-The State Department has been informed "that affairs are quiet on the Samoan Islands, and that the recent report of an attempt on the part of Germany to seize the islands arose from a purely private controversy between the German Consul and the local authorities."

-Near Port Townsend, Washington Territory, a few days ago, two ruffians "attacked an inoffensive Chinaman, and, after beating his head against the rocks and fearfully maltreating him, tore his queue out by the roots and eft him for de ad."

-Samuel Johnson, alias "Mingo Jack," colored, was taken from the iail at Eatontown, New Jersey, on the 5th, and lynched by persons unknown. He had assaulted and nearly killed the daughter of a farmer in the neighborhood. The dead ruffian was about 65 years of age and had a bad reputation.

-The House Committee on Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River has agreed to report favorably a bill appropriating \$3,000,000 for the repair of the Mississippi levees.

-The death of Senator Miller, of California, on the 8th, was not unexpected as he has been hopelessly ill all winter. His successor will be a Democrat, as Governor Stoneman, of Califorma, a Democrat, will have the power of appointing his successor. The California Legislature is Republican but will not meet again unless called in

The Senate of Mississippi on the 6th passed a local option bill from the House, with some amendments,

-The trial of Samuel Johnson, at Media, Penna., for the killing of John Sharpless, resulted on the 6th in a verdict of murder in the first degree. His council moved a new triai, and the motion will be argued on the first Monday in April.

On the 8th the President sent the following nominations to the Senate:-Samuel F. Wheatly, of the District of Calumbia, to be Commissioner of the District of Columbia, vice James B. Edmunds, whose time has expired. M. O. King, of Texas, to be Secretary of Legation and Consul-General of the United States at Bogota. Rule Letcher, of Missouri, to be Consul of the United States at Rio Grande de

Postmasters-James T. Wall, at Methuen, Mass.; Charles J. Porter, at Bethel, Conn.; Henry Van Scoy at Kingston, Pa., John T. Iron, at Paris, Tenn., Albert H. Seeley, at Rushville, Ill.; Henry W. Clendenin, at Spring- on the 11th by the Governor. field, Ill.; Frank A. Desert, at Macon City, Mo.; Andrew J, Shakespear, at match between Schaefer and Vignaux, Kalamazoo, Mich.; George A. J. Moss. on the 11th, was won by Schaefer-600 at Pawnee City, Neb.; Charles M. Wil- to 288. Total for the three nights; son, at Tecumseh, Neb.; Joseph S. Schaefer, 1800; Vignaux, 1029. Booth, at Missoula Mont.

-News was received in Tombstone. Arizona, on the 7th, of a recent attack murder of John Sharpless, filed their committee to inquire into the right of Nocosaia, Sonora. Two of the travellers twenty-five specifications, fifteen of inventions and discoveries. Mr. Parker were killed. The Indians then went to which are errors in the judge's charge obtained leave to file a minority report. William Brown's mine and killed to the jury, and four for admitting ir- The bill repealing the limitation of time Brown and James Moser. They then relevant testimony. The other ten with which militiamen disabled while stole eighty horses from settlers near specifications set out various reasons, acting under orders of a United States San Pedro and went towards the mounth the most important of which are that officer must file applications for pentains. These Indians are believed to belong to Geronimo's band.

McLaughlin for the championship of portance. The motion will be argued the House adjourned. Pennsylvania and \$500 a side, 500 points up, was played in New York on the 8th. The game was the 14-inch balk-line. It was won by McLaughin by 65 points.

-Archbishops Gibbons and Elder on the 8th visited the Catholic institutions at Emmettsburg, Maryland. Archbishop Elder, who thirty years ago was Professor of Theology in Mount St. Mary's, intended to call upon his sister, Helena, at St. Joseph's, She has been a Sister of Charity for sixty years and is said to be the oldest living member of that order.

-Jerome B. Chaffee; ex-U. S. Senator and father-in-law of Mr. Ulysses S. Grant, died on the 9th, at Purdy's He was 61 years of age.

-A train on the Dayton and Ironton Narrow Guage Read in Ohio, was adjourned. wrecked at Washington Court House on the 8th by a broken rail. A passenger car and a baggage car fell down a tions reported by Mr. Edmunds from twenty foot embankment into a creek. the Judiciary Committee, came up. Five or six passengers and a postal These resolutions, among other things, clerk were injured, the clerk perhaps fatally.

