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THE LATEST!

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The Leading Clothier, Hatter and Furnisher, AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT.



The Home and Headquarters FOR ALL KINDS OF BRITISH HORSES.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

WORK OF OUR NATIONAL SOLONS AT WASHINGTON CITY.

The Faulkner-Lewis, of West Virginia, Contest Settled and Faulkner Seated—The Immigration Question—Bills and Resolutions Introduced in the Senate and House.

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WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 17.—A proposition was received in the Senate Thursday from the Italian minister.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 18.—The House on Friday settled the question of holiday recess by adopting a proposition to adjourn from Dec. 22 to Jan. 4.

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SUGGESTIONS AS TO SILVER.

WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 9.—The secretary of the treasury makes his report public Wednesday. He takes the same view in regard to the tariff question that the president does.

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THE CZAR WOUNDED.

Another Attempt Made on the Life of Russia's Ruler. VIENNA, Dec. 12.—A correspondent sheet published in this city asserts that it has received a cipher dispatch stating that another attempt has been made on the life of the czar, and that the czar was wounded.

LAST OF THE ANARCHISTS.

The Bodies of Spies and the Others Placed in the Earth. CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The bodies of the anarchists—Spies, Parsons, Fischer, Engel, and Lutz—are in their final resting place in Walden cemetery, under a cross-stone block of stone, which is to be the foundation of a monument which future years shall see.



Plunged into the River. A Snow Plow and Locomotive—Eight Men Lose Their Lives. BATHURST, N. R., Dec. 21.—An engine and snow plow on the Carapung railway, carrying four men, got off the track on the Melintosh Cove bridge Saturday and went over into the river, carrying all but one of them on board with them.

The poet's birthplace. There was also a copy of The Whittier News Item, the first paper published in the town of Whittier, Los Angeles county, Cal., printed on white satin.

A CATACLYSM IN CHINA. The Yellow River Overflows and Makes Millions Homeless. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Advice received from China states that the Yellow river overflowed its banks on Sept. 28, inundating the city of Chinchow and ten other populous cities, and flooded 7,000 square miles.

A Specimen of Pittsburgh Destruction. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 14.—One of the Black Diamond Steel-works strikers named Thomas applied to the poor board Monday for means to bury his still-born child.

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THE INTERNATIONAL MILL.

KILRAIN SURPRISES THE STOCKY CHAMPION OF ENGLAND.

A Fight for Two and a Half Hours, in Which the American Showed His Merit and Did Himself Proud—Both Men Fought for 106 Rounds, But Darkness Stopped the Fight and They Call It a Draw.



LONDON, Dec. 21.—The great international battle between Smith and Kilrain was perhaps the greatest on record, and the conduct of the spectators and all interested parties was most exemplary throughout.

The sixth round was in Smith's favor and the betting was 4 and 5 to 1 on him, with snappers. The seventh round was a repetition of the sixth and the eighth showed no difference, both men working hard.



In the eighteenth round Kilrain knocked Smith clean off his legs with a right-hand, and raised a lump on his ear as big as an egg.

The next four rounds were in Smith's favor, and then matters became equal again. The weather was cold and very trying to the men.

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BRIGHTEST AND BEST.  
Brightest and best of the Sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lead us to light;  
Star of the east, the herald of dawn,  
Guide us to the infant Redeemer in light.  
Cold on his face the dewdrops are shining,  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall,  
Angels adore him in summer reclining,  
Rabbi our Kinosh and Saviour of all.

ONE CHRISTMAS.  
BY OLIVE HARPER.  
"That there Marthy Avery is the foolish-  
est critter that ever lived, I swan to me!  
Here's her father dead, and she left with  
all that brood of her stepmother's young  
ones; and instead of sendin' 'em to their  
grandfather she ups and says she's goin'  
to support 'em herself. She won't get my  
Jabez if that's her idee, for I'll just put  
my foot down."

those children who have no earthly claim  
upon you. You could send them to their  
poor old grandfather, but you prefer to  
shoulder the burden yourself, and bestir  
all your dreams of happiness, and devote  
all your life to them, and forget the life  
long love I've had for you!"

"I can't help it, Jabez. I can't see it  
in the same light. I feel as if the hand of  
the dead lay upon me, and I must obey.  
Besides, I do it because I feel it is right.  
Don't make it harder for me than it is,  
Jabez."

"I thought you liked Marthy?"  
"One long embrace, and one shy, sweet  
kiss rather than all that awful  
"Put on that pretty lilac dress, Marthy,  
Monday morning, and meet me at 8  
o'clock just beyond the Swayze brook, and  
in one hour you'll be one, and say  
nothing to anybody. Oh, yes, one other  
thing. Will you trust the children to me  
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PETER PERKINS' DREAM.  
BY EMILY ARTHUR.  
Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least  
of these, my children, ye do it unto me.

"There is that ham, it is too old to sell,  
and this barrel of wormy dried apples,  
and this barrel of meat and one of flour,  
which are both a little moldy, but still  
good enough to give to the poor, and that  
half barrel of sugar that the kerosene was  
spilt in, and those two sacks of rice that  
has weevils, and you might add all that  
stale bread. They will make a good show-  
ing, and I guess my name will head the  
list, for nobody else would give so much.  
These things you can set aside, Mark, and  
to-morrow I want them carried round to  
the society's rooms with my compliments.  
Aha! This will help many a poor family  
to enjoy a good Christmas dinner, and  
will help me with my customers. Every  
body likes a generous man, but few of the  
brethren will make as good a display as I  
shall to-morrow. I guess I'll go home  
now, Mark, and, ah, here are \$2 for your  
Christmas. I can't find more. You  
know business is slack. Well, good  
night."

"IT IS TOO OLD TO SELL."  
And widened old Peter Perkins got  
his old overcoat and went home through  
the streets where the snow lay thick and  
heavy until he reached his comfortable  
looking three story house. After he rang  
the bell he muttered to himself:  
"I might just as well have only given  
Mark \$1 instead of \$2. He'd 'a been just  
as thankful, and I'd 'a saved the trouble  
and all those things there—why, I could  
have sold them at a discount, but then,  
after all, I was losing ground in church  
congregations by what they called my  
generosity, and now, I guess after I've  
given them, the poor wretch they can't  
complain. Oh, here she comes at last! And  
she will expect a present, too! It seems  
as if everybody was best Christmas time!  
I'm sick of it. Ha!"

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He noticed a man who staggered by  
and laid a heavy weight of gold chains  
and church candlesticks and other  
articles at his feet. Peter Perkins  
with surprise that they flew up in the  
balance as if of air. Another offered a  
church, which was as so much paper, and  
went to take care and offered only a bear  
This, too, weighed heavier than gold.  
Sometimes an old broken toy, or some  
old, worn garments, or even a crust of  
bread was laid at his feet, and these, too,  
were very heavy on those wonderful  
scales.

"You did, sir, and I was going to do it;  
only this morning my sister in the coun-  
try sent me a Christmas box, and these  
were in it, and as I couldn't eat them all  
myself I made bold to offer you half, sir,  
and no offense, I hope."

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