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### CHAPTER I.

Lifefus hall been farming it for going on twenty-five years. By conspicuous service in the war he had risen from the ranks to the office of first fleutewar, and where never was a doubt in his mind That if the war had held out long enough tre would trave been a colonel. As to was, he was called captain by all his neighbors, some of whom thad also done

Candidates, some or wader and answer galeticle second when the rebellion.

When twace was declared, Lucius was that grown smaller while he was absent; very soon he began to feel cramped and restricted, and he developed prescribly a volunt cross of the work on favor. So n violent case of the western fever. So be said good-by to the homestead one thy and started westward. Reaching Sowth the purchased, upon reasonable terms, a farm of two hundred acres, and this we proceeded at once to all in the most approved fashion. The place was about five miles from the hamlet of Prairie Home; his nearest neighbors were the Beasleys. Old man Bursley



"Don't Go Out After Dark or You'll Get

summer of their wedded life theye were able to buy a buggy to side to town in on Sundays and on other occasions. In due time, stoo, Lucius was ocalied to cidil to the number of the barne, scables dellars, and he must have been, for when the agents for the new pictodal history of the county came along he subscribed for five copies and paid extra for having his popurate put in the book.

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One day neighbor Higgins drove by, converted and a halfifeined." Lucius halloed to then and asked then what was going on up at town. High given allowed that there was nothing new unless it was coing some of the boys were thiking about any about assembled to the children became recorded to this children became recorded to talking about organizing a grand army post; they find dealled to have an infor-mal meeting Saturday night to discuss the practicalisitity of the scheme. This was pleasard news to Lucius.
thing that Lucius pined for was association with the boys, and by "the boys" he meant (as we mean) the valorous men who did service in the war for the union. Lucius pined for oppor-tunities to talk over old times, to recount the profigies he had performed in valor. and to review in the empanionship of kindred souls the old-time spirit and

enthusiasm.
Upon the following Saturdiay night, therefore, Lucius hitched up the buggy and went to town. The meeting we hield in the room of Simms' genera There were only nine of the boys there, but others said they would join the post as soon as the organization was completed. So the post was organized completed. So the post was organized samed great entitusiasm, and it was known to the world as Corporal Tamer post, No. 193, G. A. R. With their first money the members of the post bought a flag, a melodeon, and a dozen copies of "Patriotic Songs for Male Voices."

This was will the equipment needful.
(For a number of years the institution prospered; to be more explicit, for the period of six years Corporal Tanner post, No. 193, G. A. R., elected every offipost, No. 193, G. A. R., elected every offi-cial in the county, and it came to be suspicioned that nobody had a show in Bayonst county politics unless he was a member of that Grand Army of the Republic post. But in the ever-to-be-la-mented year of 1884 the tidal wave of civil service reform statuck Bayonsit county very hard. A young lawyer, who had come to lowe only two years before from the east, announced in the Domocratic weekly that the was a mugawamp, and be savoned all thought of the county of the savoned and thought of the county of the co swump, and he invoked all monest con-

# ALIVE AND WELI

## After a Dangerous Experience

One of the Multitude of People Who Have Been Speedily and Permanently Cured by Munyon's Remedies Tells His Story.

Mr. Charles W. Godfrey, of Merchantylle, N. J., says: "I was unable to work for even half a day for a long time because of kidney trouble. What I have suffered during that time moone but myself knows. Living was a prolonged torment, and became more unendurable every day. I tried every remedy that was suggested, and I wonder which takes the previous tay had swight the best medical advice, but could not obtain any benefit. The physicians said I had Bright's Disease and my case was pronounced helpiess. could not obtain any benefit. The physicians said I had Bright's Disease and my case was pronounced heipless. Finally in despair, I went to Professor Munyos, Philadelphia, and began treatment under the eminent specialist there. After taking (MUNYON'S KIDNEY CURIS a short time I began to improve, and am now thoroughly cured of my trouble. I can perform my work properly without fatigue. I shall always remember Munyon with gratitude."

In first cur? To this query the other answered solumbly: "I troum clust same gendleman has churched about." The menu was roda conclusion and proper sauce. When Lucius was acted to pay seventy-five cents for the reduction must be expostulated.