-The company of soldiers left guarding the convict camp at the Greenwood mines, in Pulaski county, Kentucky, were kept wide awake during the 8th night. The free miners kept up a continuous shooting during the night from the adjacent hills. No shots were fired into the camp, but the convicts were scared, and the soldiers kept guard Mr. Edmunds spoke at length in supuntil morning.

-The city elections in Oakland, California, on the 8th resulted in the success of the Republican ticket, the majority for Plater, Republican, for mayor, being 232. The Republicans carried the local election in Augusta, Maine, on the 8th, all their candidates being successful. The majority for Macomber, their candidate for mayor, was 525. The Democrats carried all the wards in Biddeford, electing S. Porcher mayor by 560 majority. Weally Republican, was elected mayor of Bangor by 516 majority.

-In the New Jersey House on the 10th the Speaker appointed the managers for the Laverty impeachment trial. Bills were passed providing for the appointment of an inspector of oleomargarine and to prevent deception in its sale for butter, also a bill providing for the collection of tax arrears at 7 per cent. Interest, The bill making the law relative to the sale of liquor more stringent was amended so as to make the minor age 18 instead of 21 years, and the penalty for selling to minors was reduced from \$50 to \$25.

-At the election in Princeton townocrats elected the clerk, assessor, chosen freeholder, overseer of the poor and constable, the Republicans securing the cellector, surveyors, town committeeshsp, New Jerseg on the 9th, the Demcollector, surveyors, town committee-men, two justices of the peace, com-missioners of appeal and pound keeper.

-It is said that the House Committee on Post-offices has decided to report against any change in the rate of postage on merchandise packages.

-It is currently reported in Eatontown, New Jersey, that the members of the party who lynched "Mingo Jack" are known to the detectives who have been working the case, and that they will be subpænæd to appear at the inquest in a short time.

-The U. S. Senate on the 13th, con-Grmed Charles R. Phelps, of Vermont, and Henry White, of Maryland, to be T. P. Murphy, United States Attorney for Northern Iowa; S. H. Brooks, Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco; H. F. Williamson, of Mississippi, to be Indian Agent at the Crow Reservation, in Montana, and the following Postmasters; S. F. Lippincott, Burlington. New Jersey; W. J. Poulson, Flemington, New Jersey; W. D. Force Plainfield, New Jersey; Darius Dreher, Stroudsburg, Penna; W. S. Braden, New Brighton, Penna; J. A. McBeth, Connellsville, Penna; M. W. Allen, Titusville, Penna; Wm. Heltzel, Hanover, Penna; J.M. Judd, Emporium, Penna; A. V. Linderman, Troy, Penna. On the 3d inst., Jacob T. Childs, of Missouri, was confirmed of South Carolina, Consul General at Shanghai.

-Our exports or domestic cotton February 28th amounted in value to previous year. Our exports of domestic breadstuffs for the eight months which ended February 28th, 1886, were in value \$72,510,978, against \$110,320,-132 during the corresponding period of the year preceding.

-Secretary Manning has sent to Senator Morrill several letters identical in substance relating to the suspension of officials whose successors' nominations are under consideration by the Finance Committee, "and stating briefly, but more emphatically, than anything hitherto uttered, the views of the Administration in respect to suspensions. Both sender and receiver are willing the letters should be made public-but the courtesy held to be due from each to the other prevents either from giving them out."

-A fire in Montreal, on the 10th, destroyed nine stores and the Diamond Steel Works, causing a loss of about \$195,000. -The Local Option bill passed by

-The third game of the billiard

the Mississippi Legislature was signed

-At Chester, Pa., on the 11th the in April.

FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

SENATE. In the U. S. Senate on the 8th, Mr. Vance offered a resolution directing the Committe on Civil Service Reform to report forthwith the bill before them providing for the repeal of the Civil Service law. The resolution, at Mr. Vance's request, was for the present laid on the table. He said he would soon take opportunity to address the Senate on the subject matter of the resolution. Mr. Brown, of Colorado, addressed the Senate at length on his bill to provide a new basis for the circulation of na-Station, N. Y., of acute meningitis. Mr. Stanford announced the death of tional banks. After he had finished his colleague, Mr. Miller, of California. and the Senate, as a mark of respect,

