-The railing supporting the gallery in the People's Theatre, in Youngstown, Ohio, gave way on the evening of the 18th, just as the curtain was about going down, precipitating the occupants to the floor below, a distance of lifteen feet. The people underneath heard the cracking in time to nearly all escape, but Mrs. James Turley was jured about the head and chest that she may die. Two boys had their arms broken, and many persons received painful injuries. A panic was only averted by the presence of mind of members of the Baldwin Theatre Company, which was playing at the place.

-A tornado virtually demolished the town of Mount Vernon, Illinois, on the 19th, killing a number of persons and injuring many others. Mount Vernon is about 60 miles east of St. Louis, in a direct line. The latest reports say that about 30 persons were killed and 19

fatally injured.

-A war has been waged for some time past against the liquor sellers in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, by the Law and Order League, the head of which was Rev. O. W. Still, of the Baptist Church. Messrs, Still and Allen, acting as constables, have made have been threatened with violence. On the evening of the 18th, Mr. Allen found a large quantity of arsenic in his well, but in time to prevent serious results. On the 19th a dynamite cartridge was exploded on his steps, but, owing to the ignorance of those who placed it there, but little damage was to lecture against intemperance.

-The boiler in the shingle mill of Hills, John Stevenson and Seymour Banks, and injuring thirteen others.

-As Buck Johnson and Arthur Holland, working in a mine at Mount Sneffles, near Ouray, Colorado, on the morning of the 20th, had charged a hole with four sticks of giant powder, the powder exploded, blowing Johnson's body through a sixty-foot tunnel and dangerously wounding Holland.

-The body of Thomas Burns, of Delaware Station, Maryland, was found in the loft of the boiler house at the Lochiel furnace, at Harrisburg, on the evening of the 18th. It is supposed he a crawled into the shed to sleep and was suffocated by gas.

on the 20th, in nearly all of the col- niece, Caroline, Heron, with strychlieries of the Philadelphia and Reading | nine. William Heron, the husband of Coal and Iron Co, north of the Broad Catharine, was held as an accessory. Mountain, between Mahanoy City and Hiram Daniels, a gardener, 68 years of Shenandoah. South of the Broad age, beat his wife with a shovel in Mountain very few of the men went Wooster, Ohio, recently, and injured back, because the work was not ready her so badly that she died on the 21st. for them. Superintendent Whiting She was 80 years of age, and they had said on the evening of the 20th, that been married forty years. At Chattahe believed the trouble in the mines nooga, on the 22d, while playing ball was practically over. He thought that on the University grounds, James C. the miners who had gone back to work Johnston and Benjamin Magili, stuwould number about 15,000.

-A bomb, containing several pounds of powder, was found on the morning the 20th, at the Reading Railroad freight house in Shamokin. It was placed close against the walls of the building. The fuse had been lighted but went out before reaching the pow-

-The list of killed and injured by the tornado at Mount Vernon, Illinois, on the afternoon of the 19th, is officially reported as follows: Killed, 37; fatally injure 1 and dying, 8; seriously injured, but may recover, 30: injured, containing the money on the seat. A but in no danger, 67. About 360 woman who got out at Plattsburg is houses were destroyed and 2000 people suspected of taking it.

-A passenger train on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad ran into a freight train at Maple Park, Illinois, on the 20th. The passenger engine and mail-car and four freight cars were wrecked, and Patrick Fane, fireman, was killed. Heavy rains on the 18th undermined a small bridge on the Kansas Central Railroad, and on the morning of the 19th a freight train broke through. The engineer and fireman were injured, the former fatally.

-Dennis McGraw and his wife were found dead in bed in their house at Lima, Ohio, on the morning of the They had been suffocated by natural gas.

