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If the Yorkes glass answers expectations it will enable an experienced observer to catch occassional glimpses of the Mars canals, which, though drawn firmly on the Vatican maps, are vague and wavering and almost imaginary through any glass. They can be seen at all only by the trained observer. The great telescope will be most useful in the study of double stars, which is now a matter of special interest to many observers - New York Commercial-Advertiser.

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Everybody spotted them for a bridal couple as they landed at the Erie Depot in Jersey City, and there was a good deal of winking and nodding among the passengers on the ferryboat crossing to New York. The bride, who was a country girl of twenty, was very uneasy and evidently much put out, but the groom, who was two or three years older, didn't propose to be sat down on without showing his colors. He there-fore walked straight up to a man who was grinning and winking and queried:

" Are you grinning at us, sir?" " Oh! no, no, no," replied the grinne: as he instantly sobered up.

"Didn't know but you were. We were just married this morning and are going to spend a week in New York. Have you any objections to the marriage?" "Of course not."

" Any objections to the bridal tour?' "No, sir."

" You have seen newly wedded couples before, haven't you?" kindly inquired the groom "Yes, a few," was the sheepish re-

ply. ' Didn't scare you out of your boots,

I hope? Do you or any of your friends here want to ask any questions?

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Thomas (a Rustic). Eliza (a Belle). Scene-A Cottage Kitchen.

Eliza (washing up tea-things, with coquetry and a smile) - Law, Mr. Thomas, how you take a girl back to be sure! A-creeping in so quiet when she-s a-washing up the tea-things, and as far off a-thinking of her young man an of anything in this world. Thomas (removing his pipe, slowly)

-And as I seed a-looking out of this 'ere window as distant as you please, and a-patting the curls on your fore-head, and setting yourself all becoming. You speak the truth, Lizer! In-

ventions is discovered. Eliza (tossing her head)-You're a clever one, you are, Mr. Thomas. And so perlite, and pleasing. What her you come for to-day?

Thomas-I've come to be ast to set down, to start on.

Then I've come to hev a few words with Lizer Potter, as my bands hev bincalled with, and nobody ain't for-

Eliza-Forbid! Law, Thomas, who's to forbid 'em, and my gownd and bon-net all ready and waiting upstairs? Joe, he were a bit upset, to be sure, When's it to be?" says Joe, grumpy ike. "Toosiny week," says I. "You're like.

a fool, Lizer Potter," says Joe, and-Thomas-And Joe were about right, I come to-day-seeing as how I tried to write it in a letter, but the words were long and the ink a-drying up because of the heat-to say as how matrimony don't answer, which is gos-

pel and were in the noospaper. Eliza (faming herself with a handkerchief) — Law, Thomas, whatever are you driving at? Thomas—Put down that there wipe,

Lizer; and be your sensiblest, I've been a-thinking. I don't do much on it, usual. It wastes time and don't lead to nothing except troubles. But seeing how I was to be married, Toosday week, as you said to Joe, vera-cious, and Parson he says: "Tis a serious step, Joe," and the sermon in the service is a regular take-back, I thinks it over serious and I comes to the conclusion as if it could be settled affable and no words, and friendly disposed and such like, there's time for Lizer Potter and I to behave sensible, and single.

Eliza (leaning back on her chair and gasping)-Oh!

Thomas-Don't think as you're go-ing for to faint, Lizer, 'cause you ain't, a deal too much cold water There's in that there jug as I see standing handy and promiscuous in the back klitchen. And I'm not going to beain't, Toosday week all the same and no complaints, and as cheerful as you can. But if she's a sensibler girl than most, she'll see as how marriage don't coot any but fools, and is all a-quarrelling and a-wishing yourself free again. Eliza (weeping)-And us -as hevwalked out-two years-come Michaelmas. Thomas - We hev, Lizer, Spoken true. But what is walking out? Walking out is a-putting your arm round a waist, and a-looking up at the moon or down at your boots, as you feel disposed, and a-saying nothing. And marriage, Lizer, when you've got over your lovering, as you do uncommon quick, is a-bickering, and a-quarreling, and a-fighting; is one wanting the winder open and one wanting it shut, one liking their tea as has drawed considerable and the other liking it fresh; one, as is the gal invarible, aliking a gossip over the hedge, and the other, as seems a deal the sensiblest of the two, liking his pipe silent, and no words and gossips at no time, Thet's matrimony, Lizer, es was made for fools.

