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It is only a few years ago that a rascal could run away from a decent country and go to some city of refuge where there was no treaty of extradition which would bring him back. pro-British attitude of the administra-Forty years ago he could go to Spain, Turkey, Algiers, Japan, Holand, Chile, Ecuador, the Philippines, Cuba and all of Central America, except British Honduras, and find these re-sorts open even to murderers, while

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DEMOCRATIC LETTER. REPUBLICAN POLITICIANS ARE PANIC STRICKEN.

They See the Signs of the Tim This Spring's Local Elections-

(Washington Letter).

(Washington Letter). If the Republican managers had any doubt as to the prospects of Demo-cratic success next November those doubts were thoroughly removed by the mean town elections in Indiana to recent town elections in Indiana nd Minnesota. The Democrats swept ndiana like a cyclone. Everywhere he Democratic majorities were in-reased; everywhere the Republican fot fell of Towns bach reased; everywhere the Republican ote fell off. Towns which have been reliably Republican for years were engulfed by the Democratic tide. Through the gas belt, which has been Republican stronghold, the Demo cratic gains were enormous. Ander-son, the home of the Republican candidate for governor, always a reliable Republican city, was captured by the mocrats after a fierce battle the indications are that Bryan sweep the state in November by largest Democratic majority since days of Hendricks and "Blue Jeans Williams. In Minnesota, the city St. Paul went Democratic by 1,5 reversing the majority of over which it gave McKinley in 1896. signs point to this state supporting cents; up to 335 miles, 13 1-3 cents, and for longer distances 27 cents. Conversation is permissible these rates for three minutes, and a third extra is charged for every extra minute the phone is in use. It is only a few years ago that a man of the Republican state commit tee in some faint hope of holding the Dutch vote, which is very strong in

the state, in line with the party will be impossible. The anti-Boer pro-British attitude of the administra walk of life. Out of the many elements which

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fore the November elections. But the ALBATROSS ECCS FOR FOOD. people have yet some rights and op-portunities, and McKinley is caught in the meshes of his own net.

General Otis is coming home from the Philippines and another general will try to complete the impossible task which Otis has left behind him. win try to complete the impossible task which Otis has left behind him. One hundred and fifty millions of dol-lars have already been poured into the morasses of the Philippines, and thousands of lives and the health of tens of thousands have been expended to carry out McKinley's fatuous pol-icy of imperialism. This amount of money would have constructed and equipped the Nicaragua canal. It is gone and can never be recovered. Four years more of McKinley will mean five hundred million dollars more poured into the Philippine rat-hole. That is more than it cost France to change from a republic to an empire, and to change Napoleon from a successful general to an em-peror in exile. Emperors come high peror in exile. Emperors come high.

Trom a successful general to an em-peror in exile. Emperors come high. Students of history are comparing McKinley with George III. They have many characteristics in common. George III. was prosy, opinionated, a strange combination of weakness and obstinacy. He had a marked capacity for surrounding himself with the weakest statesman of the kingdom. He was equally inac-cessible with McKinley to the influ-ence of public sentiment. He made a marked pretext of religion. He had no small vices. He finally went crazy. Nearly all these characteristics are re-peated in McKinley, and Daniel Web-ster said in a speech delivered in congress April 14, 1826, that any statesman who should propose to at-tach to the United States distant, un-natural and unassimilable territory would be a mad man. JACKSON DAY.

The National Debt Made Permanent. In turning over the control of the pa-per money to the bankers, the Repub-licans have found it necessary to rivet upon the nation a national debt, which we were in a fair way to discharge. A huge sum of money is to be paid for premiums on unmatured bonds so that they may be canceled and 2 per cent thirty-year bonds issued in their stead. Why extend for thirty years a debt now almost payable and which the nation is amply able to pay as it matures? The Republicans tell us that it is done so as to furnish a basis for bank-note circulation. That is to say that a banker can buy \$25,000 worth of threasury and get \$25,000 in bank notes to lend out. He gets 2 per cent on his notes, according to his locality and his skill as a financier. It is in order to effect this benevolent end that the na-tional debt is to be made permanent.— San Francisco Star. The National Debt Made Permanent.

