The golden lights in wondrous splendor

Ere Winter comes, of stern and rugged

And Autumn whispers to the world

And russet robes give place to ermine

And Nature's heart with joyous whisper

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

city hall has cost \$23,000,000, and it is not

eges has increased 37 per cent. The Church of San Francisco, which

was founded by Pizarro, at Lims, in 1835, was almost destroyed by fire recently. It is believed that the most ancient

dictionary in the world is the Chinese lexicon, compiled by Pacutshe a thousand

The home of the shad when it leaves the river for the sea after spawning is

unknown, and nothing whatever is known of its habits or food.

the greater part of Europe with cereals, has herself become a purchaser of grain

from the United States.

About 24 women in 100 are stronger in the left arm than they are in the

right; women, too, are more frequently equally strong in both arms than are

An Idea of the development of South

Africa is given by the fact that the Chemical and Metallurgical society of South Africa has 534 members, of whom

449 are residents in that part of the

At a depth of twenty-seven feet a

curious discovery was made recently on the island of Gothland-the skeletons of

several knights in full armor scated on their horses. Archeologists think they date back to the ninth century. Hveen, the little Danish island in the sound half way between Seeland and

the Swedish coast, and only fifteen miles from Copenhagen, is being bargained for by a German syndicate which wishes to

turn the island into a gambling resort like Monte Carlo.

One of the departments of Cornell unt

versity kept a record of the destruction caused by lightning in New York state

during August. It killed six men, eigh-teen horses, twenty cows and one sheep

and struck fifty-nine barns, twelve rest dences, two churches and one mill. In proportion the churches seemed to fare

vorse than any other kind of property. In the canary-breeding establishments of

dermany only the male birds are valued for the females never sing. The method of training the birds to sing is to put

them in a room where there is an au-tomatic whistle, which they all strive to

forts of the birds and picks out the mos

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other room for further instruction.

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mitate.

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guaranteed.

Russia, which has heretofore supplied

Home Companion.

cears before Christ.

good-by; But ere the song of mountain stream be

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When space will permit. The Tribune is always glad to print short letters from its friends bearing on current topics but its rule is that these must be signed, for publication, by the writer's real name.

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As a result of the activities of a Taxpayers' association which took steps to plug the leaks in the county treasury, the costs collected in Schuylkill county on cases tried before the criminal court have risen from about \$2500 last year to nearly \$3000 this year while in many directions substantial economies have been enforced. This example shows that where there is a will to effect reforms in court administration ways and means will present

Thanksgiving Day.

OR PERSONAL blessings every day should be a thanksgiving day; on this especial occasion we properly take pause to meditate upon the benefits, advantages and opportunities confronting us collectively.

In a material sense the prospect may well awaken the liveliest sentiments of satisfaction and gratitude. From a trying period of depression the American people have emerged into a fulness of prosperity far in excess of their wildest dreams. Farm, factory, rallroad and mine, north, south, east and west, bear tokens of a richness such as is not to be found in any other land; such, histories tell us, as never existed in any other age. The United States, not content with being the granary of the world, is becoming rapfdly the work shop of the world and is preparing to assert its primacy in the ocean-carrying trade of the No need to cite the figures. No need to tell of the millions that measure the phenomenal Increase of American wealth between the daily rising and the setting of the sun. The fact is written high and large where every man can see that on this soil of ours Providence has wrought the new miracle of the centuries in a magic bounteousness of social endowment exceeding the Utopias of the seers of old.

But it is not for this chiefly that we should be grateful at this particular moment. It is rather for the opportunity to bestow this great trust becomingly and well; an opportunity which is a challenge to the highest manhood, To the people of this nation have been recently committed by Providence manifested through events guardianships over inferior peoples as well as tremendously strengthened moral prestige and influence in the great counclis of the world. We are to have a test of our ability to subordinate to Christian duty the pomp and intoxications of imperial power; we are to show whether in the woof of our national character there is a fibre sufficiently strong to hold us true to our high ideals while yet performing some of the great labors which beflt the possession of great power. On this day sanctified to reverence and thanksgiving let no American regret the test or will to meet it by whining or evasion.

