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Three millions of pounds, or 375 car loads of feathers are not consumed every year in America for bedding purposes. The waste yielding these feathers are mostly south of the Ohio and Missouri Rivers.

Dr. A. De Banset, of Chicago, proposes to construct an air ship upon a model built by himself, in which he proposes to make a trip to the North Pole next year. The public will be asked to contribute to his scheme.

England is to have a silver dollar, or its equivalent. A proclamation by the Queen appears in the London *Gazette*, stating that it has been thought fit to order that a new coin, to be called a double florin, should be coined. It will weigh three hundred and forty-nine grains, and pass current at the rate of four shillings, or one-fifth of one pound.

The long-deferred abolition of slavery in Brazil is to be hastened. A recent law releases all slaves after two years, and they are to receive wages during this time. Brazil is the last country laying claim to civilization that still maintains slavery. It is not sixty years since slavery was abolished in the British colonies, and less than half that time since this country rid itself of the evil.

It seems, according to the statement of a prominent Southern politician who was in the Confederate Congress, that there never was any Supreme Court of the Confederate States. A bill providing for such a tribunal passed the House, he says, but was defeated in the Senate by Yancy and others, who insisted that it was antagonistic to the Confederate idea of State sovereignty, which they had established from the Union.

Here is a chance for the great American novelist. In 1873 a sheriff in Kentucky found his cash box \$3,000 short. He suspected a deputy, but could prove nothing. He made good the deficit, but by doing so bankrupted himself, and has lived by day's wages ever since. Recently his wife, who was in an insane asylum, was overheard talking about money she had hid in a smoke-house. An investigation was made, and sure enough \$3,000 was found in greenbacks, which she had abstracted and hid away while insane. This discovery has put the sheriff ahead again, and cleared the reputations of all parties.

A striking instance of labor-saving machinery is that which makes tin cans. One of the machines used in the process of closing the tin cans is the one which seals the top of the can in a continuous stream of wire, and drops or two of solder is left on the can. The drop on the outside is usually wiped off, but it is not so easy to wipe the drop left on the inside. An ingenious workman has patented an arrangement for wiping the inside of the can without stopping the machinery. Result: several thousand dollars in royalties in Alaska pocket and a saving of \$15 worth of solder per day to the firm that uses it. Thirty thousand cans is a day's work for this machine.

Under the heading "Disabled Great Boy," the *Medical Record* gives the following: The Emperor William is suffering from advanced senility; the Crown Prince from laryngeal papilloma and lissin; King from rheumatism; Mr. Gladstone has arterial troubles of his respiratory organs; Sir Michael Hicks Beach has osteoarthritis; Mr. Parnell has some unknown ailment which makes him an invalid; Lord Randolph Churchill married an American lady, and has the American disease, neurasthenia; Mr. Blaine is related to be a brightlight; Mr. Manning a hemiplegic; President Cleveland is a diabetic and lipomatous; the Emperor of Russia is suffering from mental depression; Mr. Sharp is reported to be a diabetic; while Dr. McGilvray and Mr. Edgar O'Brien are not as well as they should be.

The area of the thirty-eight States and Territories (excluding Alaska) is 1,856,399,000 acres. Of this 24.6 per cent., or 457,259,000 acres, was, according to the last general census, covered with forest. In the States west of the ninety-fifth meridian, and (excluding the Indian Territory) which cover 65.5 per cent. of the total area of the United States, there is only 17.7 per cent. of forest, and if from this is taken California, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Texas, the remainder west of the ninety-fifth meridian west longitude has only 8.1 per cent. The thirty States east of that meridian have an area of 610,000,000 acres, or 33 per cent. of the whole, and the census shows 47.5 per cent. of this as forest. In the group the twenty Eastern and Southern States, including as such Virginia and West Virginia, have an area of 314,547,200 acres, of which 44.4 per cent. was timber. The ten Southern States in this group have almost the same amount as the Northern and Eastern twenty, or 329,121,000 acres, of which 50.6 per cent. is forest. The group east of the ninety-fifth meridian, including only 34.5 per cent. of the whole area, had yet 62.2 per cent. of the whole forest space.

