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The Great Mystery. Franklin B. Gowen's body has been laid in the grave without such examination of it as surely ought to have been made in the interest of public jus-lice. One of the most surprising things about this tragedy to us is the willing-ness of so many of those who were close friends of Mr. Gowen to believe that he committed suicide while insane, though he is shown to have been in rational condition the evening before his body was found ; and there is no allegation that up to this time he had ever shown an insane symptom. To accept the theory of insanity it will be necessary to assume that it was a momentary and sudden invasion of a sound mind ; but this supposition does not fit with the alleged fact that Mr. Gowen purchased the pistol that did the deed at least twenty-four hours before, and that during these hours he appeared to be in a sound state of mind to those who had converse with him.

And here it will be noted how shy those who have assumed the charge of this inquiry have been to identify the pistol found in the room with the one purchased from the Washington dealer on Thursday evening, by a large, well dressed and prosperous looking man; who is not further shown to have been Mr. Gowen. It does not appear that hi portrait has been shown this dealer; and it is stated that he has not been afforded an inspection of the pistol found. All this seems strange, and not in accordance with a vigorous effort to clear up what is, to the public at least, the very mysterious taking off of Mr Gowen.

If there is anything known to Mr Gowen's family or particular intimates which the public do not know, it is a mistake to conceal it. The public interest requires that the mystery of his death shall be removed; and Mr. Gowen's memory demands that no unjust suspicion shall rest upon it. He had, it is said, a life insurance of two hundred thousand dollars ; and to those who do not know him this may be ascribed as a motive for the deed. To those who do know him, however, it is convincing evidence that he did not kill himself with the deliberation that would be implied in his purchase of a pistol with which to do the deed a whole day before it was done. For Mr. Gowen

was an honest man and would not was an honest man and would not have so songht to swindle the insurance companies. If he had deliberately in-tended suicide he would have first surrendered his policies. This he is said to have contemplated doing, having made inquiries of the Philadelphia agents just prior to his departure for Washington as to exchanging his life policies for paid up policies. But one agent states that Mr.Gowen relinquished have so sought to swindle the insurance companies. If he had deliberately intended suicide he would have first surrendered his policies. This he is said to have contemplated doing, having made inquiries of the Philadelphia agent states that Mr.Gowen relinquished this purpose when he advised him against it and showed him how small an amount he would realize from the exchange. Any argument drawn from this inquiry of Mr. Gowen, leading to the idea that he was preparing for an honest suicide, which would save the insurance companies, is refuted by the fact that he abandoned the intent. When a man is slain alone, with a pistol by his side, with no known motive to suicide, but known to have been endowed with extraordinary mental power and moral strength, the causes leading to his death demand the closest investigation ; and it is simply silly to say that a locked door bars the idea that another hand did the deed, or even creates a reasonable objection to the theory that murder has been done ; so easily might a door be locked behind the criminal, while leaving the key still upon the in-

use of money can not make good citizens use of money can not make good cilizens of avages in one generation. The five civilized tribes of the Indian territory show, by their history, both the possibility and the difficulties of Indian civilization. They were forced to advance or perish by conditions, similar to those that must soon prevail with all the tribes. The Cherokees, in Georgie were hommed in by white Georgia, were hemmed in by white civilization and as their boundaries drew closer and their game was exhausted starvation urged them to agriculture and industry, the influence of missionary teachers was firmly established and their famous Sequoyah invented an alphabet. From this firm natural foundation their civilization has advanced since their removal to the territory. A study of their history must be the basis of all successful efforts be the basis of all successful efforts for the improvement of other tribes, and it will teach that many other things besides education are needed to make a civilized man, and among them time, patience and the pressure of dire necessity. The education of young savages is a very interesting experiment in human culture. Popular education is one of the last branches of our slowgrown civilization, and the grafting of it on the wild Indian, needs to be done with care, and may have unexpected re-

sults. KILBAIN has been heavily fined and sen. teneed to two months imprisonment for assault and battery upon John L. Sullivan, and John L. has been punished with greater severity in consideration of the

greater amount of battering he inflicted. Possibly this punishment may have a tendency to make pugilism unpopular with pugilists, as a term in jail and a fine will weigh heavily against gate receipts and wagers.

It is pleasing to learn that thirteen men bers of the Servian Skuptschina are suffering from influenza. Sneezing must be easy for men belonging to a body with a name like that, and the Skupts will have a chance to win glory by wrestling with a malady that has troubled crowned heads from the czar down to the little king of Spain.

Ar an author's reading held in New York in the interests of the copy right fund, a letter was read from Mark Twain in which he professed his willingness to work for the cause in everyway excepting upon the platform. Mark says that author's readings are doomed to failure because it takes a master to manage them. "There is no master with grit enough for the place. You can't find him ; he hasn't been born yet. Consider what is required of him. He must say to the small fry : 'You are allowed ten minutes platform time ; if you overpass it two minutes I shall bring down the gavel and shut you off.' To the very greatest poet he must say : "For your own sake you are allowed but fifteen minutes; you must test your plece at home, and time it by a friend's watch and allow for the difference between platform-time and parlor-time, which is three minutes. Remember Washington. There are now living but four persons who paid to get into that house ; it is also a fact, however, privately it has been kept, that twenty-two died on the premises and eighty-one on their way home. I am a miserable man when I think of that wanton, that unpro-voked massacre." Not many public speakers have equal sympathy for the trials of their hearers.

