

According to Maine papers, sleighs were out in Aroostook County last week.

Yellow fever still reigns supreme at Jacksonville, Fla., the number of cases being even on the increase, on account of the moist, warm weather.

An idiot in the shape of an Ohio farmer, stowed away \$475 safely in a stove. While he was absent, a cold spell came on, and his family started a fire. All the fools are not dead yet, and it seems as if they never would be.

Among the effects of the late infamous gambling in wheat is the suicide of Francis W. Williams, the head of the great commission house of Williams, Black & Co., of New York. This is lamentable enough, as the work of a single scoundrel of insatiable greed, but the great weight of suffering comes on the poor, on whom the heavy artificial advance in the price of bread entails grievous privation.

The *American Magazine* for October is to hand, with, as usual, an interesting table of contents, not the least so of which is an account, illustrated with portraits of its colonels, and views of its splendid rooms, of the famous 7th Volunteer Regiment of New York, of which it is said the members "enter upon their duties with intelligence, earnestness, and a desire for success. Strict discipline is enforced, unquestioning obedience required, and the officers are accorded the utmost respect and courtesy at all times." Let our own volunteers note.

England and Germany are in accord in the matter of Zanzibar troubles.

There appears to be some prospect of trouble in Spain, Republicans on the frontier, being, it is said, on the alert for an emeute.

It is rumored that Chief Secretary Balfour has refused to allow the military to assist at the evictions on the Clanricarde estates.

The British man-of-war *Osprey* has captured, off Mocha, three dhows having on board 204 slaves. The captains of the dhows and four of the slaves were killed before the slavers surrendered.

The situation at Suakim is reported to be serious, the enemy having succeeded in entrenching himself at a short distance, in spite of the efforts of the garrison, which is too weak. It is, however, to be speedily reinforced.

Something very odd, a college of carpentry for women, has been started in the old university town of Cambridge, England. It is intended not so much to teach the trade as to develop manual dexterity among women.

There is no end to the idiocies of tourists. They have now taken to depositing cards about tombstones, statues and busts. The only thing in favor of the inanity is, that, after all, it is better than chipping and defacing.

English farmers have turned against the sparrows as a pest to agriculture, and are offering rewards for their destruction. It is asserted that these birds, cause a loss to agricultural England of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 per year.

Henry Campbell, member of parliament for South Fermanagh, and private secretary to Parnell, has brought an action against the *Times* for libel, that paper having stated that he was the writer of the alleged Parnell letters.

Two young Germans in Berlin fought a duel with tricycles. Starting at 300 yards apart, they charged full tilt against each other, with slight injuries to themselves and serious hurts to their machines. Their honor was satisfied.

A terrific explosion of petroleum occurred a few days since on board the French steamer *Ville de Calais*, which arrived at Calais from Philadelphia. The vessel was completely wrecked, and a great loss of life, at present unknown, took place.

The German Dr. Bergmann proposes, it is said, to bring an action for libel in the English courts against Sir Morell Mackenzie, on account of statements made by the latter in his work, which has been seized in Germany with a view to its suppression.

It appears that the Italians are to a certain extent following in the footsteps of the Germans and Spanish authorities, inasmuch as the Turin Municipality have decreed that all the theatres in that town must be lighted by electricity from November 1.

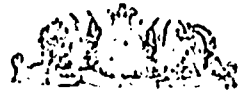
The *Times* has formulated its accusations against certain Irish members in a clear and uncomprehensive manner, which, it would seem, unless there is real innocence of complicity with the unlawful means used for certain ends, will be somewhat difficult to evade.

The King of the Netherlands is dying. He has been in a precarious state for several months. He is wheeled about from room to room in a chair, and is even unable to sign his name. During the last three weeks all State business has been transacted by Queen Emma.

Daniel Goulding, formerly warden in Tullamore jail, has been arrested for perjury at the inquest into the death of John Mandeville. Goulding deposed at the inquest that Mandeville had been ill treated by himself and other wardens under orders of the governor of the jail.

The Prince of Wales was present recently at a court performance, at Bucharest, of a Shakespearian charade in fourteen tableaux, devised by the Queen of Roumania, who took the leading role. The Royal party after dinner heard the English comedy, "A happy pair," rendered by the daughter of the American Minister and Mr. Kennedy.

There is said to be a strong personal antagonism between the Emperor William and Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria—so strong that the Austrian Emperor had, it is reported, to threaten his son with deprivation of his command at Vienna to prevent him from absenting himself during the Kaiser's visit. This, if true, is a bad lookout for the future.



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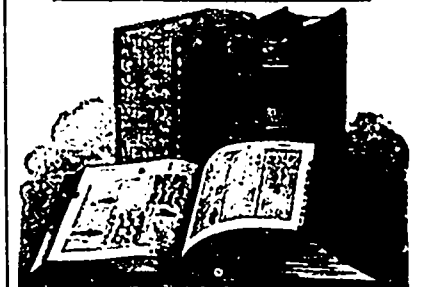
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