VOORHEES' SLAP AT QUAY.

The Combine Agent Says There'll Be No Investigation in Philadelphia-Senator Pen-What He Knows About the Proposed Inquiry-Colonel Quay to Carry His War In.

"Senator Quay does not intend to have anything that can be called an investigation in Philadelphia. Why, partments. Secretary Carlisle is being he dare not do it. Do you think he purpose of trying to make peace be-tween the State Central Committee suffer? He can't expose them. The -From the Chicago Post. and the candidates on the democratic investigation business is a bluff ; the only thing the Penrose committee will do is to meet, and probably discover that there are some defects in the Bullitt act, under which Philadelphia is governed."

Charles E. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, formerly chief clerk of the house of representatives, gave utterance to these words. Voorhees was feeling very badly over the defeat of the combine. He was one of its shrewdest managers and is credited with handling much of its cash. He was at one time one of Senator Quay's most confidential friends. But the "old man" threw him over-

board last Winter and he has since been his bitter enemy.

resolution for the investigation, talks effects permanent. very differently from Voorhees. The young Senator wants an investigation drive out of politics David Martin and other combine men in that city who aided in his defeat last January for the mayoraity nomination.

"I do not hesitate to declare that there will be an entirely complete investigation of the government of Philadelphia," said Senator Penrose and that a report of the greatest importance will be submitted by the Senatorial investigating committee to the next legislature. It is going to take a long time to get through with this business. because everything that has been wrong in the government of Philadelphia will be exposed. Senator Quay means what he says when press work. he declares the investigation is to go on.

"But, suppose some of your or Senator Quay's friends are found to be implicated in the municipal wrongdoing ?'

"Our friends will not be found that way. You must remember that none of our friends have had for a good while anything to do with the Philadelphia government. They had no chance to be implicated. Our friends do not manage the municipal affairs of Philadelphia. The committee will go to work in a couple of weeks. The investigation could not be stopped now if we wanted it stopped. The Citizens' municipal league has it in charge and the league will have the most eminent counsel. It has also assured Chairman Andrews it will defray the expenses."

"From what I hear it ought to.

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than that ?" he asked, as he put down rose Talks Very Differently, and Tells the pocketbook he had been inspect-"Why, yes," replied the salesman. "We have some cheaper ones, but we can't guarantee that they will last."

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> What use is there in eating when food does you no good-in fact, when it does you more harm than good, for such is the case if it is not digested. If you have a loathing for food

there is no use of forcing it down, for it will not be digested. You must restore the digestive organs to their natural strength and cause the food to be digested when an appetite will come, and with it a relish for food. The tired, languid feeling will give place to vigor and energy, then you will put flesh on your bones and become strong. The Shaker Digestive Cordial as made by the Mount Leba-

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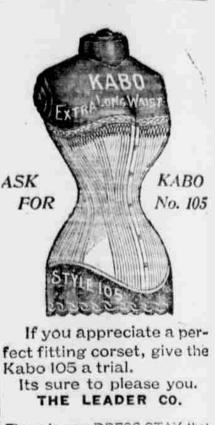
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Boss Quay, in the eyes of republi-

can politicians, began his "second time on earth" when he knocked out his enemies and got a new and strong hold on the republican machine in Pennsylvania, Democrats also, are interested in a way, as it is among the probabilities that Quay's latest dem-onstration of his ability as a schemer and trickster will cause him to be selected to run the republican national

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WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3, 1805.

