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The French imports for 1898 increased \$84,033,600 and the exports decreased \$90,957,000.

**Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.**  
To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-Tobac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedial Co., Chicago or New York.

Yale students have erected a substantial building to be devoted to mission and social work.

**After the Grip**  
Thousands of people say Hood's Sarsaparilla quickly restores the appetite, regulates the heart, vitalizes the blood, cures those sharp pains, dizziness, heavy head, that tired feeling. Hood's Sarsaparilla has marvelous power to expel all poisonous disease germs from the blood, and overcome the extreme weakness which is one of the peculiar effects of the grip. Get only

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
America's Greatest Medicine for the grip.  
Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills. 25 cents.

**A Soldier's Fortitude.**  
Here is a story given in the New York Sun. Its pathos and its exhibition of a soldier's father's patriotic pride will appeal to feeling and to sympathy. When, on the battle-line, tidings came to Captain Capron of the regulars, announcing the death of his son, killed at Las Guasimas, he went, when duty permitted, to where the body lay. The dead soldier's hat was placed over his face. His poncho covered his body. Only the feet, clad in mud-clothed shoes, were visible. White-faced, but sternly erect, the father stood, gazing upon the last of three brave sons. Then, gently lifting the hat from the face of the dead, and looking at it with tearful eyes, he said, with proud tenderness: "Well done, my boy!" Soon replacing the hat, he strode off, with soldierly earnestness, to where his duty lay, to die, a few months later, of disease contracted at Santiago.

**COULD NOT SLEEP.**  
Mrs. Pinkham Relieved Her of All Her Troubles.

Mrs. MADGE BABCOCK, 176 Second St., Grand Rapids, Mich., had ovarian trouble with its attendant aches and pains, now she is well. Here are her own words: "Your Vegetable Compound has made me feel like a new person. Before I began taking it I was all run down, felt tired and sleepy most of the time, had pains in my back and side, and such terrible headaches all the time, and could not sleep well nights. I also had ovarian trouble. Through the advice of a friend I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and since taking it all troubles have gone. My monthly sickness used to be so painful, but have not had the slightest pain since taking your medicine. I cannot praise your Vegetable Compound too much. My husband and friends see such a change in me. I look so much better and have some color in my face."

Mrs. Pinkham invites women who are ill to write to her at Lynn, Mass., for advice, which is freely offered.

**Easy Chances.**  
A slip may sprain, a thump may bruise; easy chances for pain and trouble. An easy way to cure right off is to use St. Jacobs Oil. It takes no chances and knows what it can do.

On the average in Russia there is only one village school for 12,000 persons.

**Beauty is Blood Deep.**  
Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

One pound of Indian tea will make 170 strong cups of the beverage.

**To Florida, Resorts.**  
The Plant System reaches the finest resorts in Florida, Cuba, Jamaica and Porto Rico. Tickets by both rail and water from the East. Tri-weekly steamship services between Port Tampa, Key West and Havana. Beautifully illustrated literature, maps, rates, etc., upon application to J. J. Farnsworth, Eastern Pass. Agent, Plant System, 261 Broadway, New York.

Americans pay \$8,000,000 for looking glasses.

**Trifling that Costs.**  
There is a way of trifling that costs a heap of money. Neglect rheumatism and it may put one on crutches, with loss of time and money. St. Jacobs Oil will cure it surely, right away.

Consumption was unknown in Mexico until the last three years.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day.**  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

In very clear water sunlight may penetrate to a depth of over 1500 feet.

**Knocks Coughs and Colds.**  
Dr. Arnold's Cough Killer cures Coughs and Colds. Prevents Consumption. All druggists. 25c.

Michigan legislators drink mineral water at the expense of the State.

**Lane's Family Medicine.**  
Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

The people of London are computed to spend \$6,000,000 daily.

**To Cure Constipation Forever.**  
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c if C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

It is estimated that one crow will destroy 700,000 insects every year.

I could not get along without Piso's Cure for Constipation. It always cures.—Mrs. E. C. MORTON, Needham, Mass., October 22, 1894.

In 1898 Wisconsin had a population of 2,333,000. To-day it is about 2,000,000.

Like oil upon troubled waters is the influence of Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar upon a cold.

Good players on the harp are the scarcest of all musical performers.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle.

Married couples in Norway can get railway tickets at less than the regular rate.

**Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.**  
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**Gibraltar's Great Guns.**  
It has been assumed by a large number of people, especially in England, that Gibraltar has always commanded the straits which bear its name. That belief was erroneous until recently. The straits are twelve and a half miles wide, and the best guns mounted at Gibraltar heretofore could not possibly cover that distance. A few weeks ago, however, two of the newest 9.2-inch wire guns, thirty-six feet in length and firing a projectile of 380 pounds weight, were mounted on Europa Point. These guns have a range of fifteen miles and are most formidable weapons.