New Dangers Which Threaten One of th Bird Tribes of the Pacific.

Bee Dargers which Threaten One of the Bird Tribes of the Pacific. News that albatrosses are being de-stroyed literally by myriads on an is-land newly acquired by Uncle Sam may well excite dismay, in view of the interesting character of those birds from a zoological and romantic view-point. The island in question is that of Laysan, to the northwest of Hawaii —a volcanic rock threemiles long and a trifle less in breadth—on which these sea fowl breed in enormous numbers. Unfortunately for them, a local guano deposit attracts diggers these set low bread in enformous numbers. Unfortunately for them, a local guano deposit attracts diggers for that valuable fertilizer, and their eggs are gathered wholesale to feed the workmen. Though the birds them-selves are not seriously disturbed the removal of their eggs, not only by the wheelbarrow load but by the carload, must scon result in the practical ex-tinction of the species thereabout. It is the government bureau of ornithology that calls attention to this unfortunate state of affairs, and, in the fortheoming year book of the depart-ment of agriculture, Dr. T. S. Palmer will speak of dangers threatening unc'e Sam's bird colonies in other regions. Perhaps the most striking instance is afforded by the Farallones, and certainly the most important in a

Buildents of history are comparing will speak of dangers threatening have many characteristics in common. George III, was press, will speak of dangers threatening use of same build colonies in other rooks, of the coast atriking instance is afforded by the Faralianes, and cortially the most important in a weak out the waste stateman of the coast of California 00 millios entiment. He made and the thread pretext of religion. He had marked pretext of religion He had marked pretext of religion. He had marked pretext of religion He had marked pretext of religion He had marked pretext of religion. He had marked pretext of religion He had marked pretext of religion. He had marked pretext of religion He had marked pretext of religion. He had marked pretext of religion He had marked pretext of religion. He had marked pretext of religion He had marked pretext of the Coust of the const market pretext of the const market mere the find aready sale of the prince the market pretext of the const market pretext of the const market mere the find aready sale of the pretext of the const market pretext of the const market mere the find aready sale of the pretext of the const market mere the find aready sale of the pretext of the const market mere the find aready sale of the pretext of the const market mere the find aready

present. The eggs of the Palias murre are collected for food on the Pribilof is-lands, in Bering sea, and H. W. Elliott, it be naturalist, mentions that on the occasion of his first visit to Walrus island, in July, 1872, six men in less than three hours loaded a large boat carrying four tons with eggs to the water's edge. Large colonies of water birds, such as pelicans, guils, terns and herons, may be found at points along the coasts of the United States during the breeding season, and in certain localities the eggs of some of these species are highl esteemed and find a ready market—as on the eastern shore of Virginia, where eggs of the langting guil are considered a great delicacy, and are gathered in large individuals. Bat in the gratification of this taste there is the same ten-dency toward extermination, which is manifested in the case of feather col-lecting.—Boston Transcript.

Hawthorne's Tenderness for An mals

FILIPINO BARRICADES. The Rebels Devise All Manner of Sche

The Rebels Devise All Manner of Schemes to Hamper Our Men. The Filipino insurgents are compe-tent builders of barricades, and in every section of the country formerly occupied by them are numerous bar-ricades made usually by using bam-boo picces joined at the top, and the space between filled in with earth. Prices of split bamboo are arranged parallel with the barricade, got as to assist in holding in the earth. After this arrangement is well packed with earth the barricade gets harder and stronger in course of time, as in a few months the vegetation spronts in the carth and the roots entwine and solidify the structure. Some of these barricades made at the begin-ning of the trouble with the Americas troops are still in as good form as when first made. The barricade will always stop bullets effectually, and dire from some of the heavy pieces will not materially affect it. The natives also use large numbers of castaway sugar bags filled with sand and earth for building barricade. This kind of barricade is freigh dis-tributed throughout the fighting sec-tions of the islands, and one sees them everywhere. The sand bag is a handy article for any army to have, for if a lot of the heavy army to have, for if a lot of the heavs are kept filled in a convenient place a barricade can be quickly erceted. The robels devise all manner of achemes for making the approaches to their fortifications impregnable. The spanish used barbed wire in Cub, but barbed wire would be a nor-ely here, and the nives adopt the maxing the approaches to the servent the servent servent the servent the servent of the islands the arbora dwire in Cub, but barbed wire would be a nor-ely here, and the nives adopt the