Secretaries Carlisle and Lamont are

the first members of the Cabinet to return from their vacations and settle

down to work. They found things

moving nicely in their respective de-

importuned to go to Kentucky for the

State ticket, but he has not yet con-

sented to do so, and it is not at all

certain that he will.

campaign next year.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Ex. Gov. Gulick, of Arizona, who has been spending the summer on the Atlantic coast, is now in Washington. Speaking of National politics he said: 'In my judgment the strongest man the democratic party can have at the head of its ticket is Ex. Secretary William C. Whitney. With such a leader we can carry New York, New Jersey and Connecticut beyond a doubt. The first two will be won by democracy this year, according to present indications. These inree states are still essential to the success of the democratic party. It is folly, this talk about letting the east go and forming an alliance with the west. It is a snare and a delusion. The south cannot afford to alienate its oldtime allies for the sake of a doubtful coalition with western commonwealths of populistic tendencies. There is nothing to gain by such a combination. The right programme is to stick to New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Here is the battle ground in '96, as it has been in the past, and here the democracy can conquer." Hon. Chauncey F. Black, of Pa.,

president of the national Association of Democratic Clubs, has written a letter to Lawrence Gardner, of this city, secretary of the association, denying that any attempt was being made, as charged in recent publications, to commit the clubs on the silver question. In that letter he says : "We are all democrats. Let us stand faithfully by the national platform until a new one is made. I have my opinion on the silver question, but I have placed on the executive committee of this association some of the most distinguished advocates of silver in the land, as witness, McMillin of Tenn.; Carr, of N. C.; Clarke, of Mont.; Ankenny of Minn., and Richards, of

Ankenny of Minn., and Richards, of Utah. Would any of these gentlemen should extend its investigations to have harsh. "If Lizer Potter is agree-able," says I, "subject to that. If she be there if I were inclined to pack a Pittsburg ?" committee against their views? Not a thought was taken of the silver That city seems to need it. It would question when the committee was ap be a good thing. I will not, however, pointed. We ask the co-operation of say now that it will be extended to all democrats and all democratic that city; nor will I say just now clubs between the two oceans in sup port of those universally accepted public can rest assured that Philademocratic principles which are stated in the several articles of our constitution, and as to all else we abide the final determination of the regular nominating national convention.' It is understood that the report of many Allegheny county people and the Nicaragua Canal commission, which is now in the hands of Secre- Quay, who were at the state conventary Lamont, is favorable to the tion, relative to Senator Quay's plans Canal, but bears somewhat heavily on to effect an organization in Pittsburg the methods of the canal company, in opposition to the ring in control particularly as to estimates of the there. The matter was discussed at amount needed to complete the canal. a conference of the Senator and his The commission says it will take lieutenants, and it was determined to \$115,000,000 to complete the canal, go on with it Senator Quay has which is \$45,000,000 more than the received assurances of powerful supcompany's estimate. Time brings changes. Under the Federal election laws, repealed by a that the Senator is going to make the democratic Congress, one John I. same fight for the control of Alle-Davenport, as U. S. Supervisor of gheny county as he did against the elections for the city of N. Y., was administration of Governor Hastings. for many years a sort of republican The issue will be reform in municipal joss. He always had money to spend affairs and he expects to create a pubwhen he came to Washington, which lic sentiment that will result in the was often. Things have not gone so complete overthrow of the dominaeasily with him since he lost his occu- tion of the Pittsburg ring, which so pation. He rented a Washington bitterly opposed him in his fight for house, but this week the contents state chairman. Lieutenant Govwere seized by a constable because of ernor Lyon, of Allegheny, will be an unpaid rent bill of \$600. It is not earnestly enlisted in the fight. He is right to rejoice at anybody's misfor- jealous of Chris. Magee, Senator tunes, but there are lots of people Flinn and others in control of Allewho would find it very difficult to be gheny county politics and would gladsorry for John I. Davenport's troubles.

to Allegheny County.

The grinner was a very sober-looking man now, and he had no reply to that.