-Nicolo Colombo, an Italian rag picker in New York, found a bundle of dynamite cartridges in the yard of 21st. Not knowing the nature of his find, he proceeded to file the ends of the wire conductor, when a terrific ex-Colombo's right arm to a considerable extent. John Sali, one of the victims, who was cut in the neck and face, caused Colombo's arrest, and he was locked up in the Sixth Precint Station after having his wounds dressed. It is supposed that the cartridges were stolen from the new aqueduct and secreted where found.

shot and fatally wounded his father in Chicago, on the afternoon of the 21st. The father quarrelled with and struck higher than at any time for 23 years.

in the Methodist Church in Iron Moun-tain, Michigan, for several weeks past a height of over 30 feet and crossed the mended. by a stranger claiming to be a Meth- Columbia and Port Deposit Railroad odist preacher. He made quite free tracks. The Delaware river was with the people generally, and was gorged at Port Jervis for a distance of looked upon as rather a singular charlooked upon as rather a singular char-acter. On the 20th it was discovered height of twenty feet. Many cellars that he was a detective in search of a and basements are flooded, and the man named Wolpauper, charged with wooden breakwater in front of the murder two years ago near Jeansville, Wisconsin. He arrested the man.

-John McCelvy was shot and killed at Corrigan, Texas, on the evening of the 20th, by Sheriff Holcomb and a posse. It is stated that McCelvy was Moses Ebert was killed and three other in jail in Crockett and escaped, after killing a woman and a man on the evening of the 17th and another man

at Wilkesbarre, began to move at five later the water at Wilkesbarre was 18 5th of June. feet above low water mark. The ice in the Susquehanna at Harrisburg broke on the afternoon of the 22d and began to move down without doing any damage. The river was ten feet caught by the debris and so badly in- above low water mark. The ice at Columbia began to move on the evening of the 22d, but soon afterwards stopped and the river rose slowly. A gorge has formed at Chickies, and Stein's Pass Station, Arizona, about 8 another dangerous gorge is indicated at Turkey Hill. The ice broke in the Delaware river at Port Jervis, on the evening of the 22d, with a moderate freshet, and became gorged at Rose's, four miles below. The gorge gradually extended to the upper end of Navesink river, and that river is also gorged, flooding all the lowlands for eight miles up from the mouth to Port Jervis. All the conditions are favorthat of 1875. The river is slowly ris-

ing. -An explosion of dynamite occurred in a rock cut in Duluth, Minnesota, on the 22d. Eighteen men were injured, several seizures of liquor lately and eight being sent to the hospital. Three men died after reaching the hospital. The explosion was caused by some cartridges fused on the 18th, but which had not exploded until the men resumed work about them. A few taps on the drill served to set off the unexploded cartridges.

-Thomas Burdett, colored, on the done. On Sunday Mr. Still, in his 21st attempted to ferry Mrs. Hayes and sermon, resigned his ministry in order child across Bee creek, near Paducah. Kentucky, in a skiff. When in mid stream the boat sprung a leak and B. Bemiss, in West Melville, Louis- commenced to sink. Burdett jumped iana, exploded on the 20th, killing C. out and succeeded in saving the lives of the woman and child, but was himself drowned. He leaves a widow and four children. A fund is being raised to buy them a home. A. Linn was killed by falling from a scaffold in a church in course of erection at Tillin, Ohio, on the morning of the 22d.

-The murdered body of Valentine Gulcher was found on the 21st in a field near the Union Pacific shops at Granite Island, Nebraska. He had apparently been robbed. At Pittsburg, on the 22d, Michael McKenna was convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of his wife about year ago. The Coroner's jury in Coburg, Ontario, on the 22d, returned a verdict of wilful murder against -The striking miners resumed work Catharine Heron, for poisoning her dents, quarrelled. Magill broke Johnsdeath in a few hours.

-Lizzie aged 9; John aged 5; and Alice, aged 2, the children of Michael Hennessy, died of small-pox in the pest house in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on the evening of the 21st. Hennessy and his wife are sick with the disease.

-Abbe Hamel, of New York, was robbed on the 22d of \$2400 on a Delaware and Hudson train while en route to Montreal. At Plattsburg he left the train for breakfast, leaving the satchel

-Charles Wingard and Annie Fox, uncle and niece, in jail at Alliance, Ohio, for running away from Monroe, Michigan, committed suicide on the rather than go back. Wingard was only 24 years of age, and the girl 16.

ton, and her daughter, Miss Mattie and he followed the men as they ran, Wright, of Clayton, in Delaware, returning from a visit to Philadelphia, on the evening of the 21st, stopped over He was identified as Thomas Krimthe house, 65 Mulberry street, on the night at the house of Mrs. Smith's mins. He is now in the hospital in a son, in Wilmington; on the 22d, both | critical condition, woman were found unconscious from escaping gas. In the afternoon Mrs. plosion took place, stunning those in Smith was reported slightly improved, the immediate vicinity, and lacerating while her daughter's condition remained critical.