elty here, and the natives adopt next thing to it, which is split bam They can entwine this material grass, rass, across streams, in swamps, ront of trenches and barricad a bolt or two of gauzy, gaudy stuff into a big loop and throw it over one shoulder.—Ainsloe's Magazinc.

grass, across streams, in swamps, in front of trenches and barricades. The Americans trip on these ingenious traps and fail full length, throwing their rifles straight out alhead. Usually the soldier is up again in a moment and presses on, but sometimes the wicked natives arrange cut bamboc points, etc., in front of the traps, so that the soldier falls upon these places and is severely cut. A troublesome piece of ground to get over is that which is provided with "round tops," so called. The rebels form the earth into series of ridges, and on the top of each ridge they place long half pieces of hamboo. The only footing that a soldier can get is on the smooth surface of the bamboo, and he usually slips and fails. If the bamboo is moist it is imposible to get a firm footing, and many sol-diers fall and hart themselves, while many get sprained ankles. The in surgents are constantly working out devish ideas of this sort, some of which are destructive, while others are harmless.—New York Tribune.

A Necessary Hero.

which are destructive, while others are harmless.—New York Tribune. A Neccessry Hero. The two young men were watching the riders along the brille-path in the park. One of them was content to look, but the other was complaining because he, too, did not have a horse, particularly a devil of a broncho he ind ridden in the army. Suddenly there was a cloud of dust down the road, and from it emerged a gill with hair flying in the wind, trying for all her diminutive strength to stop her horse that was plunging abaed wildly and going as if he was possessed of the devil, which, probably, was true. Close behind rushed another rider, a youth of about 19, whipping his horse and straining every nerve to catch up with the runaway. They neared the turn in the road. "Around the reservoir! Around the reservoir!" yelled the boy between his teeth, and his riding whip flashed and left avel on the light brown gloss of his horse's flank. The young men rushed to the bridge, but the mad race was only a cloud of dust under a bridge down the path. "There they are?' said the man, as two mounted figures came slowly up the road, the girl flashed but quiet, and the twan limp but always with an even his companion's cury. "Brave'' said the horsey man, and chaped his hands as if he were at the play and had seen a fine thing. "T believe that the young man stopped har horse. I want it that way. It would be lieve flow how he view. "Yee, "said the ince. I admit that he saved her.—New York Com-merial Advertire." "Yee, "said he nice. J admit that he saved her.—New York Com-merial Advertire."

A Funny Man

A Funny Man. "Some people have a peonliar idea of humor," remarked Court Officer Schemansky. "See that old fellow New York and the police courts. He has an anound the police courts. He has an the police courts. He has an anound the police courts. He has an this and an a plenty of spare time on his hands. One of his hobbies, lab-which he seems to enjoy hugely, is this: He will call a detective saide of and in a mysterious whisper inform bim that he has just passed a couple lieves they are up to some mischief, very Sometimes the detective will go in the direction indicated, believing in the sincerity of his informant. But the suspect is never in sight. The old \$55 humorist has first told them that the police are looking for them. Then when he hes how the dates numorist has nist told them that the police are looking for them. Then when he has 'peached' to the detec-tive, he retires to a corner and laughs till he is blue in the face. Oh, he's an awful funny man!"—Detroit Free Press.

A Strange Happening. "Pa," said little Harry, "after may hit her thumb with the hammer today she says she suffered untold agony for 10 minutes." "My, my, my!" exclaimed the boy's father. "Wonders 'll never cease. That's the first time she ever let any-thing go untold that long."—Chicage Times-Herald.

