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**A Long Fast.**  
The Grand Rapids Eagle is responsible for this:  
The celebrated Dr. Tanner who fasted forty days, is thrown in the shade by that of Al. S. Auriar, unmarried, domiciled at 75 Canal Street in this city. Nearly all of last summer he was quite a hearty eater, but dull and indolent, exercising but little and enjoying himself best when reclining beneath the sun's rays on the warm side of the house. He was in good flesh and appeared healthy. Suddenly on the eleventh of November he ceased eating, his appetite failed him entirely and his jaws and organs of deglutition seemed to have lost the power of motion. Since that time, till about two days ago—over six months—Auriar has fasted absolutely; with the exception of two or three times a little juicy beef was thrust down his throat so far as to work its way into his stomach, but his attendant says that the food so administered would not amount to two ounces in all. And it is not known that he has drunk a drop of liquid, not even water. His condition was that of a lethargic sleep—simply no disposition to stir or even wink. Two or three days ago, as has been hinted, he revived, and is as active and sensitive as ever, showing no sign of voracity in appetite from his long starvation. He has lost several pounds in weight, but is not emaciated, looking hearty and evidently feeling well. He has been visited by a considerable number of citizens, who doubtless wish they were endowed with his mysterious ability to live so comfortably without eating.

**The First Baby in Durango.**  
Miss Una C. Pearson, infant daughter of John and Ella Pearson, bears her honors gracefully as being the first white child born in Durango. The happy event occurred on Monday January 11, 1881. We have noticed an unusual number of people going in the direction of the young lady's domicile for a few days past—frontiersmen who probably had not seen an infant for twenty years; old miners who would part with their last nugget for a glimpse of the fragile piece of humanity; prominent business men, teamsters, doctors, lawyers and women, all wended their way to see the new arrival.  
One old miner from Silverton presented the little curiosity with a bag of gold dust; McFadden & Son gave a deed for a town lot on Second street; Mr. Luttrell followed suit with a corner lot on the Boulevard; Mr. Creek sent over four tons of coal; Newman, Chestnut & Stevens made the little one's heart glad with a dozen bottles of soothing syrup, and J. Taylor, Jr. followed with a soft hair brush, while Griffin and Carpenter sent in a rubber ring and a box of safety pins. Mr. and Mrs. Diamond gave baby their little "cross dog" Prince, to play with when she gets old enough. Robertson & Rowley, as soon as they heard the news, went to work making a baby carriage. Ed. Schiffer wanted to give away his baby steam engine, but it makes such a great racket that it would keep the little one awake, so instead he presented a receipt for a postoffice box.—The Record put her name down for a year's subscription to the daily and weekly gratis. Finch, of the "Nose Paint," thought his goods too strong, so he bought a powder-box as his offering for face paint. Dr. Cowen of the Windsor gave a box of toothpicks—that's about as much as a bachelor knows about babies. Baldwin, the shoemaker, tried to take her measure for a pair of shoes, but his lasts were all too large.—Justices Flagler and Craig and ex-Justice DeMates, of Leadville, made a call in a body, and took depositions that she really was the first-born. Mr. Eldridge, of Leadville, presented a quilt. Myers (another old bachelor) of Myers & West, brought up a pony with a side-saddle for the young lady to take a horseback ride. Other and various things too numerous to mention were offered at the shrine of the first-born, and take it all in all no other baby ever received such a rousing welcome as this one in the "glorious climate of Durango."—Durango (Col) Record.

