NO FORTS, NO GUNS.

DEFENSELESS CONDITION OF THE UNITED STATES

Contrast Between Fort Wayne, Detroit. and the Citadel, Quebec-Strategic Importance of the Canadian Pacific Rail-

The possibility of a war with Canada over he fisheries question is being talked about in a pretty lively manner just zow, and while there is little probability of a war with Canada just at present, the discussion now being waged may serve to open the eyes of Americans to the fact that, in the event of a clash with the Dominion government, she would be better prepared for it than "Uncle Sam."

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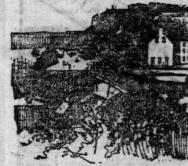


ene occupies so vinnerable a position, while ene occupies so vinimarable a position, while at the same time affording so convenient an entry for foreign troops, as Detroit. This city, therefore, would be the great objective point in case of war with Canada, and a glance at the map above will show how easily it could be reached by rail. The question which naturally presents itself to the mind of the reader is: "Has Detroit sufficient fortifications to successfully withstand a well organized attack?" Most emphatically it has not.

well organized attack? Most emphatically then not. Detroit is protected by Fort Wayne, which is add to be the strougest American fortification on the upper lake.

The fort is sistened about three miles below the city, and is as present occupied by Col. II. M. Black and four companies of the Twenty-shired United States infantry, consisting of 150 anes, with fooe at neighboring fortresses upon whom he could call at a moment's notice. While Fort Wayne is apparently in excellent condition, still its usefulness, if put to a practisal test, has always been quissfoned by many. Its parapets are of hirld hirld in with dirt and the whole's wirrounded by a wide distah. Its equipment is scarcely worth areastoning, consisting as it does of platforms for sixty guas (with no guas upon them). The only please of artillery as present within the fert are six please of artillery as present within the fert are six please of artillery as present within the fert are six please of artillery as present within the fert are six please of brightly policised breas, which are located on the pixele ground. They are very pretty, this of comparatively no value, as they are all twelve pound Napoleon guns.

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Washington's Love Letters.

After Washington's death, Martha burned his love letters for fear they might fall into improper hands, and only one escaped the flames. This was written just before Gen. Washington accepted the command of the army of the revolution. It is very affectionate. He begins it with "My dearest," speaks of her in it as "My dear Patsy," and compliments her by telling her that he would enjoy more real happiness in one mouth with her than he could pessibly find abroad, if his stay was to be seven times seven years. In this letter he also incloses his will, with the remark that he has ne doubt that the provision for her will be an agreeable one.—Frank G. Tarpënter.

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"MOTHER BICKERDYKE."

The Famona Hospital Nurse of the Civil War.

"Why don't you write something about 'Mother Bickerdyke?" was an inquiry put to a New York reporter by an aid army captain recently. This r-wited in an inquiry as to whe "Mother Bekerdye" might be. Said the captain: "There are few soldiers who served in the western army who have not heard of or known Mother Bickerdyke. In the early months of the war abe was the only woman nurse in the large hospital at Cairo, Ills. She was a woman of strong character, fine excentive ability, much energy and reserve force in emergencies. The hospital at Cairo.

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Fate of Ex-Ballet Dancers.

Here let me remark that there is no other class of artists in the world that so soon lose every gift and grace of their profession as do the ex-ballet dancers. I have seen aged singers whose method still lent their singing a potent charm when the voice itself had well along wholly departed, and elderly actors and actresses that preserved when reading or resting the grand art of their prime. But the famous dancer ought to die, like the butterflies, when the summer day of her grace and youth are at an end. Some months ago Mme. Cerito was pointed out to me at a morning concert—a fat, crippled old woman, with her face distorted by the effects of a fall from her carriage some years ago, and without one vestige left of the radiant sylph who was the latest to maintain the poetic traditions of the ballet as created by Taglioni and Fanny Ellisier.—New York Sun.

Big a noted orator and author. His writings include "A Hundred Years of Methodisim," and "Fall Lectures on Preaching." He was also the editor of the "Cyclopedia of Methodism," Mafly will remember Bishop Simpson in connection with the Centennial exhibition in Ph'ladelphia, 1876, as he was chosen to make the opening prayer on that occasion.

Capture of Spies.

Alleged Englishmen with an accent remarkably German have been captured at Lyons offering 20,000 francs to a young soldier for the pleasure of examining for a few hours Boulanger's new rifles with their special cartridges. Ten Russian Cossacking with war maps in their pockets were found 120 miles inside the Austrian frontier, and can only explain by saying they ware lost.—Chicago Tribune.

He Never Reached the "Amen."

A saintly individual who tried to offer up Gen. Black, commissioner of pensions, has a pure Ethiopian, with unchangeable skin, for his decrease, and a very good deorkesper he is.

