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THE Merit of Modesty.
 It does not appear that any of the gentlemen who were finally called into President Cleveland's cabinet pressed themselves and their "claims" upon him, directly or through agencies of their own appointment and connivance.

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And yet the good sense of the president, his knowledge of men and affairs—which has been declared to be so limited—and the abundance of good material among the candidates, fully enabled him to select an outfit without the aid of any one who had been fishing for an office out of the administration.

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Better Than Was Expected.
 Mr. Arthur, who came to his office by accident, like Tyler, Fillmore and Johnson, leaves it far more creditably than either of them. He did not secure the re-nomination of his party, but he was beaten by a worse man; and he was broken between two factions, neither of whom he was willing to serve.

He turned out with discredit. He could not have been aided much in his official career by his cabinet, for it was not composed in the main of great men. Mr. Frelinghuysen, who seems to have been socially nearest to him, and whose family it is complained ran the White House, was never a conspicuous statesman; Frank Hatton and William E. Chandler were mere politicians, who were held up by their positions instead of helping to prop up the administration; Teller was no better; Brewster was all fuss and feathers; Lincoln was a very light weight; McCullough was the one strong man in the collection, and his predecessor was a very respectable and able man, but he brought upon the national administration the crushing blow of that 192,000 majority defeat in New York in 1882, which made Mr. Cleveland the candidate in 1884.

Mr. Arthur might have found much stronger cabinet intellectually and politically than he had. Nevertheless he is universally accounted a successful president; he has had encomiums showered on him from all sides, and no Republican president who lived out his term ever retired from office with anything like the credit that attaches to him personally and to his administration.

Treating Him Like a Horse.
 From the Independent.
 A Canadian Episcopal bishop, of Scotch birth, was the guest some time ago of a certain lady in Buffalo. Speaking of his visit afterward, the old gentleman said: "They were all good people, and most kind, I am sure; but do you know, my dear, they gave me water to drink at the table and upon going to bed, as if I had been a horse."

HERE AND THERE.
 Lancaster is contributing its full share of thought and influence to the intellectual movement of the times; not only through its institutions of learning, and such excellent publications as the *Reformed Church Quarterly Review*, edited by Drs. Apple and Tisel, and the most of whose contributors are resident, but also through various other denominational, religious and literary journals of the first rank and highest standing in the country.

There may be in this a suggestion to office aspirants that sixty years is the assigned period of retirement from official labors, to be disregarded only for cause. Sixty-two is the period of retirement in the army and somewhere about there in the navy. Perchance the civil service is to be presented as equally shunning the possible infirmities of over three-score years.

The Commissioner of Pensions. Scarcely second in importance to some of the cabinet offices, and above several of them in the magnitude of its interests, the amount of money it disburses and the economies and reforms possible in its administration, is the bureau of pensions.

The new administration gives earnest of its purposes by selecting as the head of this department Gen. John C. Black of Illinois. He was a gallant soldier, with a civil record that is as honorable and patriotic as his military career. He was in the Chicago convention, and was a favorite in that body for the nomination of vice president; and his friends have entertained hopes that he might be appointed secretary of war. He is modest and discreet, as well as brave and able.

DUDLEY enjoys the distinction of being the first of the "rascals" to go. That sterling publication, *The Friends' Journal*, in the last issue, has an earnest editorial on the ill effects of that law of the society which disowns all who contract marriages out of the Friends' communion. The bad results of this policy are exemplified in the losses that the society has suffered for the past one hundred years, and in the *Journal's* estimation is responsible for the present enfeebled condition of the sect.

Reading Methodistism and its great founder, John Wesley, what a matrimonial trial he had! Could he accomplish such vast work with a wife like his, let lessser men in that fix not despair. If you could stand above the grave of John Wesley's wife and read the inscription on her tomb it would run thus: "A woman of exemplary piety, a tender parent, and a sincere friend."

APPLICANT NOTICES.
 A Man is Doomed, in popular opinion, when he has Bright's Disease, but since Herr's (Kidney and Liver) Remedy, the world will know that the cure is not permanently curable.

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 In the most effective Pain Destroyer in the world, will surely relieve the sufferer, whether taken internally or applied externally, and in every form of RHEUMATISM, GOUT, BRUISES, SPRAINS, MIGRAINE, COLIC, PAIN, whether chronic or acute, that afflicts either the alleviator, and it is warranted to cure the worst of any similar preparation.

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PERSONAL.
 MISS ETTA VILAS, sister of the postmaster general, is lying at the point of death at her home in Madison, Wis.

GENERAL GRANT is reported by his physician to be growing worse, "and there is no hope of prolonging the life of this distinguished patient beyond a few weeks."
 HON. LORENZO BURNHAMS, died on Friday at Albany, N. Y., aged 80 years. He was a member of Congress from 1843 to 1853, and in 1853 was elected comptroller of the state of New York, serving one term.

THE TAIL OF A WHALE.
 Extraordinary Muscular Strength of This Proprietary Apparatus.
 The Rev. J. G. Wood, in Longman's Magazine.

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INSURANCE.
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE—
EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.
 For the Year Ending December 31, 1883.

Balance, January 1, 1884, from last year's account	56,432,287.73	
PREMIUMS RECEIVED	41,821,829.22	10,000,000.00
Interest and Rents	2,575,149.52	5,633,729.78
	50,829,266.47	15,633,729.78
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Claims by Death and Matured Endowments	4,000,000.00	
Dividends	2,882,076.92	
Discounts	21,000.00	
Total Paid Policyholders	7,104,076.92	7,000.00
Dividend on Capital	31,000.00	
Premiums on Securities charged off	1,235,249.91	
General Expenses	50,000.00	
State, County and City Taxes	12,971.01	
Total Disbursements	9,980,996.76	
Balance, December 31, 1884, to new account	55,527,220.96	
	110,356,487.92	

LIABILITIES.
 Reserve on outstanding policies at 10 per cent. 4,678,728.44
 Claims by death and matured endowments not yet received 128,889.00
 Surplus, Dec. 31, 1884 10,483,611.52

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.
 The Minister lost his health by being too long in the study, pouring over hours and hours in his study, pouring over hours and hours in his study, pouring over hours and hours in his study.

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