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CHAPTER I. I, Sir John Priestly, Knight and M. D., of Berkeley Square, Mayfair, have been asked by one of the most charming of my patients to extract from my diary portions which refer to a mysterious drama which took place in 1872, and in which I played a small but important part. I have no hesitation in granting my fair patient's request, and I transcribe rather than merely transcribing the contents of my note book.

quest have I ever made or am likely to make? Well, the matter must rest, I suppose, good-night. Slowly and deliberately she rose, her left hand grasping the letter with a cruel, venomous grip. For a moment the girl watched her with streaming eyes and parted lips, then she turned and her feet stooped to kiss her, but her kiss was as cold as ice.

Without a word I led the way into my study. She quietly raised her veil. Then she took her spectacles from her nose, and she looked at me with a cold, hard, calculating eye. Her hair was as white as alabaster, her hair as black as jet, while her eyes, large and lustrous, were fixed upon my face with a look which was not that of a young girl.

MRS. CLEVELAND'S WALKS. First Lady of the Land Takes a Daily Five-Mile Tump. Mrs. Cleveland always did walk more or less, but since her return to the White House last fall she has let very few examples of severe weather deter her from her daily constitutional.

IN HER COUNTRY'S BEHALF. Wife of the Spanish Minister Works Hard for Spanish Cause. One of the best diplomats that Spain has in this country is Mme. Dupuy de Lome, wife of the Spanish minister in Washington.

BAR ROOMS HIGH AND LOW. The Highest Is on a Mount and the Lowest in a Mine. Wherever civilization goes the sale of alcoholic liquor goes with it.

SOUTH AFRICAN RULER. Judge Steyn, the New President of the Orange Free State. Judge Steyn, who has recently been elected president of the Orange Free State, was chief justice of that country before his elevation to the office of the presidency.

The Vastness of the Oceans. The surface of the sea is estimated at 150,000,000 square miles; taking the whole surface of the globe at 197,000,000, and its greatest depth supposed to be equal to that of the highest mountains, or four miles.

Judge Steyn. Judge Steyn's election is considered a Boer victory in his candidacy was endorsed and promoted by President Kruger, of the Transvaal.

The Eminent Divine's Sunday Sermons. Subject: "The Church Garden." "The church is a garden," says the eminent divine, "and it is the duty of the pastor to cultivate it as such."

Early Elections. Seven States Cast Their Votes Previous to November. Elections will be held in seven States of the Union prior to the general election of November.

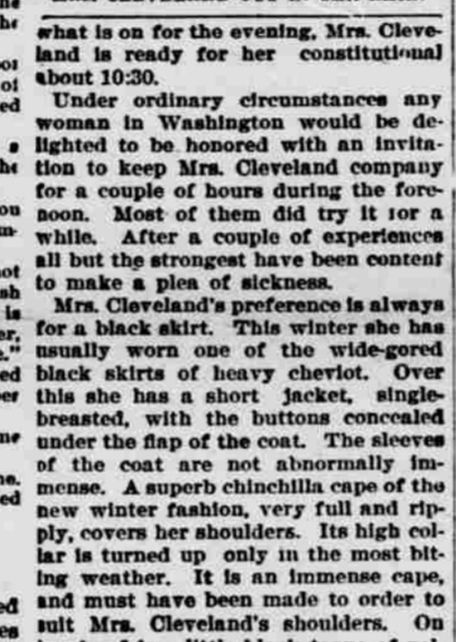
Shakespeare's Birthday. Dedication at Stratford-on-Avon of a Window Erected by American Visitors. American and British visitors are gathered at Stratford-on-Avon to celebrate the birthday of Shakespeare.

Ministers in China. Minister Denby, at Peking, has notified the Emperor of the death of the late Chinese minister to Washington.

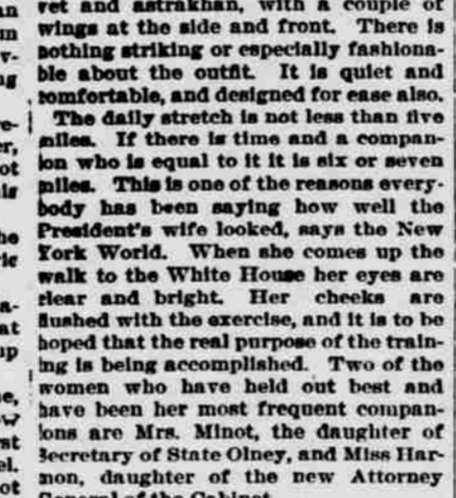
The mind grows narrow in proportion to the soul grows corrupt. It is a sad thing to see people whose souls they have no faults. Man should be content with his lot and try to lift the mortgage from it.



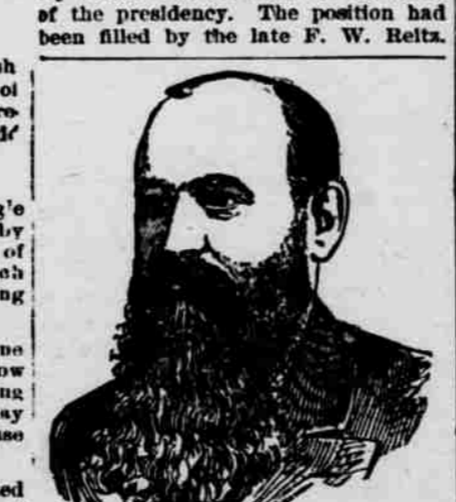
MME. DUPIUY DE LOME.



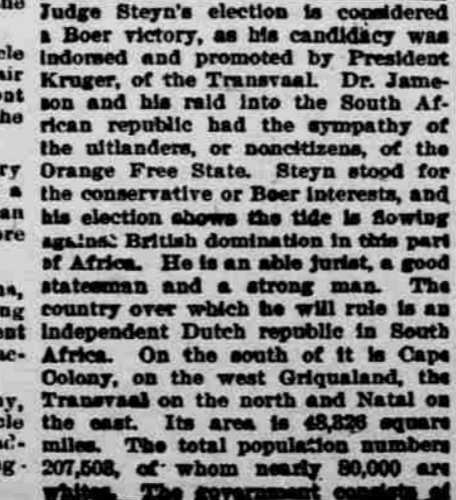
MRS. CLEVELAND OUT IN THE RAIN.



AT THE TOP OF MONT BLANC.



JUDGE STEYN.



AT BOTTOM OF A COAL MINE.