

The so-called "Repeat" Bill. The fraudulent and disgraceful bill which passed the House on Wednesday evening stamps an indelible mark of hypocrisy on the professions which have been flaunting before the country since the beginning of the session. It would be a strong presumption against the honesty of the bill that the course of the discussion unmasked Butler as its real author, that it was not introduced into his hands at the final pinch when it was put on its passage, and that in the applauded speech by which it was carried he outdid even himself in unrestrained gush of abusive rhetoric. Men do not gather grapes of thorns, nor figs of thistles, nor an honest repeal of the salary-grab from the most unashamed and triumphant of all its champions. A triumph of Butler on this subject is a triumph of fraud, craft, and brazen effrontery, as will sufficiently appear when we proceed to analyze the bill.

The demonstrations of the House against the salary-grab resemble that famous campaign of 1857 against the Annapolis which cost him his crown and kingdom. He had been commanded to snipe without remorse, to utterly exterminate Agag and all his subjects, to "slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and ass, and all that was in his train, and laden with undistinguished booty, he was met by the indignant prophet to whom he boasted that he had performed the commandments of the Lord." Samuel said, "What meant this blessing of the sheep in mine ears, and this loving of the oxen which I hear?" The increased people will need Congress with a main rein, and call it a wit's reckoning of inequity, and demand that the House has brought off Agag in safety, and is loaded with forbidden spoils.

By the bill which has been passed the salary of members is reduced from \$7,500 to \$6,000 a year, to be taken effect when the bill shall become a law. As it must first pass the Senate and receive the signature of the President, it is not likely to go into effect before the end of January. It is one month of the year, and the reduction will apply. From the 14th of March, 1873, to the 4th of March, 1874, the pay of members will be as follows:

By the original grant bill.....	\$7,500
By the "repeat" bill.....	6,000
Amount repaid.....	1,500
Twelve months' compensation.....	\$18,750

The gain of the Treasury by this great measure of reform which it has taken the House three weeks to achieve, is \$125 for each member, as the following figures show:

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The House has covered itself with public derision and disgust by this pitiful sequel to its loud professions since the beginning of the session. The House has passed a bill which reduces the pay for this year precisely 1 2/3 per cent. It is the same in effect as if the House had passed a bill which reduced the pay of members for this year, and asked the country to accept that as a repeal of the salary-grab. During the war, when the cost of living was much greater than it is at present, the members paid an income of 5 per cent, on a salary of \$3,000; and now on a salary twice and a half as great they are willing to contribute the magnificent rate of 1 2/3 per cent, if they can be permitted to do so. The House has passed a bill which reduces the pay for this year precisely 1 2/3 per cent. It is the same in effect as if the House had passed a bill which reduced the pay of members for this year, and asked the country to accept that as a repeal of the salary-grab. During the war, when the cost of living was much greater than it is at present, the members paid an income of 5 per cent, on a salary of \$3,000; and now on a salary twice and a half as great they are willing to contribute the magnificent rate of 1 2/3 per cent, if they can be permitted to do so.

Now, what is the amount of time and service which the members render for the \$7,375 that they offer to fix their salaries at? From the beginning of March to the beginning of December (nine months) nothing. From December to March they are in session fair to deduct the time they have spent in this hypocritical, profitless wrangle with the members paid an income would reduce the period of actual service to two months. But calling it three months, the rate of compensation for the time they serve is well on to \$30,000 a year. The sum of \$7,375 for the fourth year is at the rate of \$29,500 a year. The great reform which has so accomplished consists in reducing their compensation from the rate of \$30,000 a year to the rate of \$7,375 a year. The bill requires no member who has drawn it and pocketed the buck pay to return it. A large majority of the members of both Houses have signed it. The sum total of the plunder over and above the old salary of \$3,000 realized by members like Butler up to the 4th of March next will be as follows:

Two years increase at \$1,500.....	\$3,000
Total gain at \$3,000.....	\$3,000

The new bill leaves this barefaced swindle unredressed, and adds \$1,000 to the old salary for the last year of the present term, which this dishonest Congress may increase to \$1,500 a year at their next session, after the Congressional elections.

This fraudulent bill is got up with all of Butler's characteristic craft and cunning. It is adroitly contrived to deceive the eyes of the people. On its face it is merely a moderate addition to the old salary, and an abatement of \$1,500 a year from the new one. But the proper point of view for judging it is not only that it will add the necessary \$1,500 to the salary, but that it is a very easy for them to be virtuous as the expense of men who will be elected to fill their places; but virtue at their own cost is a different matter. Up to the 4th of March next, the members will receive precisely \$125 from the increased compensation of three years; or \$41.66 2/3 a year from the salary of \$7,500 during the three years that enormous salary is taken. In consequence of this great act of injustice which has passed the House, the salary of members from the 4th of March, 1871, to March 4, 1874, will average only \$7,438.33 1/3, instead of the plump \$7,500 given them by the grab bill. How cheap are the paths of a virtuous legislator, and how profitable is Congressional representation!

