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The total visible supply of cotton of the world is 1,235,550 bales.

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Juege Samual G. Hall, of the State Superior Court of Georgia, died on the 28th of August.

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Mr. Gladstone's resolution in the English Parliament on the subject of proclaiming the League failed to pass by a vote of 272 to 164.

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There will be ten contested seats in the next Congress. Testimony in the cases have just been printed and make upwards of ten thousand pages.

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Charleston, Summerville, Columbus, S. C., and Augusta, Ga., were visited by very perceptable shocks of earthquake on the 17th of August, no damage is reported.

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Havana is in a very disturbed condition; troops are everywhere and public confidence seems to be gone; a number of officials have resigned and left for Spain.

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Sylvanus H. Sweet, who was, nominated for State engineer by the united labor party, of New York, declines to run, saying that he will remain a Democrat. He was not consulted about the nomination.

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Judge Potter has granted a stray of proceedings in Jake Sharp's case until the appeal shall be heard by the General Term which meets next October. He will doubtless be released on bail from jail.

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The Governor of South Carolina has commuted the death sentence of a girl, twelve years old, to five years imprisonment in the penitentiary; she was convicted of killing a two year old child, by administering concentrated lye.

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The State Prohibition Convention at Syracuse, New York, set forth its platform concerning liquor license, declared in favor of woman suffrage and denounced both of the old parties. Two thousand delegates were present, most of whom had previously affiliated with the old Republican party.

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Mahone, Boss of the Republican party in Virgina, has issued an address to the people, of which the Philadelphia *Times*, an Independent newspaper, says:

"Ex-Senator Mahone, in the address credited to the Virginia Republican State convention, but which bears the earmarks of Mahone himself, appears to be mad clear through at the Democrats of Virginia. He is mad because they did not declare for free trade at the late Roanoke Convention, mad because they haven't executed his own rescally readjustment legislation, mad because Governor Lee went to a theatre on a certain recent occasion and to a Horse race at Washington on other occsion, and mad because the Democrats of Virginia had the bad taste to indorse the administration of president Cleveland. Although he does not say so, it is suspected that his anger at being beaten by a Democrat for United States Senator exceeds his anger at all other Democratic misdoings combined, and furnished the real inspiration for his somewhat intemperate display of temper. The Democratic party is doubtless a very wicked party from the Mahone point of view. But the catalogue of the political misdeeds of Mahone was embodied in no mere address it would make a big pamphlet too. The Democratic party in Virginia has indeed been very wicked in many ways, indeed, ever since it was disorganized by the election of Mahone to the United States Senate, and it was the cotton boll, and it was the Mahone ring, and it was the Mahone gang, and it was the Mahone bolt, and it was the Mahone debauchery of the ballot box, and it was the Mahone defiance of the decent public sentiment of the country, and it was the Mahone disregard of the rights of the people, and it was the Mahone contempt for the purity of election, and it was the Mahone disregard of the sacredness of the election returns, and it was the Mahone defiance of the election laws of the country, and it was the Mahone violation of the laws himself, and it was the Mahone nullification of the laws by his minions, and it was the Mahone election of a Democratic President by the votes of his minions, and it was the Mahone election of a Democratic President by the votes of his minions, and it was the Mahone election of a Democratic President by the votes of