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The czar's Finnish subjects will help along his disarmament scheme by emigrating. The only trouble they find is in knowing which country is most unlike Russia.

Our exports of manufactured goods average \$1,000,000 a day. There were 204 working days during the first eight months of the current fiscal year.

Dreyfus is not the only one who suffers by the way things are run in France. M. Lorillier, the private secretary of Colonel Henry, who committed suicide, has followed his master's example.

The latest article of export from this country to Europe is river shells for the manufacture of pearl buttons. The manufacture of the cheaper grades of pearl buttons by factories located in Iowa and Wisconsin has of late years almost entirely done away with the importation of such goods.

The possibilities of the invention of liquid air to be the present view limiters. Steamers and engines and flying machines can carry their liquid air fuel from the atmosphere as they go.

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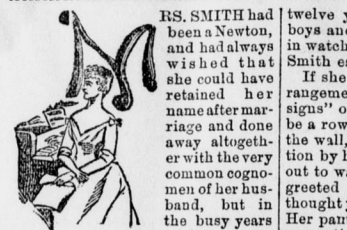
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A WOMAN'S HAND. The dawn grew golden in the east, The dancing and the music ceased; The world, the world of men, awoke, And then the guest who tarried spoke.

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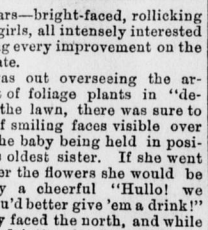
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Then she, with one strange, wistful look, Drew back the hand he idly took, And smiling hid it from his gaze, While he bowed low, and went his ways.

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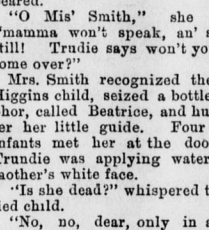
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and down went her exultation over the Newtons in general. "My cousin!" she murmured. "Yes, father had a brother Henry out West. He used to hear from him about once in five years. That accounts for the strange resemblance—O dear! dear! I'll never tell John. He would make life a burden."

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TALES OF PLUCK AND ADVENTURE.

Houdin and the Marabouts. To witness the first performance in Algiers of Robert Houdin, the famous magician, the neighboring tribes were invited. The theatre was speedily filled with them and the French officials, who attended in all their pomp and glory.

The Arab seized the handle and tugged again. He could not raise the box an inch from the floor. After many attempts he paused for a moment to brace himself for a final effort. He seized the handle again, but shrieked aloud with pain, dropped on his knees, then, rising, threw his cloak around his face to conceal his shame.

All artificial barriers fell at that instant, and leaning over the bed, Mrs. Stark almost sobbed. "You're not wicked, and you mustn't work so hard any more. You don't trouble me. I'm going to take care of you, for I'm your own cousin, Judith Newton. I've just found it out!"

"The pale little woman heaved a long, long sigh, lifted her arms, and clasped them around Mrs. Stark's neck. 'Oh, I've known it ever since I moved here! You look enough like my father to be his own daughter, and we knew you married a Smith. I've been so hungry to get near you, but I didn't dare to speak first, and nobody listened to the low murmur of voices as the women talked on and on.'

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PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

The solutions to these puzzles will appear in a succeeding issue. 105.—A Numerical Enigma. My whole, composed of twenty-two letters, is a quotation from Cowper.

History records the results of this thrilling appeal. Two hundred followed, De Rohan among them. Anita, the commander's South American wife, was by his side, as that night they cut their way through a part of Oudinot's lines. They were pursued by Austrian troops. Anita was killed in a fight near Leghorn; and when they reached the Tuscan shore, where a vessel was found, only forty were left, all wounded.

"Wait," said Houdin, "you say the pistol is a good one, and you've loaded well, so kill me." "Yes," replied the marabout. "I will do that."

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ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES.

101.—A Diamond. P E A P E A C E A C T. 102.—Six Pied Quadrupeds—Pony, ratel, wappiti, viugna, agouti, babrroussa. 103.—A Half Square. L I N E N L I N E L I N L I L I S Q U A R E. 104.—A Square. F R O S T R I F L E O F T E N S L E T T E N T S.

NEW MESS KIT AND CANTEN. Invention of Guy H. Preston, a Lieutenant of Cavalry, Adopted for the Army. Mr. Meiklejohn, the Assistant Secretary of War, has just given orders for the introduction in the army of a piece of equipment which will bring joy to the heart of the soldier.

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