> In the U. S. Senate on the 9th the unfinished business, being the resolucondemn the Attorney General for rerefusing to transmit to the Senate papers called for by the Senate, and declare that refusal to be a violation by the Attorney General of official duty, and subversive of the fundamental vernment service of ex-Union soldiers. port of the resolutions. When he had finished Mr. Pugh rose to reply, but yielded to a motion to go into executive session. When the doors were re-opened

the Senate adjourned. In the U.S. Senate on the 10th the resolutions from the Judiciary Committee in reference to the controversy between the Senate and the President came up, and Mr. Pugh replied to the speech made by Mr. Edmunds on the 9th. When obtained the floor, when the resolutions ation of the Urgent Deficiency bill. This bill was taken up and passed, \$30,000 for the payment of the ex- and cod-fish balls as favorite dishes. penses of General Grant's funeral. The

Senate then adjourned. gan presented the views of the minority | brakeman to a Chicago reporter, as he of the Committee on Military Affairs stepped between two freight-cars and in reference to the Fitz-John Porter bill.
The bill to forfeit lands granted to the State of Iowa for railroads was considered. The Judiciary Committee's resolutions in relation to the controlic with all their larnin'. We were runnin' last evening. In proof of the Committee of the Fitz-John Porter bill.

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HOUSE

In the House on the 8th the credentials of Thomas P. Hudd, elected from the Fifth District of Wisconsin to fill the vacancy caused by Joseph Rankin's disease, were presented, and Mr. Hudd was sworn in. A number of bills were introduced under the call of States and I have seen the flowers fade. referred. Among them was a bill by Mr. Belmont, of New York, "to reform the organization, regulate the salaries | What has made my spirit glad, and increase the efficiency of the Consular Service, to limit the exaction fees for the verification of invoices and to Secretaries of Legation at London, I regulate the use of official seals and the F. Rasin, Naval Officer, Baltimore; collection of fees thereon in legations and consulates of the United States." Mr. Reagan, from the Commerce Committee, reported back the Inter-State Commerce bill, and was placed on the calendar, Mr. Morrow, of California, announced the death of Senator Miller, of that State, and the House, as a mark of respect, adjourned.

Is the House, on the 9th, the Bill requiring the Pacific Railroads to pay the | As the bird within its nest; cost of surveying their lands and to take | I am tired. Home is best. out patents thereto, was considered and passed. Mr. James, of New York, on behalf of the Committee on Labor, called up the vill to prohibit any officer, servant or agent of the Government to hire or contract out the labor of prisoners incarcerated for violating the laws Minister to Siam, and J. D. Kennedy, of the United States Government. He said "the bill was in the interest of the honest mechanic. The system which prevailed at some of the penitentiaries during the six months which ended of the country of hiring out the convict labor had worked great hardship and \$141,929,590, against \$153,637,764 dur- injustice to the : onest mechanic. In ing the corresponding period of the his own district a great industry—the manufacture of hats-had been entirely crushed out, because it could not compete with convict labor." The bill was passed—yeas 249, nays 8. The Indian Appropriation bill was considered in Committee of the Whole. Pending the consideration the House adjourned.

> In the House on the 10th Mr. Herbert, of Alabama, reported the bill to increase the naval establishment. Mr. Pulitzer, of New York, from the Committee on Civil Service Reform, reported adversely the Seney bill to repeal the Civil service law. It was placed on the calendar, and Mr. Stone, of Missouri, was given leave to file a minority report. Mr. Rogers, from the Committee on Pacific Railroads. reported a bill requiring the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to pay the cost of surveying the lands. The bill repealing the limitation on the time within which the pension claims of militia men, who were disabled when acting under the orders of a United States officer, must be filed, was discussed during the morning hour. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Indian appropriation bill. Pending general discussion, the committee rose and the House adjourned.

In the House, Mr. Hammond, from the Judiciary committe, reported back counsel for Johnson, convicted of the adversely the resolution directing that by Apaches on a party of travellers near reasons for a new trial. There are the United States to cancel patents for Juror William Baker formed and ex- sions, was considered. The House then pressed before the trial an opinion to went into Committee of the Whole on -The match game of billiards be- the effect that Johnson was guilty, and the Indian Appropriation bill. Pendtween J. Randolph Heiser and Edward | after-discovered testimony of great im- ing discussion the Committee rose and

SUNBEAMS.

WHILE an enterprising gentleman who had recently connected his house and office by telephone was conversing with his wife about bringing up a "friend" to dinner, an electric disturbance took place and the lightning suddenly entered the office by the wire and prostrated him. When he came to he just as you say; don't hit me again."

MAGISTRATE-"What, prisoner! Do you mean to say that the witness has perjured himself?" Prisoner—"What can he know about me? I don't know him-never saw him in my life." Magistrate - "Never saw him. Why, he was one of your associates!" Prisoner -"He wasn't! I don't even know his name. Ask me it, and see if I do."

