SWEDISH SOVEREIGNS.

King Oscar a Superb Specimen of Manhood.

A Queen Who Was Compelled to Do the Work of a Menial in Order to Preserve Her Health—Gigantic Princes.

The most talented monarch on any European throne at the present moment is undoubtedly King Oscar of Sweden, says a writer in the New York Recorder. Unlike the ex-emperor of Brazil, whose knowledge, although embracing a vast amount of different subjects, is of the most superficial nature, that of his Swedish majesty is of a far more serious and profound character. He is a singularly graceful poet and has written quite a number of plays which have been staged with considerable success in Germany and Austria. Astronomy, ethnography and psychology are among the sciences to which he devotes much of his time and intellect, and he finds relaxation in playing upon the organ, an instrument on which he is a past master.

Nor shall I forget the exquisite melody which pealed forth from the organ loft of an old Norwegian church of the fourteenth century, situated in the grounds of the country seat of the king near Christinia. He sat up there and played to us for almost a full hour, after which he took us to a quaint old peasant cottage such as they have up in the wilds of Telemarken and treated us to a typical Norwegian peasant repast. On a long table were spread flat bread, goats' cheese and all the delicacies of the Norwegian cuisine. His majesty then seated himself at the table and, taking the huge loving-cup, which was filled with mead, drank to the health of his guests, kissed the hand of his fair neighbor on his right and then passed the cup to her.

Although far more of a student than a soldier, the king of Sweden and Norway does not possess in any way that peculiar appearance which we are wont to associate with the possessor of much learning. He towers head and shoulders above every other monarch in Europe, being taller than the czar, and, unlike the latter, is magnificently proportioned, without one ounce of superfluous tissue upon his body. He is indeed a superb specimen of the stronger sex and a worthy incumbent of the throne of the ancient vikings who ruled Scandinavia. He bears himself with wonderful dignity and majesty, and presents the most striking contrast to Emperor William of Germany that it is possible to conceive. For the latter is the very impersonification of restlessness and seems forever in a hurry, which although permissible on the part of an ordinary individual becomes undignified in the ruler of forty millions of people.

King Oscar's wife but rarely appears at the entertainments which he gives, for she is a confirmed invalid, her ailments being of a nervous character. Indeed, for a time her mind was affected and her physicians were forced to adopt all kinds of devices in order to check the course of her malady. Thus for a time they insisted that she should perform all kinds of hard and menial labor, such as sweeping, scrubbing, washing and dusting, the object being to counteract by bodily fatigue the abnormal and unhealthy excitement of her nerves. Like the empress of Austria, Empress Eugenie and several other royal and imperial ladies, she is a patient of the famous Dutch specialist, Dr. Metzger, and spends a number of weeks each year at his sanitarium.

The sons of King Oscar, although every one of them giants in stature, their average height being six feet three, are far from possessing the magnificent constitution and physique of their father. They are extremely short-sighted, and the eldest two, at any rate, are afflicted with what is known as barred teeth, which renders necessary constant attention on the part of their American dentist Dr. Evans of Paris.

NATURAL TELEPHONE LINE.

Remarkable Discovery Made by an Exploring Party in South Dakota.

There appears to be a natural telephone line between two mountains in the Black Hills range. On each side of an intervening valley twelve miles in width stand two high peaks which tower above the other mountains and have long been known as landmarks, being called the twin peaks. These mountains are fully ten thousand feet above the range. Only on rare occasions have these peaks been ascended, and little was known of their topography. Some weeks ago a party of tourists determined to make the ascent, and, forming into two parties, one for each peak, they took apparatus for signaling and expected to have pleasure and amusement by flashing the heliograph code across the intervening space, to the mystification of the people of the valley. The ascent was made, and while the people were making arrangements to signal across one of the party on the north mountain was surprised to hear voices which apparently came from the air. He moved about and the sound was no longer heard. By changing his position several times he discovered that at a certain spot on the mountain he could hear the voices, and it was not long before he found that they proceeded from the party on the other mountain. He called the attention of the others to the phenomena and then they attracted the notice of the party on the south mountain and found that a conversation in an ordinary tone of voice was plainly heard from one mountain to another. There was only one place on each mountain where it could be heard, and it appeared to be a natural telephone. No shouting was necessary, and the words were perfectly distinct.