**Remarkable Whist Hands.**  
F. H. Johnson, W. W. Beckwith, S. A. Weller, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Fallon were playing whist at Holiham's Inn in Derby when a deal was made in which every player received a full suit of cards. It is said that such hands have been reported only three times, twice in London and once in New York.—Hartford (Conn.) Courant.

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**THE OLD GARRET.**  
Swing ajar the garret door,  
Heard the rattle of the creak!  
Pause before you venture o'er  
The old threshold, worn and weak,  
Comes, as of such questions will—  
Who knows what's beyond the sill?  
Here, all things are plain to see—  
There all things are mystery.  
Where old treasures are shut fast  
In the storeroom of the past.

From the rafters overhead,  
Wi' herod herbs, in dusty rows,  
Hang like branches serf and dead;  
But, when'er a soft wind blows  
Through the window's broken pane  
Faint, sweet fragrances again  
From their leaves are shaken free,  
As an old-time memory  
In the cobwebbed minds of men  
Stirs, and tries to live again.

Here the spider's web is spun  
In the dust and in the gloom.  
Here are woven, one by one,  
In a viewless, noiseless loom,  
Fabrics fit for fairy wear,  
Faint as frost and quite as fair,  
Showing patterns rarer far  
Than those of old laces are  
When a light from heaven's blue  
Shines the silken meshes through.

In that shadowy corner stands  
An old cradle, and it seems  
Slowly rocked by phantom hands  
While a baby sleeps and dreams  
On a pillow, long unpressed,  
And a lullaby of rest  
Trembles softly through the gloom  
Of this memory-haunted room,  
From the lips that long ago  
Turned to dust where grave-flowers  
grow.

In that old, worm-eaten chest,  
What quaint things are stored away!  
Stomacher and brodered vest—  
Satin gown and wig of gray.  
I can fancy phantom folk  
Dancing at the midnight stroke,  
In the garments hidden here  
For who knows how many a year?  
'Twere an eerie sight to see  
Their grim, ghostly revelry.

Almost hidden from the sight  
By the wreckage of the past  
In the dim and dusty light  
From the cobwebbed window east  
Shows a mirror, and therein  
Many a ghost of what has been  
Seems to rise and swiftly pass  
Like a shadow o'er the glass,  
In the depths of it I see  
Things that almost frighten me.

Faces mouldered into dust  
Long ago look out at me  
From the tarnished frame, whose rust  
Mocks at human vanity,  
As a shadow forms, for they  
Form, and fade, and pass away,  
Like the ripple on a stream,  
Or the fancy of a dream,  
Here—then lost in shadows vast,  
The procession of the past.

Longer here I dare not stay,  
For it somehow seems to me  
We are trespassers today,  
Shut the door and turn the key,  
Leave it to the dead, who quit  
Their old graves to visit it,  
Whence they come or where they go,  
What they come for—who shall know?  
I shall solve the mystery  
When the grass grows over me.  
—Eben E. Rexford, in Boston Transcript.

**HONESTY**  
IS THE  
**BEST POLICY.**  
By ANNE C. HYATT-WOOLF.

A merchant of Constantinople went to the baths, as is the custom in Turkey, before morning prayers. After performing his ablutions, on his way to the mosque he lost in the street his purse. Devoutly he said his prayers, and it was not until he was leaving the mosque that he became aware of his loss. At once he sent for the town crier.

"I have lost my purse," he said; "it contains 200 gold pieces; proclaim my loss throughout the city, and whoever brings it back to me shall be rewarded with one-half its contents."

The crier did as he was bid. A sailor had found the purse, and when he heard to whom it belonged, immediately he took it to the merchant, gleefully anticipating the rich reward that he thought was to be his. He gained admittance to the merchant's house; immediately he saw him he produced the purse, saying, "Here is your purse, with 200 gold pieces inside."

"Ah, let me see!" ejaculated the merchant. He counted the money, and found there was exactly the sum the man stated, the amount he had lost. "You are a thief!" said the merchant.

"What! you dare to call me a thief when you have just counted your gold in front of me, and found there precisely the 200 pieces, just as the crier proclaimed?"

"Yes, I shall say that you are a thief!" ejaculated the merchant. "In my purse there were two emerald earrings, and they are not there now. Restore them to me at once or I will have you imprisoned."

"It is false; there were no earrings in your purse," shouted the sailor, angrily.

And what the sailor said was true, but the merchant thought that by accusing him of theft to frighten him so that he would go away and hide, and by this base device he hoped to save his 100 gold pieces.

"You have stolen my emerald earrings. Give them up to me at once, or I will take you before the kadi," repeated the merchant, who, having once told the lie, thought he must stick to it.

