

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

WORK FOR THE WEALTHY.

From "Froth and Dregs." BY WILD ECKERTON. Is the bark glibbed and gracefully mounded, Are you in the bay? Big no no dreaming with idle hands folded, Others are drifting away.

EPHEMERIS.

—Ezra Cornell is 62 years old. —Mt. Sinai is being scientifically surveyed. —Booth's new theatre is not yet completed. —New York is to have a new \$150,000 hospital. —There are boy choirs in twelve New York churches. —Ten for a cent is the price of oysters at Pensacola, Fla. —Jeff. Davis and Sidel died together on New Year's day. —Mrs. Cady Stanton is now down upon Newman Hall. —In London, sensation writers advertise themselves to let. —John Allen has re-appeared, this time as a Son of Temperance. —Alpine hats are no longer considered swell in New York. —Four and a half street in Washington has become Lincoln Avenue. —The United States uses daily, about one million of postage stamps. —Chicago wants to borrow four millions of dollars for improvements. —A statue to the memory of Henry Grattan is to be erected in Dublin. —The twentieth anniversary of a wedding is now called the China wedding. —A big balloon in New York is to cross the ocean with a French aeronaut. —Lotta is away down in New Orleans pleasing the people with her piquant playing. —The music in Rev. Edward Everett Hale's church in Boston costs \$5,000 a year. —New York has a boarding house into which neither children nor pianos are admitted. —The Mobile Councils talk of supplying each of their companies with a velocipede. —It takes four days for a letter from New York to go to Brooklyn through the postoffice. —Bishop Grace, a Roman Catholic prelate, has enjoined his people from using Pianchette. —New York will have to pay \$30,000,000 for the proposed bridge across the East river. —The new Senator from Indiana is a man of weight. A man of about four hundred weight. —The Grecian army is composed of eleven thousand regulars and thirty-five thousand reserves. —Walter Brown has a new boat thirty feet seven inches long which weighs but twenty-four pounds. —The Duke of Alba has become bankrupt. He is brother-in-law of the Empress of the French. —An American Club has been started in Rome and is successful. Members pay ten dollars a month. —The Count of Planders is now heir apparent to the throne of Belgium which his brother occupies. —Up at Lake Mepphremagog the mercury has stood at twenty-six degrees below zero this winter. —The Holman opera troupe has turned up again, this time in Chicago, doing French Opera Bonns in English. —A one-legged soldier and a one-armed sailor have gone into partnership in the hand organ business in New York. —All the world would do well to go to the Cornell University, as it costs but eighty-three cents a day to live there. —The Mormons object to religious interference, and recently arrested an Episcopal Missionary while holding service. —A scientific man of ingenuity wants to contract to keep the Hudson river from freezing, by sinking artesian wells along the channel. —The Illinois Insane Asylum has six hundred and twenty-three patients, only one dozen of whom have gone mad from disappointed love. —The candid Pall Mall Gazette says: "Every prediction that we have ever yet seen on the course of American affairs has turned out to be wrong." —On the 7th inst., London had a fog so dense that navigation on the Thames had to be stopped and business in the City was not interfered with. —From the year 1778 to June 30th, 1869, it is estimated that our Government will have spent \$107,137,686 in the care and protection of the Indians. —English Parliament will reassemble on February 18th, when it is supposed that Queen Victoria will in person deliver the speech from the throne. —A white person died a natural death recently in the Yo Semite Valley. This being the first instance of the kind on record the sensation was marked. —The very dramatic and thrilling story about Miss Reno's vendetta oath over her brother's corpse is said to have been the invention of a cheerful reporter. —At Lubec, Me., last Monday evening,