The Mystery of Mark Island.

Mark island, the ledge off Small point, where a schooner was wrecked the other day, says the Lewiston (Me.) Journal, was the home for two or three years of a mysterious family. The cottage there was erected five or six years ago by a man who came with a fine yacht, his wife and a mulatto boy and took possession. They made friends with no one and never allowed anybody to land on the island unless some one broke an oar or was shipwrecked. There is only one place where a landing can be made, and from its beach a path leads to the house. At this path, at a point which commanded a full view of the landing, the mulatto boy stood from daylight till dark with a musket on his shoulder. Two or three years this strange family spent on the island, and then one spring they did not come, nor have they been seen or heard from since. But three years ago this fall a man was arrested in either Boston or New York for passing counterfeit money who answered to the description of the one who lived on Mark island. No attempt was made to find his workshop, but some folks think this was the place.

New Alloys.

Seven new alloys have been invented recently. They are nickel-aluminum, for decorative threads; zinc-nickel, for a pigment; nickel-hardiled; for type; platinide, composed of platinum, nickel, gold and iron, for crucibles and chemical utensils; rosine, composed of nickel, silver, aluminum and tin, for jewelers' work; sun-bronze: composed of cobalt, aluminum and copper; metalline, composed of cobalt, aluminum, iron and copper.

What Your Great Grandmother Did.

She hetcheled the flax and carded the wool, and wove the linen, and spun the tow, and made the clothes for her husband and ten children. She made butter and cheese, she dipped tallow candles, to light the house at night, and she cooked all the food for her household by an open fire-place and a brick oven. Yes; and when she was forty years of age, she was already an old lady whose best days were over. Her shoulders were bent and her joints enlarged by hard work, and she wore spectacles and a cap.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Sebastian Graff, deceased. Letters testamentary in the estate of Sebastian Graff, late of Barr township, deceased, having been granted to me, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment to me without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them, properly authenticated for settlement.

ADAM J. LIER,
Executor of Sebastian Graff, deceased.
Nicktown, Pa., Jan. 22 1892 6t.

ESTRAY.

Came to the residence of the subscriber in White township, sometime in July last, a black and white spotted bull, with short horns, no ear marks and about a year old when he came. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be disposed of according to law.

DAVID HOLLIS.
Frugality, February 5, 1892 3t.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

Letters testamentary upon the estate of Joseph J. Trexler, late of Clearfield township, in the county of Cambria, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the same are requested to present them properly authenticated for settlement.

JAMES F. TREXLER,
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Executors of Joseph J. Trexler, deceased.
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A FORGOTTEN CABLE PROJECT.

The Siberian Route Contemplated Before the Success of the Atlantic Cable.

In these days when cables between America and Europe are in such constant use, says the Electrical Review, most people have forgotten a great enterprise for securing telegraphic communication with Europe by way of Behring strait and Siberia. Cyrus Field had just made an attempt to lay another cable across the Atlantic with the Great Eastern, but the cable had snapped in mid-ocean. Many capitalists, believing that Field's idea could never be realized, formed a company to extend a telegraph line from San Francisco up the coast to Behring strait, run a cable across to Siberia, and then connect with the telegraph systems of the old world. A large construction fleet began work at Puget sound, with the steamship George S. Wright as flagship. The Fremont, Milton, Badger, Palmetto, Nightingale, Jennie Pitto, Egmont and others brought up supplies from San Francisco. R. R. Haines, the superintendent of construction, had a big force of men organized and uniformed like an army. The line from San Francisco to New Westminster, in British Columbia, was owned by the California State Telegraph Company, and beyond that it was known as the Collins Overland and Western Union Extension. The line followed the east shore of the sound to New Westminster, and some of the original poles can yet be seen sticking in the mud. The work was carried eight hundred miles north of Westminster to Skeena, when the complete success of the Atlantic cabel suddenly put a stop to construction. The army of men was mustered out, and the materials that could be recovered were taken away. Thousands of tons of wire and material distributed along the line through the woods of British Columbia remain there to this day. Several years afterward a party of woodmen took to Port Townsend a cargo of the wire and offered it for sale, but the creditors of the company seized it immediately. The Seabeck mills sawed out thousands of the poles for the line, which were piled up on the mill wharf, and lay there until burned with the mill a few years ago. The captain of the ship Egmont, which lay in Esquimalt with a cargo of submarine cable, got drunk and ran off with the ship's papers. The vessel lay in the harbor for two years unable to clear. Her owners finally patched up Hawaiian papers for her and she sailed away. George H. Munford, afterward vice president of the Western Union, came out in 1871 and wound up the affairs of the company, paying every bill in full. The American end of the line was absorbed by the Western Union, and the extension to Skeena was operated for a few years and then abandoned.