AT 11 o'clock the other evening a man and his wife, who were quarreling in loud tones on Randolph street, were accosted by an officer with the injuction to keep quiet, and he "Seems to me you ought to do your

fighting at home." "Well, it don't to me," was the principles of government and good administration. The resolutions also condemn the discharge from the Gohen"

"JANE, I hear your beau is a little wild, not very steady, they say." "Oh. yes he is; he is one of the most steady young men I ever saw."

"Steady? Oh, no, he can't be. I've heard he was anything else but steady." "Well he just is steady. He has always come to the house every evening since we were engaged, drunk or sober."

ONE of the most encouraging signs of the times, and an indication that the he had finished Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, animosities of the civil war are passing away, and that the day is not far diswere laid over to permit the consider- tant when dove-eyed peace shall stand with one foot on Plymouth rock and the other on the French market, is with the amendment appropriating that the south has adopted baked beans

Senate then adjourned.

'THEY can talk all they please about their great scientists," said a railwayalong with about thirty cars, when our ident came up in order, and Mr. Wil- train broke in two sections. We stopped 'em, and were going to couple up again

I am tired. Heart and feet Turn from busy mart and street; I am tired: Rest is sweet.

I am tired. I have played I have seen the flowers fade.

I am tired. I have had What has made my spirit sad.

I am tired. Loss and gain;

Golden sheaves and scattered grain! Days has not been spent in vain. I am tired. Eventide Bids me lay my cares aside,

Bids me in my house abide. I am tired." God is near, Bids me die without a fear, Let me die without a tear.

I am tired. I would rest

A STRANGE MARRIAGE.

as a small company of young people, unanimous approval.

would be pleasant?" asked one of the surprise which flashed into his wife's such rapidity that I was unable to keep young ladies.

man, who had been leaning indifferently ous words which arose to his lips. mouth, a feat the bass is almost sure to against a tree. "I am going to the "Margaret," he said, advancing to her accomplish whenever the line is slackvillage to-morrow, and probably will side, "you and I made a great mistake. ened. I saw I must maneuvre for a not return until the following day."

modern Maud Miller, who offers at this if I had not thought—but no mat- willow. From this point I landed six tractions much superior to ours, else he ter what I thought. We were married fine bass without moving from my tracks. would not make such frequent journeys for fun, of course, and now we do not I then passed down the stream casting to the large metropolis of Meadville." find it as much fun as we anticipated. in near the shore as I went, but meeting This remark was made in a very sar- I have been speaking with your father. with little success until I reached a fence castic tone by a young lady who was He will not hear to a divorce, nor is that had been built out into the water stirring the dying embers of the camp- there sufficient grounds for one, if we as a cattle guard. Approaching this

son's face, and reaching out his hand to state of unhappiness. It is necessary size basking in the sunlight in the angle brush off a spark which had fallen on that one member of our firm should between the fence and the shore. Sethe young lady's dress, he said in a low live abroad. I shall have all my leccting a favorite stand. I attempted to tone: Miss Thurston what matters it to arrangements completed by next week cast my flies into this angle, but agitated you if I go or stay?"

But, before she could answer, Carlson's sister cried 'petulantly: "Oh! let him go. Arthur will never break an wedding or funeral."

"Here! here!" cried all the gentle- done." men, " who will volunteer to have a wedding on Carlson's account?"

been meditating marriage for some turned and left the room. time, and this is the first opportunity I ave cared to embrace.'

ticipating this event and never having | sionately to her lips. been encouraged by you to consider myself a candidate for such honor, I iect."

Every one joined in the laugh at Miss Thurston's expense but Arthur Carlson." "Miss Thurston," he said, 'you have been jilted; allow me to offer you reparation. If it is only the just coming out of the room opposite. were again attempting to diverge in their opportunity you care to embrace, a change of groom can make but little the kind but gossipy little landlady their unskilful tactics, I commenced to ejaculated, "All right, Susie, I'll do difference. I will return to-morrow evening with all necessary preliminaries in time for our wedding."

"You are certainly very kind, Mr. Carlson," replied Miss Thurston, haughtily, "People who are so generous seldom expect their generosity to be accepted, but I shall surprise you by the light into the darkness she was token of their capitulation. agreeing to your proposition."

"I was in earnest when I made the proposition, Miss Thurston." "And I was in earnest when I accepted it, Mr. Carlson."