Mr. Edwin Young was tripped up by a boy coasting, and falling on the back of his head was so badly hurt that he died in about two hours. —A meerschaum pipe, two hundred and eighty years old, is owned in Worcester, Massachusetts. It can not have been smoked much or it would have been smoked out long ago. —Booth opens his new theatre next Monday. In olden times one looked for buffoonery and tinsl in booths, but now all lovers of the drama hope to find the height of excellence in Booth's. —In a paper recently read before the New York Medical Society, the author asserts that cheerful society at meals greatly aids digestion, there being a sympathetic influence between the stomach and brain. —Years ago Brigham Young was fined ten dollars in Cincinnati for threatening a man with the vengeance of Heaven. Brigham's defence was that the man had insulted him by asserting that he favored polygamy. —Belle Boyd nearly murdered a stage manager the other day, she drew a knife on him, but behaving, became confident that it was a dagger that he saw before him, suddenly decided to leave it behind him and did so. —Secretary Seward wants to travel and talks of going across the Continent. If he would visit his various actual and proposed purchases of property he would have a fine jaunt, quite traveling enough for his aging bones. —A kvely vendetta is in progress in Lafayette county, Miss. The trouble arose about the renewal of a note for \$2,500, and now half the whole neighborhood is hunting the other half, and three or four men have been killed. —A gentleman connected with one of the largest business firms in St. Louis recently called at a newspaper office and left a \$900 advertisement. He said that he had dreamed the night before that he had done so, and he felt that he ought to follow out the suggestion of his dream. —It looks as if Congress was going to award a pension of \$3,000 to the widow of the great President. As his widow, she is entitled to every consideration and respect that a grateful and sorrowing country is capable of. As Mrs. Lincoln, she deserves not even a passing notice. —By the death of the Hon. and Rev. John Porteus, Canon of Worcester Cathedral, four days ago, half a dozen leading aristocratic families are placed in mourning, and a valuable piece of church patronage falls to Mr. Gladstone's disposal—the first since his succession to the Premiership. —A sensible English judge lately instructed a jury to give moderate damages in a breach of promise case, because it was a most mischievous thing to "frighten a man into marrying a woman he did not like by heavy damages." It is much better for the girl that she should find out his dislike before than after marriage. —An exchange asks us to believe this yarn: A child of Mr. Theodore Hendrix, of Westfield, Connecticut, got a kernel of corn in his nose some weeks since, and its parents failed to get it out. A few days since the child was taken to a physician, who administered chloroform and extracted the corn, which had sprouted and grown three-quarters of an inch. —The Philadelphia Ledger says: The following vessels cleared from this port last week with petroleum: Bark Idolique, for London, with 110,012 gallons; bark Harmony, for Antwerp, with 44,862 do; bark Given, for Halifax, with 1,000 do, making a total of 126,764 gallons since the first of January. Five barks and two brigs are now loading for foreign ports. —A writer in the New York Commercial Advertiser says of Horace Greely: "He may go on humbugging the unsophisticated that he is an honest man and a political saint, but he will never be able to make the writer of this article believe he is anything else than a first-class fraud and hypocrite." This must make Horace feel dreadfully, but he has such command of his feelings that probably no one will ever find it out. —A popular edition of the poetical translation of Dante by King John of Saxony has been called for and is to be published. The English papers say, with what must be regarded as a squint at their Queen: "Contrary to the rule in the case of royal authors, His Majesty has produced a work which is considered excellent and deserves the esteem in which it is held in Germany. —So many pretty things have been said about mercy that almost every President or Governor tries his hand in a little of the divine quality. It is a nice thing to pardon, the Governor who does it and the culprit who receives it as well as some of his friends all enjoy it, but pardoning has gotten to be so universal that three of four years in a year is the most that the severest sentence amounts to with a criminal who has any influence or friends. Whisky operators, murderers, extortioners, all are treated alike with equal mercy, but if the various executives would manage to return the silk to the manufacturer as heavy as sixteen ounces for twelve received, and often as high as over twenty ounces to the pound on black silk. Out of twenty spoons of sewing being tested, eight being deficient in length, one of them being thirty-eight yards short of one hundred.

