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Man, supplied with reasoning and discerning powers, may improve his condition by the exercise of these faculties. This can be applied with very good effect in the purchase of Coffee and Teas. A good cup of Coffee depends not only on the making—but the brand of Coffee, the grade, the roasting and preparation are very important factors. We feel confident that we can meet all those requirements. A delicious cup of Coffee is a certainty if you use

Our Fancy Java, or our Fancy Blended Coffee.

In regard to Tea, we occupy a front rank, all our Teas being very carefully selected by competent judges, and a trial order will convince you that we can please the most fastidious customers. We offer nothing but good grades that are noted for quality, color and flavor, and they are sold at popular prices

At KEITER'S.

SOME EUROPEAN COMMENTS

On President Cleveland's Message Regarding Venezuela.

MR. BAYARD WILDLY APPLAUDED

At the Annual Banquet of the Actors' Benevolent Fund—Meantime English Newspapers Make Savagely Comments on the President's Attitude.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The officials of the British foreign office declined to express any opinion on the Venezuelan question, and the same attitude of reserve is maintained at the United States embassy here. United States Ambassador Bayard arrived at the embassy at an early hour, looking worried. He declined to say any one, saying that the matter was much too grave to discuss.

All the English newspapers continue their bitter assaults on the message, most of them insisting that it is an election dodge. The St. James Gazette heads its article "War or Wire Pulling?" and says: "President Cleveland's language in the mouth of a European diplomat would mean the instant mobilization of armies. It is rather too late of too soon to say 'hands off' to the empire which includes not only British Guiana and Jamaica, but Canada. The pretensions of President Cleveland and Mr. Olney are so exaggerated and the language so offensive that one could not be surprised if there was a similar explosion of violence here. But Lord Salisbury has kept his temper in this unpleasant correspondence, and the nation will do likewise until the time comes when we shall do well to be angry, and that time may come. We are all anxious to give the American government the opportunity of forcing it."

The Globe remarks: "No self-respecting nation would for a moment entertain such pretensions, and no one doubts that President Cleveland's heroics are due to the necessities of politics. His Sackville action shows the length to which he is prepared to go in the sacred cause of American glory. It would not be wise for American statesmanship to confide too much in the amiable sentiment that blood is thicker than water, or to imagine that England can be intimidated. President Cleveland also must reckon with France if he insists upon carrying out his modern construction of the Monroe doctrine in its entirety. The Pall Mall Gazette ridicules the whole matter, saying: "It flashed across us at first that President Cleveland was mad and second, that he was hypnotized by Mr. Lodge, who in turn was hypnotized by Mr. Lodge. But we conclude that it is only an election address."

The annual banquet of the Actors' Benevolent fund at the Hotel Metropole last night was the occasion of a notable public demonstration of good feeling toward the United States ambassador, Hon. Thomas F. Bayard. When Sir Francis Jeans benevolent fund he said in the course of his speech that he hoped the only rivalry between England and America would be a historical rivalry, and that there would never be serious differences between the two nations, which were, after all, brothers. This sentiment was greeted with loud and prolonged cheers by all the company, which was renewed when Sir Francis added that Mr. Bayard was a worthy representative of a great country.

Sir Edwin Arnold said he laughed at the idea of any differences between England and America, and Mr. Comyns-Carr toasted the friends across the sea.

Mr. Bayard, upon rising to respond, was greeted with a perfect tumult of applause, and his toast was drunk with three cheers. Mr. Bayard was perceptibly and deeply moved. He said in part:

"Tonight we are on common ground, and there is no sea between us. There are some things it is impossible to divide." By way of illustration he repeated the Bible story of the judgment of Solomon over the dispute of two women, both of whom claimed to be the mother of the same child.

"Gentlemen, it could not be. We cannot be divided. They are children of the brain and of the heart and of a common ancestry. I do not think that they will ever be permitted to die. I will answer for my kindred and your kindred beyond this sea."

These inferential references to current affairs were greeted with repeated cheers, and Mr. Bayard resumed his seat amid a scene of unusual enthusiasm.

AS VIEWED IN PARIS.