A MATRIMONIAL CLUB.

Wealthy Austrians Form an Association for the Marriage of Poor Girls.

In these days of mercenary marriages, when the lords of creation, even more than the weaker sex, are usually anxious to make a good match, not from the point of view of sweetness of disposition or beauty, which are apt to weigh very light in the scales of decision when placed in the balance with money, it is more than refreshing, it is idyllic—to read the account of a club lately started in Austria. The chivalrous feelings of the members of the Mariahilf Matrimonial club raise them so far above the majority of their sex that it is difficult to believe in the actual existence of the club, about which, however, I believe there is no doubt, says a London letter from a woman to the Philadelphia Telegraph. The members of the club are all rich men, and each has pledged himself to marry a poor girl. For the sake of these noble beings, animated with such unselfish desires, I can only hope that the secret of membership is devoutly kept. I am very unwilling to disparage my own sex, yet we often hear of, and even see, the matchmaking mother on the warpath. Can we blame her for her maternal instincts? While the maiden who has a very keen eye to the main chance, in the matter of her matrimonial alliance, is not unknown. I fear for the peace of mind of these noble-minded men. Their riches alone would be a strong bait to the penniless maids and their scheming mothers; while if the fact of their vow was known I should imagine the candidate would be very fierce. In case, however, the members find the attentions of portionless girls and widows too overpowering, they have provided themselves with loopholes of escape; for should the damsel of their choice be blessed with an abundance of this world's goods they may redeem their oaths on payment of four hundred pounds sterling. A further feature of the club is to provide deserving but impecunious couples who, after long engagements, have still no prospect of setting up house with a start in life. Of course, the forfeitures are devoted to this purpose, and thus two pairs of loving hearts are made happy. I am really inclined to believe that the sterner sex in Austria are a superior set of mortals to those who inhabit the rest of the world, for I feel quite convinced that none of our fin de siecle young men who adorn London society are capable of founding a similar club.

THE JOURNALS OF CANADA.

A Pleasant Summary of Canadian Newspapers by a Canadian Writer.

The generality of Canadian newspapers in their style, says Walter Blackburn Harte, a Canadian journalist, in the New England Magazine, are a curious mixture of English and American methods. In the news department they are very similar to the newspapers in the smaller American cities, and in the editorial columns they are modeled after the English provincial papers. Except in one or two instances, they are destitute of all pretentions to literary excellence. The Toronto Mail and Globe maintain a higher standard than any of their contemporaries. The Gazette of Montreal and the Empire of Toronto are almost exclusively political in their scope, and exist as the organs of the conservative party. The western papers have little room for anything outside of news and politics. The Montreal Star is always on the popular side of every question. The Ottawa papers, like those of Washington, carry little weight and are miserable in every particular. The French Canadian newspapers are less enterprising and energetic in the gathering of news than the English, but their editorial columns are usually more striking in a literary way.

A Gigantic Clock.

The tower of a public building at Philadelphia is to be provided with a clock, which, for size alone, will be one of the marvels of the world. The center of the dial (twenty-five feet in diameter) will be three hundred and fifty-one feet above the street. The bell is to weigh between twenty and twenty-five thousand pounds and will be second in weight to the great Montreal cathedral bell, which weighs twenty-eight thousand pounds, and it is calculated that its peal will be heard even to the most distant part of the city. Chimes similar to those of Westminster will be used, ringing at the quarter, half, three-quarters and hour. The minute hand is to be twelve and the hour hand nine feet in length, while the Roman figures in the dial will measure two feet eight inches in length.

