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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our regular correspondent.]

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To resume or not to resume is a question which agitates financial circles a good deal just now. Of course Secretary Sherman proposes to resume January 1, and the banks are taking account of stock to see where things are coming out. Many sensible men among the resumptionists begin to realize the difficulties to be encountered, as the time approaches. Sentiment aside, and practical results alone considered, there seems to be some common sense in the reasoning of Gen. Butler, as reported from an interview in New York shortly after the election. "Tell me how far $135,000,000, will go towards paying $2,500,000,000, and I will tell you how I think resumption will succeed," remarked old "eye-cock," as a French newspaper calls him, and he then proceeds to indicate the way he expects it to work, in the following language: "Suppose gold stays at its present premium, ½ of 1 per cent. If it is not handy for you to present your greenbacks at the Treasury on the day of redemption, you can take them to a broker and get gold for the premium, and a slight commission or without any premium if the Secretary is redeeming as fast as presented. When it only costs you a little over a dollar to insure $1,000 worth of greenbacks, being as good as gold, you will insure, won't you? If resumption wins you won't have lost as much as you pay for cigars in a day on every thousand dollars, and if resumption doesn't win you will have made money; how much you don't know. So there will be a rush to get the gold, and when it is got the owners will make special deposits of it at once. The greenbacks will go into the Treasury and stay there, because there is no way to get them out, and the gold will be hoarded or go into the banks as special deposits, and stay there. Just so much withdrawn from circulation. Now imagine $100,000,000 be taken out of the circulation of the country to-morrow. What would happen? Don't you think there would something drop that could be heard? But that isn't all of it. The National banks admit to having twenty-two hundred millions of deposits. Everyone of them will want gold. Resumption to be successful must include the whole mass of deposits, circulation and greenbacks. A man with $100,000 on deposit asks for gold. It can't be given him; so he draws it out and takes it to a broker—of which there will a thousand spring up—and sells for gold. How long will Sherman's $135,000,000 stand in such a storm? Only the other day he called on the National banks for $3,000,000 of the $45,000,000 which they have on deposit as the proceeds of the four per cent." The banks appear to apprehend that this result will transpire, in some degree at least, and a committee of New York bankers have just been here in consultation with Secretary Sherman devising means to make the supply of gold and legal tenders meet the demand. After January 1, silver will be received by the banks only as a special deposit, that is the depositor must agree to take it back again in payment of his drafts upon the bank.

The return of the swallows in springtime is not hailed with greater delight than Washingtonians manifest at the approach of a new session of Congress. Aside from the material interests which boarding-house keepers and tradesmen have at stake in the presence here of three or four hundred Congressmen and Senators, with the crowd that follows in their train, it is with all residents a question of entertainment. Congress is our menagerie. Theatres do not thrive here because six months in the year we have a better show free of cost. When Shakespeare wrote, "the play's the thing," he had never seen an American House of Representatives on one of its lively days. So here we are getting ready to greet our returning favorites. The work of cleaning, renovating and fixing up, has been in progress at the Capital building some time, until everything is now nearly in readiness. The subject of ventilation has received some attention, but no great improvement has been made. Every session we hear of Congressmen injured in health and broken down by the bad atmosphere in which they live while on duty. It really does seem that some means could be devised to properly ventilate this magnificent structure. Yet with all the ills that may be suffered from this cause, there are in my opinion other sources to which many Congressmen's aches and pains may be traced. The lives which some of them live while here render better ventilated stomachs and minds quite as necessary as better ventilated council chambers. No doubt more of their ills comfrom indulgence in late suppers, wines, bad hours, and the lusts of the flesh generally, than are due to the cause to which they are so often ascribed.

For amusement, the past two weeks we have had Heller, the magician, at the National Theatre. It is certainly enjoyable to sit under the spell of such a clever artist, and have our eyes make havoc with our common sense. We know well enough that eggs do not grow in hats, nor fish swim in India shawls, and when our mystifying showman produces the egg or the fish we can only console ourselves by wondering "how the deuce he does it." But beyond this mere sleight of hand, Mr. Heller has some purely mechanical effects and automata which are as funny as they are remarkable. A "Jack in the Box" whis smokes a pipe and obeys every command; a trunk into which a man gets only to be discovered somewhere else; clocks which strike and bells which ring with no other visible motive or cause than the word to do or not to do. The second sight mystry, in which he is assisted by Miss Heller, is a thing beyond all comprehension. Next week we are to have Kiralfy's spectacle of "Around the World in Eighty Days," which has lately been the sensation in New York and Philadelphia. As the city is filling up with strangers, no doubt manager Ford will achieve the success he deserves and his pockets fill with ducats. People must be be amused and they know a good thing when they see it.