One Newspaper Thinks We Will Obtain Complete Satisfaction.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—La Patrie, referring to President Cleveland's message, says: "The United States will obtain complete satisfaction by their vigorous attitude. Great Britain is only strong with the weak. She is prudent with those who are determined to defend the dignity of their country. The affair will be a great lesson to all nations."

La Liberté says: "A controversy is proceeding between two peoples of the same ethnological origin and who are accustomed to use big words, but whose passion does not go even so far as a letting of blood affair. It is only a false alarm, and will certainly be arranged."

The Journal des Debats says: "We cannot imagine an election maneuver in such a grave question. It is probable, and must be hoped for, that the good sense of the statesmen of Washington and London will prevent the dispute from being extended to the extent of an open rupture, in spite of the excited tone of the newspapers of both countries."

The Temps says: "A fratricidal struggle between Great Britain and the great republic of the new world would seem a crime against humanity and civilization. As much as it is inadmissible that England can accept the arrogant pretensions of the message, so is it to be hoped that she will discover a pacific and equitable solution of the difficulty. An Anglo-American war is impossible."

The Republic Française says: "It is in every way a big affair which has fallen into Lord Salisbury's hands. They would not be sorry in London to draw the United States into a quarrel, in view of our frontier troubles with Brazil."

THE BIG STRIKE STILL ON.

Traction Omnibus Conifer at Philadelphia's Public Buildings.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The second day of the street car strike ended with every wheel set at a standstill. Excitement was at a high pitch all day, but there were no serious outbreaks. A few cars were run over branch lines, guarded at all points by armed policemen. In many instances they carried their revolvers drawn. The mobs were no smaller, but they respected the gleaming steel. Some few attempts to stone cars were made, but they had no grave results, except in one instance, where an innocent spectator was slightly injured by a blank cartridge. A stone had been thrown, and a mounted policeman fired four shots into the crowd. The policeman galloped rapidly away, or there might have been a bloody riot.

Rumors were plentiful, both as to trouble ahead and as to speedy settlement of the contest, but this morning both sides appeared to be firmer than ever. The strikers are gaining recruits every hour. Mayor Warwick has been at his office almost uninterruptedly for the past forty-eight hours, and he has a special wire to Governor Hastings, at the executive mansion, in Harrisburg, over which they are in constant communication. Troops are ready to be on the streets of Philadelphia within an hour after a request is made for them.

A number of arrests were made yesterday on charges of inciting to riot, and nearly all the prisoners were held in jail. Several men were knocked down and injured in minor outbreaks, and they are in hospitals. John McClerney, who was struck on the head by a stone during a riot at the Eighth and Dauphin streets depot, has concussion of the brain, and may die. Michael Brennan, a non-striker, is in prison awaiting the result of McClerney's injuries.

Almost the entire board of directors of the Traction omnibus conferred with the mayor yesterday. It was decided that all of them except President Welsh were in favor of making some concessions, but he emphatically put his foot down against any such action.

At Breen's Dainty Cafe.

Nice vegetable soup for free lunch to-night. Plenty for everybody.

Free hot lunch every morning.

Meals served at all hours.

Gents' link cuff buttons at Maley's.

Shook Himself and Skipped.

As a west-bound car on the Lakeside Electric Railway was approaching the bridge on East Centre street yesterday a crowd of poles were in advance on the track. The motorman sounded his gong and all left the track, but suddenly one stepped back so close to the rail that the front part of the car struck him. He was knocked down with considerable force, but fortunately fell clear of the track. The car was stopped and the motorman and conductor alighted to ascertain the result. The victim was found stunned and bleeding at the nose. He was raised to his feet and at once recovered. He shook himself and walked off without saying a word.

Kendrick House Free Lunch.

A nice dish of vegetable soup awaits you to-night. Call and try it.

Buy your mother or wife a carpet sweeper or rug for a Christmas present, at Fricke's carpet store. 12-18-95

Dragged by a Runaway Horse.

Vincent Pepper, son of ex-County Treasurer Pepper, of Ashland, while riding a horse, narrowly escaped with his life. The animal ran away, throwing its rider, and in the fall his foot became tangled in the reins and he was dragged several squares before the horse was stopped. Fortunately young Pepper was not seriously injured, his overcoat saving him.

Brunn's is the place after all.