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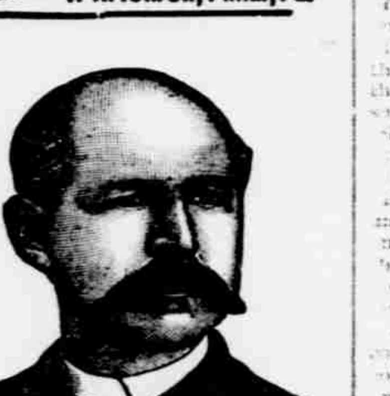

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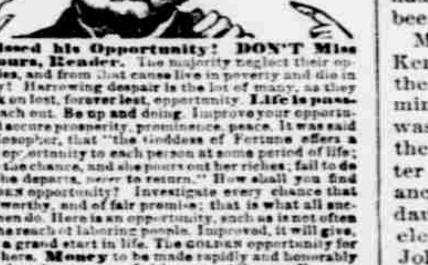

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WILD HORSES.

Noble Animals Left to Themselves Will Degenerate Into Ponies.

Many, many years ago a ship laden with Spanish horses went ashore on the sands of Chincoteague island, on the eastern shore of Virginia, says the Rider and Driver. No man knows when the ship went ashore or what port it sailed from or how many horses were saved. It is known, however, that on the extreme edge of Chincoteague island a ship bearing a cargo of horses to the new world from some port in Spain ended its voyage in a terrific storm, and that some of the horses found their way through the breakers to the barren waste of sand. These horses must have been of a high order of breed, for, though scores of years of privation and exposure have passed over his head, the wild horse of this inhospitable and barren region is a most remarkable animal. He is smaller today than his Spanish prototype, and lack of care and exposure to the storms of this tempest-swept island has reduced the original horse to a rough, shaggy pony, yet all the years of degeneracy and vicissitude have not shorn him of his evidences of blood—his beauty, his intelligence and his fleetness. The severity of the climate, the want of strengthening, nutritious food, have made their influence felt, not upon the spirit, but upon the body, of the castaway horse. Many of these ponies have been captured by the inhabitants of the region adjacent to the mainland and put to use, although the breaking and training of them is in some instances a very serious job. The effect of years of unrestrained freedom upon his high-mettled blood has made this island horse wayward and jealous of his liberty. It usually requires the united strength of four men to subdue one young horse. Notwithstanding, they are frequently conquered and tied down to the drudgery of farm work or may be seen pulling the clam carts of Chincoteague fishermen along the shell roads of the Virginia or Maryland coast. It is certain that inbreeding and privation, together with the rigors of a changeable climate, have had their effects in deteriorating this race of horses.

With the first settlement of Australia by Europeans horses were introduced. Some of these escaped from control and soon reverted to the wild state. They have multiplied and deteriorated in that sparsely peopled continent until they are as numerous as jack rabbits and as useless. They became such a nuisance that seven thousand of them were shot at one station in New South Wales. In nearly every country where the once domesticated horse has run wild he has deteriorated. He has dwindled into a pony in Iceland and Shetland, Corsica and Sardinia, the mountainous regions of northern Europe, and the Cordilleras of America. There has a miniature horse originated during and since the war in the prairies along the gulf coast from Mobile to the western limit of Louisiana. Many planters during the war allowed their thoroughbred mares to escape, and breeding in the wild state with the natives the size has gradually diminished until many of them do not reach thirteen hands, and few of them go over that.

SOCIAL SUCCESS.

A Woman Who Wishes to Be Agreeable Must Listen, Not Talk.

A woman to be most agreeable must listen, says Kate Field. Keep a man wound up. Look as though you were hanging on his lips and he'll think you charming. For my part I like to listen. It's a great deal better fun to make others talk than to talk one's self. The listener never makes a fool of herself, because she says nothing. She cannot make enemies by the expression of opinion, for she expresses none. She learns a deal about other people, and nobody learns anything about her. She gives no offense by egotistic assertion. The talkers call her sympathetic because she has allowed all to have their own way. I don't say that a woman should everlastingly hold her tongue—there are men who insist upon an interchange of ideas: but it is always safe to start a man upon the subject of himself. Nine times out of ten you will touch the responsive chord and be entertained, as everybody can talk well on what is nearest the heart.