-The gorge at Turkey Hill, caused by the moving of the ice at Columbia on the evening of the 22d, was followed by a rise of 14 feet in the river, which did much damage to the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge, one pier being shoved 18 inches out of line. "All the lumber yards and mills are flooded," -Michael Kinsley, Jr., aged 18 years, and the Columbia Iron Company has been compelled to suspend operations until the water recedes. The river is his wife and the son interposed. During the struggle the fatal shot was from McCall's Ferry to Chickies, a value of the timber at the mill is given Religious meetings have been held ington, two miles south of Columbia, as \$143,570, and of the ties as \$10,000. In the Methodist Church in Iron Mountain on the evening of the 22d, piled ica to abutments of the Burret suspension bridge has been destroyed. By the sudden breaking of a very large boom Washington Territory, on the 23d, Moses Ebert was killed and three other men severely injured. An unknown

man was drowned. tion, the vote being made unantmous were uninjured.

-The ice in the Susquehanna river on the second ballot. The vote designating July 3d as the time was recono'clock on the morning of the 22d. At | sidered, and June 5th was substituted, six o'clock it gorged between Ply- by a vote of 29th to 17. So the conmouth and Nanticoke, and an hour vention will be held in St. Louis on the

-A dispatch from Wapakoneta, Ohio, says Israel Lucas, the defaulting treasurer of Auglaize county, who was arrested in Canada, has compromised with the county for \$12,000. He stole \$31,000.

-Two masked men boarded a train on the Southern Pacific Railroad at o'clock on the evening of the 22d. When a short distance from the station they forced the engineer to stop the train. They then uncoupled the mail and express car with the engine from the other part of the train and made the engineer move on a mile Port Jervis. The ice also broke in the and a half further. When the cars were stopped the robbers then forced the Wells, Fargo & Co's. express messengers to open the car, which they rided of valuables, but without disturbable for a dangerous gorge similar to ing the mail. The express robbery is reported heavy.

-Near Toussaint, Ohio, on the 22d, William Lindley, aged 23 years, went to the house of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Tibbetts, to get his wife who had left him, to go back to him. Mrs. Tibbets and her 17-year-old son John refused to let Mrs. Lindley go back to her husband. The latter went for a shotgun, and returning to the house found the doors locked against him. He broke the panels and shot young Tibbetts in the head, inflicting a probably fatal wound. Notwithstanding his injuries, Tibbetts returned the fire, killing Lindley on the spot. Two children of into effect the international convening on the ice, when it gave way, throwing them into the water. At Blowing Springs, Georgia, on the 23d Mrs. John Willnorte was seized with apoplexy and fell into an open grate, and was burned to death. Harlein Plautz, aged 18, was killed while coasting at Amsterdam, New York, on the evening of the 23d. Several of his companions had legs broken and were

otherwise injured. -The Newton Skating Rink, at Peshtigo, Wisconsin, which was being evening of the 22d, under the weight killed and three others were injured, from all appearances they had dead over 24 hours.

-A collision occurred on the afterand Mahanoy Ranroad at New Boston between a Pennsylvania passenger train | pensions to dependent relatives and degoing north and a Lehigh Valley passenger train going south. Both engines cars were thrown from the track. An into executive session and subsequently engineer and a number of passengers adjourned.

