

HARD UP.—The town of Selma, Ala., had but one male in the place who was competent to act as engineer of their gas works. He was conscripted by the rebel government, and the people of Selma are consequently without light. The people have sent a petition to Richmond for the release of the conscript.

A "teller of telegrams." This is the latest American equivalent for one who lies gloriously. The expression brings the American telegrapher's record down to a standard which is created for itself.

The New Bedford Mercury says a healthy man was caught once in that city last week, who had been the first of a series of first-class men of rixets and snails, weighing 14 lb. 10 were taken.