

**THE CENTRE REPORTER.**  
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**THE GREAT EXPOSITION.**

*Its Formal Opening at New Orleans.*  
New Orleans, Dec. 16.—The day of the inauguration ceremonies at the World's Exposition opened bright and cheerful, and thousands of people made preparations early in the morning to witness the long expected event. Every public and private building along the principal streets was decorated with more or less elaborate ornaments. Along the street car routes the visitors from northern climates were astonished to find hundreds of orange trees bending beneath their ripe fruit, and to see the bloom of roses and the rich verdure of kitchen and flower gardens. The many steamers borne to the exposition full complements of passengers.

**THE EXPOSITION OPENED.**  
At 1 o'clock Rev. Dr. Talmage made the opening prayer. Director General Burk then transferred the buildings and grounds to Pres. Richardson, of the exposition company. President Arthur's address, which had been received by telegraph, was read, and when the concluding sentence declared the world's exposition now open was read, the President closed the electric circuit, and the machinery was put in motion. Mayor Guilotee then welcomed the many strangers present.

**IN THE WHITE HOUSE.**  
Washington, Dec. 16.—The telegraph instruments, with which President Arthur opened the New Orleans exposition, were placed in the east room yesterday. At 12 o'clock to day members of the diplomatic corps, congressional committees and invited guests began to arrive. The marine band delivered the ceremonies with national airs. At the proper moment President Arthur pressed the electric button, and away down in New Orleans the machinery was started with a whirl.

**A MEAN OLD GENERAL ROUTED.**  
Old "General Debility" has been put to flight in Kansas, with happy results. From Brinkley, from Webb City, and from Walnut Ridge, Messrs. P. R. Anderson, E. M. Taylor and F. Finchback respectively, write that they were all afflicted with general debility, and received solid benefit from Brown's Iron Bitters. This is pleasant to know, not only from Kansas people, but for all sections of the country where General Debility has conquered victims by the thousand. For sale everywhere.

**SNOW SHOE THE SCENE OF EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS AND BUSINESS GOOD.**

Snow Shoe and vicinity is just now one of the most prosperous communities in Centre county, or, for that matter, in Central Pennsylvania. The bituminous coal interests are carried on with a full force of miners which in itself has heretofore given an impulse which other and larger towns might justly envy. In addition to this, the Lehigh Valley R. R. company recently gained hold there and commenced the erection of coke ovens. Two hundred men were immediately set to work and the company will forthwith erect 200 large coke ovens, about five of which are completed every day. When finished 200 men will find constant and profitable employment all the year round. Everything will be in working order before the coming spring. A railroad line is being erected by this company to connect with the main lines and the freightage from these ovens will be large in volume, and will increase the home industry of Snow Shoe and all along the line of the shipping of this product. It is a glorious advent for Snow Shoe and Centre county. Mr. W. A. Letourneau, a gentleman of almost unlimited experience in the coal business, is managing the construction of these ovens and superintending the vast business after once in operation. The quality of coal in the Snow Shoe region is excellent for coke purposes, and the Snow Shoe product cannot fail to command a high price in the coke oven.

**ALL HAPPY.**  
Christmas brings happiness to all. We have seen rarefied children in the cities on Christmas, and they even wore a smile and seemed to forget their poverty. In this part of the state such cases of extreme poverty are not to be seen. A large and well-stocked store, with prices to suit the poor, such as the store of Powers & Son, enables all to wear decent shoes and shoes, and keep these important members of the feet comfortable. It is astonishing to go into Powers & Son's store and see their immense stock, and then the variety! why any one else find a boot or shoe, or rubber to suit his or her taste, high or low, big or little, male and female. You never grumble about prices at Powers & Son's.

**THE PLUMED KNIGHT AGAIN.**  
Mr. Blaine has withdrawn his suit against the Indianapolis Sentinel to recover \$50,000 for libel, in a letter, in which he virtually says he can't trust the law, the courts, or a jury to determine his grievance. Because he apprehends there will be Democrats on the jury he won't go to trial. It is true the judge is a Republican, the marshal who summons the jurors a Republican, the officers of the court Republican, and Mr. Blaine would have the same guarantees for securing an impartial jury any other citizens would have, but he fears Democrats will creep into the jury box to his disadvantage, thus implying the service he would exact from Republican jurors. What a shabby sham, to be sure, is this excuse.