Christmas Festivities in Hungary. A correspondent of the London Times gives a lively account of the Christmas festivals of the Hungarian people. He says the principal thing is to pass the time merrily, and that Christmas, New Year and Twelfth Night are thrown, as it were, into one pot, and form one long holiday for the pleasant meetings, games and amusements. "One of the great features of these festivals are the representations of the Nativity and of the Adoration of the Magi. Not long ago, even in the capital, you could meet in the evening, at this time of year, bands of merrymen going about from house to house and exhibiting their art. But it was not in the capital that you must look anywhere to study such old popular customs, but in the country, and in the country towns, where the drama of these tenacious bands flourishes now as briskly as ever. But these exhibitions have not the faintest resemblance to those ponderous, well-prepared mysteries which still exist in some German places. It is more a humorous travesty coupled with improvisations on local affairs. From beginning to end good humor pervades them, so that were it not for a certain bonhomie, you might call it a satire. The object is simply to amuse by drolleries and extempore songs. The mixture of the serious and comic is incredibly ludicrous. Just fancy, for instance, a hussar, or liveried Hungarian servant, entering gravely, bowing and asking for permission to introduce to the company the Archangel Gabriel and the shepherds. Then, when the permission is given, the drama begins their conversation, which almost always consists in joking and quizzing each other, perceiving that the guests in their own way, and immediately after singing a pious, simple song, calling on each other to go and worship the Babe; or else you may see the shepherds asleep, and the Archangel coming in and belaboring them to rouse them from their sleep, and frightening the lazy by telling them the fit that their sheep have strayed. "Even more amusing are, perhaps, the representations of the night which like the Athenian boors in Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," carry their lantern to represent the star which leads them to the manger. According to the custom, one of the three is black, and he is the butt of the company, whose questions and answers are an unceasing play on words and meanings." Velocipede mania. Two schools, or academies, (we are getting above the use of so common a word as school) for instruction in the use of the velocipede, are now open in New York. Each school has three classes—one for beginners, one for those who can ride without tumbling every few minutes, and one for those who are nearly ready to make their debut in the street. These schools are well patronized, and the managers are making money. When the roads harden after the spring thaw, the velocipedians will infest every highway and byway. Already we hear of some clerks and merchants making their way down town in the morning on velocipedes, and by next May we shall meet them coming in from the country in the same fashion. At least 10,000 men who do business in New York live in the suburbs, and it costs them from fifty to two hundred dollars a year to come in and go out during the summer. They can save money by buying velocipedes, which cost from \$65 to \$100 each, and will soon be learning to ride them, and then travelling on their own steeds. The number of velocipedes now in use in New York is about two hundred and fifty, and in a few months it will be increased to two thousand. The demand for them is so great that the manufacturers have more orders on hand than they can fill in two months. One manufacturer is now at work on an improvement that will enable the rider to drive his vehicle with less than half the fatigue attending the present mode. The three-wheeled velocipede for ladies has not yet been brought out, but it will be forthcoming in time for the summer holiday. Ladies would not care to be seen on velocipedes in the city at present, but when they go in the country they will make a great deal for the time they come back perhaps they won't be so bashful. GIRLS, says Every Saturday, are awfully jealous of each other. They would call this the girl's distinctive fault. See them when they are introduced, or when they first meet at a ball or croquet party; see how coolly critical they look at each other, how insolently they cross every port, how they purr in their ears, read in their faces the outspoken scorn as the result of their scrutiny: "You think you have done it very well, but you have made a fright of yourself, and will soon be purring in some one's ears." In which their disdain of the more admired among them, and how excessively naughty for attracting so much attention they think the Ada or Amy about whom the young man is making their love, they purr in their ears, and how they affected she is!—and, oh! how ugly she is! Sometimes, if they are deep, they will overpass her enthusiastically; but the rule is generally to treat her as a despicable one, and simply counts for what it is—a clever feint that doesn't answer. It is quite a study to watch the way in which girls shake hands together, or take hands in dances. They grip, impatiently, then let their arms fall as if paralyzed, tell a volume to those able to read the lettering. SWING SILK it is asserted, is not only adulterated in quality, but the purchasers are also defrauded in respect to the weight and length. The adulteration is silk put up by weight in the dyehouse, and the pieces of the bolted material are sent to a gummy resin called "crutch" and the ounce. By these means the dyers manage to return the silk to the manufacturer as heavy as sixteen ounces for twelve received, and often as high as over twenty ounces to the pound on black silk. Out of twenty spoons of sewing being tested, eight being deficient in length, one of them being thirty-eight yards short of one hundred. The nephew of Thaddeus Stevens, who was to have \$100,000 of the Great Commoner's estate, if he obtained ten years from liquor and tobacco, or would be obliged to surrender it to the orphans of soldiers if he indulged, says he will not rob the poor orphans. —Wings Record.

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