Cowboy and Bull Fights. have for themselves? Poets and cowboys knows that the boss is the best animal on earth—never did a man a wrong—never, and gives his life, hide, hoofs and carcass for his goed. To blind the eyes of a horse and let a bull, with his horns sawed off, 'plug' into the horse and lift him. Jean off, the ground, saying nothing of ripping him open, as they do in Spain, is not sport. Custer or Sheridan would not allow such sport in eamp. sport in camp. "Cowboys are called wicked because

An intelligent person when hurt will at once procure a bottle of Salvation Oil. It is the best fung to cure swelling, burne, or wounds. All draggins sell it at twenty-five cents a bottle. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup should be kept in every faulty. A slight cough, if unchecked, is of this wonderful medicine has rescued many from the grave. 1000'S SARSAPARITLA.

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Their Trouble Begins.

The Republicans in the lower House of Congress are already feeling the embarrassment of having the responsibility upon them of the control of the business of the House, with only a few votes to make the majority that gives it to them. It is not an enviable position for a party, and Speaker Reed is likely to wish many a time that he had not let his ambition run away with him and put him in charge of so difficult a work as the keeping of his party in solid line to meet the every ready attack of its of aspiring leaders on the Republican side and the diversity of interests which move them, it is safe enough to conclude that Speaker Reed will not be able always to carry out his own ideas, wise and honest though they may perchance be ; or otherwise as they are likely to be. There is pretty sure to be a monkey and a parrot time in Congress; and it may be to the people's profit. It is certain that no strongly partisan legislation can be enacted; and whatever may come out of the mill will have upon it the conservative marks of a compromise of political opinion.

Indian Education.

At the seventh annual meeting of the Indian Rights association in Philadelphia, Indian Commissioner Morgan said that the Indian could no longer be pushed back into the wilderness; the days of Indian reservations are numbered and the savages must be trained for the use of lands in severalty, and their children given the school advantages provided for all other nationalities. He had a good deal to say of his scheme for Indian education, for which he wants two millions for buildings and three millions a year for the current expenses of educating Indian children. Under the dircumstances General Morgan could hardly fail to follow in the path so plainly marked for him by the work of Captain Pratt and others; and the pre-paration of the Indians for lands in-severally is plainly one of the tasks that fall upon this administration and can not be shirked. It is gratifying to find the commissioner appreciating the size and importance of the undertaking, but the best schemes and the most lavish

"Cowboys are called wicked because they shoot a loafer now and then-or smash a bar and pays five prices for the damage, but they never get so cussin' low as built fighting. "When I was in Texas before the big Apache massacre, my pardner, Jim Sanders, had his mustang stole by Indians. The Maxicans wast stole the base from the

Sanders, had his mustang stole by Indians. The Mexicans next stole the hoss from the Indians, and one day when we was across the line, over in old Mexico, we ran across a Sunday buil fight. We was lookin' at the show, when my parlner su iden'y drew his six-shooter to pepper the pica-dore, when he came to his senses and didn't shoot then. 'That greaser's get my hoss,' he said.

didn't shoot then. 'That greaser's got my hoss,' he said. "The words were hardly out of his month when the bull put his horn clean into the hoss. Fill skip the scene that fol-lowed, but add, next spring the picalore was fool enough to cross the Rio Grande, and next morning he was found spliced by the neck to a cottonwood limb. It was just outside El Paso. The verdict of the jury ran: 'Choked to death fur killin' a hoss.'"

Death From Foot Ball. From the Pall Mall Gazette.

Yet another death from foot ball! Dur-ing a Rugby "scrummage" a stadent at the Hauts Diocesan Training college fell with two or three other players on top of him. He was unable to rise, and it was found that his spine was terribly injured, the lower limbs being completely para-lyzed. It was stated by the witnesses at the inquest held yesterday that the game was played with perfect fairness, but also with fatal brutality. Is it not about time that some step was taken to prevent such wanton waste of life? If nothing else can be done juries will have to bring in ver-dicts of manslaughter in such cases. Yet another death from foot hall ! Dur-

A Historic Landmark Saved.

The old Satter's fort, one of the chief historical landmarks in California, which was recently threatened with destruction, will be saved through the generosity of Charles Crocker's sons and daughters, who, Charles Crocker's sons and daughters, who, as natives of the city, have agreed to buy the property and transfer it to the city of Sacramento. The owner lives in Chicago, and recently agreed to sell the property, which is now in the suburbs of Sacramento, for \$18,000. The only condition is that the fort and grounds he restored to the state in which they were found by the pioneers, and that they be maintained as a park and recreation grounds. This gift forms a worthy addition to E. B. Crooker's art gallery and the fine statue of "Columbus before Queen Isabelia," presented by D. O. Mills, both donors being old Sacra-mentoans who take pride in the city.

Played With Dynamite at Supper. Played With Dynamite at Supper. Jas. Moore, a resident of Stevens Point, near Carbondale, Pa., sat down to supper with his family, holding in his right hand a dynamite cartridge, such as is used in rock blasting, with which he drummed on the table. The thing exploded, tearing off the greater portion of his hand, prostrating the rest of the family, and reducing the crockery ware to bits. A physician had to ampatate the hand. The wonder is that the whole family was not killed.

Say, maiden, with the raven hair, So beautiful and lithe and tall, With eyes so bright and cheeks so fair, Why let your teeth destroy it all ? For they are dark, and feel the want of a soft brash and SOZODONT.