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THE DECLINE IN LAND VALUES STILL CONTINUES IN ENGLAND.

The latest estimate places the United States Senate at a valuation of \$120,000,000.

More than a million colored children in the Southern States never enter a school-room.

More oranges, lemons, bananas, figs and raisins are consumed in the United States than in any other country in the world.

The New Orleans Piavege has suggested the importance of establishing in that city a technical school for instruction in the manufacture of sugar.

The cremationists have lost fifteen per cent. of their strength in the last year, and it is believed by the Chicago Herald that another year or two will finish them.

The New York Herald furnishes the cheerful information that "the South never began a year with a brighter outlook than she had at the beginning of 1889."

All this talk about a national flower for this country is superfluous, jocosely observes the Chicago News. Of course the only flower suitable to be the emblem of the United States is the daisy.

Never before, announces the New Orleans Times-Democrat, were there so many new enterprises on foot in the South, covering such a wide range of industries and so free from speculative booms.

London is to be fortified by a grille of forts on its south side. The defenses will in many cases take the form of entrenched camps, in which large forces may be gathered. Lord John Bull fear an invasion!

There is no place under the Government where the country is so likely to get \$300,000 worth of brains and work for the \$3500 of pay attached, asserts the Washington Star, as in the private secretaryship at the White House. The increase to \$3000 is just.

There has been a bill introduced before the Michigan Legislature making it no longer incumbent upon the woman to mention her age in the wedding license. That, explains the gallant New York Commercial Advertiser, is in deference to the blushes of sensitive women with younger husbands.

A curious novelty was introduced to help a man find his cab in the wilderness of the vehicles during the Harrison and Moray inaugural ball. A steeplecoster screen was erected on one of the corners of the Pension Building, and when a gentleman desired his carriage he gave his number to the operator, who flashed it out where all the hackmen could see it.

An English writer says that we no longer produce remarkably gifted men because our average of intellectual power has vastly increased. Fifty years ago our statesmen, poets and orators loomed among the first of the world. While the intellectual average has risen to such a height that the genius of half a century ago would now seem commonplace.

The well-informed Joe Howard asserts in the New York Press that "in spite of its splendor, in spite of its wealth and its mad round of pleasures, Fifth avenue does not hold the happiest homes in the city. You can see the glare and the glitter of the false metal all around you; but if you would find the pure gold of domestic happiness you must seek it in more modest sections of New York."

The enterprising Washington correspondent of a Western paper recently telegraphed to his paper an imaginary interview with Dr. Wharton, the acknowledged authority on international law. When he saw the paper the next morning he was horrified to learn that Dr. Wharton had died early the previous evening at the time when he was represented as 'chatting with the correspondent.'

The original Harrison man has at last been found, and he's a woman. A well-known Indianapolis woman has produced a letter written ten years ago and addressed to her son, at that time in Montana, introducing to him Russell Harrison, who was then going to the same Territory. The letter incidentally remarks that Russell Harrison should be received well on account of his father as well as for himself, "for General Harrison is a great man, and is going to be president some day."

The present year will witness the advent of the United States Navy of at least five new vessels, the Vesuvius, Yorktown, Charleston, Petrel and Baltimore, with the possibility of the Concord and Bennington joining the number. The Philadelphia and Newark clubs also have launched this summer from Cramps' yards, so that the coming fall will see the trial of naval vessels following one upon the other in quick succession. The work on the Concord and Bennington is being pushed steadily and it is expected that both will be ready before July.

KNOW THYSELF.

Seek ye the battle-ground, where be the foes? Oh, there's a world to win back from the hosts of sin. On with the warfare, then—close with the foe of men. Not with the clash of arms, not with war's loud alarms. Not on the tongue or pen, not on the strength of men. Let but thy guiding star, shining from skies afar, illumine the way; Let but the inner voice whisper, and make thy choice. Thou art the battle-ground—thyself the foe-man found. There is a world within—oh, what a world to win—On with the strife! Then, when the fight is done—then, when the field is won—Know'st thou thyself? Let the load press roll, on through the glad-denied soul, That, beyond fear or doubt, thrills with the laws of heaven. Victory! victory! Conquest of self!

TWO NARROW ESCAPES.

An English lawyer once said that circumstantial evidence would hang the King of England. While that was putting it pretty strong, it is admitted that a chain of circumstantial evidence has often sent men to the gallows. If a circumstance can be explained away, it is but a mere shadow. If it cannot be explained away, it becomes a menace to the prisoner's life. A witness may be bribed, abducted, or impeached. A circumstance is a lion in the path demanding blood.

