# The Iconoclast.

rival to go early," he remarked, within pure himself to those who jest at scars his tone a hint of the gloom accompanying a sentimental misunderstanding. "You were to have come on the

11.02. It is now---"Don't!" she exclaimed, prettily, but pottishly. "I hate to be tried at a bar where justice is overshadowed by the first witness-a machine made in Waltham. Waltham is not a nice suburb at all, and it is terrible to consider how much more trust a man puts in his

waten than in a woman's word." He was silent while considering what might have been said. At the same time it appeared as if she was right. He did make of his watch a court of appeal-a dernier resorte-as she made a few tears, shed becomingly.

"The 11.02 nowever, proved quite impossible," she continued, calmly, saille her parasol proved how near it could to the home of an ant without making of it a ruin. "I don't see why-I was here at the

She regarded him for a moment with the wide-eyed stare of injured inno-The 11.02 was quite impossible," she repeated. "Papa was having an early function with a man who came to the house on business connested with the mill and remained on pleasure connected with pate de foie gray. And when I listened at the door of the dining-room they were talking of James G. Blaine.

"Ethel," exclaimed the young man, with a visible frown of approvance,"von can make a fool of me-as by compelling me to wait from the 11.0, until now-but don't add in my discomfort by making game of me. James G.

'James G. Bleine is papa's beto noire · I wouldn't dare to go near him when he talks on the subject. And papa

And as she delivered this convincing statement with a superior smile, and sent it home accompanied by a shaft from her blue eyes, he meditated more that might be said. Feeling urged him to draw the comparison between the saving of seven and three-fourths cents and the disappointment of a walting lover, but finance is a delicate subject where a man and maid are concerned, so he held his peace, and began to plan for holding her hand. Somewhat absent-mindedly he remarked; "Well, there was the 12.00.

The 12.03, yes, but don't geen to

realize that this is Thursday."

"Thursday? 'Not realize that it is Thursday, the day of the appointment to which I have been looking forward since Sunday, Certainty it is Thursday-and I was under the impression that the 12.03 ran every day except

"Of course, stupid! But I can never take the 12.05 on Thursdays. It is the most impossible train. Religet takes If to come in town for her afternoon

He gazed blankly and quite uncor vinced at his vis-a-vis until she added "You don't seem to understand-or you won't-but there are things one positively cannot do. One may sew for 'the girl.' you see, or read to her while she irons, or do her work for her, or even eat with her if she comes very nice intelligence office, and says she must be one of the family when she comes, but there is only once when you are bringing her out for the first possible than the 11.02."

Her hands were clasped tightly round the parasol handle, and she had toward innocent dalliance. He reflected that men with dark-laid schemes most frequently stood in their own light, boldly possessed himself of her gray glove and its contents, and said with increased cheer, "Well, the 1.45." To his surprise she blushed rosy red.

so that he felt as profoundly amazed a favorite meerschaum mislaid the previous evening, and had discovered a nodding?" hauntingly beautiful sunrise.

I suppose I must tell you all about 12.03 and the 1.45 that I remembered what you told me once of a man who more could happen. utilized spare moments of the sort-Elihu Something was his name-and in the end grew most wonderfully learned. Of course, acquiring Hebrew, or even only from 12.03 to 1.45, but I took the first step and went into the library." "That was several steps," he re-

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ad I felt like fainting. My heart beat 120
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not be alive in the morning. I wrote to Dr. Pierce for advice. He prescribed his Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Peilets.' At first I thought the mcdi-cines did no good, but I kept on taking them as advised, and when I had taken five bot-tles I was so well that it seemed I did not need any more, but

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"It is no atonoment for a late ar- | marked mentally, trying not to com-

and still have wounds "How amusing. Did I say that? It's a joke, isn't it? And you once told me comen had no sense of humor. Besides, it was several steps, because I was quite across the hall and in the drawing-room when the idea first came

"Well," he went on in an encouragng manner, "So, while I was sitting here reading for the millionth time the hree weeks old advertisements on that dead wall, and eating my heart outfor I had no luncheon-and between whiles making myself a laughing stock to the men who hang around that station by imploring them for information as to a possible accident down the line, you were trying to make a learned oman of yourself?"