"You've made an impression on Mr. Randall," said Bob, this morning. "He thinks you remarkably intelligent. What did you say to him?"

"Nothing," I replied. "I asked an occasional question and listened. He talked about himself."

A woman may serve up wit or epigram as an entremets, and be liked; but I'm convinced that a woman who monopolizes conversation is doomed to be hated. Woman in society is to be, man is to do. Beyond all other horrors are the shop-talking horrors. A woman may translate Homer, write Romola, edit a newspaper, conduct important business, or act Lady Macbeth, but she must forget herself if she wants to be welcome in society. In fact, if a woman is not born unselfish let her assume the noblest of all virtues, and, provided she dresses well, she will be admired.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

With a Breaking Heart She Reads Her Daughter's Funeral Service.

There was a simple funeral at Oakwoods cemetery on a recent Sunday, says the Chicago Tribune. No priest or minister was there to read the burial service — only a heart-broken mother who saw her only daughter go to her grave, while a man who had been a stranger to both and the undertaker watched the silent grief as the coffin was hidden under the clay.

Unfortunate Mamie Jennings, whose body was taken from the lake off Hyde Park Thanksgiving day, would have gone to a pauper's grave but for the kindness of J. P. Luby, an operator on the board of trade, who read the story of the suicide and himself arranged for a respectable, Christian burial. The mother of the girl is without money and, but for the aid of Mr. Luby, who had known neither, the girl would have been buried by the county.

Mrs. Jennings claimed to have asked Kendal Street Christian church, where the girl attended services, to send a minister to conduct the funeral. There was no minister present, however, and the mother, rather than see her daughter buried without religious observance, stood beside the coffin of her daughter and read a portion of the eleventh chapter of the Gospel of St. John: "For I am the resurrection and the life." She read and there came a solemn amen from the two who looked on in reverent silence.

Snow had covered the mounds of earth about the new made grave and headstones were half hidden by the mantle of white. Near by, a long line of carriages wound in and out among the leafless trees, following the hearse containing the remains of a daughter whose life had been passed in the midst of riches and of luxury. Above her grave were heaped beautiful wreaths of flowers until the dark clay was hidden and sorrowing friends stood by and sought to soften the grief of mother and father.

At the other grave the mother gave one look across the snow and then placed a little bunch of faded forget-me-nots on the grave of her child and turned to where the one carriage stood. There were no tears in her eyes, and as she gave a last look at the mound and the poor offering of flowers she said: "Thy will be done."

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A Queer Transaction Between a Husband and Lover.

An Incident Which Illustrates the Force of the Old Saying That Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction—A Romantic Story.

The details of one of the most [illegible] lar trades ever consummated [illegible] part of the country have just [illegible] light through the filing for record [illegible] deed of a tract of land in [illegible] part of the country. The deed, [illegible] the Fort Worth Gazette, is from [illegible] Christensen to Nils Jensen, and [illegible] eighty acres of farm land to the latter, but the remarkable part of the d[illegible] the consideration given for the land.

It reads as follows:

"For and in consideration of one woman, to wit: The wife of Nils Jensen."

The queer document caused [illegible] investigation to be made, and the following romantic story was learned by a curious newspaper man who went to the farm of Christensen.

Nine years ago Christensen left Sweden for this country to make his fortune, and when he started he left in the old country a young woman who was to become his wife as soon as he became able to send after her.

[illegible] girl, Mina Peterson, was the daughter of a poor drunken [illegible] who led his family a dog's life [illegible] continually on the verge of [illegible].

After Christensen left, Mina [illegible] to hear from him constantly, but [illegible] ter ever reached her, and [illegible] idea to what part of the United [illegible] he went, she could not write [illegible]. Among the young men of the [illegible] Jensen, who also looked with [illegible] eyes upon Mina, but she would have nothing to do with him for her heart was true to Chris. As years [illegible] went by with no word from her [illegible] lover the maid came to the conclusion that he was recreant, and this [illegible] fostered as much as possible by Jensen, who was at last successful in winning Mina's consent to marry him.

