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We stood beneath the same clear, blue sky, unchanged! Such as gladdened our young days...

Wander where we may, voices from the dead will ever ring in our ears...

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JOHN KELLY IMPROVING.

New York, Dec. 29.—For several days the political and social atmosphere of New York has been pervaded by ugly rumors...

THE SPANISH TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary Frelinghuysen has written a lengthy letter to Chairman Miller, of the committee on foreign relations...

LOSS AND GAIN.

CHAPTER I. "I was taken sick a year ago With bilious fever."

CHAPTER II.

"Malden, Mass., Feb. 1, 1880. Gentlemen— I suffered with attacks of sick headache."

THE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The annual returns to the Board of Trade from Scotland and the North of England show that the extent of the shipbuilding industry on the Clyde, the Tyne, and the Wear has been fifty per cent. less during the present year than during the year 1883.

OUTRAGES BY HIGHWAYMEN.

WHIRLING, Dec. 23.—A second horrible outrage and robbery by hooded highwaymen in the past three days has roused the people of Whirling to a terrible pitch.

A FAITH CURE FAILURE.

PILLADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 23.—Emma Kimmiller died here on Saturday. Both she and her family were believers in faith cures and were members of a band known as "heavenly recruits."

A LYNCHING EXPEDITION.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27.—Saturday last, Charles Smith and Henry Davies, colored, were arrested on a charge of robbing a store in Johnson County and assaulting the clerk who slept there.

BURNED IN AN ELEVATOR.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 26.—The grain elevator of Rainwater & Stearns was burned today. Rainwater arose from a sick bed and rushed frantically to the scene of the fire...

A YOUNG MAN'S INQUIRY.

I first saw him in a social party. He took but a glass of wine, and that at the urgent solicitation of a young lady to whom he had been introduced.

FINANCE.

The New York stock market opened strong at an advance of about 1 per cent. Consols in London sold at 99 and 99 1/2; Erie 141; Illinois Central 124; Canada Pacific 45 1/2; New York Central 123.

RUPTURE.

EGAN'S IMPERIAL TRUSS. The last best with a spiral spring, ever invented. Never tips or moves from position, even the sixteenth of an inch.

MONTREAL PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

The grain business showed a little improvement. We quote—Canada red winter wheat, 64 to 86; white winter, 82 to 84; Canada yellow, 82 to 84; and corn, 56 to 60c.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE TRADE.

As the year approaches its close business puts on a holiday aspect. During the past week the movement of merchandise has been moderate, but no less than was to be expected.

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The London Christmas theatrical season is very dull. The steamship Cornwall has sunk the ship Larny by collision in New York harbor.

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Table showing import and export returns for November 1884 and 1883. Includes categories like Durable goods, Free goods, Produce of the mines, etc.

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