**Disciplined.**  
The children of the Crown Princess of Germany are trained with a discipline similar in severity to that which their mother experienced in her English home from her father, Prince Albert. Few children in private families are kept under such a strict regime as are these royal children. Their imperial birth and high rank secure them no privileges in the nursery and school-room.  
They rise and retire early and at regular hours. Breakfasting at 8 with their parents, a little leisure follows; but at 10 they are summoned to their books and kept hard at work till 5, with an hour's intermission for dinner.  
Their meals consist of plain dishes, simply cooked, of which they have free choice. But, having chosen, they must eat what is set before them, for they are not allowed to call for another dish, even if they do experience a change of preference. Between meals no eating is allowed.  
Only inexpensive toys are permitted for play, and they are required to take good care of toys and books. The Princesses have no waiting-maids to help at their toilet, but are required to dress themselves with neatness and taste. It might be well for American parents to import imperial fashions from Germany. It certainly would, if adopted, improve the health and manners of young America.

**Something Shocking.**  
Miss Charlotte G. O'Brien, of "Young Ireland" fame, sends to the Pall Mall Gazette a letter entitled "Horrors of an Emigrant Ship," which creates a profound sensation. Miss O'Brien visited Queenstown in order to examine the mode of life of emigrants on a steamer, which vessel, however, she does not name. The following are the main points:  
It is unnecessary to say that wherever the foot of wealth trod on the ship, all was gold and silver, shining brass, cleanliness, comfort and decency. We had come on board, however, to see the emigrants, and were determined to see their quarters first. When we saw the quarters of the single men, descriptions of slave-ships flashed across me. Below this place our guide showed us a deep hole, saying, "I could not take you down there, it is much worse."  
But my business was with the women's quarters, and we went there. Between the decks, better lighted than the men's quarters, was a larger space, open from one side of the ship to the other. From either side of the long central walk to the outer walks of the ship were slung two enormous hammocks, one about three feet from the floor. What was going on in the other hammocks above I could not see, but I presume they were the same as those below. I suppose each of these hammocks carry about one hundred persons. They were made of sail cloth, and being suspended all around from hooks, were perfectly flat. Narrow strips of sail cloth divide this great bed into berths. These strips of cloth, when the mattresses were out formed divisions about eight inches high. When the mattresses are in, it must be almost on a level.  
Now in these beds lie hundreds of men and women. Any man who comes with a woman, who is or calls herself his wife, sleeps as a matter of right, in the midst of hundreds of young women who are compelled to live in his presence day and night. If they remove their clothes they must do so under his eyes. If they lie down it must be beside him.  
It is a shame to even speak of these things but to destroy such an evil, it is necessary to look at these abodes of misery. In daylight, and when open for inspection, they are empty, swept and garnished. But think of the scene in the darkness of the night, the ship pitching in mid-ocean, when a glimmering lamp or two makes visible to you this mass of moaning humanity. Look at that young mother with two or three helpless babies, in the agonies of seasickness, unable to move but over the prostrate bodies of her fellow sufferers.—Look at this innocent girl child lying among dissolute men and abandoned women, and half stupefied with suffocation and seasickness, amid curses and groans of hundreds. If she arises and flees to save her soul, whither shall she go? Again she must tread on writhing bodies of men and women.  
But the picture is too horrible to look at. The sounds too dreadful to listen to. This is no brutal or inhuman dream; it is truth; it is a living horror, menacing the lives, honor and souls of hundreds and thousands of our fellow countrymen; the ship on which I saw these things being supposed to carry in this manner 1,000 steerage passengers. She carried last year on one voyage, 1,775 emigrants.