With cessation of hoatilities against Dewey, the question naturally comes to mind: Who will be the next target for the yawping yellows?

Harper and Brothers.

N THE embarrassments which have overtaken it the great publishing house of Harper & Brothers will have the substantial sympathy of all friends of American literature together with fervent hopes for a speedy rehabilitation. The difficulty into which it has drifted seems to have been the not uncommon one of putting off until tomorrow economies which should have been instituted today. Income is an uncertain factor but interest gnaws on continuously and the time came when even the great house of Harper found its accumulated indebtedness too heavy a load to bear.

It is fortunate in having lenient crediters who share with J. Pierpont Morgan the opinion that its downfall would be "a national calamity." It is 'these later days, when publishers are nificant statement as thick as hops, we may not appreciate as we should the indebtedness of an earlier generation to the Har- partment is one of the greatest scan-'pers, who were our fathers' representative and almost indispensable purvoydrs of polite literature; but every American who has the gift of retrospection must entertain a sense of personal concern in the welfare of this historic establishment.

Aguthaldo is probably thankful that his legs have not given out.

The Currency Caucus Bill. HE CONSERVATISM of the Republican caucus currency

session by not provoking the antag- article in the Journal of Political conisms which would beset a more rad-

"ical proposition. The cardinal feature of the bill is the provision establishing by mandate the figures below \$34 per ton per hundred -single gold standard and requiring all dinterest bearing obligations to be payable in gold. Silver certificates and haul the mails by wagon. If the gov-silver dollars remain legal tender and ernment had two tons of mail to send are redeemable in gold at the option from New York to Chicago, and time of the recretary of the treasury but was no object, it could actually buy a the maintenance of the parity of all team of horses and a wagon, hire a him and no loophole is left for administrative acts calculated to impair the for less than the railroads charge it stability of the gold standard. This for carrying the sacks in its own harputs into law the will of the people tered car."

to intelligent popular judgment.

Another feature likely to recommo it is the provision increasing the banknote privilege to the par of deposited bonds and substituting for the present one per cent, tax on bank circulation a one-tenth of one per cent. franchise tax, the value of the bank's franchise being determined by its capital, surplus and undivided profits. This provision does not secure the clasticity Comptroller Dawes, but in conjunction with the authorization of national banks with \$25,000 capital it contemplates a considerable expansion of bank circulation and to that extent gency and promote the development of commercial enterprise in sparsely settled communities. The feature of elasthe best informed students of the banking problem, can be urged at a later time when congressional conditions appear more propilious.

This caucus bill is only a step. But It is a step manifestly in the right itrection, and other progress will fol-

General Miles still adheres to his belief that the regular army of the United States on a normal basis should be not less than 65,000 strong, or about of population. "That would," says he, "be a very small number as compared yet sufficiently large to keep abreast are being made." The question of army reorganization may not be entirely solved by the next congress, but progress toward its solution is demanded by every consideration of national common sense.

Work That Counts.

N THE ADDRESS presented recently to the president by the delegation representing the Cuban Planters' and Farmers' association were grouped some figures which strikingly exhibit the waste through which Cuban agriculture and industry passed as a result of the incendiary insurrection against Spain. They bear intimately upon the problem of Cuban reconstruction.

"That the sources of wealth in the island of Cuba had been drained out to almost exhaustion when the period of American occupation began is a fact," says the address, "which admits of no dispute. The sugar crop, which had been 1,054,214 tons in 1894, and 1,004,264 tons in 1895, suddenly fell down, thanks to the insurgents' torch, to 348,126 tons in 1896, 262,434 tons in 1897, and 226,888 tons up to August. 1898. In 1894 there were on the soil of Cuba 1.100 sugar plantitions, 191 coffee estates, 8.875 tobacco farms, giving occupation to about 80,000 peasants, 4,298 cattle ranches and 23,238 farms, where minor agricultural products were raised. What was left of all that under the proclamations of General Maximo Gomez and the bandos of General Weyler is not unknown in this country. If there are now in Cuba more than 145 sugar plantations, in anything which may approach running importance. order, it will be a surprise to the Cubans."