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(Cond politics. This singularly hardcored young man heaped obliquy upon the Grand Army of the Republic and urged the voters of the county to reof a ting that sought maintenance at the public expense simply by parading the uninely scritiments and maudin sending the uninely scritiments and maudin sending sources of a war that had been could sweathly years. The sickening result of this against owns that he voters of Fagonic county decided by a hinge majority, to suffer the festering wounds of the civil war to heal; in other words, the patitions were ignomationally vitted out of office and a set of younger and whosty unmeritarious dividings were installed.

Otvillans were installed.
The four years' administration of the civil corvice reform president, involving as it of the descenatory diminution of the panelon roll, was a most grievous blow to Corporal Tamer post, No. 193, C. A. R. Israel Hotchkiss, who Probet five files from the frames of Erafford for indemnity on account of was one of the pioneers in Iowa; he had been elected to the legislature three cast on the rubin during the peninsular campatian. A patricule congress indexed this emploation, but the measure carrays of the supplication, but the measure carrays of the supplication of the file. use uppropagation eight hundred dol-lars to Israel's credit was vetoed by the unfelling grandent on the grounds that the high files of the rational motoro-togical furrers unablected that no rath fundat sail failen buring the entire period f the peninsula campuign. In vain Sid the organizman fem Israel's district invergo equiral this unnighteous act; in vain 604 Corporal Tarrier post., No. 193, G. A. R., formuly call upon the unfecther prosident to resign. It was all too

apparent thank Corporal Tenner post, No. 193, G. A. R., had lost its grip. As if to complicate an already dis-tresing condition of affairs, Simms' general store burned up one night, and the property of the Corporal Tanner post (including twenty-four chairs, one pine table, one copy of "Hardee's Taetics," one dag, two kerosene lamps, one melodeon und a dozen patriotic song books) fell a prey to the removedess flames; no insurance. All that was saved was a case of canned peaches, and they belonged to Simms.

In this most cratical emergency Lu-clus came to the rescue. "I am, by the kindness of fortune," said he, "embled successive terms, had run for congress and been bearen, and, all in all, he was, at the time of which we speak, full of years and of ronors. Lucius married pancy, researcher only the rentals depleted until second daughter, Susan, a fikely virgin with dawb ringlets and a dikely virgin with dawb ringlets and a different fixed two stores in the lower fixed, The building complexion. Her dawry contains a long-time of the confidence from Caler Rapids devised to end fixed the confidence of the Caler Rapids devised to end give the containing the co to do somewhat for this noble cause. I will build a building for Corporal Tan-It specified cow.

Tonture smilled upon Lucius. Crops were good and market prices for grain were fair. In short, the young couple fared so prospeciously ideat the second summer of their wedded life they were able to buy a buggy to adde to cown in on Sundays and on other occasions. In the fall of the second of the couple was the fall of the delegate was sometiment of their wedded life they were able to buy a buggy to adde to cown in on Sundays and on other occasions. In

true the children became reconciled to "Dun't go out offer dark or you'll got

stubbed," were Susan's last words; "these city folks are powerful bad, I "Wuy on chatch have you raised the price of thekers?" usked Lucius of the

"We had so Eb it," said the agent. "The war in Hayal has given every-



"He Can't Go, for Mother Took Off His Wooden Leg and Locked It Up."

thing an upward tendency, you know. Lucius d'idn't know, but he supposed it was all right. Curtously enough, the other delegate

jovint Hank Baker, did not show up of the radway scatton; but presently Honk's oldest gal (she had pale thus cycs and long yaller hair) came moping along. "M above allows that father ain't goin," said the girl.
"Ain't goin'?" echord Lucius.
"Naw medicare wood Lucius."

