

An American professor claims to have found the microbe of "la grippe." This, however, is disputed by other medical savans.

"Old Hutch" of Chicago, has been robbed of between \$25,000 and \$40,000 by Tommy Stoner, one of his settling clerks on the Board of Trade. Mr. Stoner has found his way to Canada and is said to be in Toronto.

The *Ladies' Home Journal* (Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia) for February is to hand. It is an excellent ladies' publication containing fashions, fancy work and much readable matter of a superior kind, and is well and profusely illustrated. More than value for the extremely moderate price, \$1.00 per annum or ten cents a number.

We are in receipt of a pamphlet by the Rev. Charles R. Treat, Rector of the Church of the Archangel, New York, entitled *Sanitary Entombment. The Ideal Disposition of the Dead*. We have never felt particularly solicitous as to what should become of our mortal remains when we join the majority, but the magnificence of the Rev. author's proposed mausoleum (for the brochure is illustrated) almost persuades us that it would be a treat to be stowed away in his ideal "Campo Santo" under conditions of desiccation instead of in a commonplace grave.

The Government of Brazil has established civil marriages.

Mr. Stanley proposes to remain at Cario until the middle of March.

The Queen will visit Aix les Bains in April and will remain there a month.

The Delagoa Bay Railway has been completed to the frontier of the Transvaal.

The *Paris Dix-neuvieme Siecle* states that the Emperor of Austria will soon abdicate his throne.

There has been no cessation in the heavy gales that prevail in England and the floods continue.

It is said that constitutional weakness will prevent the King of Spain growing up to manhood.

Cholera is raging in Mesopotamia, Asiatic Turkey, and 300 deaths are reported to have occurred.

The Duke of Veragua, the new Spanish Minister of Commerce, is a direct descendant of Christopher Columbus.

Fastnet lighthouse displayed signals of distress on Thursday of last week, but no vessel has been able to approach it for several days.

The King of Portugal has the dengue an inflammatory fever which so nearly resembles the influenza that the diagnosis is difficult.

Mr. Stanley writes to a friend: "My hair is like snow; but it is the crown of a busy period, and I wear it with regret as the gift of time."

A great flight of locusts, calculated to have covered about 2,000 square miles, lately passed across the Red Sea from the African to the Arabian Shore.

Gen. Sir Donald Stewart will probably be appointed a Field Marshal of the British army to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lord Napier of Magdala.

The Queen of Greece became encircled in an electric light wire in the Palace grounds at Athens the other day and was only released an instant before the current was turned on.

Immediately on the opening of Parliament Mr. Parnell will bring up the question of the forged Pigott letters published by the *Times* in its articles on "Parnellism and Crime."

Justice asks whether Flourens and all those who voted for him on the question of the Newfoundland fisheries really desire to force war between England and France. If they do not, it says, let them act like reasonable men alive to their responsibilities.

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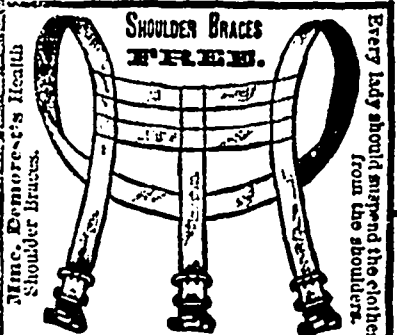
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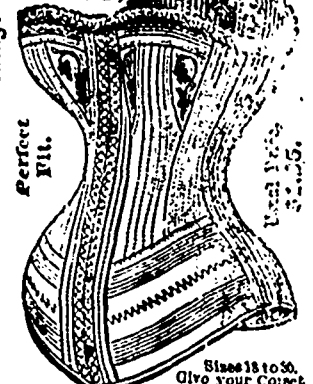
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