"If you would only listen," she pout-"I got that darling pencil you gave me Christmas and then I sharpened it with that sweet penknife you sent me New Years, and then I remembered that I had never given you a penny in exchange for it, and that some time i would be sure to cut f-friendship. Of ourse, you don't believe in such superstitious nonsense, for you know, and I know, it's not true, but somehow the fates don't seem to know. And not a person in the house had a pennymamma, nor Cousin Jen, nor the sec-

that allowed one to borrow money from servants with whom one might not share a railroad train, while she con-"And we shook Cousin Jen's bally's bank, but nothing came out except nickels, and Cousin Jen teased of e dreadfully over wanting the penny for you, so that I ran back into the ee you are not the only one who sufpicture out of my desk and it reminded ne of you, and you seemed to be smiling, and I thought of that last moonlight evening in the cance, and the ier the willows playing the banjo. whom you said you envied, and it was all so beautiful, and the scent of the

lilacs in the air, and while I thought of them—and you—the 1.45 went by——" He gave with his own hand the conulsive clasp that he would have given to hers had it remained where he wished it. Then reason readvanced with the usual grim visage.

"The lilacs were not in bloom," he aid, sti y, "They are only budding said, sti y. now, and that evening was three weeks

"Which is about the length of time that will clapse before I keep another appointment with you," she said, with such dignity as could accord with quivering lips and trembling chin. Fancy struggled with fact, and the

latter was thrown. "Never mind the lilacs," he whist-"There is yet the 2.10 and the .15, to say nothing of the 4.06."

"The 2.10," she replied concisely, went by while I was putting on this hat. A plain sailor will do very well before noon, and even up to 2 o'clock, but later it is apt to make one look like a typewriter girl on her way home from the office.

He was slightly staggered, but mantake you twenty minutes to put on

"No, not if I have merely to put it on. But, you see, this is my changequite ignored his tentative movements the side come out, and the flowers are pinned in. I were it yesterday with my blue tailor-made, and it had violess and manye ribbon, which of course would never do for a brown cost. While was hunting for my red ribbons Cousin Jen offered to lend me some burnt orange out of her black face toque, and she had to find the toqueas once when in Switzerland he had the baby had been playing with itgone out of an early morning to find and rip out the orange, and I had to sew it in-why. I really believe you are

"I beg your pardon," he said, drawing a long breath. "I think I undershe nurmured. "You see, there stand it as well as I ever can. Now as such a lot of time between the for the 3.15. You had fixed your millinery and the girl had gone, so what

> Suste Gray. She just came in for a sinute, you know, and we got to talking of Harry Hammond. She is by way of having a penchant for him, I suspect, at least, she defends his cravats, and that means a good deal when man wears plaids, and I considered in my duty to tell her that while Harry might be very lovely, still a man canot support a wife on cards for \$ o'clock teas. The 2.15 went while I was convincing her, and before the 4.06 came namma thought we ought to have tea. You see, I had missed my lancheon on account of having the appointment with you so early as the 11.02

He seemed interested in the horizon. but she went on, "I began to think, then, how perfectly levely it would be if you should take some train yourself and come over, instead of waiting for me. I mentioned that to Suc. sub rosa, and she thought it very skely that you would. So I ordered nuffins because you like them, and we drew the tea just five minutes before the 4.11 from here came in. When it whistled I ran to the door and looked down the avenue toward the station, and women who had been in town shopping got off, and Bridget came back, but you-you didn't-and I was so disappointed. Then Sue said you hadn't half as much intuition as Harry. and intuition on a man's part made girl happy-and-and-my eyes got red, and I couldn't find a veil to cover them

in time to get the 5.64." "Miss Beebee," said her companion, interrupting brusquely, and rising to his feet, "I see no object in continuing he present conversation. You came on the 5.48. I am deeply grateful for the trouble you have taken, and have no doubt the tea table and your fair companion amply compensated for lesing a matinee in my company. I can well believe, now, that it is impossible to please a woman, because she never knows what she wants. Will you al-

ow me to see you to the 6.53?" As they walked away he reflected bitterly on the large disasters that follow small mischances. After she was on the 6.53, and the 6.53 was on its way to a suburb that was nicer than Waltham, he continued to reflect. Their last words had been mutually cutting.

She had said, gravely, "It has been a mistake. I could never be happy with a man who used the same letters in spelling mathematics and love.

Good evening.

He had said words of obvious politeess and intentional sarcasm. however, he recalled the look in her eyes, and it troubled him. Quite suddenly a new idea came to him, in juxtaposition with a telegraph office. Stepping in, he called for a blank and

Miss Ethel Beebee. Rose Villa, The Highlands. James G. Blaine is dead. Next time take the 11.02.

William Van Renssaeler Whitney. It was brought to the girl before o'clock, and she smiled once more as

the read. "Dear boy,' she murmured, "I will remember that. With such a knockdown argument for papa he can never keep the mileage: And after all, Willie is right. If I had only got the 11.02 I don't think we would have quarreled at When she had considered this idea for a time, with the air of a feminine Isaac Newton making an important discovery, she added, "After all, I believe Sue is wrong. He has intuition."-Edith Miniter, in Boston Home

#### A GREAT SNAKE REGION.

One of the Curiosities of the Klamath Falls Country.