were injured, but none fatally. -In Richland county, South Carosurrounded the house, barred up all set the building on fire in several places. morning of the 22d. Officers from There was an axe in the house and Michigan had just arrived, and had a with this Myers cut a hole in the door talk with the prisoners, who were then in time to save himself and the other allowed to consult together as to inmates, but they were severely burned. whether they should go back without a John Johnson, colored, was terribly requisition. It was soon afterwards cut about the neck and head with a discovered that they had locked them- razor in the hands of Annie Carmichael, selves in a cell and tried suicide, a re- In Harrisburg, Pa., on the 24th. She volver being the weapon used. The tried to kill him because of the theft of girl was dead and Wingard in a dying a scarf. Two young men broke into condition. A note was left, saying the cottage of Mrs. Clara Hovey in they had decided to kill themselves Chicago, on the evening of the 23d. Mrs. Hovey is 61 years old, and lives alone. Both men assaulted her. A -Mrs. Margaret Smith, of Harring- policeman was attracted by her cries struck one of the fugitives in the back.

—Special timber agents have re-ported to the General Land Commissioner that between the years 1880 and 1887, inclusive, 17,298,000 feet of pine timber were cut and removed for speculative purposes from the public lands in Alabama by the Muscogee Lumber Company, of Pensacola. The manufactured lumber is valued at about \$173,000. The Commissioner recommends that the parties be proceeded against both civilly and criminally. It has also been reported that the Ayer Lumber Company, of Flagstaff, Arizona, and the Arizona Lumber Company caused to be cut from the public lands in said Territory 10,435,450 feet

-As a freight engine on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railway was coming down a deep incline with 20 loaded cars at Grape Creek, Illinots, on the 231, the pressure became so great that the train went down at terrific speed. A passenger train was standing on the track directly in the way of the runaway train. A switchman quickly turned the switch and the freight train. was derailed and piled up, causing a loss of \$15,000. Engineer Bogart jumped off and was dangerously hurt. A train on the Brooklyn, Bath Beach

-Work was resumed at the Reading collieries on the 24th. Many indivual collieries are also proparing to resume upon an agreement with their men to pay the same rate of wages as may be established by the Reading Company. It is thought this sudden and extensive revival of activity is likely to be followed by an early reaction, owing to the glutting of the market, and it is reported that already a number of collierles are preparing for temporary suspension, for lack of orders. Furnaces at Lebanon, Cornwall and Columbia, which had gone out of blast because of the scarcity of coal, have resumed operations.

50th CONGRESS.-First Session.

SENATE. In the United States Senate on the 20th, the bill establishing a bureau of animal industry was reported and placed on the calendar. After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

Sherman from the Finance Committee, reported adversely the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to over-rule and reserve decisions of his sub-of my companies. A fine fellow ordinate officers in relation to matters handsome, brave, and young, was Reid, of account. The bill was indefinitely postponed. Pending action on the bill He won his rank by gallant service, to incorporate the Washington Cable Electrical Railrway, the Senate went he could always keep his end up in into executive session and when the doors were re opened adjourned.

In the U. S. Senate on the 23d, the bill to license railroad conductors was reported adversely. A bill was re- pen ported favorably to aid the Valley Forge celebration. The bill to carry William Babcock, bridge tender at tion for the protection of submarine New Hapsburg, New York, were cables was passed. The Senate bill for drowned on the 23d. They were play- an international marine conference to secure greater safety for life and property at sea was passed; also the bill to extend the laws of the United States | was delivered into my hands. A very over the unorganized territory south of Kansas, known as "No Man's Land." The Cable Electrical Railway bill for ate adjourned.

In the United States Senate on the 24th, Mr. Cameron, from the Military Committee, reported the House joint converted into stores, collapsed on the amine and report as to the removal of islands, shoals and other obstructions of snow upon its roof. One man was in the Delaware river, between Philadelphia and Camden. A resolution ofperhaps fatally. Andrew Ecklind and fered by Mr. Cullom was adopted, asking Erick Matson, two of the men injured information of the President in regard by the explosion of dynamite at Duluth, to the prohibition of the importation of Minnesota, on the 22d, died on the 23d, American product into France, and making four deaths in all. Two others | what steps, if any, have been taken by are in a precarious condition. The our Government to procure the recindtotal number of men injured was 34. A ing of such probition; also whether lumber train on the West Branch Rail- correspondence had taken place beroad ran off the track eight miles west tween the two Governments prior to of Bradford, Penna., on the evening of | the President's message of January 12. the 23d, Tony Whitford, brakeman, recommending acceptance of the invitaaged 24 years, and John Halpin, aged tion to take part in the Paris Exposition 17, were killed. Four others were injured. Julia Fangreen was found in Nicaragua Canal Company was taken an unconscious condition in her home up, and was advocated by Mr. Edin Chicago, on the 23d. On the bed munds. After remarks by Messra. been | bill went over, and the unfinished business was taken up, the bill granting pensions to ex-soldiers and sailors who noon of the 24th, on the Pottsville are incapacitated from the performace of manual labor and providing for ceased soldiers and sailors. Messrs. Manderson and Turpie advocated the were badly damaged and the forward | bill. Without action the Senate wont