**How the Government Pays Bills.**  
A great part of the work in the department is necessarily in the line of keeping accounts, and presents little interest to people who are not exceptionally fond of figuring.  
The general principle which governs the whole system of auditing and settling accounts against the Government is to provide every safeguard against fraud, and this is so successfully accomplished that a dollar could not be got out of the treasury illegitimately without the collusion of so many persons that it may be set down as a practical impossibility.  
Suppose a man has a bill against the Government. The head of the department or bureau to which the matter properly belongs makes a requisition for the amount upon the Secretary of the Treasury, using a prepared blank which asks him to cause a warrant for the amount in question to be issued in favor of the party, the same to be charged to the particular appropriation by Congress out of which the sum ought to come.  
But before this requisition reaches the Secretary it must pass under the eye of the proper Auditor and Comptroller and receive their countersign, the Auditor at the same time charging the amount to the account of the disbursing officer in whose favor it is issued. If all goes well so far, the Secretary issues a warrant to the Treasurer, directing him to pay over the money, which he does by issuing a draft for the amount in favor of the Government's creditor, but not until after the warrant has been countersigned by the proper Comptroller and registered by the Register. Indeed, the draft itself must go to the Register for comparison and registry before it is finally passed over. There seems to be a good deal of red tape in all this process, but it is a sort of red tape that saves the country money in the long run.  
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**Disciplined.**  
The children of the Crown Princess of Germany are trained with a discipline similar in severity to that which their mother experienced in her English home from her father, Prince Albert. Few children in private families are kept under such a strict regime as are these royal children. Their imperial birth and high rank secure them no privileges in the nursery and school-room.  
They rise and retire early and at regular hours. Breakfasting at 8 with their parents, a little leisure follows; but at 10 they are summoned to their books and kept hard at work till 5, with an hour's intermission for dinner.  
Their meals consist of plain dishes, simply cooked, of which they have free choice. But, having chosen, they must eat what is set before them, for they are not allowed to call for another dish, even if they do experience a change of preference. Between meals no eating is allowed.  
Only inexpensive toys are permitted for play, and they are required to take good care of toys and books. The Princesses have no waiting-maids to help at their toilet, but are required to dress themselves with neatness and taste. It might be well for American parents to import imperial fashions from Germany. It certainly would, if adopted, improve the health and manners of young America.



**Agricultural.**

Great Britain averages a yield of 165 bushels of potatoes to the acre.

Cape Cod raises about half of all the cranberries grown in the United States.

In an average year France produces more wheat than any other nation in Europe.

The average value per acre of cleared lands is greater in Massachusetts than in any other State in the Union, and the least in Alabama.

One of the oldest and most successful corn growers in the country says that he invariably obtains more shelled corn to the acre from the eight rowed than from the twelve-rowed varieties.

It is estimated that there are 12,000 wind mills in constant use in Holland for the simple purpose of drainage, each lifting from 10,000,000 to 50,000,000 gallons of water every twenty-four hours.

Those who desire good large currants should trim the bushes, cutting out the old wood. The present is also a good time to work in some manure. Currants will pay for extra care and culture.

A rather moist soil and a season not too hot are the best for oats, barley and spring rye, consequently they should be sown early, that they may get their growth before the hot dry weather sets in.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland has resolved to institute a dairy combination, fully equipped, that shall travel about during the coming summer to demonstrate in different districts the best mode of butter making.

Never use the curry comb on a horse's legs below the knee and hock. A corn broom is best, since it takes out the dirt and does not hurt the horse.

Land plowed after the middle of May will generally yield better crops of corn than if plowed in April.

There is no agent that will protect the vines from the ravages of the striped bug and squash bug so effectively as Paris green, when applied to the vines as it is to potatoes for destroying the beetle.

**From Our X Changes.**

Van Amburg's circus will invade Michigan in June.

Rear Admiral Worden, of Monitor fame, is visiting his mother and relatives in Grand Rapids.

An Edison electric light company has been organized to light Flint with a capital of \$50,000.

S. W. Webber, of Lyons, is going to establish an exchange bank at Pewamo in a few weeks.

A number of farmers in different parts of Ionia county are reported to have plowed under their wheat crop.

Nathan Corbin of Lapeer, has just received a pension of about \$2,000 from the government for deafness contracted in the army.

The regular meeting of the Ionia Co. Grange will be held at the Orange grange hall, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 24th and 25th.

The St. Joseph Valley railroad company has had some heavy land slides to remove, caused by the springs which are so plentiful along the route.

Mr. Nathan Church of the Grand Rapids Times proposes to enjoy his summer vacation in Europe this year. He will sail June 16, in the City of Richmond.