Watson House Free Lunch.

Extra fine hot lunch to-night.

Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Don't fail to attend the Phoenix Fair on Saturday evening.

Will Adjust It.

Contractor P. J. Cleary, of Shenandoah, says a Hazleton exchange, who recently completed the work in Hazleton, was in town yesterday consulting the officials on the settlement of the claims held against him for damages incurred during the construction of the sewers. Mr. Cleary will make a full settlement.

Ladies' and gents' gold pins at Maley's.

Four Chocolates

And bot four for Christmas in large varieties at Kemmerer's, 33 North Main street. 12-19-95

Gold toothpicks at Maley's, the jeweler.

To-night's Entertainment.

The entertainment in Ferguson's theatre this evening, under the auspices of the Amnutation Literary Society, will be a treat in the literary line, as some of the best local talent has been engaged. The society should be greeted by a large audience.

Purchase your Christmas presents at the Phoenix Fair, and you will be well pleased.

Notice.

Laundry for Christmas taken at Fay's Steam Laundry until Monday, 2 p. m. 12-18-95

Hon. John F. Welsh Injured.

Hon. John F. Welsh, foreman at Burns colliery, Shamokin, had his foot badly injured by a mine car passing over it. He will be confined to his home for several weeks. Mr. Welsh was at one time a leader of the U. B. A. in this county, and during his residence here represented Schuylkill in the Legislature.

The Phoenix Fair.

The Phoenix Fair, of town, are making preparations for holding their fair, which will open in their new building, on North Jardsi street, on Saturday evening next, and will continue for two weeks. The committee is now engaged in gathering up donations made by the people, and those who have not donated have yet sufficient time to assist the fire laddies in wiping out the debt on their new building.

The latest Fedora hat at MAX LEVIT'S.

SWINDLERS ARE AT WORK!

A Bold Operation in a Jewelry Store Thwarted.

RESTITUTION SPEEDILY MADE!

Two Men Make an Unsuccessful Attempt to Substitute Paste Jewels For Diamonds While Making an Inspection Under Pretense to Purchase.

A bold swindling game was attempted at Strouse's jewelry store, on Main street, yesterday and would have been a success but for the sharp eye, coolness and presence of mind of the proprietor.

Two tall, well dressed men entered the store and, accosting Mr. Charles Strouse, who stood behind one of the display cases, asked to be shown a variety of diamond rings. The men had the appearance of well-to-do, sporty commercial travelers and assumed an air that would easily disarm one of suspicion.

Mr. Strouse withdrew a tray of rings from the case at which he stood and placed it on the glass top before the strangers, who at once became interested in the selection and entered into a discussion of the merits of this and that ring. Several minutes passed and a number of rings were handled, but Mr. Strouse observed that each taken up by the strangers was carefully replaced in its proper position. Finally one of the men intimated that he desired to see other rings. For a moment or two Mr. Strouse's attention was diverted from the rings under inspection and he drew forth another tray. As he did so one of the men said carelessly, "Never mind, I do not think I will make a selection now. We'll call again."

Instinctively Mr. Strouse's eyes scanned the first tray and he observed that one ring appeared to have been hurriedly placed in its place on the tray. He picked it up and saw at a glance that the ring was a paste diamond substituted for a \$125 ring. The strangers had by this time passed to the door and were going out as Mr. Strouse exclaimed, "Excuse me, come back a moment." The men hesitated and exchanged glances with each other as if they were undecided whether a dash or a party was in order. They were evidently misled by the jeweler's coolness and retained to the case with inquiring glances. Mr. Strouse had closed to the end of the case so that he could easily pass around to the open space in which the men stood, but he did so in such an unobtrusive manner that they did not seem to observe it and stood before the case in evident expectation that the jeweler intended to throw out inducements to make a sale.