HOUSE

In the House on the 20th, a number lina, William Myers, a white man, has of bills and resolutions were introbeen living with a colored woman and duce and referred under the call of in return. A very sweet, innocent, had several children. On the evening States. Mr. Culberson, of Texas, on confiding face it was; good girl written of the 22d a party of unknown men behalf of the Judiciary Committee, in every feature. Reid spied it soon moved to suspend the rules and pass after I placed it among my collection, doors and windows on the outside, and the Boar joint resolution, proposing a and he admitted it hugely. I did not constitutional amendment changing hint that it had really been sent to the date of inauguration day, and ex- him, but I felt more ashamed than tending the term of Congressmen until April 30th. After debate, the motion failed for want of two-thirds in the affirmative, the yeas being 129, nays dare say that I wrote many words that 128. The House then adjourned.

In the House on the 21st, Mr. Culberson, of Texas, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a joint resolution proposing an anti-Polygamy amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It was placed on the calendar. The bill authorizing the consolidation of certain customs districts was also reported and placed on the calendar. Bills were passed appropriating \$125,-000 for a public building at Allentown, and \$100,000 for a public building at the Mississippi river. Lancaster, in Pennsylvania. The House adjourned.

send to the House all documents and under the circumstances. correspondence between our Govern-Penna. Adjourned.

In the House, on the 24th, the Senate | baggage underwent examination. bill, to carry into effect the International Convention of March 14th, 1884. for the protection of submarine cables, was passed. The Senate bill to in-crease the pensions for deafness was asking for Captain Reid, of your regreported favorably and placed on the calendar. Some time was spent in Committee of the Whole on private bills. Mr. Cowles, of North Carolina, introduced a bill to repeal the tax on fruit brandy. Mr. Springer, from the come to pay him a visit. I was sorry Committee on Territories, reported adversely the bills for the admission of for a lady, and there were rather North and South Dakota as separate States, and Mr. Baker, of New York, presented a minority report on the

same measure. Adjourned. NEVER place a picture or a bit of decoration where it does not serve som t -The Democratic National Committee ream on the 19th, and that he had gone to Corrigan to kill R. R. Parsons, a constable there, who had arrested him some time ago.

-The Democratic National Committee re-assembled on the morning of the New York and Sea Beach Railroad, at Bath Beach Junction, on the 24th. The passengers were badly shaken up, but tion the vote being made unanimous direct influence of a high-ray were numbered. and West End Railroad coming from artistic purpose. If a picture is intende color key, do not bring it within the facture, too. How was I to get rid direct influence of a brilliant sunburst.

Courting for the Captain.

There was probably no more youthful bearer of a colonel's commission in the civil war than myself.

Born in a family of soldiers, educated and drilled from infancy as a soldier, I gained high rank as a boy, and was able to perform its duties to the satisfaction of my superiors.

But, aside from duty, I was "larky" as any young college chap in the world. A box of goods, made by the kind hands of loyal women, reached my regiment through the United States Christian commission. The quartermaster who superintended distribution of the comforts brought me, one evening, a note he had found pinned on a pair of woolen stockings. Some fun-loving girl wrote that she would, through charity, correspond with the soldier receiving those foot coverings. The latter was signed Dolly Miller, and the post-office address was given.

