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Subscribers are requested to observe the date following the name on the labels of their papers. By referring to this they can tell at a glance how they stand on the books in this office.

Wyoming is richer in minerals than any other State in the country.

Russia is said to have 137,000,000 more acres of land under cultivation than the United States, but these statistics are supposed, by the New York World, to be misleading, if not wholly false.

Baltimore is the fourth maritime city in the country, being exceeded by New York, Boston and New Orleans, and nearly 3000 foreign vessels arrive and depart every year.

Large irrigation works costing \$2,000,000 and irrigating 400,000 acres of land are to be built in the Rio Verde Valley of Arizona.

A man whose business it is to solicit subscribers for several medical periodicals complains that doctors are feeling the hard times, remarks the Chicago Herald.

Professor G. Hall says: "Some years ago, by careful individual study, I found that sixty per cent. of the six-year-old children entering Boston schools had never seen a robin, eighteen per cent. had never seen a cow, some thinking it as big as their thumb or the picture, thus making mere verbal cram of all instruction about milk, cheese, butter, leather, and so on.

The struggle for supremacy between gas and electric light has been a determined one. Electric light has made wonderful progress in point of cheapness since 1877, but the gas men are also advancing.

The old Liberty Bell now rest in a handsome new case in the east room of Independence Hall, Philadelphia. The case is made of selected quartered white oak, is five feet ten inches square and ten feet high.

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THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Summer Days - The Shoulder - On the Edge - Speech That Was Golden - Precaution, Etc., Etc.

THE SHOULDER. Father - "My son, you want to put your shoulder to the wheel."

ON THE EDGE. Dr. Bilge - "Are the Catches in society?" Mr. Bilk - "They are suburban residents of it."

SPEECH THAT WAS GOLDEN. Edith - "What did Mr. Lovel say to you when he called last night?" Maud - "He made a ringing speech. See my finger."

HE KNEW. "I don't think advertising pays." "Why, I once heard of a man who got a wife by advertising."

PRECAUTION. Patient - "I wish to consult you in regard to my utter loss of memory." Doctor - "Aw - yes - way - er - in this class of cases I always require my fee in advance."

INSTRUCTIONS. New Train Robber - "And what am I to do if the passengers won't hold up their hands?" Old Train Robber - "Well, you might wait for the next train."

HELP WANTED. Mrs. Youngwife - "Henry, I wish you would call the policeman to the door and offer him a cigar."

UTTERLY DISCOURAGED. "These is terrible hard times," said Meandering Mike. "You bet they is," replied Plodding Pete.

NOT DISCOURAGED. Teacher - "You have failed in your history lessons every day this week." Boy (reluctantly) - "Yes-s-m."

PATIENCE NEEDED. New Arrival - "If you'll show me where it is I'll take a spin on that lake that you advertised."

FAMILY RESEMBLANCE. "And whom does your husband think the baby resembles?" "He thinks it resembles its uncle - a brother of his."

THE ONE THING NEEDFUL. Mother - "Jane, you must choose between the two. Will you marry the man who loves you or the man who can dress you?"

ALL RIGHT EITHER WAY. "Does the fact that I have money make any difference to you, Herbert dear?" "Of course it does, my own. It is such a comfort to know that if I should die you would be well provided for."

AN EMANCIPATED MISS. Young Saphend - "Do you know, Miss Vassar, I've a great mind to fighten you by woking the boat?"

IT ALL DEPENDS. "He doesn't amount to a row of pins," declared Spatts, speaking of an individual of whom he entertained a poor opinion.

AT THE "SEA SPRAY COTTAGE." Brown - "Miss Blinseger has been absorbed in that paper for the last half hour. I wonder what it is she finds so interesting?"

Mrs. Brown - "I saw it. It is an item reading: 'Among the recent arrivals at the Sea Spray Cottage is Miss Blinseger, of Brooklyn. She will spend a few weeks at Clam Shell Beach, prior to her departure for the Catskills.'"

AN EMBRYO SOLOMON. Little Clarence - "Pa!" Mr. Callipers - "That will do, my son! I do not know how much of a snake is body and how much is tail, nor why Wednesday does not come on Saturday, nor anything of the kind. You will save us both considerable trouble if you go to bed right away."

HARRY'S ARITHMETIC. Harry had just begun to go to school, and was very proud of what he learned. One day he thought he'd show his father how much he knew, and asked him at dinner:

THE NOCTURNAL MIGRATION OF BIRDS. On September 25, 1891, it was the writer's good fortune to pass the night with several ornithologists at the Bartholdi Statue in observing the nocturnal flight of birds.

THE COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON. "On a recent visit to the Pacific coast," said Walter Stedman, a New York drummer, at the Lindell, last night, "I paid a visit to one of the large canning factories in Oregon, where the Columbia River salmon are packed and shipped all over the country."

ATHLETES AND CONSUMPTION. "There is very great danger of an athlete dying of lung trouble if he ever ceases his sports," said Professor A. C. Mathews.

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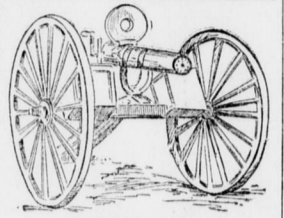
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GATLING FIELD GUN.

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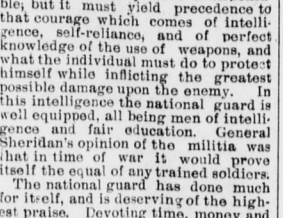
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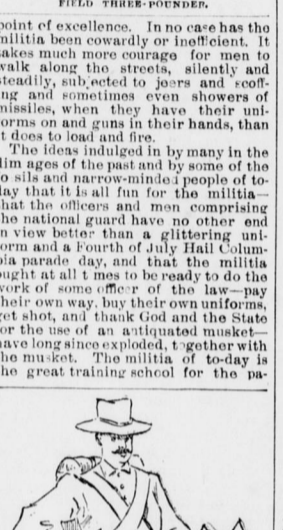
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FIELD THREE-POUNDER.

point of excellence. In no case has the militia been cowardly or inefficient. It takes much more courage for men to walk along the streets, openly and steadily, subjected to jeers and scoffing and sometimes even showers of missiles, when they have their uniforms on and guns in their hands, than it does to load and fire.

The ideas indulged in by many in the dim ages of the past and by some of the fools and narrow-minded people of today that it is all fun for the militia - that the officers and men comprising the national guard have no other end in view better than a glittering uniform and a Fourth of July Hall Columbian parade day, and that the militia ought at all times to be ready to do the work of some other of the law - pay their own way, buy their own uniforms, get shot, and thank God and the State for the use of an antiquated musket - have long since exploded, together with the musket. The militia of to-day is the great training school for the pa-



CAVALRYMAN IN HEAVY MARCHING ORDER.

trials of the future; it is upon this that the country must depend for the spirit which prompts all heroism and all national feeling; it is upon this that we must rely to keep alive the veneration and reverence for the national flag.

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