"Jasper, Mich., Feb. 2, '81.—I am in receipt of your circular. I keep a good supply of your Down's Elixir (all the sizes), believing it to be the best Cough Remedy out yet. I also keep Dr. Baxter's Mandrake Bitters, and Henry & Johnson's Anjica and Oil Liniment.  
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**STARTLING THE KING OF BEASTS.**

General H. F. Sickles, of the United States Army, was telling some friends a short time ago about his first glimpse of a mountain lion. He said, "We were living up in the mountains in Colorado, and had quite a herd of cows, among them one old cow who wore a bell. The cows had been missing for several days, and the boys were out searching, and one afternoon I thought I would try what I could do. So I mounted a pony and rode quite a distance, when I thought I heard the cow's bell. I dismounted and started to prowl around among the rocks and bushes. It had been raining during the early part of the afternoon, and I had an umbrella. I tied the pony to a tree and started. After I had gone a short distance, I caught a glimpse of the cows. As I started toward them, suddenly they all lifted their heads, crooked their tails, and started away on the dead run. I was just wondering what frightened them, when I heard a rustling in the bushes behind me. I turned around, and there, not ten feet away, was a big mountain lion, standing on a rock staring at me. I assure you I never felt so bashful in all my life. I hadn't a gun, or even a jack-knife; and there was that beast staring and getting ready for a spring! All at once I thought of my umbrella, and as quick as thought I raised that much-borrowed article and spread it right in Mr. Lion's face! He didn't stop to examine, but made one great jump clear across a gorge, and when he lighted gave a yell that shook the hills. I saw no more of him. When I got home, the cows were there."

**ORIGIN OF WHIST.**

The origin and date of the first playing of what have of late been much discussed, particularly in England, where the game receives a degree and study well nigh religious. Edmund Hoyle, the earliest writer of any note on whist, commonly called the Father of the game, published his first "Short Treatise" about 1742, in his seventieth year. Though educated for the law, he loved cards passionately, and was so skillful a player that he used to receive a guinea a lesson for teaching different games. He spent his days and nights at the card table, which so agreed with him that he lived to be ninety-seven. Whist is supposed to be a development of trump or triumph, played in England at least as early as the reign of Henry VIII. Trump is mentioned in a sermon by Latimer, the Sunday before Christmas (1529), and by Shakespeare punning on the word triumph, in "Anthony and Cleopatra." Whist is not named by any writer of the Elizabethan era. The earliest reference to whist is in 1821, in the poems of John Taylor, the water poet. In the first edition of Cotton's "Complete Gamester" (1873), no allusion is made to whist, but in the second edition, issued six years later, it is mentioned as a game "commonly known in England." Cotton's saying that the game gets its name from the silence observed in playing it, although generally accepted, is by many regarded as incorrect. The proper name is probably whist.

**WAVING A BANNER IN IOWA.**

One night a young doctor of Newton Center, Iowa, escorted the daughter of a prominent and wealthy citizen to church. The father of the girl had forbidden her to accompany the young man. When church was out the father lay in wait behind a tree for his daughter's companion and jumped out upon him as he passed. He seized the young man by the throat and tore his collar off and the bosom out of his shirt. The old gentleman then ran away. The doctor went on home with the young lady as though nothing had happened. When she entered the house her father took her to the parlor, and pointing to the doctor's shirt bosom, which he had tacked to the wall, said: "I intend to have it framed." On Monday the doctor saw the old gentleman passing his office. Attaching to it this placard: "A contribution for a coward," he fastened the garment to a pole and hung it out of his office window. Since then the father of the young lady has apologized to the doctor and invited him to call on his daughter as often as he pleases.

**WHY SHE WAS LOVED.**

It is related of Mme. De Circourt, at one time a reigning belle in Paris society, that her mother once said to her: "My poor child, you are too ugly for any one ever to fall in love with you." From this time Mme. De Circourt began to be very kind to the pauper children of the village, the servants of the household, and even the birds that hopped about the garden walks. She was always distressed if she happened to be unable to render a service. This good will toward every body made her the idol of the city. Though her complexion was sallow, her gray eyes small and sunken, yet she held in devotion to her the greatest men of her time. Her unflinching interest in others made her, it is said, perfect, irresistible.

