

The passing breakers on the beach seem to... The soft, sweet, plaintive dirge for the departing year... The yellow leaves, whirled over the path by the... The edging cloths are falling fast from all the... The frost-beds sparkle on the grass, bright in... The daisy or crocus, the queen beech is robed... The laurel-tine seems to show her white and... Black berries on the privet hang, the ash shows... Crowned with a scarlet diadem King Oak's ma-

honest ingratitude seemed to me involved in my marriage, necessitating a divided duty, even if my husband would consent to live here. That, too, I hesitated to do for, as you know, I did not here will better still a retired elderly man or woman than a young, ambitious aspirant for the world's honors and profits. So, I made my choice.

A Double Wedding

Marjorie Wallace represented to me all that was noble, generous, self-sacrificing in womanhood. My gratitude for her began when I was ten years old, and she came to me to be my governess and I had scraped out twenty-four for myself and for me longer than my memory recalls. She lifted me from that mother's dead, cold form, where I had lain for so long a time, and covering my thin, chilled limbs in her own velvet cloak, carried me in her arms to her carriage, to her home, to luxury, to light and to life.

"I knew that Stephen must return to his business in New York in a few days, and I was promised to return in a few months' time, to spend Thanksgiving. Marjorie gave him a cordial invitation to be our guest. But when Marjorie left us alone, for the confidences loved to exchange, I plunged once into the subject that had been in my mind all day.

THE CONVENTIONS OF THE LAWS

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of, and of the fact for an old woman." said, and she took a little from the... "What good news does Stephen bring that makes my little girl so radiating?" she asked.

NEWS IN BRIEF

—Each red man costs the Government \$200 a year. —Wisconsin now proposes to tax church property. —The Wash and Erie Canal has been sold for debt. —A woman in Terre Haute owns a Cremona fiddle made in 1620. —The whole number of 5,381 dollars coined, up to February 1, is \$1,801,000. —A passenger train will be run through the great Hoosier tunnel shortly. —The Vassar College girls are organizing base ball clubs for the coming season. —A sweet potato weighing twelve and one-quarter pounds has been raised in Tallahassee. —The census of Boston, recently ordered by the city government, shows the population to be 107,400. —From sixty to seventy thousand pianofortes and cabinet organs are annually sold in the United States. —The Constitutional Convention of North Carolina only cost \$31,000, and a better Constitution for the money was never drafted. —The daughter of a rich Michigan banker sings in a concert saloon in Lafayette, Ind. She married against her father's wishes. —The Pittsburg Gazette announces that its office will be removed to the new building of the Supreme Bench for President of the United States. —Mrs. Revery Johnson is still living. The fifth anniversary of her marriage with her companion was celebrated seven years ago. —St. Louis, not to be beaten by Chicago, talks about establishing the biggest stock-yard in the world. It is to take \$400,000 and \$500,000. —Every member of the Kansas House of Representatives is provided with twenty daily newspapers during its session, at the public expense. —During the past 12 years Dartmouth College has received about \$200,000 in gifts, and about \$700,000 more will become available in a few years. —An artisan went in Oskaloosa, Iowa, has been driven to the depth of 2,500 feet, and has thus far consumed \$200,000 of payers of that town more than \$20,000. —The gas rates are so high at Indianapolis, Ind., that fully one-half the city is burning coal oil at a cost of ten cents per gallon. Gas stock is declining rapidly. —There is a man thirty-three years old in Williamsburg, Ind., who has considerable matrimonial experience. He recently lost his fourth wife and is about to take another. —The unmarriageable Washington ladies want a law to prohibit bachelor and widower Senators from dogging around and peeping into the windows of the Treasury Department. —Three years ago Sheffield sent out by rail about 50,000 pairs of shoes valued at \$1,000,000. Last year the total value of goods exported to this country was only \$600,000. —Mr. Cooper was an ornamental within a few hours of the death of James C. Calhoun, of 12,000 almond trees, 1,000 English walnut trees, 5,000 olive trees, 6,000 grape vines, 6,000 uncultivated trees. —Belle Plaine, Iowa, claims the smallest woman in the world—Maggie Mitchell, who is three feet, three inches high, and weighs thirty-one pounds. Tom Thumb is six inches taller. —The managers of the St. Louis Fair Association are anxious to add a garden of thirty-five acres and a school for the study of natural history to its grounds, at a total cost of the outset of \$200,000. —A careful measurement of the distance has demonstrated the fact that the visitor to the Centennial, who would see everything on exhibition in the buildings, must walk eighty-four and five-sixths miles. —There are many Massachusetts people who believe in witches. For instance, if a husband gets up in the morning, and finds his money \$5 short, he should inquire: "Wasn't this wife asleep all the time?" —General Richard Taylor of Kentucky, ("Dick" Taylor is his popular appellation), a son of the late President Taylor, has been promoted to the rank of major, and has received a commission of one year, on account of his services in the war with Mexico. —Charles K. Landis, recently acquitted on the ground of insanity of the murder of Carruth, the Vineland editor, has been pronounced sane by Judge Lord, after the examination of witnesses, and discharged from arrest. —A genius in New Bedford is fitting up a steamer for the purpose of towing icebergs to India, where they sell for six cents a pound. Another proposes to do still better—to fit a screw in the iceberg itself, and thus avoid the expense of ship-builing. —A man is serving out a year in the Wisconsin State Prison for robbing the mails of twenty-five cents. Since he has been confined the letter has been returned from the dead-letter office, with the twenty-five cents enclosed. —A farmer in Van Buren, Onondaga county, N. Y., recently caught twenty-four wild geese that were taking a rest in a cove in Seneca river, and during the day he shot and secured twenty-two. He kept the birds in a physically perfect and healthy, and who talks very distinctly. The child weighed but two and a half pounds at birth, and has not grown since he was a few months old. —Colonel Shaffner, of the Twenty-fifth regiment, New York State militia, who recently returned from a long scouting expedition on the "Staked Plains" of Texas, reports that his true character has been misrepresented by a widower for her third husband, and in one case it was the third marriage of both. —Statistics of marriages at Worcester, Mass., for the last year show that, out of a total of 463 marriages, in twenty-eight cases widowers and widows were united for the second time, and seven widows took bachelors for their second husbands. Five widows took widowers for their third wives, and the same number took maidens for their third companions. One widow took a widower for her third husband, and in one case it was the third marriage of both. —"Father, carry me!"—Eddie's Papa.

LETTER COLLECTOR

A Short Tail—Won day last week eye set fourth to Rome or the places and threw the veil. The sky was fare and blue, and the sun shone, his hair raised over the scene. Dear, years, and hairs were gambling on wind sighs, while on my write rows long trails rose up like a hill, or as high as fresh air veins and deep coils make them.

THE JEWISH PEOPLE

This Jewish egotism is shown in some of the things which are said in a great variety of languages, which in a small way are troublesome. They are—walking, sleeping, wine, sleep, hot water, bathing, and bleeding—Corinthian Message.

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It is Lord Bacon who says "The genius, spirit, and the will of a nation are worth more than all the talents of a great man." Russell defined a proverb admirably when he called it "the Wisdom of the man, and the wit of the time"—that is, the wisdom of the nation, and the wit of the time, or the wit of the time and the wit of the man. True wit is nature to advantage dressed. What is not thought best is not so well expressed.