These two were ever at swords' points. They had quarreled together evident to most of their friends that | "you will soon be free now." the two were dearer to each other in in their friendships,

When the party breakfasted the next morning Mr. Carlson was already on his way to the village. It was agreed that part of the day should be spent in preparing a piece for the mock cereof the gay.

In the late afternoon her friends came to dress her for the wedding. They draped her in the same fluffy, white dress, which filled out the girlish white form to the best, coiled the luxuriant hair around her head, and placed a bunch of simple mountain flowers at her belt. Never before had she looked so beautiful or so deflant, years in each other's faces. Each had A commotion outside the tent an- loved, each had misunderstood. nounced Carlson's return, and Miss Thurston, surrounded by laughing friends went out to meet them.

up. He, too, was pale, but his eyes and at last death was conquered.

"Miss Thurston," he said, "I was in terrible earnest when I said what I did have procured license and minister, mosphere. Will you be my wife, for fun?"

The very demon of recklessness took

cried in a laughing tone: "Yes, Mr. Carlson, I will marry you for fun."

At this moment the minister, whom Mr. Carlson had secured, stepped out of his tent, and the young couple took the places which had been prepared for them when a mock ceremony had been

By the time the ceremony was finished the audience had concluded that the affair had been planned before and in secret, and that they were the dupes of the joke. Accordingly, never was company gayer than theirs that night, and the merrymaking was continued into the morning hours.

Two weeks passed after their return, in which Arthur saw but little of his wife. Judge Thurston's summer residence was a number of miles from the city, and the gentlemen could only run down over Sunday. On these days the two were as uncomfortable as possible in each other's presence and avoide! being left alone together.

But on one Sabbath evening Arthur pale face and set lips. Ascending the "What has been planned for to-mor- stairs with faltering steps he sought his row evening?" cried a chorus of voices, wife's room and knocked at the door. camping out among the New Hamp- ing, he saw Margaret sitting in a low leaped fully twelve inches into the air, shire mountains, were about to separate | chair, with her light-brown hair falling for the night. Several plans were sug- about her shoulders in great profusion. For a moment his bright scales sparkled gested, but none of them met with He had never seen her so before, and "Mr. Carlson, what do you think him from noticing the look of glad making for the centre of the stream with "1, Miss Mary?" answered the young was. Mr. Carlson checked the impetu-I take my due share of the blame; but better position, so I moved up the "Mr. Carlson must have found some even I would never have dared to do stream before again casting beneath the desired it. But he agrees with me that stealthily and quietly, looking beyond I The blood mounted high into Carl- you and I cannot live in this mutual saw quite a number of bass of various to sail for Europe. This is not so hard by the exciting prospect, my hand had befor me, for I am a man, but for you- come so unsteady that my flies actually God forgive me for what--"

"You mistake, Mr. Carlson," inter- Withdrawing them gently and at the appointment, unless, perhaps, for a rupted his wife, "It is the easiest and same time recovering my composure, I most appropriate thing that could be sent them in an artistic curve to settle

hear some word of farewell, but the darted simultaneously at the tempting "I will help you out in that Cousin figure before him never moved or spoke. fictions causing the water to foam int John," cried Miss Thurston. "I have Then, gazing intently at his wife, he their fiery zeal. In an instant my

"But, Margle," replied her Cousin to pick up a crushed flower with which menced with a vim I have never seen John, as if greatly perplexed, "not an- he had been playing and pressed it pas- surpassed. At first they pulled against

following winter found Judge Thurston | down the stream, side by side, like Kenhave spoken to another girl on the sub- and his daughter under the gentle skies | tucky throughbreds. With their united of Florence. The Judge was suffering strength against me I could do nothing

> Margaret's unlucky marriage. Stopping to inquire if any one were ill course. Quick to take advantage of began to tell in broken Italian of the reel in. The effort to regain my lost young foreigner who come to her a few ground was slow at first. But gradually had been taken ill with a fever, and shorter range: weaker and weaker benow was very ill indeed. She conducted comes the resistance of the enemy, until Margaret into the room. The curtain at last I have the satisfaction of seeing was closely drawn, and coming from the white bellies of both turned up in blinded for a moment. Not so with the sick man. Looking up to greet his visitor he uttered a sharp cry and the one word "Margie!"