### THE CLEANING UP.

At dawn there was no shred of pink, ploughing up in clouds of gold. Of that gray field, the eastern side. But dim-defined, and without gold. The fog's wet wings blew bars and bars. The plaintive rain-sounds filled the air. And all the following morning hours. And all the lagging afternoon. We've watched the swift, sun-burning lines. And listened to the mellow croon. Ban now the tidal turn is near—Some change pervades the atmosphere.

### BORROWED PLUMES.

An old-looking figure, arrayed in a shabby cloak and green veil, appeared before Mr. Lorraine, junior partner in the firm of Stearns & Lorraine, book publishers.

"I have a book here I would like to offer you, sir."

"There was a quiver in the girl's voice, and the cotton gloves held holding the manuscript trembled in her hands."

"I have a vision of quivering red lips, started brown eyes and tear-wet lashes, and then, before he could recover from his astonishment, she was gone."

"You should have allowed her to leave it here a little while, just to satisfy her, you know. Poor child, I suppose she has built upon its acceptance."

"I am Miss Dollie Williams, sir, in answer to her, briskly. 'Walk in, gentlemen.'"

### WANT YOU COME INTO MY HOUSE, AND WARM YOURSELF!

"The young girl arose and silently followed her."

"What is your name?" she asked, kindly but curiously, as she entered the tiny dwelling, and she proceeded to make her guest comfortable.

"One morning, late in February, as Messrs. Lorraine & Stearns sat in their private office, an elegant carriage drew up before the door, and the liveried footman assisted to the pavement a lady, veiled and shawl-wrapped."

"I have brought a book," she said, motioning toward it, "which I wish you to examine."

"Certainly, shall be happy to do so," smiled Mr. Lorraine, coming forward and taking the package from the servant's hand.

"Let me know your opinion at your earliest convenience," she said, rising and dropping a dainty card into the receiver as she turned away.

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### HER FIRST TRUE FRIEND, WAS NEVER FORGOTTEN.

"Before play commenced, which it does at 11 or 12 o'clock, according to the season, solemn processions may be seen on their way to the salon."

"The bank notes are placed in boxes, the money counted out, and the louis and five-franc pieces arranged in long rows standing on their edges, so that they look like gold and silver snakes."

"Each of the croupiers, the *chef-de-partie* excepted, stands with a long handled rake, which, as it has so much work to do, is strengthened at the foot by a plate of brass."

"The table and men together form one machine, a machine that plays without committing a mistake, never made reckless by disaster, never rendered foolish by success."

"The gentlemen addressed looked a little crestfallen, but he returned the manuscript."

"We'll see what it is like," he said, for I want an excuse for calling at No. 208 at my earliest convenience."

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### BUDGET OF FUN.

#### HUMOROUS SKETCHES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Something Surprising.—The Trials of a Landlord It Might Have Been Worse.—Came to Grief, Etc., Etc.

Daughter.—"There is only one thing more astonishing than the readiness with which Ned gave up tobacco when we became engaged."

The Trials of a Landlord.—"Do you allow dogs in your hotel?"

Came to Grief.—"What's the matter; not out of business again, are you?"

A Great Improvement.—"A Dakota young lady was visiting a friend in the East who had visited her in Dakota last summer."

Excused With Energy.—"Say!" he called, as he stood on the Postoffice steps.

A Logical View.—"Tompson," said a somewhat rapid traveling man to a friend, whose tastes and habits were much like his own.

Antiquity of Ropes.—"Before the beginning of the historical period, considerable skill in rope-making had been acquired, so that it must be classed among the oldest of the arts."

### WASHINGTON AND THE GOAT.

While the boy Washington was a daily visitor at his neighbor's farm, he was one day visiting a friend in the East who had visited her in Dakota last summer."

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### A BARRIER BATH ROOM BEHIND.

The heart and mind, oh friend, I keep—Crest and strong, though all unseen!

We made that barrier, thou and I. And strengthened it as days went by; Ah, me! I fear some how or why? Perhaps some promise made and broken, Some word unkept, though lightly spoken; Then, hearts that creased but gave no token.

Farwell! Oh loyal heart and true, How wouldst thou heed that pity if thou knew The cause that I wander through. As wader, wader, every day, Our paths diverge—oh friend, I pray That this may be the sunnier way!

I in my lone lot scarce could pine While thou wert quaffing life's red wine, Even though we parted, cup more mine. —Katherine A. Crossway.

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