Recently Congressman O'Dennell went up to the commissioner's office, and meeting the black man at the door, he stopped.

"Are you Gen. Black?" he said, banteringly.

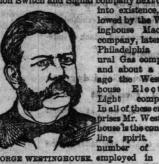
"No, sah," replied the deorkesper, "Ps not Gen. Black. Ps jis' plain, common black, sah. Gen. Black's inside, sah."

The congressman gave the doorkeeper a cigar and went inside.—Washington Critic.

The Westinghouse all brake has carried the name of its inventor to every land in which is found the iron rail, even the cars of the single railroad in Japan use this brake. Mr. Westinghouse has given his attention to other mechanical appliances until a list of his inventions covered by patents new number 1,000. The subject to which he has given his latest attention is the utilization of natural gas, and in this he has re well suoceeded that gas is about the only fuel burned in Pittsburg.

It is only fifteen years since Mr. Westinghouse began the manufacture of his own inventions; to day his factories are located on two continents, giving employment to between 3,000 and 4,000 men. About 1872 the Westinghouse air brake works were erected at Pittsburg. Two years later branch works were established in England, and since then works have been built at Paris and in Germany.

After the brake manufactories were organized so the whole railway world could be supplied with his invention, Mr. Westinghouse turned his attention to other fields. The Union Switch and Signal company next came into existence, fol-



rather favored the Methodist persuasion. He was a man of peculiar personal appearance, very rough in speech, yet possessed of much briginality. On one occasion he was invited o fill the pulpit of a Methodist church at the North End, when, after surveying his audience quietly for, a few moments, he announced as his text the words: "Top Not, Come Down!" His lightness were much Come Down!" His listeners were much astonished at his text, and still more at his astonished at his text, and still more at his sermon, which was a tirade against the prevailing fashion of gathering the hair into a high knot on the top of the head. After the sermon, quite a number of the principal members came to him, saying: "Mr. Dow, we thought you preached from the Bible, and there are no such words in the book." He answered: "Please look at Matt xxiv, 17, "Let him which is in the housetop not come down."—Boston Budget.

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BISHOP SIMPSON'S MAUSOLEUM.

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Cemetery, Phila., By His Widow.
The picture here presented is a good representation of the mausoleum containing the remains of Matthew Simpson, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church. The mausoleum is in Laurel Hill cemetery, Philadelphia, and was erected by the widow of Bishop Simpson as a monument to his memory. It is of plain and simple appearance, the material used in the construction being white granite. The dimensions of the interior are nineteen by ten feet, affarding ampla room for the sarcophagus.



Bishop Simpson was born in Cadiz, Ohio, on June 21, 1811. His student life was passed at Madison (afterward Alleghany) college, at Meadville, Pa., and he received file first appointment from the Pittsburg conference. In 1835 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Roberts. In 1837 he returned to his alma mater as professor of natural sciences, and in 1839 he went to Greencastle, Ind, where he became president of Indiana Asbury University. He was ordained Bishop in 1852. He was one of the most prominent ministers in the Methodist Episcopal church beside being a noted orator and author. His writings include "A Hundred Years of Methodisim," and "Fall Lectures on Freaching," He was also the editor of the "Cyclopædia of Methodism." Mañy will remember Bishop Simpson in connection with the Centennial exhibition in Philadelphia, 1876, as he was chosen to make the opening prayer on that occasion.

My car, you know, was number thirty;
And by the crossing she would wait;
When streets were dry or streets were dirty.
Each day I found her sure as fate.
Ah, me, with what a pretty motion
She waved her dainty little glove!
I loved at sight; and I'd a notion
That she returned my ardeat love I grew to look with heart a beating
To see her standing copy there,
And passion thrilled my tender greeting
Whene'er I marmured "Miss, your fare."
But now I vainly try to blot her
From out a heart of miserce,
For she was but a female spotter.
Sit still, my soul—she metted me

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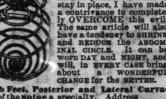
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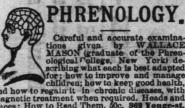
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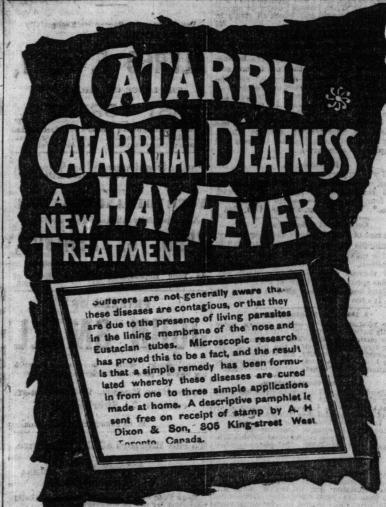
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