

Wit and Humor.

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A faint heart never won a fair lady, but a faint whisper often catches her.

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The statement of what General Hancock said he would do in the event of a division of the House and Senate in 1876 on the manner in which the electoral vote should be counted, is deprived of much, if not all, of its importance in view of the actual facts.

General Sherman, in the latter part of November, began concentrating troops in Washington, for what purpose is not definitely known to this day. Only the day before the arrival of the artillery companies, and while they were en route to this city, he emphatically denied that troops were coming here.

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