'Waw, mother won't let him," gald

Lucius was very much disappointed anti he was mad, too.
"If I was Hank I'd go anyhow," said Lucius.
"But he can't',' remonstrated the girl,
"I'r mother's took off his leg'nd locked

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So Lucius had to pursue his journey nione: The train was crowded. Lucius finally, however, found a sent beside a grim but interlectual-tooking pasenger in the smoking car. The atmosphere of the car was oppressive. As night came on there was Talante smoking all around. Lucius thied do resise one of the particle.

tur fell off just as he stepped from the train. As he cought to abow his way train. As he count to ellow his way through the recembing crowd he could not had thicking how nice and could was under the acte maple trees of a certain lows home to the had in mind. For some reason or other his carpet bag seemed to weigh a ton. "I must be all worn out." thought Lucius "Weil, no wonder, for I didn't get a wink's sleep

all night."

Lucius tried rine hotels, but couldn't
find a commodutions. He began to feel
nervous and dysterient, because everywhere he went he was conspicuously
advised by legenis on the walls and
buildings to "Beware of Pickpock is." A raging blant overcame bim and he stepped into a convenient place and asked for a delak of water.

"We don't keep it," suid the fat pro-prietor of the place.
"Don't keep it?" echood Lucius.
"No; 'ta'n't healthy; there's germs in it," said the fat proprietor. "But I can by you have a doc-

kit you have a nice cool beer for five An expressman agreed to take Lu-caus to a pleasant boarding house for



Wouldn't Lucius Be Willing to Cash Cheek for Fifty Dollars?

cius was asigned to a cot in the room over the bitchen; the room was neither large our coyally furnished, but it was warm; there were seven other cots in the room, total it was the desire of the proprietor to put two men in each cot 'Are my follow-iddgers veterans?' mket Lucius.

"No, they are brewery employes,"
who they had given up their regular
rooms temporarily in order to accommagnite the visitors."

rasstate the visitors."

For supper that night he had cold bologna sausage in the shell, and dark bread with aromatic pills in it. Then Lucius went for a walk. A brass band was parading the street, discoursing lively music. "I wonder what patriotic air that is," thought Lizcks. "I've livel sology upon my lows farm sheet I've. olong upon my Iowa farm that I've quibe forgotten the good old songs we roldlers used to cong." He asked a stranger, and was sold that the band was paying a selection from "Erminic." Lucius Oil cut know what that meant, and he was too mellest to ask.

to familiar vokes fell upon his ears; the slature stall the counts of the big, hat only were stronge to him. He had hoped to have remarkeness of the glorious old war days revived, but none around the second to know that here had even old wer fore revived, but more around the recent of the know that here bad even been a war. The bands played lively but is, the caten wholed higher and their and the around a played failing played lively but is, the caten wholed higher and their aroles upon every tand, and every—

"Fear not, and sleep!" awles these every tund, and every-where there was a confusion that seemed tunnetuous. In it all there was second connections. In it all there was no one on of cordinaty; no one on of paintivism or of cordinaty; nell was business, cold, selfish, sordid business, cold, selfish, sordid business, and crastor was addressing a crowl at "Sleep well, my child."

a threat corner; he were the honored unallarm, but his speech was not she reminister a talk which Lucius yearned to thear. The oraion was a candidate for some local politici office; his cloquence burned incense to his ambition.

quence burned incense to his ambition. A stranger accounted Lucius civilly. "You are one of us?" he asked.
"I can an old coldier," said Lucius.
"I chought so," said the stranger, "I am an old collier, too. I am an applicant for the post office at four Corners, Mo., and I sollelt you as an old comrade in some to sign my assicution."

Of course Lucius complied with the request. He signed forty-three similar

After parient inquiry Lucius ascer calmed that one member of his old regi ment had come to the encampment— had traveled fifteen bundred miles to mingle with the boys and renew there old climes. This was Bill Merrill; he used to sutler in Lucius' regiment Having acquired wealth, he was now a candidate for nomination to congress in his home district. He wanted to be elected grand commander of the Grand Army of the Republic this time, be-cause that would help him to get the congressional nomination.
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Lucius fared ill that night. Oh, but it was het, and browers will snore! "Didn't I hear dogs howling all night?" asked Lucius next morning. "Like as not you did," said the landlord. "The dog pound is just back of the house, and I've noticed that at this season of the year the poor creeters is awfully bechered with insomnia."