If such were their impressions they were very much deceived. Strouse eyed them critically for an instant and then sharply said, "Give me that diamond; I don't want your paste." At the same time Strouse threw the bogus ring upon the glass top of the show case. A painful expression passed across the face of one of the men, while the other remarked to him in undertone, "It's all up; shell out." Strouse followed up his demand with a short and effective story committed to memory for such emergencies setting forth the efficacy of a secret button which would bring a couple of officers to the store before a fugitive could get ten yards from the entrance and one of the strangers producing the stolen ring, the jeweler handed \$25 into the jeweler's hand with a plea to say no more about the matter and promising to give him no further trouble. They also promised to return and make the gift \$50 and left the store with as much speed as they could without sacrificing their assumed dignity of bearing. They have not returned with the other \$25 and Mr. Strouse has not seen them since. He says the men incidentally remarked before the trick was discovered that they came from Jersey City, but, of course, no faith can be pinned to that.

This case will serve as a warning to the merchants to beware of swindlers. The holiday season brings them out in droves in all cities and towns and confidence, sleight of hand and flim-flam games can only be avoided by diligent watchfulness.

High Water Mark.

Has been reached by Columbia beer. Leave your orders for your Christmas dinner. Put up in bottles for family use and promptly delivered.

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY GOODS.

A Grand Display of Holiday Presents at Priced Never Heard of Before.

It will pay you to buy your Christmas goods at our store. We have an elegant assortment of silk handkerchiefs, muslins, furs, parasols, linens in large varieties, plush gloves, linen and cambric handkerchiefs, gloves and mittens, ladies' caps and fur coats, beautiful new patterns in carpets, latest dress goods, fascinators, purses, ribbons, curtains, yards and oil cloths. On these articles we will meet all competition. These goods are all newly purchased especially for the holiday trade, and prospective purchasers should not fail to visit our store before making their selections.

P. J. MONAGHAN, 39 South Main St. Shenandoah, Pa. 12-19-95

A Candyless X-mas

you do not want to think of. Get the best and purest direct from the manufacturers, where it is the cheapest. At M. L. KEMMERER'S, 35 North Main street. 12-19-95

A New Switchboard.

The Shenandoah Electric Illuminating Company has added another improvement to its plant on Bowers street by putting in the latest improved switchboard.

Mine Fire Out.

The fire in the old workings of the seven foot vein in the Tunnel Ridge colliery, Mahanoy City, was extinguished yesterday after eighteen hours of hard work by the mine officials, assisted by members and apparatus of the borough fire department.

The Great Umbrella Sale.

A fashionable umbrella, with steel rod and silver trimmings at manufacturer's lowest price. At MAX LEVIT'S, 18 East Centre street.

Fine assortment of rings at Maley's.

THE BUSY STORE!

116 and 118 North Main Street.

Christmas

—1895—

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN!

It is old and everybody knows it, that our store has been continually on the "Upward" course.

GOOD REASON FOR THAT. Because our prices have always been "Down," away down below competition. We again give you good proof of that if you call and examine our Christmas stock.

Christmas Fancy Work.

We have on hand a large number of Remnants in Satin, Surahs and China Silks. Short pieces is exactly what you want, reduced to **37c**

Ladies' Sateen Skirts.

Lined through with out-fitting flannel plain ruffles **\$1.00**

With Mohair braid and pocket **\$1.49**

With Mohair ruffle **\$1.75**

A Useful Christmas Present.

Ladies' Garters.

Different styles and all shades, a handsome present **24c**

With large Rosettes of Baby **49c**

Pin Cushions.

All our own make, pink, yellow light blue, Nile green, red. Will suit most any lady. Will clearly please as a gift. \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$1.75. We have also a large variety of Toilet Bottles with ribbon to match Cushion.

Ladies' White Aprons.

With stripes, with hems or **25c** embroidery

Bureau Covers.

The very latest. All open work. It will do you good to see the assortment.

Flour Cans.

Large Japanned with lettering **38c**

Bread Cans.

Square, well made, different sizes.

Cake Cans.

Round with hinged lid, also different sizes.

CHINA CUPS and SAUCERS.

A Large Variety

DOLLS.

Still they go, and large consignments are expected. With or without movable eyes. Muslin, Kid Body or Dressed.

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Store and windows are unsurpassed in Eastern Pennsylvania.

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HAVE YOUR SELECTIONS LAID ASIDE.

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MAIN and LLOYD STREETS.

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Fresh Eggs.

We sell no pickled or ice house eggs.

When we have them they are fresh.

We have some now.

Graf's,

122 North Jarlin St., Shenandoah.