That the quickest way to secure a vancement, is to forward the agricultural and commercial reconstruction there is no reverse side. It is is a in cheerful sign to see the substantial now taking hold in good faith and spirit in co-operation with the American authorities toward this Indispensable end.

Secretary Hay is credited with the ambition to bring about, at least informally, a better understanding among the great nations with respect not only to the political and commercial future of China, but also in reference to diplomatic interests in general. The czar's peace congress was a beautiful dream which American statesmanship may yet, by practical overtures founded on common sense, convert into a substantial reality. The recent course of events indicates that the present secretary of state at Washington is an example of the right man in the right place.

The Postal Deficit.

NE OF THE things which must in fairness be said of Hon. John Wanamaker is that he made an efficient also fortunate in having at its head, postmaster general. The business acuin Colonel Harvey, a business man men which he brought into play upon courageous enough to face facts and the problems of that office imparted act in accordance with their prompt- an impetus which has not yet died ing. The result will be a cutting away down. The testimony of Mr. Wanaof dead weight, a reorganization on maker upon a problem of postal adthe basis of economic modern methods ministration therefore merits attenand eventually a new career of in- tive consideration, and in his North creased prosperity and usefulness. In American we find the following sig-

"The excrbitant tribute drawn by the railroads from the Postoffice dedals of our government. We pay \$35,-000,000 a year for the transportation of the mails by rail. Half of that amount would be an extravagant A reduction to that extent would wipe out the deficit and leave the postal service with an annual profit of over \$10,000,000. Mr. Finley Acker, on behalf of the National Board of Trade, told the Postal commission that the average rate paid to the railroads for hauling the mails was 440 per ton per hundred miles. Dr. George C. Tunell, a transportation expert employed by railroad companies to make bill will doubtless expedite the best possible showing in their beits passage at the coming haif, challenged this statement in an Economy, but after making all possible and some impossible deductions, he did not succeed in reducing the miles. That is 34 cents per ton mile, which is more than it would cost to our money is made obligatory upon man to drive them and pay the expenses of team and man on the road

as expressed both in 1896 and in 1898 | This testimony derives especial im-

and will increasingly commend itself | portance from the fact that the railroads have lately put in a claim for a higher rate of pay, hoping by this move to avert the threatened battle in the next congress for a reduction of their contracts. It is also pretty well understood that the outery over the second class mail nuisance (that is, the admission to the mails at the second class postage rate of books run ostensibly as serials and of tons upon tons of stuff nominally registered as recommended by Secretary Gage and periodicals but in no sense entitled to so low a postage rate) is greatly intensified by railroad influences, who hope by this means to distract public attention away from the mail freight rate problem. It is clear that the secwill operate to relieve monetary strin- ond class privilege is being abused and that steps should be taken by congress to correct that abuse: but it seems to be equally well established that a reticity, so necessary in the opinion of vision of contracts between the government and the railroads is necessary. The way to cure the postal deficit is to attack it at both ends.

The fairness of the proposed change in the basis of representation in Republican national conventions appeals to every element in the party save the shyster element in the Southern states. The indorsement by the national committee next month of Mr. Payne's motion to allow each state one trained soldier for each thousand four delegates at large and one delegate for each 10,000 votes or majority fraction thereof cast at the last prewith other armies of the world, but ceding presidential election would receive the heartlest approval of of the improvements in warfare which the Republican party membership throughout the country and be a step in the direction of obvious justice. Let those have the power to nominate who will be required to do the electing.

> According to accounts of the voyage of the Mananeuse, the disabled transport is liable to prove a greater menace to American soldiers than Filipino bullets. Some one should be called to account for sailing a vessel in such a condition that the greater portion of Was chained by the neck to the jamb of the crew deserted at the first port.

The walking delegates of discontent who are endeavoring to stir up a war, in Cuba may find the trouble they are looking for sooner than they anticipated but in a different form than they

The Chicago "Silver Republicans" would display better taste if another name was placed on their misleading

ENGLAND'S TRADE WITH US.

