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A WINTER REMINISCENCE.

The room was bright, the afternoon was grey. The frost hung glistening in the silent air. On either hand the rimy fancies were...

FIVE YEARS AGO.

This day five long years ago! Oh, how my heart aches when I think of that hot afternoon in the merry month of May...

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

John Bright has turned his seventy-third year. -Scarlet fever is reported prevalent in Jersey City. -Canton, in China has a population of over 1,000,000. -Gophers are eaten as a delicacy in portions of Georgia. -A paper chimney 50 feet high has been erected at Breslau. -Licence is profitably cultivated in Sacramento County, Cal. -No rain fell in some parts of Georgia in more than 100 days. -Wild ducks are becoming plentiful in various parts of Florida. -Foreign cattle companies own 1,000,000 Texas cattle. -Boston shipped 40,000 barrels of apples to England in two weeks. -Palestine was united to the Ottoman Empire by Selim I. in 1516. -The Japanese are said to be the greatest fish eaters in the world. -Four thousand invitations were lately issued for a wedding in Chicago. -Philadelphia has seven public libraries, containing 1,000,000 books. -Newspaper compositors receive \$1.20 a day of ten hours in Paris. -There are three chandeliers in the White House that cost \$5,000 apiece. -Riots were made treasonable offenses against English law by an act of 1818. -Paper is now used in Germany instead of wood in manufacturing lead pencils. -Fifty-four hundred incandescent lights are used at the Louisville exposition. -Gardening is practically taught in more than 20,000 primary schools in France. -The yearly cost of the French Republic to the State amounts to 98,000 francs. -Six hundred and ninety women voted at a recent election in Seattle, W. T. -There are 2,000 clergymen in London. -There are 8,700 public houses and wine cellars. -It costs over \$5,000 a year, it is said, to keep and clean the crown jewels of England. -The day schools of the city of New York have 150,000 pupils, and the night schools 12,000. -Eating out of doors, even candy or fruit, is regarded as a mark of ill breeding in Mexico. -The oldest newspaper ever issued was the Gazette, which appeared in Venice in 1553. -New York capitalists have invested \$3,000,000 in Montana lands the past four months. -The area of Philadelphia is 129 square miles. The area of London is 122 square miles. -In the last ten months the officers seized 85,225 barrels of untaxed grog at Portland, Me. -Two pigs recently run in Clay County, Va., measured respectively 1.47 and 1.36 feet. -Portland, Or., is getting up an excursion party for the Sandwich Islands to leave in January. -Paranomas were invented by Robert Baker, and the first was exhibited at Edinburgh, in 1788. -It is estimated there are 40,000 persons in New York dependent upon gambling for a living. -The era of the Hegira dates from July 15, 622, the day when Mohammed fled from Mecca to Medina. -New York customs officials found 800 artificial eyes concealed in a bundle belonging to a lady voyager. -Kentucky has a white school population of 475,507. Her white enrollment is 241,979, or 50 per cent. -Mushrooms are reported to have been so plentiful in England this season that the standard price of a penny a pound, during the past year, nearly 150 boilers have exploded, killing outright and maiming for life more than 600 persons. -The New York Police Board has decided that the best uniform for the service stripes, one for each five years of service. -The pauper population of England exceeds by some 10,000 souls the entire population of the great colony of New South Wales. -The production of gold in 1883 was \$27,810,049; of silver, \$42,975,101; of copper, \$5,683,921; of lead, \$8,165,550; total, \$84,639,212. -It costs \$5,000,000 francs per year to support the penal institutions of Italy, while only 25,000,000 francs are devoted to education. -Fifteen orange trees near Plant City, Florida, yield this year, 150,000 oranges - 10,000 to the tree. These trees are about 40 years old. -Wooden shoes of the old Dutch type are now made at Danbury, Conn. They are of butternut and white impervious to water are very light. -The distance from St. Louis to the earth's circumference is 1,375,000 miles greater than the distance of the sun to about 123,750,000,000 miles. -Cholera and short crops together are likely to make a very hard winter in the south of Europe, and a stagnation in trade is expected throughout the countries. -The highest price ever paid for a work of art was \$125,000, which was given in 1822 for a picture of the Virgin from the hand of the great Spanish artist Murillo. -Although newspaper reading is greatly on the increase in Austria-Hungary, it is estimated that some twenty millions of the nation never see a paper. -It is stated that the Champs de Mars has been selected as the site of the Paris Exhibition of 1889, and that M. Antonin Proust has been selected as Commissioner-general. -Despite the distress in the north of England this autumn, there is a decrease in the returns of paupers as compared to last year, and a very decided diminution in crime. -Maryland with a population of 213,000, has an enrollment of 134,210, or 63 per cent; and with a colored population of 63,591, has an enrollment of 32,231, or 50 per cent. -Florida has enrolled 14,671 out of a white school population of 48,410, or 41 per cent; and 20,444 out of a colored school population of 42,000, or 49 per cent. Her annual expenditure on this account is \$114,800.