SKIN-TICHT SULL TROUSERS.

eneral Bates Walts Two Hours While a Dato Changes His Trousers. None but beggars live at ease Our pride misleads or timid likings

SKIN-TIGHT SULD TROUSERS. General Bates Waits Two Hours While a Dato Changes His Trousers. The most amazing thing about a Philippine Moro is his trousers. If he is of any station, or has any money, they are made of silk, and the more colors and the brighter they are, the better. I have seen red, green, yel-low, white and black all in one pair, and the greens and reds are no soft, subdued affairs; they are the most violent and velsement things in the color line. It is the fit of them that is the wonder, though. If they were of the right shade of brown, you couldn't tell that there were any trousers. Nothing so tight ever was contrived by any sartorial artist who nees the English language. But for one thing the conclusion would be irresistible that they are made on the wearers, and worn of; that is, that sometimes they are changed. General Bates once waited about two hours for a Dato, with whom be had some business, to change his trousers, and those two hours were filed with lan-guage and strange sounds within the house of the Dato. But at the end of them there was the demonstration that the trousers could be changed, although the mystery of their con-struction was increased. Moro women wear trousers, also, but they go to the other extreme. Each trouser leg is big enough to make sacks for four hundred pounds of bran. Each woman dyes the filmsy silk of which she makes, her trousers to suit herself. I saw some that were seven or eight colors, the different dyes running in uneven streaks around. The women wears the should are were with prayers and other remarks in the Moro tongue. Sometimes the women twist a bolt or two of gauyr, gaudy staff into a big loop and throw it over con shoulder.—Ainslec'é Magazine. kill. Nature's tears are reason's merriment. Let them obey that know not how to rule. A life without humor is like a life vithout legs. Do good to thy friend to keep him;

to thy enemy, to gain him. A house without woman and fire-light is like a body without soul or spirit.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

spirit. Precepts often heard and little re-garded lose by repetition the small influence they had. Too often when Cupid registers marriage vows he falls into the modern habit and uses the cash register. The encoded

The gust of passion having passed, vindictiveness disappears with it in all natures except those without moral

natures except those without moral sense. Will you have me bear poverty? Come and see what poverty is when it strikes one who knoweth how to play the part well. Goodness and love mould the form into their own image, and cause the beauty and joy of love to shine forth from every part of the face. The man or woman that has never known sorrow may be forgiven a life that is callous and setfish. There has never been a touch of anything bet-ter. sense.

never been a touch of anything bet-ter. It is an utterly immoral desire to asarp the functions of the Almighty. The recognition of this fact should warn us all against the nursing of malice and should put us on our guard against those who exhibit a vindic-tive disposition. They are morally unsound and upon o casion are liable to develop into criminals.

PUT IN A PACKING CASE. PUT IN A PACKING CASE. Merchant Csed-Dray to Send Home a spool of Thead. Some women have a mania for hav-ing even the tiniest packages sent home. "Of course; its pure thought-lessness," said a salesman in a big de-partment store, "but many women cause us a great deal of unnecessary trouble in ordering small packages which they could easily carry in their pockets to be sent to their homes. It would be no trouble for a customer to carry home with her a spool of thread, a comb or a hundred and one other small articles that are purchased each day. On each of these small articles must be written the address of the purchaser, and it must go in a wagon

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WORDS OF WISDOM Always speak the trath. Make few

If your hands cannot be usefully amployed, attend to the cultivation of your mind.

your mind. The possession of the disposition to be vindictive is wholly incompatible with moral character. Achievement, the great tonic and restorative; assurance of success, the worker's most potent wine and stimu-lant. purchaser, and it must go in a wagon with hundreds of other packages and there is constant danger of its being

lant. Depression is a kind of morning headache vith which nature visits those of her children who drink to excess of mental or emotional stimulants.

lants. Literature travels faster than steam nowadays. And the worst of it is that we can't any of us give up reading; it's as insidions as a vice and as tireae as a virtue.