From the San Francisco Chronicie The hideous sights that haunt men's minds in delirium and other disorders of the brain are beneved to have no foundation in fact. The sufferer sees huge masses of snakes crawling and writhing in heaps before his mental vision. He imagines them hissing and squirming about him, but in his normal condition he realizes that all these visions are hallucinations and nothing more. He knows perfectly that he has never seen more than two or three snakes together in actual life. And yet, untrue as it may seem, it is neverthe-He reflected on suburban etiquette less a fact that snakes do exist congregated in astonishing numbers that have infested one locality until it has become a wonder to all those who

This tand of snakes, known by either the two unsuggestive names of "Linkville" or "Klamath Falls," is situated in an obscure corner over the library and shut the door hard. You California border line in Oregon and may be reached in twenty-four hours' fers, in spite of your railroad station travel from San Francisco. You have officials. And someway I took your only to take the northern-bound train for Ager, thence a stage line of about twenty miles conducts you to your destination. It is impossible to associate "snakes"

silver-plated look of the water, and with the beautiful and varying scenthe dreadfully affectionate counte un- ery through which you pass as far as Klamath Hot Springs. Trees and streams and all the glories of mountain scenery greet you on every hand. You drive through a luxurious growth of evergreens and shrubbery; you cross and recross numerous streams; you breathe the soft air of Shasta and But when you have left Siskiyou. Klamath Hot Springs a rew miles behind there is an appreciable difference in the landscape. Sparsity of vegetation is the first observable change. At every turn of the road the aspect becomes more barren, more forlorn and more desolate. Finally, you seek in vain for a tree or a shrub, and at last, dust-covered and weary, you pull up at a dry, withered village, that produces nothing on its hard, rocky but revolting snakes. You have reached Linkville, the haunting retreat of serments!

There is a bridge in Linkville that pans Klamata river. From this bridge. which is a vantage point as far as view is concerned, a most extraordinary sight meets the eyes. Along the river banks at irregular intercals of a few yards are seen dark balls ranging from a foot to three feet in diameter. They are stationary and as passive as aged to murmur. "Still, dear, it doesn't a bowlder, which they resemble in color. But if a stone is hurled at any of these strange spheres, to your hornor sources will crawl off in every direction and the ball will melt away as able hat. These resettes and loops in pulsive creatures that have thus been coiled up in a perfect sphere glide away under rocks, and one minute later not a spot. But the other balts of spakes in the vicinity are little disturbed by the stone. A close inspection will retail in the mass that before looked like an immevable bowider. These that were scattered, however, may later seek the neighboring spheres or in a few minutes slink out of their hiding of these lands, either in whole or in departure from old methods, containing places and reassemble themselves in

As has been said, Linkville is in a very barren district. Nothing whatever grows upon the rocky soil, not even sagebrush. And so, the river banks, which are a mass of drift wood and rocks, seem a befitting place for snakes. But it is surprising that they should develop in such great numbers. When not rolled in balls they may be een slipping in and out among the rubbish, and the ground for yards will

be a squirming, wriggling mass, These snakes are perfectly harmless Indeed, if it were not for this fact Linkville would not be habitable, for, while the immediate neighborhood of the river is the favorite haunt, they roam for many hundreds of yards away, and may be seen along the roadways and around the houses and creeping over the porches. They possess marked degree of tameness. You may pick them up with impunity, and calldren play with them on the doorsteps

The Linkville snakes are dark in olor, with two yellowish stripes on their backs. The average size is about an inch and a half in diameter and a yard in length, though many are smaller and some attain much greater pro-

#### CHAMPION WOLF KILLERS.

Two Hunters in South Dakota Make

\$150 a Week. From the Philadelphia Times. The wolf-killing championship of the northwest can, without question, onfidently claimed by Jesse and "Lon" Brown, living between here and the Black Hills, who at present are making from \$100 to \$140 per week trapping wolves and coyotes for the liberal bounties offered by the cattlemen. The bounty fund is raised by assessing cattlemen 5 cents per head for cattle owned by them. John Albers, who has just returned from the cattle ranges of the ceded Sioux lands west of the Missouri river, gives some interesting in formation concerning the operations of these skillful wolf hunters. The vast cattle range between here and the Black Hills, extending for a distance of 250 miles, is divided into three wolf and coyote bounty districts. Thus, between the Cheyenne river and a line drawn north and south through the center of Jackson county, a bounty of \$10 per gray wolf is paid; from the center of Jackson to the center of Pratt county comprises the next district, where all gray wolves killed are paid for at the rate of \$8 each. In these two districts the bounty for coyotes is \$1 each. The third and last district comprises the

county and extending to the mouth of Bull creek, on White river. For gray wolves killed in this region the boun-ty is fixed at \$7, and 50 cents each for coyotes. In addition to these bounties the cattlemen board Jesse and Lon Brown and furnish them with the horses needed by them in their campaign against the wolves.