I took the slip of paper, and, when the quartermaster had departed, in-In the U. S. Senate on the 21st, Mr. dited a note in the best style to the young lady. The name at the end, though, was not my own, but that of of my companies. A fine fellow, -a great favorite also with the ladies. and was a soldier all through. Though conversation, yet his early education had been neglected; he wrote a villainous fist, and all his ideas froze up before they reached the point of his

> I added a V to the initials of my comrade so as to identify the answer (if one came) when it reached the adjutant's tent, where all mail matters were delivered.

Three weeks after there was a note for Captain T. B. V. Reid from a town in Ohio. Of course the screed sweet, modest, little letter it was; the contents told that some girl chum had written the original and signed Miss Washington was passed, and the Sen- Dolly Miller's name thereto; but the ate adjourned. she received was so gentlemanly in tone, so interesting in contents, that she, patriotic in the extreme would resolution for the appointment of a half, and if Captain Reid could find amusement or pleasure in corresponding with her, she was willing to do what she could to cheer him in his duties and dangers."

Of course I answered and "spread myself." No fool's letter would do for this bright, honest Miss Dolly, and, being flattered by her high estimate of my early work, I "put in my best

licks." It was not long before letters came and went by each mail. I was really interested in the true, kindly maiden I had never met, and had it not been "for the girl I left behind me," might have explained my first deception and gone in for myself. As it was I felt rather conscience-stricken when I found to what extent my gush and romance had taken hold on the dear to his happy, willing sweetheart. ton's rkull with a base ball bat, causing lay the bodies of her two children, and Hoar, Sherman, Vest and Morgan the up all the same

As I "piled up the agony" on the miseries of a soldier's life, and gave utterance to a longing for some tender, loving woman to reconcile me to the world and its trials, Miss Dolly's letters became more and more affectionate and suggestive. She wrote that she was an orphan, had considerable money in her own right, and that she could love a brave soldier and honest gentleman such as she conceived Captain

Reid to be from the tone of his letters, I sent her Reid's photograph, taken from my album, and received her own

ever. Still I continued the correspondence, and, forced to reply in kind, I conveyed great affection, and used much language that could easily be construed into almost direct proposals of marriage; though these were always qualified by remarks showing how unwilling I was, or would be, to bring a young wife to share the privations and hardships of a life in the field.

This interchange of words, growing continually more tender, was kept up until after the capture of Mobile; then my regiment was sent to a point on

During the stirring times of action and the confusion of change of sta-In the House on the 23d, the speaker | tion, our letters were, in many cases, being absent, S. S. Cox was unan-miscarried or failed to reach us, I imously elected Speaker pro tempore, had not heard from Miss Dolly for Mr. McAdoo, of New Jersey, offered nearly six weeks, and earnestly hoped a resolution, which was referred, re- she had dropped the correspondence, questing the President, if not incom- for it had grown entirely too warm patible with the public interests, to for my comfort and peace of mind One day it happened-as things co-

ment and the Governments of Great | incident do happen in this world—that Britain and Venezuela, or either of I was sitting in the provost marshal's in my adventures out there. He said them, in relation to the disputed office at the landing when a large boundaries beteween Venezuela and steamboat came down the river. It the British colonies. Several bills for stopped at port, as all boats had to, in the erection of public buildings were compliance with military orders. 1 passed, among those for the erection of saw several passengers land, among buildings at Allentown and Lancaster, them a lady. These were left standing on the levee while their passes and In a few moments the lieutenant commanding the provost guard came

to me.

iment. Of course I was all attention and activity in a moment. I never doubted but that it was one of Reid's sisters (I knew he had several) who had foolishly strict orders against their admission.

I buttoned up my coat, gave my cap a cant over my right ear, and made my way toward the lovely damsel, who stood among most uncongenial sur-

roundings, Thunder and Mars! I recognized Dolly Miller (from her likeness to the photograph sent me) the moment I laid my eyes upon her.

Here was a fix-of my own manu

I went forward and introduced myself, with all the courtesy of which I was possessid, as Captain Reid's colonel and his friend.

I had mentioned myself in some of the letters I had written, purporting to come from T. B. V. R., and a blushing look of pleasure came over the girl's

"Captain Reid has often written of you, colonel, and while I fully expected to find him here to meet me, I am glad he sent a substitute I can feel in some way acquainted with."