It has often been asserted that innocent men have been hung on circumstantial evidence. There may have been rare instances, but they have been rare indeed. In my own experience in law and detective work I have seen some curious things about circumstantial evidence. It is in one sense, the strongest chain which can be forged, in another the very weakest. About twenty years ago I was detailed on a murder case in a Kentucky town. It was not to work up the case, but to save if possible the young man arrested for the crime. When I got the facts and details I felt hopeless to accomplish anything. He was a young man of 25, named Graham, and was of respectable family. He had been engaged to a young lady of the highest respectability, but they had quarreled about something. Common friends had brought about a reconciliation, but a new suitor had appeared, and Graham's former sweetheart had provoked another quarrel. He had not visited her in two weeks, when, on the evening of Sunday, October 20, one of Graham's friends met him and said: "Your rival is up at Lossing's, and seems very sweet on him."

Graham truly loved the girl, and this speech made him wild. He turned pale, trembled, and finally said: "He is an adventurer and an interloper. Let him look out for himself!" An hour later he started for Lossing's. He passed several people who saw that he was excited. The house stood back from the road in a grove of trees, and was approached by two paths or drives from the front. Graham fully intended to enter the house, but when he came upon the grounds his courage failed him. He was afraid he might say or do something rash in his present mood, and very sensibly decided to return to town and defer his call till the next day. Next morning his rival's dead body was found on one of the drives, about half way between the house and the fence. He had been struck down by a bludgeon. Conclusions are always jumped at in murder cases. Two of the servants were at once arrested, but before noon they were set at liberty and Graham was taken into custody. The chain already contained several links. Others were added the moment he was arrested. He was dreadfully agitated, hesitated to acknowledge that he had been near the place, and a blood stain was found on the right sleeve of his coat. Before he had been in jail one day even his own father believed him a murderer. He was examined and bound over, and it was only after that event that he began to protest his innocence. The girl who had been the cause of it came nobly to his rescue. While she truly loved him, she had been willing to make him jealous, and when murder had come of it, as she believed, she felt terribly conscious and anxious to believe in his protestation of innocence.

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Not the slightest suspicion had been directed elsewhere. It seemed hopeless to look. I questioned and cross-questioned him, but he could not give me the slightest foundation for a clue or a theory. What I got came by accident. I asked to see the blood-stained clothing, and I found it to be a single dub

OF BLOOD ON A WHITE VEST.

It was a curious mark, such as I had never seen before, and when I quietly investigated further I discovered that the murdered man had been struck on the back of the head and fallen forward on his face. He had very thick hair, and while the blow had crushed the skull, he had bled but little. The blood would not spurt from such a blow. The body had not been lifted, and so how did Graham get that blood stain? Accident gave me the knowledge. I was looking the ground over at Lossing's for the fourth or fifth time, when one of the dogs came and leaped upon me in a caressing way. Lossing observed it and remarked: "Old Fan was always very fond of Graham, and I believe she misses him here. Fan, let me look at you paw. Ah! it's about as well as ever, isn't it?" "What called her paw?" I asked. "She got a scratch cut on a piece of glass a few weeks ago."

"About the time Graham was arrested?" "Yes." "Then it was her bloody paw that made the mark on his vest that night?" "Good heavens, but it must have been!" I had a clue and a hope. Everything changed in an hour, and I now believed Graham innocent and went to work to secure proofs. I posted up to Louisville and examined the police records for arrests. I followed a score or more of cases to their finish, but got nothing. It was my belief that a white man committed the crime, and that he meant robbery, but was frightened off. I returned to the village and looked every body over, but got no satisfaction. The day of the trial was coming and I was in despair, but accident came to my aid again. I happened into the hotel barn as the landlord pulled a lot of rubbish out of a stall. Hidden away with it was a fine saddle, and as it was brought to light the man exclaimed: "Bliss me, here is the dead man's saddle!"

"Was it missing?" I asked. "It was stolen on the night of his murder. That's the reason he went down to Lossing's on foot." Who stole it? What for? An outsider, who stole the saddle for its worth would have carried it off. An insider only would have taken it to the stall. Who was insider? A white man and two colored assistants. Within an hour I had ascertained that the white man, whose name was Foster, was absent for an hour on the evening of the murder, and that since he had acted very queerly. I arrested him, charged him with the crime, and he did not hold out fifteen minutes. His two colored assistants. Within an hour I had ascertained that the white man, whose name was Foster, was absent for an hour on the evening of the murder, and that since he had acted very queerly. I arrested him, charged him with the crime, and he did not hold out fifteen minutes. His two colored assistants. 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