twenty gray wolves. They place the traps in places where welves and covotes are accustomed to rendezvous and take such precautions as are necessary to prevent cattle, calves and horses being caught in their traps. They employ a peculiar scent to draw the wolves and coyotes to their traps. This scent is very powerful, the principal ingredient being musk or something very similar to it in odor. The fourfooted pests of the range are decidedly cunning, and great care has to be taken not to arouse their suspicions The traps, after being set, are placed in a hollowed out spot in the ground, covered with paper and then hidden from view by sprinkling light dirt or dust upon them.

A piece of fresh meat, usually mutton, is then laid close to the trap after a quantity of the scent has been placed upon it. This scent has a peculiarly penetrating odor, and, if the wind is contemporaries. favorable, will attract wolves and coyotes from as much as a mile away. The animals sniff the air, proceed toward the spot from which the scent proceeds, and while smelling suspiciously around the scented piece of meat step into the trap and are caught. Each trap is se curely fastened by a chain, so that it cannot be dragged away by the captives. Frequent visits to the traps are made by the hunters, when the captured animals are killed and their scalps and hides taken away as evidence necessary to secure the bounty.

### WISCONSIN'S LUMBER OUTPUT.

Climatic Conditions Affected by the Denudation of the Forests.

m the Philadelphia Times According to a report written by Filbert Roth, a special agent of the United States department of agriculture. the state of Wisconsin, with a population of about 2,000,000 and taxable property to the amount of \$600,000,000, has a home consumption of over 600,000,000 feet of lumber annually, besides enormous quantities of other wood would cost the state over \$25,000,000. Of its northern half, a land surface of over 18,000,000 acres, only 7 per cent, is cultivated, the rest forming one continuous body of forest and waste land From this area there have been cu during the last sixty years more than 5,000,000,000 feet of pine lumber alone, and the annual output for the past ten years has exceeded 3,000,000,000 feet every year.

The industries exploiting this resource represented in 1890 one-sixth of the total taxable property in the state paid to over 5,000 nen the sum of \$15,-000,000 in wages and the value of their products was equal to more than one third of the entire output of the agricultural regions. Of an original stand of about 130,980,000,000 feet of pine about 17,000,000,000 feet are left, besides 12. 000 000,000 feet of hemlock and 16,000, 000,000 feet of hard wood.

The annual growth, which at present amounts to about 900,000,000 feet, and of which only 150,000,000 feet is marketable, is largely overbalanced by the natural decay of old and over-ripe tim-

At present nothing is being done eithof which fully 80 per cent, arunproductive. This policy causes a con tiauous and ever-growing loss to the commonwealth, which at present amounts to about \$60,000,000 feet every year of useful and much-needed material. A further result is that the spoil. ation of these forests is making a marked change in the natural climatic condition and is operating injuriously on the amount of rainfall the state should receive

To remedy this condition Mr. Roth is of opinion that stringent legislation veal only a moving head or twitching will have to be immediately adopted, and measures framed to reserve and restock. He concludes his report by saying that, in his opinion, it will be necessary for the state to repossess itself greet part.

#### Wilful Blindness.

"I should think that old maid was old enough to see it's not becoming to be That's her cuteness. She's trying to make out she is too young to have her eyes open."

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Exceptionally Fine.

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#### The Best Yet Seen. ameaster Examiner.

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#### It Improves with Age. Scranton Free Press.

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#### Best Yet Received.

Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer. Of the many almanacs that have comthis office the best that has yet put in appearance is that of the Scranton Tribune. It is a regular encyclopedia and discounts anything issued by the metro-

#### Finest of Its Kind. Elmira Telegram

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issued under the title of Political Handand Household Encyclopedia and is all that its name implies. It is a book of over 200 pages and contains a good deal of general as well as local information, with a number of local illustrations.

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Scrunton Times. We have received an advance copy of he Scranton Tribune Political Hand-Book for 1897. It is the most elaborate publition of the kind ever attempted in this city, containing in its 204 pages a greavariety of information and making it handy book of reference for the politi cian and the seeker after statistics. The Tribune has put forth special efforts to make this compilation valuable, and it

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#### Systematically Arranged. Olyphant Gazette.

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#### The Greatest Production. Carbondate Herald.

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#### Creditable Work Hazleton Plain-Spanker.

The Plain-Speaker acknowledges the re-cipt of well compiled almanaes from the Wilkes-Barre Record and the Scranton Tribune. Both are valuable compendiums of every day information, the work being very creditable for two of Pennsylvania's foremost interior newspapers.

#### Handsomest of Annuals.

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