PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Michael Davitt is never ashamed, either in public or in private, to tell of the pov erty in which he was born.

Minister Reid expends \$27,000 per annum for the rent of his house in Paris, which is \$10,000 more than his total salary.

Senator Cullom, of Springfield, Ills., is pointed out to visitors to the United States senate as the man who looks like Abraham Lincoln

John B. Doris, the circus man, now owns and drives the famous "seal browns" which were driven by Mr. Cleveland when he was in the White House.

Carl Schurz's manner is still vivacious, his smile genial and his wit ready. His hair, too, retains much of its original warm brown, in spite of coming frost.

Senator Walthall, of Mississippi, is very tall, very erect, and has a military air about him. His hair is long and he has the bearing of a cavalier of the old days.

J. A. Shriver, of Baltimore, has a beau-tifully carved crucifix, the workmanship of Joseph Mayer, who acted the part of Christ in the Passion play at Oberammer-

James P. Scott, son of Thomas A. Scott, late president of the Pennsylvania railroad, proposes by way of experiment to plant 1,000 acres in rice near Kissemmee,

Professor Roberts-Austen, of the British mint, estimates that the great smoke cloud that overhangs London is 300 tons in weight and contains carbon and carbonic acid gas of the yearly value of £2,000,000.

Dr. Elliott Coues, the theosophist and scientist, is a fine looking man of 45, tail and broad shouldered. He is an authority on entomology, and was for many years a surgeon in the United States army.

Edison always contrives to steal a little time from his day at the luncheson hour. After lunch he frequently spends an hour at billinds with Mrs. Edison and takes a nap. He does no work in the evening.

President Carnot is said to be one of the most fastidious gastronomes in France, His chef is one of the most noted men of his craft in the world, and is the inventor of a number of culinary chefs d'œuvre.

Dr. Chauncey M. Depew's drawing room is a spacious apartment in which forty guests can easily be scated. A handsome mahogany sideboard contains a fine display of rare china that is all of historical interest.

Walter Damrosch is said to be the most widely admired man among New York women. The marriage of the distinguished orchestra leader to Secretary Blaine's daughter did not diminish his popularity with women in the slightest degree.

Vice President Morton's country home at Rhinecliff, N. Y., is provided with 250 in-candescent lamps. Should any window or door be tampered with by burglars a special automatic switching device will throw into circuit a number of lights.

Hannibal Hamlin's extreme age has but slightly bent his tall form, and he still walks down the street with a swinging stride. He is usually attired in an old black swallowtail, and he has never dis-carded the stock and dicky of the old time statesman.

John Blyer, a prisoner in Vanceburg, Ky., for twenty-two years, has been pa-tiently waiting for a trial. The witnesses against him are all dead, and his identity has so completely sunk out of recollection that he is referred to simply as "the dead man in cell 2."

Mr. Morley neither rides, nor skates, nor bicycles, nor goes a-fishing. No one ever heard of him playing at cricket, or rowing, and his interest in lawn tennis is solely tions in country lanes.

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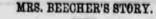
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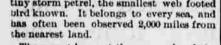
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There are certain birds-some of the cuckoos of the old world and the common build nests of their own, but lay their eggs in the nests of other birds and leave them to be hatched by foster mothers.

The African rhinoceros bird feeds on the vermin which infests the big animal. it is always found with a rhinoceros, and when its huge food provider is asleep the bird sits on the beast's back, ready to give warning in case danger approaches.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

Mayor Chapin, of Brooklyn, says success waits on middle age.

Governor David B. Hill never lets his plans be known, and believes that in that method lies the secret of success.

Ex-Secretary of State of New York Fred Cook says millions often come by luck, and believes that luck has much to do with success in this world.

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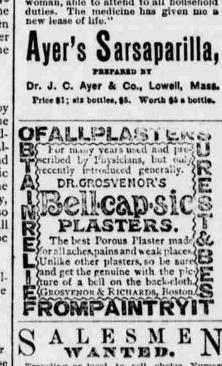


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