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THE MOST MODERN INSTANCE. The situation on the canal question in Maryland is an interesting example of the relative importance in modern politics of public rights and corporate interests.

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PAPEBS even go farther and accuse the Eastern farmer with extravagance in abuses of agricultural machinery, buying costly critical manures and keeping horses and carriages merely for pleasure.

IT IS impossible to say how accurate the accounts in this single case were, without inspecting them. It is evident that they forget to include the board of the farmer and his family, as that item alone would amount to more than \$36 00, which is given as the annual result of the farmer's industry.

IT IS now explained by Speaker Reed that his refusal to visit Kentucky on the plea that his life had been threatened there, was merely a joke at the expense of a Kentucky reporter who had intended to make a serious, most humorous complaint when they intend to speak in earnest their efforts are taken as a joke; but Mr. Reed has the unusual and most gratifying experience of a humorist whose attempts at wit are construed in the most serious manner.

THE HEARING IN THE CASE OF MR. MINICK resulted in his discharge from the custody of the Dixmont officials. Hardly any other result was possible after the testimony of the physicians upon whose certificate the man was committed.

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THE TOPICAL TALKER. Figures Confuse Even It. Unfruitful—The Birds Are Not to Blame—The City Hall Clock's Eccentric Behavior—Gossip.

A POOR woman of this city met with a disappointment the other day. It happened because she was in a certain Pittsburgh brother's window, there she signs bearing the inscription: 25 per cent discount on all these goods.

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BEGINNING OF FERVOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE FEAST OF PERIM. In numerous ways the Hebrews of this city commemorate the celebration of the Feast of Purim last evening.

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THE CAT OF HISTORY. An Animal Once Regarded With Reverence—Felt Its Importance in Egyptian Beliefs About the Modern Hebrews.

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OUR MAIL POUCH. Clean in advertising for a couple to offer themselves for marital marriage at a fair in that city in April.

APPLIES are selling for cents a pound at Vancouver, Wash., while "spuds" can be had for 25 cents a bushel.

HARRISBURG cars were running back westward a few days ago, the turntable in the street having been frozen up.

A NEW horse deposit was found recently 20 miles from the city of Inyo county, Cal.

THE ATLANTIC and Pacific Railroad Company are now receiving tenders as sections and in ordinary construction work.

MICHIGAN has a population of about 2,000,000 and a mortgage debt of \$500,000,000.

TENNESSEE has a population of 1,800,000 and a mortgage debt of \$250,000,000.

THE WILLAMETTE river, near Dundee, Ore., in 1851, a man chopped his way a hole in the water, and since then thousands of people have said they didn't believe the water ever got up to that notch.

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