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Suicide by Starvation.

REMARKABLE DETERMINATION OF CONRAD KAPP, A KEOKUK MECHANIC—HIS DEATH FROM INANITION, A MATTER OF BUT A FEW DAYS.

Conrad Kapp, a German, residing in Keokuk, Indiana, is undergoing a slow process of suicide by starvation. He is a carpenter by trade, and until recently had been employed in the car shops of the Keokud & Des Moines Road. When it became known in July last that the road had been leased to the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, and that there was a probability that the shops would be removed from Keokuk, Knapp expressed a fear that he would be thrown out of a job during the winter, and that his family would starve to death. This idea seemed to be uppermost in his thoughts, and weighed upon him until it began to affect his mind. It grew upon him, and his services in the shop became of so little value that it was necessary to discharge him. This made him worse, and he became a monomaniac on the subject of starvation. He refuses to eat or drink, and for fifteen days not a morsel of food or a drop of water has crossed his lips. For two weeks previous to that his diet consisted exclusively of an apple occasionally and a drop of water. His friends have endeavored by every possible means to induce him to eat and his physician has tried to persuade him to take medicine and nourishment, but all to no purpose. He stubbornly refuses to take anything or have anything done for him. When urged to do so, his only response is that it is too late. With the view to ascertaining whether he does not go to the cupboard at night and get something to eat, he has been watched, but it has been found that he does not. The nearest he has been induced to take anything at all was on Monday evening, when he dipped his finger into the water bucket, but, pausing a few minutes, wiped his finger on his pants and went away. Another singular feature of this case is that for over four weeks he has neither taken his clothes off, gone to bed or slept. He sits in his chair all the time and when completely overcome dozes for ten or fifteen minutes but never longer. Kapp is very much reduced from his long fasting. When in health he wouldweigh 150 or 160 pounds, but he now weighs less than 100. His flesh is dry and wrinkled and his stomach is shrunken so that he does not measure more than five or six inches through. Before his recent affliction he was one of the jolliest men in town, and was always joking and laughing. He formerly drank considerable, but for the last year has been very steady and was not known to have been drunk during that time. His case is one of the most remarkable on record. The physician says that it would probably do no good for him to take food now and that he cannot possibly survive many days longer.

Lost Arts of Women.

Is it possible that in olden times too much stress was laid on the importance of training girls to mend and darn so exquisitely that it would be difficult, almost impossible, to discover that there had been any necessity for the labor; but if there was any error in teaching and exacting such perfect work it was a fault "that leaned to virtue's side," and beyond all comparison better than the wretched "botching" to be found on the raiments of some—of many—of the girls of the present day. Laundresses that wash for school girls could make strange revelations of neglect of garments and careless repairs were not their lips sealed through fear of losing good customers. When a broken stitch is allowed to go on uncared for until it has become so large that the stocking cannot be worn without some repairs, and is then drawn up into an ugly bunch—hard enough to blister the feet—instead of being nicely darned; or when a tear or rip on dress or undergarment is pulled together with thread coarse enough to injure the fabric, who is to blame—the mother or the daughter? What instruction has ever been given the young girl about looking out for the beginning of evil in her wardrobe? Has she been taught to darn or to mend every rent or rip the first possible instant after it was discovered, and to do it neatly! Oh, no! Her music or drawing lessons, her French and German and dancing, are apparently of more importance than such useful work as mending or darning. If a young lady has what, in these days, is the rare skill of compelling her needle to assist her in carrying out all the requisitions which will enable her, with scant materials, to keep herself neatly and genteelly clad; if she can turn, remodel, piece neatly, the lack of material by some simple and appropriate trimming until she makes an old, dilapidated garment look "amaist as weel's the new," she will have cause all the days of her life to thank the mother who led her in the ways she should go; and what ever changes or vicissitudes may be sent she has far less to fear than those who, in prosperous days, are fancifnl ornaments of their homes, but when the evil day comes, will, through their ignorance, become oppressive burdens upon those who must provide for their support.—[Mrs. Henry W. Beecher.