Going out upon the street Lucius saw a bandsomely-decreed man, who are Going out upon the street Lucius saw a handsomely-dresed man, who appeared to be weeping. The man allowed that he was an old soldier from Callengo. He showed Lucius a felegram taying: "Come of once; Marrie is worse." The stranger said that Mumle

worse." The strunger was his only daughter.
"If she is sick, why don't you go home?" toked Lucius. He pulled the letressed father, "I have barely time to catch the train

"I have barely time to catch the truin as it is, and I have bardly enough money in currency to take me through," sobled the poor fellows Then he wondered (aud/bly) whether Lucius he willing to cash his check for the cradle of the Child today; Nor crown, nor robe, nor spice I bring As offering unto Christ, my King.

lus, "allhough it won't leave me much hange to run on til the bank opens." Unhappy, thrice unhappy Lucius! Beguiled by sentimental vanity to leave a pleasant, presperous home to brave the malignities of the hot and dusty



"Hank Baker, Happy in the Possession

and sinful metropolis, and to fall pres and sinful metropolis, and to fall presently a victim to the arts of the swindler—on, thrice unhappy Lucius, say well-but happy Hank Baker! Happy in the possession of that wooden leg, enduring trade mark of and most bonorable monument to the patrictle valor; happler still in the boon of the far-seeing, forceful spouse, who, by the simple act of comprehending, ravishing and sequestoring that ligneous member, hath faucked thee, as if thou hadst been a brank, from the burning!

## EUGENE FIELD'S VERSE.

Korner's Battle Prayer.

Father, I cry to Thee! und me the billows of battle are pour ing. Round me the thunders of battle are rour Father on high, hear Thou my cry-Father, oh, lead Thou me!

Father, oh, lead Thou me! Lead me, o'er Death and its terrors vic-See, I acknowledge Thy will as allglorious; Point Thou the way, lead where it may-God, I acknowledge Thee!

God, I acknowledge Thee! when the dead leaves of autumn whir so, when the horrors of war would con found me, Laugh I at fear, knowing Thee near— Father, oh, bless Thou me!

Father, oh, bless Thou me! Jiving or dying, walking or sleeping, such as I am I commit to Thy keeping; Frail though I be, Llord, bless Thou me Father, I worship Thee!

Father, I worship Thee!
Not for the love of the riches that perish
that for the freedom and justice we
cherish,
Stand we or fall, blessing Thee, all—
God, I submit to Thee!

God, I submit to Thee! Yen, though the terrors of Death pass before me. Yea, with the darkness of Death stealing o'er me, Lord, unto Thee bend I the knee-Father, I cry to Thee!

The Singing in God's Acre. The Singing in God's Acre.

Out yonder in the moonlight, wherein God's Acre lies.
Go angels walking to and fro, singing their luilables.

Their radiant wings are folded, and their eyes are bended low.

As they sing among the beds whereon the flowers delight to grow—

"Sleep, oh, sleep!
The Shepherd guardeth his sheep.
Fast speedeth the night away,
Soon cometh the glorious day;
Sleep, weary ones, while ye may—
Sleep, oh, sleep!"

The flowers within God's Acre see that Erree dolling, and in climbing into the wagen Larius split for cont very badly across the choulders. The bearding forms the choulders. The bearding forms was in the suburies; the terms were four dollars a day in advance. Lucius was asigned to a cot in the room.

The flowers within God's Acre see that fair and wondrous slight, and hear the angels singing to the sleep-ers throughout the hours of day those gentle flowers prolong. The must of the angels in that tender slumbering song—

"Sleep, oh, sleep!
The Shepherd loveth His sheep.
He that guardeth his flock the best
Hath folded them to His loving breast;
So sleep ye now, and take your rest—
Sleep, oh, sleep!"

From angel and from flower the years have learned that soothing sons.
And with its freavenly music speed the
days and nights along:
So through all time, whose flight the
"Shepherd's vigits glorify,
God's Acre slumbereth in the grace of
that sweet iuliaby—

"Sleep, oh, sleep!
The Shepherd loveth His sheep.
Fast speedeth the night away.
Soon cometh the glorious day;
Sleep, weary ones, while ye may—
Sleep, oh, sleep!"
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The Disks

The Divine Lullaby. I hear Thy voice, dear Lord,
I hear it by the stormy sea,
When winter nights are black and wild,
And when, affright, I call to Thee;
It calms my fears and whispers me,
"Sleep well, my child."