With commendable enterprise the Hastings Banner publishes a supplement with full particulars of the Smoke bill case, sending a reporter to Ann Arbor for the purpose.

Strawberry grower Jones, of Bay City tries to remark that "people needn't be surprised if strawberries are \$7 a bushel this season." Nonsense. They are more than \$7 a bushel already.

Eight million feet of logs now lie ready for the sawyer at Howard City, the property of one man. The export of lumber and shingles from that point is immense, 30 saw and shingle mills standing within a radius of 10 miles.

Lester L. Burton, of Grand Rapids, and Horace Brink, of Chicago, have arranged a collar-and-show wrestling match for \$100 a side, to take place in East Saginaw, June 16. Jake Martin of Ypsilanti, has been invited to act as referee.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its eighth annual convention in East Saginaw, June 7, 8 and 9. The railroads will issue round trip tickets for one and one-third full fare one way, to all who present certificates from their vice president of the district.

Sojourner Truth, aged 106 (or 601, the exact figures are a trifle uncertain), lectured to a Howell audience Wednesday night for an hour and a half without finching or letting down her voice a single peg.

Charles Fish, of Pontiac, whose death has been duly chronicled in the local papers, writes that he is "selling peanuts on a street corner in St. Louis, Mo."

The question, where Pontiac people go when they die, is at last settled.

Ionia National: In the Han murder case, this week, a *nolle prosequi* was entered by the prosecuting attorney owing to an error in the information, which would render his conviction impossible.

**News and Notes.**

Joe Emmet, the actor, has been placed in a lunatic asylum.

Jumping the rope 102 times killed Annie Myrtle, of Racine.

Diseased pork poisoned the family of J. H. Patterson, at Racine, Wis.

Over 4,000 employees of Henry Chisholm, of Cleveland, attended his funeral Thursday.

The receipts of codfish at Gloucester Mass., for the week ending Monday, were 1,673,000 pounds.

General Grant on Thursday signed a new contract with the Mexican government, embracing extensions of the Mexican southern railway.

A novel attraction in the Boston Decoration day parade will be more than 500 bicyclers.

A San Francisco court has decided that a man has no right to whip his wife after he is divorced from her.

The Rev. Talmage counts 2,591 members to his church, the largest Presbyterian membership of any other church in the world.

The most costly piece of real estate in New York is the trinity building, next to Trinity church, assessed at \$1,700,000, and next is the Fifth avenue hotel.

Senator Bruce declined the mission to Brazil because he did not want to leave his wife at home, and would not expose her to the unhealthful climate of that region.

New York city has a dentist who goes around the streets sitting on a raised platform drawn by four horses. He draws teeth for nothing, and says he proposes to keep this up till the "resident dentists" pay him to stop.

In Brooklyn where they have formed an anti-rent league, they have actually an association called the "Sons of Rent" who never worked and never will.

These fellows are to give a social picnic soon and coolly advertise their idleness.

Joseph Abbott, the boy who is to be hanged at Elmira, N. Y., June 17, for the murder of a fellow prisoner at the Elmira reformatory a year ago, is the son of Abbott, of West Haven, now in state prison for life for the murder of Bronston in that town.

The illustrated papers print pictures of college base ball nines and boat crews, but it has passed out of memory when they published a group of the "honorary men" of a graduating class.—N. Y. Times.

George H. Williams, the colored representative from Cincinnati to the Ohio legislature, has fallen heir to \$50,000, and will go out of politics and at once complete his undertaking as an historian of his race in America.

Miss Gertrude Blood, who is soon to be married to the Lord Colin Campbell, son of the duke of Argyll, is the daughter of Mrs. Victoria C. Woodhull. In due time, if this story is true, Mrs. Woodhull will be connected in a distant and roundabout way with the royal family itself. A queerer ending for a queer life could scarcely be imagined.—Exchange.

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