GENERAL NEWS

Boston girls say it is awfully mag, for shortness.

A Texan mother was frightened to death by two dogs fighting over her twin babies.

Half the athletes of the British Empire and the United States are Irish or of Irish descent.

A London paper offers a prize to any young woman who has not written a poem on the beautiful snow.

A clergyman who preached in the Toronto Central Prison lately said he was glad to see such a large number present.

Liverpool has a Sunday law so strict that a grocer whose doors had been opened by burglars was arrested for having his place opened on the Sabbath.

The next invention that Edison is to attempt is a machine that will keep a woman's eyes closed during prayer time in church, when a pew in front contains a woman with a new dress on.

Alfred Herod, charged with the murder of James Calvert on the 24th of June last, at Cayuga, Ont., was, Saturday, found guilty of manslaughter, and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

L. P. Jameson of Piedmont, W. V., while ascending a stairway, Saturday, with an open pocket-knife in his hand, slipped and fell the blade of the knife penetrating his bowels and inflicting injuries from which he will probably die.

Mr. Martin was on his way from Madison to Janesville, Wis., to marry Miss Foster, but he chanced to meet Miss Cobbe, whom he once knew and loved and straightway married her, leaving Miss Foster and her wedding guests to wait in vain for his coming.

A Texan family attended the circus at Sherman the other day. The husband sold a load of wood for $1, and the wife a jar of butter for $1,25, then they were 75 cents short, but the father pawned his boots, and barefoot led the way to the splendors of the arena.

A farmer at Ulverstone, England, gave a lift home from market to a neighbor and her three children. For this kindly act he was arrested, on the ground that he had violated the law, which licensed his cart to carry only merchandise, and a reluctant Judge was compelled to fine him heavily.

Wm. Perry, aged about 16 years was kidnapped by three villains at Yarmouth, N. S., on the 5th inst, chained and then taken out a few miles into the woods where he was secured. After enduring the rigors of the severe weather, he succeeded in extricating himself, and reached hume.

In Liverpool many of the street letter boxes now have a door which shuts with a spring and at the same time moves a plate showing the hour of the last clearance. The public can thus ascertain whether letters have been taken out for a particular mail, and the post office has a check upon its men.

An unknown man suddenly became insane on an Erie Railroad train the other day, smashed a handsome meerschaum pipe, tore four notes of £100 English sterling each into fragments, and then put some bonds under his feet and ground them to small pieces with his heels. He was finally quieted and taken to some institution on the arrival of the train.

At the Catholic fair in New York, the friends of General Hancock and the members of the Southern colony in that city who favor Gen Joseph E. Johnston are vying earnestly by votes for the jeweled sword. The Hancock men, however, have thus far outnumbered the Johnston men, although very slightly. Gen. Grant is still one of the least favored generals on the list.

The war estimates of the French Government for 1879 have been prepared, and the Chamber will be asked to vote the petty sum of 554,043,150 francs, or more than $110,600,000. The strength of the Army is set down at 446,442 men and 124,279 horses. The military and naval forces of France, including the permanent Army and Navy and all those liable to be called into service in case of war, are said to consist of about one-tenth of the population.

Isaac Butt, member of Parliament, issued an address to the electors of Limerick—virtually, however, to the Home Rulers throughout the country—declaring that the policy of obstruction involves the total disruption of the Irish Parliamentary party. He asks the Irish people to discourage the policy proclaimed in resolutions adopted at the rotunda meeting in Dublin Oct. 22d. He says no heavier blow could be inflicted on the cause of Ireland than giving the proposed agitation even the semblance of popular approval. Dr. Butt denies that his policy has been a failure. Never, he says, in the space of four years has so much been done to make the voice of Ireland respected and influential.