" Because, if they do, now is the time, you know. If anybody's at all curious I'll give 'em our names, ages, where born, how brought up, politics, religion, etc., and add that it was a case of love at first sight and neither of us had any money to speak of. Did you say-?" No, the grinner didn't say. He was of sight before the groom had got

that far, and for some reason there was no more smiling and nodding among the e passengers. 'Well, Tillie," said the husband, as

he looked all around and then sat down beside the blushing bride. "I thought the crowd wanted to know all about us, and I was willing to explain, but it seems I was mistaken, and so I guess we'll land on the other side all right. Are you quite comfortable, dear? Have a gundrop and then lay your dear, sunny head on your hubby-dubby's manly shoulder!" — Detroit Free Press.

Up to Date.

A story is going in England of a man who took a book manuscript to a publisher with the statement that it was the greatest novel of the century.

We wan it," said the publisher. " Is It up to date?"

Up to date?" said the author, " should rather think it is up to date; it contains two problems and a wife who confesses all on the day of her marriage

The publisher's eyes glistened, but as he turned over the pages of the typoscript his face lengthened.

"Great heavens!" he said, it's writ-ten in English; there's not a Scotch phrase in it! And you said it was up to date.

"What do you mean?" asked the author.

What do I mean?" cried the publisher. "My dear sir, are you teally serious in expecting me to publish a novel that's not written in a Scotch dialect? Take it away-take it away."

Well, the author took it away, and was somewhat disheartened, until he suddenly recollected that he had an aunt who had lived in Scotland, and had mastered the language so that she could go through Edinburgh without the aid of an interpreter, and could almost understand a Glasgow man when spoke slowly. He hurrled to nde, and with her assistance turned all the "froms" into "fraes," all the "longs" into "langs," all the "aways" into "awas," the "friends" into freens," and the "flies" into "flees" With the ald of a few "hout mons, bonnies," and a judicious flavor of the brose pot, the book was transformed, the publisher accepted it with enthusi-asm," and its appearance is now ex-pected every day.

Where He shoots.

Baron Hirsch, the Jewish millionaire, bas just leased the shooting of the eg-tate of Cardinal Vaszary, Prince Primate of Hungary, which entends over 77,000 acres.

Eliza (between sobs)-And my gown and bonnet-and the neighbors es will live to say that Lizer-Potter-eswere-thought - such-a sight onwere jilted by a stupid-old-chaplike-vou!

Thomas - Seeing as how you're what's called upset, and means in a temper, I won't give it yer back, Lizer. I hev thought of the bonnet and gown as is pomps and vanities, and of the neighbors, as isn't worth it. You can sny, Lizer, as you jilted me. And the gownd and bonnet, if you don't want e'm wasted, you can marry Joe in. Eliza (with sudden hopefulness fol-

lowed by renewed sobbing)-Joe!

Thomas-Joe. Joe is one of them chaps es thinks marriage 'll be like Heaven. Joe thinks as two can do as comfortable as one on fourteen shillings. Joe's that sort. He's fond of you, Lizer. Joe don't think, don't Joe, as your 'air won't be alius in curl, won't be allus a-smiling, and B.S. 5011 a-beaming, and affable as an angel, on that fourteen shilling. I've spoke to and he'll marry you ter morrer, Joe of you'll take him. And things 'll be comfortable all round.

ful, Thomas

Thomas-Only honest, Lizer. You'll e better off with Joe, And me, though I own as I found you uncommon pleasant to walk with, I'll be a sight better alone. And I'll promise you I'll change my notions of matrimany altogether if it don't turn out in tue ourse o' six months as I've done a darned shabby turn-Black and White

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delphia will at least be investigated. We cannot get out of it. We must and will investigate it."

There was a great deal of talk during the early part of the week among Philadelphia supporters of Senator port.

A friend of the "old man" said ly aid in a cause which meant their political downfall. There will be some highly interest-

ing politics in Pennsylvania the next twelve months .- Putriot.

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