Again the sailor again stoutly denied this wicked accusation, and demanded the promised reward. The merchant, seeing that this was not a man to be frightened into silence, and feeling every moment that he delayed less and less inclined to part with his money, said: "Come, you are a thief, and you shall go with me before the kadi, and he will justly punish you for stealing my valuable emeralds, and if you don't come I will have you dragged along."

"I am innocent and quite willing to appear before the kadi, so that he may judge between us," replied the sailor.

So together they went to the kadi's court. The merchant there stated his case, how he had lost his purse, how the sailor had found it, and returned it with all the money in: but two

**emerald earrings, worth, he declared, double the amount of the 200 gold pieces, had been stolen from his purse, and evidently by the sailor, seeing he was the man who acknowledged having picked it up.**

Again the sailor denied having stolen emeralds or any other precious stones. "It is true that I picked up the purse," he said, "but there were only the 200 gold pieces in it, just as the crier proclaimed."

The kadi was greatly puzzled and mystified, not knowing whom to believe and whom to disbelieve. The merchant was a rich man and held an honorable position in the city, while the sailor looked so fearlessly and frankly in his face that he could not believe he was a thief. So in his perplexity he pronounced this sentence: "That the sailor be acquitted of the charge of theft, but because of his carelessness in losing such valuable articles he forfeit the promised reward."

Great was the sailor's anger at being thus cheated out of his hundred gold pieces.

At this time there lived in Constantinople the celebrated Chorluli Ali Pasha. The sailor decided to present his case in a petition to him. Ali Pasha, always willing to give justice to the poor, summoned the merchant, the crier and the sailor to appear before him.

"What was it that the merchant told you he had lost, and bid you cry throughout the town?" he asked the crier.

"A purse containing 200 gold pieces," was the prompt reply.

"Yes," interrupted the merchant, "that is true; purposely I did not tell him about the emeralds, fearing that if the purse fell into the hands of an ignorant man, who knew not the value of gems, he might perchance under such a great temptation, when he discovered their value"—here he stammered and stammered—"he might be tempted to keep purse and jewels, and say nothing about what he found."

Ali Pashi shook his head as the man jumbled out these ridiculous reasons.

"What do you say you found?" he asked the sailor.

"A purse with 200 gold pieces," was the unvarying reply.

"Then," said Ali Pasha, "it is very evident that since the purse—the merchant lost contained two emerald earrings, as well as 200 pieces of money, that the purse found was not lost by the merchant but by some one else. So let the merchant have his purse cried again and again until some God-fearing person having found it restores it to him; and let the sailor keep the purse he found for forty days, and if it be not claimed within that period, then let him keep it for his own."

"Nay, nay, Chorluli Ali Pasha," said the merchant, bowing low; "now I come to think of it the emerald earrings were not in that purse. Until this moment I had forgotten, but now I remember that for better security I hid them away in a place known only to myself."

"You speak too late," said the pasha. "And by this lesson learn that they who go about to deceive others oftentimes deceive themselves; and sometimes one falls into the ditch that he himself made."

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**NIAGARA'S NEW BRIDGE.**  
It Will Span the Gorge on the Site of the Structure Destroyed in 1864.

A new suspension bridge is to be built across the Niagara gorge. During the past two years both of the famous suspension bridges at the falls have given way to steel arches, and the new suspension bridge will therefore be the only structure of the kind to connect New York state with the Dominion of Canada.

The bridge will extend from the points near the village of Lewiston, N. Y., and the quaint old town of Queenston, Ontario, where in 1850-51 another suspension bridge was built to connect the Lewiston mountain with Queenston Heights. That old bridge was many years ahead of the profitable demands of the times, and when it was destroyed it was never rebuilt.

The wrecking of the old bridge forms one of the important events in the history of the Niagara region. Early in 1864 a mighty mass of ice came down the Niagara river from Lake Erie. The owners of the bridge were fearful for the safety of the structure, for the guys were anchored just above high water mark. Orders were issued to loosen the guys and lift them up out of the way of the icy mass. This was done, the ice jam went out, and no damage was caused. The guys were not reanchored, however. Suddenly, out from the southwest there came a fierce gale, which swept down the Niagara chasm. It caught the bridge full on the side, and soon the structure was swung back and forth. The men in charge could do nothing to protect it from the wind. About 11 o'clock on the morning of Feb. 1, 1864, it gave a great surge and then the greater part of it fell into the river below. It was a complete wreck. Back and forth the old cables swung until last fall they were cut away.

From tower to tower the span of the new bridge will be a little more than 1000 feet, while the span of the suspended portion will be about 800 feet. The outside width of the bridge will be 28 feet, and the roadway will have a width of 25 feet. This width of floor will afford room for a single trolley car track laid through the centre, with space on either side for teams. The towers are four in number, two being on each side of the river.

**An Explanation.**  
The Fox—Good morning, friend. I'm afraid there is something about me you don't like.

The Bird—Well, you're right! It's your appetite.—Puck.

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