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in the list below will be awarded in order of merit to the fifteen persons who send in the largest amounts of money in either new "early or quarterly" subscriptions to the "Weekly Messenger" between now and the 31st of January inclusive, but none of these prizes will be given to anyone sending in less than \$4.

1st prize	-\$10
2nd prize	6
3rd prize	4
4th prize	2
5th prize	1
6th prize	1
7th prize	1

8th to 15th prizes (both inclusive) our book "Reprinted Stories" which so many obtained in one of our competitions and which has been highly praised by all. The price of the book is sixty cents a copy. It contains 237 pages as large as those of the *Messenger*, and is profusely illustrated. As was shown in our last competition the highest prize (\$10) was won by a young lady who sent \$5.50 in subscriptions. That proves how easy it is to win one of our prizes. We get hundreds of small lists but very few large ones; therefore everyone who thinks he can obtain even eight new subscriptions should try for a prize.

Anyone who obtains six new subscriptions may either deduct the sixty cents which we allow as commission on six new fifty cents subscriptions, or may send us the whole \$3 and claim

ONE OF OUR \$1.25 BOOKS FREE.

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A PRIZE STORY.

In order to encourage literary talent among our readers we offer prizes of \$6, \$4, \$3 and \$2 to the persons who send us respectively the first, second, third and fourth best original stories about a little girl and her dolly, whom she pretends has been taken very poorly. This ought to be an easy subject for everyone to write about. The story must not exceed two thousand words in length but may be as much shorter as the writer desires. The prize story will not necessarily be one of the longest. The length, provided the story is good all through, will count for something, but it is quite possible that one of the shorter stories may carry off the prize. All stories must be sent to us previous to the 15th of January on which day the prize-story competition ends.

THE "RIEL REBELLION."—To all who send us their own renewal and one new fifty-cent subscription we will send this lively history of the late events in the North-west. As we have only a few hundred copies left we will probably not be able to continue this offer after the end of the year. Everyone who wishes to take advantage of it should do so at once.

OUR LIST of prize winners in the last competition has remained open to correction for two weeks. The list has stood as it was and we will now send the money. We hope that those who receive our prizes will not be content until they have tried to procure still more new subscribers for us. Please send acknowledgment on the receipt of money.

WE HOPE that anyone who intends to take part in our prize story competitions will not forget that all manuscripts must be sent to us, at the latest, on the 15th of January next.

RENEWALS have been coming in so well that we need only remind the few who are taking their time that they are likely to lose papers by so doing, and our hands are so full during the first part of January that we will not be able to send numbers that are missed unless they are paid for at the rate of five cents a copy.

THE WEEK.

A FALL OF 1,200 FEET.—While seven men were being hoisted to the surface in the Sofferino mine, near Nevada, Gilpin County, Colorado, a rock fell from above and struck Archelaus Warren on the head, knocking him out of the bucket. The men tried to catch him, but failed. The bucket was about 450 feet from the surface at the time. An exploring party found a piece of his jaw bone at the 1,200-foot level, a piece of his skull at the 1,300-foot level, where his coat was also found. His body fell about 1,200 feet in all, and is now in the water at the bottom of the shaft.

CHARLES W. HEMENWAY, editor of the Ogden, Utah, *Herald* (Mormon), has been found guilty of libel. Hemenway was indicted for publishing libellous articles concerning the official actions of the United States officials incident to the prosecution of the polygamy cases. He added to his notoriety by conducting his own defence. He will be sentenced on January 4th. The maximum penalty for his offence is a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for six months in the county gaol. There are two other indictments for libel hanging over Hemenway.

MAYOR GRACE of New York, talking about Home Rule for Ireland, said: "I have always favored Home Rule for Ireland. Mr. Gladstone's proposition, as I have read it, seems to me a fair offer made in good faith, and if the plan suggested by him is carried out it will be the crowning honor of his career as a statesman. The accomplishment of such a purpose will no doubt greatly strengthen and prolong the existence of the British Empire. I think the offer should and will be accepted in the same spirit it is made; and I am convinced that if the Irish people are given control of local matters and laws, like Canada and Australia, Ireland will become in spirit, purpose, and interest an integral part of the empire and discord and bitterness will be done away with forever."

NEWS from St. Petersburg, Russia, states that a terrible dynamite explosion took place in the Plejuchin mine in Siberia, and that there were from 400 to 1,000 men killed.

PROFESSOR LEOPOLD VON RANKE, the German historian, although ninety years of age, is still hale and hearty, and is at work on another volume of his *Universal History*.

IT WOULD APPEAR that France is preparing to withdraw her forces from Tonq in as well as from Madagascar. It is feared that this would lead to further massacres of Christians in Annam, and embolden the enemies of France in Tunis and elsewhere.

MR. VANDERBILT has made a good disposition of the money he did bequeath to charitable institutions. The will says:—I give and bequeath to the following named societies and incorporated bodies, organized under the laws of the State of New York, the sums hereinafter specified, viz.:—To the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, one hundred thousand dollars for foreign, and one hundred thousand dollars for domestic missionary purposes; to St. Luke's Hospital, incorporated in the year 1850, one hundred thousand dollars; to the Young Men's Christian Association of the city of New York, one hundred thousand dollars; to the General Theological Seminary in the city of New York of the Protestant Episcopal Church, fifty thousand dollars; to the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, whereof the Bishop is President, fifty thousand dollars; to the Home for Incapables, incorporated in 1845, fifty thousand dollars; to the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society of Seaman in the City and Port of New York, fifty thousand dollars; to the New York Christian Home for Intemperate Men, fifty thousand dollars; to the New York Protestant Episcopal Mission Society of the city of New York, one hundred thousand dollars; to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, incorporated April 13, 1870, one hundred thousand dollars; to the American Museum of Natural History in the city of New York, fifty thousand dollars; and to the Moravian church in New-Dorplane, Staten Island, organized under the name of the United Brethren's Church, one hundred thousand dollars.

QUEEN VICTORIA has knighted a Mr. Oswald Brierly for his great ability as a painter. This action is much criticized by artists, who declare that Mr. Brierly has no real merit in his pictures, most of which are ridiculous representations of royal yachts.

THE TRIAL of persons accused of belonging to a Russian Social Revolutionary society has been concluded. Burdowski, Justice of the Peace of Warsaw, Luzy, captain of engineers, and four others were sentenced to be hanged. Eighteen have been sentenced to sixteen years' servitude in the mines of Siberia; two others to ten years in the same place, and afterward to be exiled for life in Siberia, and two more to Siberia for life. This is the way in which the Czar protects himself against harm.

NINETEEN head of Galloway heifers and bulls, and nine Hereford bulls and sixteen thoroughbred sheep, saved from the wreck of the steamer "Brooklyn" at Anticosti, were auctioned here to-day. The Galloway heifers brought from \$65 to \$135 each, the bulls from \$41 to \$65, and the Herefords from \$40 to \$68. The sheep ran from \$17 to \$50. They were all purchased by Maritime Province stock raisers, and will remain in quarantine three months. Two horses were shipped from Halifax to San Francisco, the first shipment of live stock ever made from Nova Scotia to the Pacific coast. The freight amounts to \$357.

SEVERE WEATHER has been recently experienced in South Italy. There was considerable difficulty in rescuing eleven travelers who were snowed in near Campobasso station.

ENGLAND AND ITALY may possibly join forces in sending an army to the Sudan, and an influential German paper goes so far as to say that an Italian army corps will shortly be sent to Suakin.

THE ELECTION for the presidency of France will be held on December 28th inst.