From the Philadelphia Press.

Whatever may be said of the govern mental or purely political questions which relations with England, there affect our relations with England, there are solid arguments why, for commerclai reasons, we should continue to main-tain with that country the magnificent trade connection which has so long exsted. Great Britain has long been the pest customer for our export commodities, and there is every reason to believe that she will continue to be, and for sel fish reasons alone this country ought to do what is proper to be done to keep alive the great fact that the mainten-ance of the commercial status is of vitai

It is probable that in the calendar year 1899 the value of British imports from the United States will aggregate more than \$631,000,000, or about half the total contented population in Cuba, easily exports of this country in what will inclined toward education and ad-probably prove to be the year of the heaviest merchandise expert trade. The imports of products of the United States of the island is a proposition to which than \$631,000,000 and more than \$500,000,000 in 1897 and 1896. The merchanduse exports this year from Great Britcheerful sign to see the substantial ain to this country will probably classes among the island's population be the largest since 1897, and they estimated at. \$150,000,000 Since 1895, when the value of British merchandise exports to this country was \$220,000,000 there has been a falling off, except in 1897, when there were extraordinary shipments of some leading articles pending the passage of the Dingley tariff bill. For five years the bustour favor and the excess of imports from the United States has arisen enormously In 1895 the balance of trade with Eng land in favor of this country on merchandise account was \$220,000,000. The next year it rose to \$730,000,000, and in 1898 to \$187,000,000. This year will be somewhat less, but will probably be \$478,-000,000. During the five years, including 1899, the excess of merchandise exports from the United States to Great Britain has approximated two billions of dollars

the making of some sacrifice to keep. PERSONALITIES.

a trade worth keeping and, if necessary,

M. J. O'Connell, who died in Hartford, Conn., recently, was in his youth hailed as an artist of the first promise, and Ruskin spoke of him as the best colorist

America ever produced. Mmc. Melha says that the truest com-pliment she ever received was from a little boy out west, who blushingly re-marked, "You can sing nicer than my pop can whistle on his fingers.

John Means, a geologist, who has been connected several years with the California State Mining Bureau, has sailed for Fien-Tsin, China, to accept a place with big English mining syndicate.

Grand Sire Alfred S. Pinkerton claimed at the banquet of the Veteran Odd Fellows' association in Boston that there are million Odd Fellows on this continent and that 20 per cent, of the army in the Philippines are members of that order. Charles Dewey, of Montpelier, Vt. brother of the admiral, has, it is said positively refused to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of the state next year, saying that his ambition does not run in that direction. The Rev. Elijah Kellogg, the author of "Spartacus to the Gladiators," known by all schoolboys, is row nearly 39 years old, but he continues to minister to the little church in Harpswell, Me., where

he went in 1844, after his graduation from Bowdoin and Andover. Hamlin Garland, the author of stories of Western life, is going to be married, the prospective bride being Miss Zulema She is the daughter of Professor Don Carlos Taft, formerly of the University of Illinois, and a sister of Lorado Taft, the sculptor. She is an artist of

Mme. Patti possesses a queer fad, which she has kept secret for many years from the public. It is only a few years since this peculiar fad or hobby became known. It is the passion she has for daggers and similar weapons. are small in size and many of them his-

William E. Webb is to inherit with the bulk of William H. Webb's estate the latter's most prized treasure, a gold box encircled with diamonds and set with various precious stones, the mark of appreciation which the caar of Russia gave him as a small return for the General Admiral, Webb's first warship.

How Foolish of Him.

"Dear," said Mrs. Youngwife, "those table castors squeak terribly. I wish when you come home tonight you would bring me some oil for them." "W kind?" "Why, castor oil, of course. New York Press.

CURRENT VERSE.

Thanksgiving.

A tear or two, a prayer or two,
For the dead that have gone before us;
Pure thoughts that stray from the world To the sweet heaven bending o'er us,

Strong hopes that thrill with a noble will For the work that may choose and call Deep soul-content, that but good is

In whatever may befall us song, a smile, and a pulse the white That throbs with the joy of living; A kiss or so from dear lips, and lo!