I hear Thy voice, dear Lord, In singing winds and failing snow, The curfew chimes, the midnight bell, "Sleep well, my child," it murmurs low; "The guardian angels come and go— O child, sleep well:"

Speak on-speak on, dear Lord!

The Twenty-Third Psalm. My Shepherd is the Lord my God-There is no want I know: His flock He leads in vertiant meads,

He doth restore my fainting soul With His divine caress, And, when I stray. He points the way To paths of rightcousness.

Yea, though I walk the vale of death, What evil shall I fear? Thy staff and rod are mine, O God, And Thou, my Shepherd, near!

Which my dear Lord bath spread; And, lo! my cup He filleth up, With oil anoints my head!

Goodness and mercy shall be mine Unto my dying day; Then will I bide at His dear side Forever and for aye!

The Three Kings of Cologne. From out Cologne there came three kings To worship Jesus Christ, their King. To Him they sought fine herbs they hancely And many a beauteous golden thing; They brought their gifts to Bethlehem

town,
And in that manger set them down. Then spake the first king, and he said: "O Child, most heavenly, bright a "O Child, most heavenly, bright a fair!

I bring this crown to Bethlehem town For Thee, and only Thee, to wear; So give a heavenly crown to me When I shall come at last to Thee!"

The second, then, "I bring Thee here
This royal robe, O Child?" he cried;
"Of silk 'tis spun, and such an one
There is not in the world beside;
So in the day of doom requite
Me with a heavenly robe of white."

The third king gave his gift and quoth: "Spikenard and myrrh to Thee I bring, And with these twain would I most fain Anoint the body of my King: So may their incerse sometimes rise To plend for me in yonder skies!"

Thus spake the three kings of Cologne, That gave their gifts and went their

May not despise, however small;
For here I lay my heart today,
And it is full of love to all.
Take Thou the poor but loyal thing,
My only tribute, Christ, my King!
Oh, let my sould expiring hear

The Bells of Notre Dame.
What though the radient thoroughfare
Teems with a noisy throng?
What though men bandy everywhere
The ribarld jest and song?
Over the din of oaths and cries
Broode th a wondrous calm. Broodeth a wondrous calm, And mid that solemn stillness rise The bells of Notre Dame.

"Heed not, dear Lord," they seem to say,
"Thy weak and erring child;
And thou, O gentle Mother, pray
That God be recon fled;
And on mankind, O Christ, our King, Pour out Thy gracious balm"— Tis thus they plead and thus they sing. Those bells of Notre Dame.

And so, methinks, God, bending down
To ken the things of earth,
Heeds not the mockery of the town
Or crics of ribald mirth;
For over soundeth in His ears
A pentential psalm—
Tis thy angelic voice He hears,
O bells of Notre Dame.

Plend on, O bells, that thy sweet voice May still forever he An intercession to rejoice Benign divinity;
And that thy tuneful grace may fall Like dew, a quickening balm, Upon the arid hearts of ail, O bells of Notre Dame!

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## What to Expect of The Coming Congress.

Familiar Faces Will Be Missed-Mr. Reed's Ordeal. A Long Session Predicted with Plenty of Fireworks.

Macfarland in the Philadelphia Record. Of the 356 members of the next house, 245 will be Republicans, 104 will be Democrats, 6 will be Populists and 1 (Francis G. Newlands, the handsome and well-dressed son-in-law of the late Senator Charon, who represents the whole state of Nevada, and incidentally tooks after so much of the Sharon millions as he has invested in the suburbs of Washington and in Senator Stowart's American Bimetallic league and Silver Knights of America), is set down conspicuously as representing the silver party, whatever that may be. All this is according to the "unofficial list" of the clerk of the house, which is practically official. Besides these representatives there will be four delegates from Territories, the class steadily diminishing in numbers as the Territories become states, and before egate will become a representative with the right to vote as well as to speak, which is the chief advantage of the

representative over the delegate.

