious and should be
 stopped at once. One Minute
 Cough Cure quickly cures coughs
 and colds and the worst cases of
 croup, bronchitis, grippe and
 other throat and lung troubles.
 James Plummer.

Eggs are quoted in some north-
 ern cities at from 45 to 48 cents a
 dozen. The American hen is not
 responsible for this for she has
 been attending to business as
 usual. Some bad men have
 cornered the stock in sight and are
 making buyers shell out.—Wil-
 mington Star.

During the siege of Pekin, it is
 said the members of the Diplo-
 matic Corps ate eighty mules.
 They kicked some, but ate all the
 same.

Brave Men Fall
 Victims to stomach, liver and kid-
 ney troubles as well as women,
 and all feel the results in loss of
 appetite, poisons in the blood,
 backache, nervousness, headache
 and tired, listless, run-down feel-
 ing. But there's no need to feel
 like that. Listen to J. W. Gard-
 ner, Idaville, Ind. He says:
 "Electric Bitters are just the thing
 for a man when he is all run down
 and don't care whether he lives
 or dies. It did more to give me
 new strength and good appetite
 than anything I could take. I can
 now eat anything and have a new
 lease on life." Only 50c at Theo.
 F. Klutz & Co's drug store.
 Every bottle guaranteed.

FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

President Kruger left Amster-
 dam for The Hague after receiving
 ovations.

A Cape Town dispatch says it is
 feared that the Boer invasion of
 Cape Colony will cause the Cape
 Dutch to rise.

Hon. Richard A. Wise, Con-
 gressman from the second Vir-
 ginia district, died suddenly at his
 home in Williamsburg, yesterday
 morning.

At Lynchburg, Va., William
 Leftwich shot and instantly killed
 Ross Lindsay, both colored, and
 then killed himself.

Archbishop Ireland will go to
 Cuba at the request of President
 McKinley to investigate Catholic
 Church interests there.

Major Esterhazy, who figured
 in the Dreyfus case, writes from
 London that he is in the depths of
 poverty and misery.

"We understand that private
 reliable advices have been re-
 ceived in London," says the Daily
 Mail, "to the effect that virtually
 all the districts of Cape Colony in
 the vicinity of Orange River are
 in more or less open revolt and
 that there is likely to be sharp
 fighting on a rather large scale be-
 fore the invasion is crushed. The
 tactics of the Boers in rallying as
 many as possible of the Dutch in
 the back country to their cause
 are proving successful."

A Providence, La., special says
 various rumors have prevailed
 lately up and down the river, rela-
 tive to the lynching of the negroes
 that took place at Arcadia, Miss.,
 on the 18th inst., for the killing of
 a trading boatman by the name of
 Thompson, his wife and child, as
 many as 17 negroes were said to
 have been brutally slaughtered by
 the mob. As there is no tele-
 graph nor telephone station at Ar-
 cadia, it was impossible to ascer-
 tain. To-day, however, a citizen
 from Arcadia said: "Three neg-
 roes have been captured but on-
 ly two have been lynched; after
 they had confessed to the killing of
 Thompson, his wife and child."

Tried to Save 25 Cents and Lost \$250.

A New York Letter to the Balti-
 more Sun says through anxiety to
 save 25 cents, which had rolled
 under the bed, Mrs. Annie Grap-
 ner lost \$250, which was de-
 stroyed in a fire which she started
 in her apartment at 53 Allen
 street to-day. Mrs. Grapner
 lives with her husband and three
 children on the top floor of the
 tenement. She was alone in the
 rooms to-day, when she dropped
 a quarter on the floor. She
 lighted a match and searched un-
 der the bed for the money, ignit-
 ing the bed clothes, and thus
 starting a fire which did \$100 dam-
 age to furniture. After the fire
 was extinguished Mrs. Grapner
 remembered that under the mat-
 tress she had placed for safekeep-
 ing 600 guilders in Roumanian
 money, or about \$250 in Ameri-
 can money, her husband's savings.
 When she looked for it she found
 nothing but ashes.

"You say you're a self-made
 man! To my certain knowledge
 you never would have amounted
 to a hill of beans if it hadn't been
 for your wife."
 "I'd like to know, you insulting
 jackanapes, if a man and his wife
 aren't one!"—Chicago Tribune.

Red Hot From the Gun
 Was the ball that hit G. B. Stead-
 man of Newark, Mich., in the
 civil war. It caused horrible ul-
 cers that no treatment helped for
 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica
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 hard time when her children are
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 ladies steel frame, 35c to \$4; mens 50c to
 mens self closers \$1, self openers \$1.75
 \$2.50. Suspensers 10c to 50c, Presiden-
 and Guyot makes. Night Shirts 50c and 65c.
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 5c, 10c, 15c, 20, 25c, 50c cake. Hair Brushes
 10c to \$1; military brushes. Combs 5c to 25c.
 Hosiery, ladies, 10c to \$2.50 pair; mens, 5c to
 25c pair. Lavender Salto 10c bottle. Linen
 Marking Initials 6 for 1c, 20c gross. Can-
 dies, Chocolate Creams, 20c lb; Fancy Can-
 dies 10c to 40c lb. Glace Fruits 40c lb; \$2
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 75c each; Sheets, Fancy Hemstitched Em-
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 porate the town of Southern City or East
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 porate the town of Woodside by the
 name of Woodside.

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 tion will be made to the next General
 Assembly of North Carolina to incor-
 porate the town of Spencer, by the
 name of Spencer.

The gloomiest mountain doesn't
 cast a shadow on both sides at
 once.