Margaret stood as if stunned, and then advanced rapidly. The sick man was Arthur Carlson. He raised his since babyhood, and although, up to thin, wasted hand and tenderly stroked this time, each had guarded the secret the bright locks on the pillow beside jealously from the other, yet it was him. "Poor Margie," he said, faintly,

Then, Margaret never knew how, she their quarrels than many other people forgot everything connected with the past; she only remembered that the man lying there, sick unto death, was her husband. At last the proud spirit was humbled, and she confessed what she had kept so jealously guarded in her own breast for so long. mony. Miss Thurston was the gayest Arthur," she cried in her agony; "oh, my husband, only forget the past and try to live for the future. God helping me, I will yet win your love."

The excitement of the moment gave Arthur back his strength. Raising himself on his elbow, he lifted the bright head beside him until he could look into the love-lit eyes. In one moment they read the mistake of those

For many days the flickering flame of life burned low, but it was fed from the fountain of love in the breast which At this moment Mr. Carlson came now so often pillowed the weary head,

From his observatory at Colmar M. Faye has noticed the phenomena of crepuscular light at an altitude far last evening. In proof of which I higher than that of the terrestrial at-Without deciding on the merits of the different theories advanced to explain the origin of the possession of Miss Thurston. If Carlalone would be capable of retaining at son had asked her, before them all, to such an altitude the particles of matter then that I did what the crack scientists have never been able to do.' 'What was that?' 'I found the missin' link!'" marry him for love, she would have broducing the effect whether these particles of matter producing the effect whether these particles had a terrestrial eruptive source or had come from interstellar spaces. GRAND BASS FISHING.

Catching the Grandest of the Finny Tribe in Splendid Style.

We entered the river at the foot of an

island, where, many years ago, a fish dam had been built across the longer branch. The water now flowed over i at every point, passing with a swift current over the shelving rocks beyond, Heavy timber skirted the banks, often projecting far over the water. Occasionally a fallen tree remained half submerged. It was just such a place as I imagined the noble game fish most frequented. Remembering it was the season when the bass subsist much upon insects that fall into the water from the overhanging bushes, I determined to try my luck along the shore while my companions were trying the rifles below the dam. Seeing a fallen willow with its branches still covered with green foliage projecting over a spot where the swift current ended in a pool, I fancied there must be fish lurking beneath the came out of the Judge's library with a shade of those boughs. So, standing some forty feet out into the stream, I cast my flies into the eldy at the head of the pool. A well-grown bass darted "Come in," said a low voice. Enter- at the bait with such engerness that he carrying my "Ferguson" in his mouth, in the sunlight, then falling back with a some great mental emotion prevented splash, he rushed directly toward me. face as she perceived who her visitor my line taut. Before he had passed my dropped on the wrong side of the fence. as gently as thistledown on the very spot Arthur waited a moment as if to I aimed at. It seemed as if every fish "Grizzly King" and "Governor Alford" All night long Margaret sat in the were each deeply imbedded in the throat ttle low chair. Only once she stopped of a large bass. Now the contest comeach other, desiring to seek safety in Two years now passed away, and the opposite directions: then they darted in health, which some said was due to but give them line. I dared not at first to check them in their wild rush. My A few days after their arrival Margaret | large-sized reel was almost empty, when met her landlady in the hall, who was I noticed the pressure lessening; they weeks before, and who shortly after and surely I am forcing the fight at

On Top of Mount Washington.

The Mount Washington signal office is a one-story building containing three rooms. It is built with double walls filled with sawdust, double windows, doors and floors. Large iron rods run through the house, and are bolted in the rocks beneath, while two heavy iron cables are thrown over it, and fastened on each side. In the coldest weather the only habitable place is the center room, which is only 12x15 feet in dimensions. Two stoves of the best make are run at their full capacity, and by wrapping themselves in blankets the observers just manage to keep from freezing. The stoves occupy nearly half the space in the room, and yet water in there will freeze in a moment. The noise made by the wind is terrible. It comes at short intervals, and sounds as if an army were pounding at the door with a huge battering ram. No human creature could live for two minutes exposed to such a blast. Even in August the water sometimes freezes solid. Everybody has seen frost on the windows and knows how it looks. On Mount Washington it forms four or five feet thick, and if a person goes out all muffied up it will deposit a foot deep on his clothing.

The owner of a carp pond near Raleigh, N. C., has captured and partly domesticated two snowy berons. casionally he takes his birds to the edge of a large pond and lets them feed. By throwing in crumbs be attracts thousands of shiners and other small fishes to the feet of the birds, which adroitly snap them up and swallow them head first. Each bird takes fortyfive fishes, four inches in length, each day, and the fish culturist wonders how a stream can retain any finny inhabitants when it is beset by such greedy