some as a virtue. It is hard to personate and act a part long, for where truth is not at the bottom nature will always be en-deavoring to return, and will peep out and betray herself one time or another. Success in after years must neces-sarily depend upon the training of

sarily depend upon the training of youth, persistent practice and a deter-mination to win. The degree of suc-cess must reflect the character of the properties.

preparation. To some, thinking is a kind of men-To some, thinking is a kind of men-tal game; they treat their reason as if it were a fly-wheel without a connect-ing strap, and are guided in their actions by other people's ideas, by cus-tom or laws. The best among us, being afflicted with mortal failings, may for a mo-ment or two, while in passion, be dis-posed to revenge real or fancied wrongs, but no one with proper feel-ings indulges such sentiments or allows them to control his actions.

there is constant danger of its being lost. "I heard only the other day of a woman in a city not far away who was made to see how needless it is to have a small parcel sent home when it can be easily carried. She was a regular customer of the store, and her habit of having spools of thread, papers of pins and such like purchases delivered was generally known. She was well acquainted with the proprietor, and visited his family in a social way. "He determined to even things up. There came a time when she ordered bus one spool of thread sent to her house. The proprietor of the store directed that this small spool of thread be wrapped in a paper box and that the box be placed in a great wooden one. Around the smaller package was placed enough paper to fill the big box, which was placed on a big truck. No other goods were placed on that truck. "Two men accompanied the box, house they pretended to have great difficulty in handling it. Thev pulled and tagged at the box, while the pur-chaser of the thread looked on it mazement. "What is all this? she asked. "I have ordered nothing that would re-quire such a box as that." "The box was opened. After a seach through the packing paper to spool of thread was found. The wom-an appreciated the joke and she has not since ordered set home a package which she could without trouble carry herselt." The Horse Learned How.

Water Cress Valuable as a Food. A native of Great Britain, the small, weedy-looking plant known as water cress has been naturalized in this country. It grows near water courses and sparkling springs, and its pleas-ant, pungent taste in early spring is as agreeable as it is healthful. It is said that upon reaching his native isle, after his tour around the world, Sir Joseph Banks asked the first thing for a dish of watercress. He was enthusiastic over its blood purifying qualities. Farthermore, he largest amount of water cress for the public benefactor. Water Cress Valuable as a Food.

Argest amount of where creas for the London market --regarding him as a public benefactor. Water cress is largely and profita-bly cultivated in many places near New York City. "Many a farmer gets more money from the water cress on the margin of abrook running through his farm than from his year of hard labor with corn, hay or potates." The seed is sown about the middle of August, a given area in many cases (if one be near the markets of Phila-delphia or New York City) will pay six or eight times more than any other vegetable. One enthusiast insists that where a regular plantation, as for cranberries, is prepared, and irri-gation used at pleasure, \$4000 or \$5000 may be realized from a single acre.

\$5000 may be realized from a single acre.
Few bits of greenery form a more appetizing garnish.
Africa's Numerous Wars.
There are six wars going on in Africa the produced such a state of affairs.
Trance has three rather mild camparism on her hands, all directed garant the information and the Moors are battling with the tribes.
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London is twelve miles broad one way and seventeen the other, and every year sees about twenty miles of new streets added to it.

where she could without trouble carry herself." The Horse Learned How. Fire department horses are marvels of intelligence, as everybody knows, but a Portland business man owns a handsome gray which, he thinks, will bear comparison with any of them. We quote the proof from the Press: The gray is stabled with several horses belouging to the company of which the gray's owner is manager. To avoid the necessity of hiring a man to go to the stable at 4 o'clock every morning to feed the horses, an ingeni-ons device was arranged which answered every purpose-until the arrial of the gray horse. The device consisted of two alarm-clocks set to go off at 4 o'clock. A heavy weight was so arranged that when the alarm started, the weight would drop and pull a wire which opened the trapdoors, and the feed would then come tumbling down into the mangers of the horses. After the arrival of the gray horse, it was noticed that all the horses beherself.

Of course the horses proceeded to eat