The Black Terror.

Madeline S. Bridges in Woman's Home

This is the heart's thanksgiving

It is estimated that there are in the United States nearly 4,000,000 women who A general uprising of the Basutos earn their own living. [The Globe, Nov. 6.] Slag left after the making of steel by Every nation in civilization
Will tremble in domes and walls;
Th' encradled babe will writhe and cry,
The nursing mother will sob and sigh, the Bessemer process is now being converted into phosphate.

During the last six years the value of the property of nineteen leading col-

And the veriest coward will dare to di When the big black thunderbolt falls!

The chief will ask for his heron plume, His people will hear his calls; His men will anthem a savage rune They'll beat their tom-toms 'neath the

And the conches they will roar at noon When the big black thunderbolt falls! They'll fright the fields with their sound-

ing shields,

A sound that the soul appals: They'll file their teeth, they will fill their And the kops, the neks, the vales and Will all be black with their naked pelts When the big black thunderbolt falls!

Their signal flames will brand their On the front of the mountain walls; The 'venging tribes will gather fast,

Their battle songs will ride the blast, And civilization will stand aghast When the big black thunderbolt falls! The earth shall hear with a throb of feat

The rush of the circling yell; In after years old men will tell How the nineteenth century, praised s

When the big black thunderbolt fell! But the Union Jack will dance and nod When a dauntless nation calls To triumph sure our men will plod;

They'll give the people, they'll give the They'll give a continent back to God If the big black thunderbolt falls! Toronto Globe.

To a Diamond.

Thou bauble of inconsequential size, That gleams alike on joy and on dis-Circle of fate! No cobblest me that lies To make a pave, but caps thy useful-

If I should crush thee with my heel, should spurn Thee from my sight, what matters it. say? Into thy purent earth thou wouldst but

And Love and Death would still keep on their way. And yet? Go little ring. I know thy

power. Mighty, but useless. Yet, for my de-Who knows but thou may rule the fickle hour-Make some one who is not this day be

Go, brilliant messenger, and play thy be content if thou, beneath her Will make the same impression on her As thou hast made upon my pocket-

A Portrait.

-Tom Mason, in Life.

She seemed the very self of grace Made manifest in womanhood; The type of some intended race Withdrawn because the world was rude; soul which stooped to pose in clay For some ideal swept away.

Her voice? Perhaps Prometheus, freed Had filehed it from the heaven of sound er Pan bequeathed his mellow reed To speak a language more profound; was a mortal note to chords Which immortality affords.

Parian chalice was her cheek, Through which the warm blood blushed like wine; And could some lordly lips bespeak One draught so rich from Autumn'

heart it cheered would gladly pour Red drop for drop to purchase more. The depths of her expressive eyes Seemed meant to shame the pride of

speech: Her smile made wisdom seem less wise For all it could not hope to teach; The heart, in its own strength secure, Though earthly warm was heavenly pure

The night beheld her darker hair, The brighter gems which there she wore.

Then snuffed its stars with angry air And crimsoned into day once more. She was the All of love distilled, The heart's forefancied dream fulfilled.
--Charles J. Bayne in Woman's Home

The Sunset of the Year. In richer hues than Tyrian dyes could

You wooded hill by Autumn's touch is Where golden birch and silver poplar blend dressed: With maples crimson as the robin's

And fragrant pines and stately hemlock With cedars vested in perennial green. While russet robes o'er oak and beeche

And sumachs, raising flaming torches In sunny spots and sylvan nooks are

Whistles his note ere brown wings down ward fail. As rings his death-knell to the Au-

In forest depths the evening's quiet

broods. Save where some lingering songster

Perchance rejoices in the suns of June

but through the aisles, with rustling car-

There falls no more upon the listening

ear, Through spacious nave and archway

overhead.

The melody of song—the choir has fled;

The calm that tells the scason's close is

O'er forest, field and marsh and wooded

pipes his tune. And in the amber glory of the woods

tumn sky.

pets spread.

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