"Did Captain Reid expect you?" "Why, certainly. I wrote him three weeks ago that if certain matters did not change for the better I would come to join him here, in spite of all the discomforts he so vividly pictured. The matters did happen. I was tormented out of my life by my guardian and his son. The latter wished me to marry him in order to secure the fortune now due me, that has for ten years been in his father's hands.

"I know, colonel, that you are aware of my correspondence with Captain Reid, and I determined to trust my future with him of whom I knew little, rather than tempt fate with one I could not like, of whom I knew everything, and all to his discredit." I had to have time for thought and plans.

"Miss?-Miller,-thank you. Well, Miss Miller, I know that the captain never received your letter. We have been busy at Mobile and have just arrived here; have bad no mail for fully twenty days. Our camp is all in confusion as yet, and there is much to be arranged. Will you try and content yourself for an hour or two while I go to camp and notify Captain Reid?"

She consented to wait; the postmaster's private office was given up to her. It was a pretty but distressed face I left behind me as I rode off, considerably worried about my own part and penalty in the affair. I went straight to camp, sent for

Reid and there was a full hour's confab, a good deal of hard swearing on his part, and a power of persuasion on my own before the matter was settled.

I knew the captain well, he had money, a good heart and no entangle-He was calculated to make a ment. loving husband for any woman. I put the case strongly to him. Here was an honest but unsophisticated maiden. with money of her own, ready to become his wife. I had saved him all the trouble of courtship, won his bride for him and had her safely housed and waiting.

What more could be want? Would be be so ungrateful as to let all my earnest endeavors on his behalf go for nothing?

Besides, he had always vowed he was in love with the girl, though he had never seen but her picture. My eloquence gained him over even as my literary skill had secured the lady. I exhibited all her letters, told,

so nearly as I could, the contents of those I had written her, and before two hours I led my gallant comrade That evening they were married

the chaplain of the setts. Reid at once tendered his resignation, and was given leave of absence pending its acceptance. The next morning our young couple took a boat

for Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Reid (po V in the name now) are happy, rich and contented in Wisconsin. I hear from them often, but neither has ever given me a hint that any explanations have taken place between them regarding

their woolng by correspondence. So my lark in that line turned out O. K. for all parties, but it might have been a terrible matter for every one concerned. I have never since been interested in any courtships but my own, and in these I learn how serious such things are.

BECOMING A WRITER.

The Initial Experiences of F. Marion Crawford, the Novelist.

"I had not the slightest intention of writing a novel; in fact, I did not think I could write one until I wrote 'Mr. Isaacs.' Lord Beaconsfield was accustomed to say that it is the unexpected that always happens. It is accident that makes or mars a man's destiny. Had I not succeeded in my newspaper enterprise in India, 'Mr. Isaacs' would not have been written. Native of the land of song, my first idea was to become a singer. I tried to fit myself for a musical career. My teacher at length told me that I was wasting my time and money; that nature had not given me a voice suitable for the public stage. I accepted his decision as final and next tried journal-

"Was 'Mr. Isaac's' the result of your East Indian experience?" "Yes; when I returned from the East, my uncle, Sam Ward, was in Rome, and became greatly interested I could turn them to account in a novel. I laughed at the idea, for I was on the point of becoming a professer of classical philology. My uncle insisted, until at last, just to please bim. I wrote a novel founded on my Oriental adventures and called it 'sir.

"Of course it was accepted at once?" "Indeed, it was not; I sent the manscript to Macmillan & Co., London. Weeks and months passed away, and not hearing from them I thought it was forgotten, when one day I received a letter from the publishers, offering to publish the novel upon the usual royalty of ten per cent. I gladly accepted the offer. 'Mr. Isaacs' was published,

"You woke up one morning and found yourself famous," I suggested. "It certainly was a very gratifying success for an author's first book; and my career was determined by it.

A Pointer for Street Car Men.

The gripmen and conductors of cable cars adopt a novel means of keeping their feet and legs warm during the cold weather. A thick layer of paper is wrapped around the foot underneath the sock, and an ordinary paper flour sack, open at both ends, is slipped up to the knees, next to the skin.