There will then be left only three Territories (Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma), and before long all three of these will doubtless become states, so that until Alaska is given all the Contitles and privileges of a territory, including a delegate in congress, for the first time since the early days of the government all the members of the house will be representatives of states. Old Members Dropped Ont.

The enormous Republican majority swept away some old members of the house and others were left at home by falling to get renominations, walle some retired voluntarily, whose faces had become so familiar that it win seem strange not to see them there. the last house you see Richard P.
Bland, of Missouri, the honest leader
of the silverites; W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Kentucky; William J. Bryan,
of Nebraska; William D. Bynum, of
Indiana, and W. Bourke Cockran, of New York; Michael D. Harter, of Ohio and Philadelphia; William S. Holman, of Indiana; Charles E. Hooker, of Mississippi; Constantine Buckley Kilgore, of Texas; Daniel N. Lockwood, Kligore, of Texas; Dardel N. Lockwood, of Buffalo; Joseph H. O'Neil, of Massachusetts; William M. Springer, of Illinois; Charles Tracey and John De Wat Warner, of New York, and last, but not least, William L. Wilson, of West Virginia, make up a list which might be lengthened of well known Democrats alone who will be missing, and many of them will be much missed. many of them will be much missed when the clerk calls the roll on the second of December.

Of course some of the old Republicans

will not return, and Jerry Simpson, the most prominent of the Populists, will be conspicuous by his absence. But the Democratic side, dwindled as it will be to half its former size, will excite the most sympathy.

Reed's Great Task The great Republican majority, which will overflow the Republican side of the house and sweep the Democrats into half of their side, will be difficult to manage at the best, and Speaker Reed will need all the assistance that he can be supported by a way a treather the can be supported by a way a treather. bring to the support of his own strength and skill. For, of course, Mr. Reed is to be the speaker. There never was any real question about that. Mr. Reed is so obviously the man for the place that he will be nominated in the Republi-can caucus by acclamation. He is the leader of the party in the house of representatives as no other man has

in recent years, for he has not a real rival, so that his leadership may be said to be practically undisputed.

The difference between his situation on the eve of this coming congress, already as good as speaker, coming to Washington with the lists of the committees in his pocket, and his situation six years ago, when at this time he was engaged in an active struggle with half a dozen other candidates for the nomi-nation, one of whom (Mr. McKinley) seemed to those who did not know that Matthew Stanley Quay and Mr.Th C. Platt were supporting Mr. Reed to be more likely to be elected than the man from Maine marks the tremendous enange which he made in his own political fortunes by his masterful admin-istration of his party and the house

while he was speaker.

The new man from Maine occupies in the house a far stronger position than the old man from Maine did, for Mr. Blaine was never without able and bitter rivals in his own party in the house. Mr. Reed probably has some personal enemies among the old Re-publican members who are to be in the next house, and undoubtedly the friends of Harrison, McKinley, Allison and other candidates for the Republican nomination will do what they can to embarrass him this winter in his delicate and dangerous position as speaker of the house, and presidential candi-date. But Mr. Reed is just the man for such a trial as he has gone through, and if any one can come out of it unscathed he can. In many respects he is the greatest parliamentary leader and manager in our history and has still re sources which are yet to be developed, in addition to the remarkable powers he has already exhibited. He thoroughly appreciates his position and its dangers, but, having been speaker once and having been 18 years in congress, he knows all that there is to be known about how to meet his difficulties. Ex-Spenker Crisp.

Ex-Speaker Crisp.

Ex-Speaker Crisp will be renominated by acclamation by the Democratic caucus for speaker. He, like Mr. Reed, has practically no rival in his party on the floor, and he will be its leader while it is in the minority just as Mr. Reed has been leader of the Republicans during been leader of the Republicans during their political exile, Mr. Crisp (or "Judge" Crisp, as most people here and at his home call him, strangely preferring to give him the title which he on the Georgia Circuit court rather than that which he held in the chair of the United States House of Representa-tives), has advanced in his party very much as Mr. Reed did among the Re-publicans. Four years ago at this time it seemed as likely that Mr. Mills, of Texas, would be elected speaker as Mr. Crisp, of Georgia, and there were sev-eral other candidates for the place; but in the Democratic caucus two years ago Mr. Crisp was renominated by accla-mation and he would be elected speaker

mation and he would be elected speaker again if the Democrats had the majority in the next house.