The drunken father also insisted that the wedding should come off and, [illegible] to get away from such an unhappy home than through love [illegible] Mina consented and they were married. This was five years ago. After two years of hard times in the old country Jensen determined to try his fortune in America and with his wife and one child he started for the new world.

After wandering about for [illegible] they landed in Nebraska [illegible] no money. Jensen obtained [illegible] on farms in different parts of the [illegible] but was unable to get ahead financially.

The man and wife drifted [illegible] state, doing work at such places as they could get employment, until [illegible] they reached this city, and about a month ago they heard that a man and woman were wanted to work on a farm in the western part of the county. Jensen applied for the place, and as chance would have it the man and woman were employed on the farm of Christensen, but the people were so changed that no recognition was had.

Something familiar in the woman's appearance led Christensen to make inquiries, and he discovered that it was his long-lost love. He said nothing to either Jensen or his wife, but a few shrewd questions showed him that Jensen knew more about the reason for his letters never reaching Mina than the husband was willing to acknowledge.

One evening he began telling a story to his hired man and wife and recounted the story of his life from beginning to the present. He told how Jensen had taken the letters from the post-office and destroyed them, and when he got through the latter was so overcome with what he thought was Christensen's knowledge that he confessed his infamy. The three talked long into the night about the matter, and before the morning it was decided that Jensen would give up the woman, who openly said that she did not love him, and he agreed to get a divorce and give up his wife and child if Christensen would give him a start in the world. Mina was willing and anxious, and the result was that the deed to the eighty acres of land was passed and the woman is now living as the wife of Christensen. A divorce was procured and the marriage followed on the same evening. Jensen lives at the farm until he can build a house, and the whole lot seem happy over the new turn of affairs.

Transit Extraordinary.

A company has recently been formed in Hamburg for the purpose of putting into practical working shape a novel plan for the transportation of passengers and freight in pneumatic tubes. The line consists of a pneumatic tube large enough to take a car forty inches in diameter and about six and one-half feet long. This car is divided into three compartments, each of which will accommodate a passenger. Each compartment is to contain an apparatus filled with compressed air, so that passengers can have an ample supply of pure air as long as they remain boxed up. The car is to be shot through the tube at a high rate of speed, but with a gentle sliding motion. One of the foreign papers, in referring to this railroad, remarks: "Travelers will be allowed a limited amount of baggage, but smoking will be strictly prohibited." An experimental line is to be built on this principle between Hamburg and Buchen, a distance of about fifteen miles, which the cars are expected to traverse in eleven minutes.

SOLAR SPOTS.

Description of an Interesting Astronomical Phenomenon.

The curious and suggestive phenomenon of the fall of a solar protuberance into a sun spot has been recently reported by M. Trouvelot, the French astronomer. He was enabled to observe this fall very distinctly. The sun spot in which the protuberance was lost was very quiet, giving not the slightest evidence of any volcanic eruptions going on. There are in or near a sun spot usually jets of incandescent matter, frequently thrown up to great heights, but this voracious spot which swallowed up the protuberance in question was in almost entire repose. M. Trouvelot hints that the most probable explanation of this most mysterious phenomenon is that the class of spots which are in a state of repose exercise some kind of attraction upon certain protuberances. These solar clouds, sometimes filamentary, sometimes diffuse, sometimes seen to be gyrating like a cyclone, are composed mainly of hydrogen and helium. Around the spot the motion of filaments is usually inward toward a central spot and then downward. It might, therefore, be supposed that the prominence seen by M. Trouvelot approached the spot by aspiration.

Looks Deceive.

When a man walks diagonally and slowly across a street with shoulders stooped, head bent forward, both hands in his trousers pockets and a generally dejected air about his person, it is no sign that he is sick at heart, discouraged and perhaps reckless. I saw a man behaving in the manner described, says a writer in the Detroit Free Press, and I happened to know that clutched in either hand were legal tender notes representing over eight thousand dollars net profit in a business deal he had just concluded and that he was feeling fairly well over the transaction.