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**ORIGIN OF THE MEXICAN PULQUE.**

The legend of its discovery is a pretty one and has taken so strong a hold upon the popular fancy that it remains fresh in memory even at the present day, having been the theme of poetry and the inspiration or art. It is said that when the Toltec Empire was at the height of its splendor, Tepanacaltzin being upon the throne, a relative of the King, Papantzin by name, was led, through a happy accident, to observe the hidden virtues of the magney. The gnawing of a rat in the pulpy body of the plant revealed the secret which nature had hitherto guarded so carefully and brought to the light that milky beverage which was destined to be the source of health and pleasure to countless thousands. Papantzin seems to have had some idea of the importance of his discovery, for he resolved to take the precious liquid up to court, deeming that it would be an acceptable present to the King. His lovely daughter Xochitl accompanied him, and it was from her fair hands that Tepanacaltzin received the jarro of pulque. The monarch was so struck with the beauty of the maiden, which had earned for her the name of "Flower," that he fell desperately in love with her, and stealing her away from Papantzin, he kept her a willing prisoner in a charming retreat near the City of Tula. Such was the influence exerted by this Toltec Rosamond over the heart of her royal admirer that he afterwards acknowledged her as his Queen, and placed their son, Mecocaltzin, upon the throne. The latter, whose names signifies "the son of the Magney," was so incapable of governing that he brought a speedy destruction upon the empire, the capital being destroyed by fire, and the old king, with Xochitl, perishing in the battle. Thus the past history of pulque is one fitted to point a moral and adorn a tale. At the present day, though shorn in great measure of its romance, there still remains much that is picturesque and poetical, and Mexico presents very few studies more interesting than that afforded by a visit to one of those numerous pulque haciendas with which the valley abounds.

**A JAPANESE HOUSE.**

A New York dealer in Japanese goods has fitted into the back of his store a real Japanese house in miniature. Only two rooms, however, are represented, corresponding to our reception room and parlor; but these are complete and exact in detail. The house was brought to America from Japan in sections, and was put together by a Japanese artisan, after their custom, without nails, glue forming the necessary substitute. The material for the framework is of Japanese cedar bamboo; a strong, transparent paper for the little square panes for the windows, glass being only used by the lower classes. The mouldings of the rooms are of a very artistic and beautiful pattern, and the ceilings are bamboo, braided in different designs and colored in different shades of brown. The floors are especially curious, being made very elastic, a sort of split bamboo or straw forming a padding underneath the squares of matting, which are finished separately with a neat binding. The rooms in a Japanese house are designated by the number of pieces of matting required for each, as the seven, six or five matted room. The reception room is furnished with a sideboard with a rounded front, placed in one corner, on which are richly ornamented tea caddies, a huge teapot and all the accessories of a hospitable cup of tea, which they offer to all callers; and a very elaborate lacquer and bronze table near by holds a decorative jardiniere. A little sliding door of paper, gaily painted with Japanese flowers, separates this room from the inner one, or parlor. This is the "five-matted room," and is on the floor a very curiously wrought iron artistic incense burner, and on one side of it is the box holding the materials for burning the incense. A lacquer reading desk stands near on which is a book, a scroll and a pair of exquisite candlesticks. Handsome raw silk rugs, which serve for chairs, are laid on the floor.

**A PRETTY ALBUM.**

Among new fancies is the leaf album. To make one only requires the exercise of a little care and patience. First get a slab of plate glass and spread upon it a dab of printer's ink; then get a small roller such as printers use, and roll it over the ink till the glass is equally covered; then lay the leaf—clear and freshly gathered—on the inked glass, and carefully draw the roller over it. Next lift the leaf by the stalk—using considerable tenderness because of the fragility of the subject—and place it between a folded sheet of paper; press and rub gently all over it, being careful not to let it alter its position. Then take the leaf out and you have a beautiful clean impression of both the front and back. The same effect might be got to a certain extent with lamp-black, oil-color or anything of that kind, but when it is done with printing ink it is not only far more clear and distinct, but permanent. A bit of common plate glass, or a bit of marble, or even a china palette, will suffice to put the ink upon—anything, in fact, so long as it presents a smooth surface, is non-metallic and non-abrasive.

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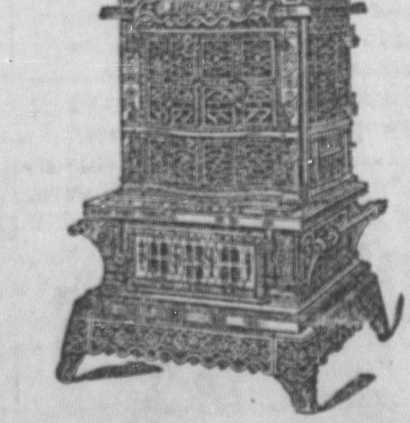
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