It will be as interesting to observe ex-Speaker Crisp under the administration of Speaker Reed as it was to observe the administration of Speaker Crisp. Neither really likes the other, although at times they have seemed to be friendly, and there will be gome pretty fencing between them when Crisp, as the leader of the opposition, attempts to interfere with the speaker's progress.

er's progress.

The fact that the speaker is a presi-The fact that the speaker is a presidential candidate will make the coming seasion of the house much more interesting in every way than it would otherwise be, for it will give significance to everything that is raid or done of any importance on the floor. The Republican policy is plainly 'indicated," as the physicians say, to be one of masterly inactive, but it will be difficult to carry this out; therefore the predictions that the seasion will be short, that the Republicans will pass the appropriations bills and possibly some revenue-raising measures, declare for the annexation of Hawaii and the emancipation of Cuba and then go home, are not likely to be fulfilled.

Besides the universally Republican majority in the house there is the sen-

ate to reckon with, with its nicely bel-anced parties, none having a majority, although the Republicans have a plurality. The senate cannot be rality. The senate cannot be sent home, even by Speaker Reed, so that the first session of this congress, like the first session of most congresses, will probably be a long one. The senate will be less interesting than the house, for Mr. Allison, the foremost candidate, will not be like Mr. Reed in control. but, on the contrary, he will probably keep as quiet as possible unless he sees an opportunity to advance his cause by

some bold stroke Butler, of South Carolina; Dolph, of Oregon; Higgins, of Delaware; Manderson, of Nebraska; McPherson, of New Jersey; Ransom, of North Caro-lina, and Washburn, of Minnesota, are the most prominent of the old senators who will be missed when congress meets again month after next.

## THE PHILOSOPHY OF AGE. What the Old Man Thought Was the

Supreme Joy of Life.

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From the Cleveland Plain-Dealer.
"My son," observed the good man,
"the great lesson you should learn is
self-denial. Never ask yourself, 'Can I
get this?' but, 'Can I do without it?'
Economize! Skimp! Skimp!"
"Youth—"But, father, what shall I
get out of life at that rate?"
"Get? Do you suppose life is a mere
playtime to pander to material and
carnal appetites? Nay; your young
strong years are the proper years for

streng years are the proper years for toll, for drudgery, for saving." "But, father, I would read; I would study: I would be enlightened, and as a concomitant must have exercise-rec-

'Recreation! Why, sir, the years of activity are your workday. Life is a day. You must begin toiling in its early morning and toll far into its afcarly morning and toll far into its at-ternoon. Never mind the noonday mea!! A crust and a promise will do. Gather in the harvest. Toll! Skimp! Deny! And toll on until the darkness comes and the old limbs are falling-"
"But, father, what is the reward of all this suffering and self-denial?"

"Reward? Think of the supreme joy of sitting in life's gloaming and telling your children and grandchildren about

## WAS IN DEAD EARNEST.

Letter of the Organ Editor Who Asked the Railroad President for a Pass.

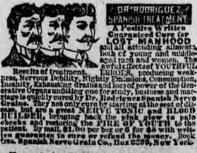
From the Portland Sun.
"There is nothing so important as the good will of your patrons, and there is no better way for you to secure this than by Issuing passes to influential persons when cogent reasons are shown. Now, last week I wrote to Mr. Stone to send mean rate to Correlle at the company of the send me a pass to Corvallis, as I wanted to go down to see some friends, and my legs are rather weak, but he, with a heart as hard as his name, replied that the trouble in my limbs was probably caused by not using them enough, and told me I could use the track to walk on. This sort of language is not calculated to create a friendly feeling, to say the least. I would like to have a reserving the least. I would like to have a pass to Corvallis—some time when you think

Wife Tells the Story-It Will Interest Many People-(From the Buffalo Evening News.)

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