Colonel Leroy Beaument is the somewhat imposing cognomen of a person arrested in Paterson, N.J., a couple of days ago. He was gathered in by the police because he beat a woman, which was somewhat ungallant in a gentleman bearing such an aristocratic name. On him to jail the authorities were shocked to discover that both arms were broken and Colonel Beaumont pathetically inquired how he could possibly beat anybody with his arms fractured. This nonplussed everybody until a letter was received from the President of the Boston & Maine Railroad, which showed the redoubtable Colonel to be a villain of a peculiar type, and it is doubtful if such another exists or ever did exist. It seems he is so loosely put together that by some strange freak of nature he can make it appear that arms or legs or both are broken and has deceived some of the best physicians in this way. At Lawrence, Mass., he stumbled over a defective sidewalk, and apparently broke his arm. He was sent to the hospital, his hotel bills paid, and his fare to Albany furnished him. He threatened suit, but compromised on $200. Several surgeons in Lawrence decided that his arm was broken. He made a claim a year ago against the Erie Railroad for $250 because he caught his foot in a hole in a depot platform and broke his leg. He was cought at Lowell, Mass., where he broke several of his limbs, having smashed himself at the railroad station there. He was taken to Boston where the hospital physicians discovered the fraud. This particularly brittle man will now based at breaking stones instead of breaking bones.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

In some quarters of Rome, business is suspended in consequence of the Tiber overflowing its banks.

The Miners of Hanley Stoke, on Trent and Cheveland districts, received notice of 5 per cent. reduction in their wages.

The Court of appeal has pronounced against the claimant in the Antonelli will case. She has announced her intention of appealing to the Court of Cassation.

A despatch from Pesth states that there have been serious floods of the river Sane, attended by considerable loss of life and immense destruction of military stores.

It is reported that a further outbreak by the Kaffirs is imminent. The rebel tribes are massed under the King of the Zulus. The British forces on the frontier are in danger of being overwhelmed unless promptly reinforced.

There were 55 private soldiers of Japan infantry and artillery battalions condemned to death and 173 to imprisonment for participation in the recent mutiny. The condemned men were shot to death in batches of 15. The scene lasted for hours.

Passanante was bearing a banner among the trade associations which paraded to meet the King. He had fastened the dagger to the flag staff and with it wounded the King in the arm. A captain of cuirassirs ended the struggle at the Royal coach, by seizing Passanante.

The foreign residents of Hong Kong held a public meeting on October 17th to consider the state of insecured life and property in the colony. The Chinese residents attempted to pack the meeting, but failed to accomplish anything. The resolution passed favored the return to flogging and other severe punishments of criminals.

Fifty thousand persons, with flags and bands of music, assembled on the Corso to-night to manifest their joy at the escape of their King, and another demonstration was made before the house of the Lyndic. The crowds everywhere demand prompt justice. The Austrian Embassy was illuminated, and the crowd cheered the Ambassador.

The election for members of the Great Council of the Canton of Geneva resulted in favor of the Democratic-Conservative party; this ensures the return of the dispossessed Catholic priests, the cessation of religious war, and the eventual separation of the Church and State, but does not ensure the return of Bishop Mermillod, as he was expelled by the Swiss Federal Government.

At the meeting of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, Monday an invitation was read from the municipality of New Orleans to attend an International convention at that city to discuss measures for the advancement of America's trade with foreign countries. After discussion the invitation was refferred to a committee to prepare a reply in the shape of a communication which shall show the injurious effects of American's protection policy on British trade.

A portion of Norwich Eng is inundated by a freshet in the river Winsum. Two of its most densely populated districts are several feet under water. The basement of all factories, warehouses, granaries and dwellings along the river are flooded. One or two deaths by drowning are reported. Four or five miles of streets are submerged. Some 300 to 400 dwellings are uninhabitable. There is a vast pecuniary damage. The authorities are maintaining the homeless poor. The flood is the consequence of a fortnight's rain.

The King and Queen arrived in Naples last Sunday afternoon, and were enthusiastically received by immense crowds. Several persons in Strada Carbonara presented a petition to their Majesties. A man at this moment rushed at the King with a dagger and succeeded in inflicting a scratch upon the [illegible] slightly wounding [illegible] left thigh. The King [illegible] coolness [illegible] head [illegible] seized [illegible] The C[illegible] cap[illegible]