The most eloquent of the old English divines quoted in one of his sermons what he calls an "old saying," "It is easier to find a man that hath not sinned than one that hath truly repented." If for the word man we substitute Congress, the saying need not seem very old to the American people. It is a very appropriate litany for the members of the present House might be made from a passage of Jeremy Taylor in his exposition of the "old saying" of St. Ambrose. We read in the "old saying" on a surplus of "a name colored false and read this litany, while the kneeling House makes the responses:

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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 26, 1873.
ALL SORTS OF PEN-CRATES.

The House salary bill—as big a grab bill as the law it proposes to supersede—is not to meet with favor in the Senate, that is if the Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment represents the views of that body. Mr. Wright from that committee, on Friday last reported a substitute which fixes the salaries of members of Congress, officers and employees at the old rates, and of heads of departments at \$5,000, leaving the salary of the President—the champion grabber—and of the judges of the Supreme Court at the figures fixed by the law of March last. And this disagreement of the two houses is just the way to perpetuate the swindle and seal. "For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" modern Congressmen are peculiar.

If the opinion of Attorney-General Williams is good and valid it is now settled that the registration of the Virginia as a vessel of the United States was procured by perjury, and that she was not entitled to sail under the national colors. The Attorney-General thinks, however, that the Tornado had no right to capture her; but fails to tell us what the United States had to do about it, even without that protocol which he thinks must be carried out. And now how about "the invasion of our territory" and that threatened war!

Senator Sumner was present at the annual dinner of the New England Society, New York City, on the evening of the 23d, and was put forward to respond to a toast to "The Senate of the United States." He said this much for the body of which he has so long been a member: "You bid me speak for the Senate of the United States, but I feel that the least I shall say is the best." Could he have used language expressing greater contempt?

The little disturbance at the Opera House on the occasion of the appearance of the Woodhull was a god-send to the press of the State, and the way Ann Arbor, the University, and the students got hauled over the coals is a caution. One Willis, in the Battle Creek Journal, turns historical, and details one of Parker Pillsbury's adventures at the old Quaker meeting house, which wasn't half as good of a shindy as he would have his readers believe.

In speaking of how modern pilgrims emulate our ancestors in their way of living, Dr. Angell said on Monday evening, "They lived on codfish, we meekly consent to come down to oysters; we read that they hunted and brought in their venison, so, too, have brought our deers (dears) with us here to-night," and pointed out other similar similes, all of which, no doubt, ministered to the self-complacency of his hearers and stimulated their pride of ancestry.

Thurlow Weed demands the repeal of the eight-hour law and that "all combinations to limit, restrict, restrain or embarrass master mechanics from receiving as many apprentices as may be required for the successful carrying forward of the various industries of our country be declared illegal; an evil which Thurlow Weed is committed to the last."

The New England Society. The sixteenth annual gathering of the New England Society of this city was held at Cook's Hotel on Monday evening last, with an unusually large attendance. At the appointed hour the society was called to order by President Angell (acting for Dr. Wells, President of the Society, who was absent), and after music, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Hubbell, the address was the occasion was delivered by Prof. H. B. Hutchins, who after a few introductory words announced as his theme, "The Reciprocal Relations of New England and the West." It was a scholarly production, fair and just in its analysis of both New England and Western character—the conservatism of the one and the radicalism of the other—and was delivered in a manner to command attention and elicit general approval.

After the address the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Prof. H. S. Frisco. Vice Presidents—Hiram Arnold, C. K. Adams. Secretary—A. W. Hamilton. Corresponding Secretary—C. A. Lewis. Treasurer—Martin Clark. Executive Committee—E. C. Seaman, W. D. Harrison, J. M. Wheeler.

Next in order came the supper, and after the physical appetite had been gratified (a very slow process, owing to the crowded dining room and the lack of waiters), Dr. Angell in a few happy remarks, in which he compared the cotton of the early pilgrims whose doings we commemorated, introduced the chosen victims of the evening.

Mayor Beakes responded to "Ann Arbor," and closed with "The University: its able President and learned faculties are objects of just State pride." Hon. C. L. Walker, of Detroit, spoke for "The Early New Englanders in Michigan." The first Yankee he could name in this connection was Maj. Robert Rogers of the Royal Rangers, a native of New Hampshire, who 113 years ago this month came to Detroit and received the surrender of that city from the French. He also named Edmund Brush, Solomon Sibley, Withersell, Bacon, Woodward, Woodbridge, Morell, Cass, Hull, and numerous pioneers. His reminiscences were full of interest.

W. S. George, of the Lansing Republican, spoke for "The New Englanders on the Michigan Press," though forgetting to name any of them. His representative men of the New England "Press Gang" were Franklin, Greeley, Prentice, and Horace White. Mr. George, however, paid a hearty tribute to the Michigan "country press." He also praised his New England descent: born (accidentally) in Vermont of New Hampshire parents, and married in Massachusetts, etc. He concluded with proposing the Michigan "country press." He also praised his New England descent: born (accidentally) in Vermont of New Hampshire parents, and married in Massachusetts, etc. He concluded with proposing the Michigan "country press."

Inflation and Retrenchment. The New York Shipping List, in commenting upon the financial situation, says: "Inflation meets with general disfavor in this locality, and is calculated to afford no remedy for the existing difficulties. It would only advance prices and thus increase government expenditures, while adding to the public debt. The proper operations and tend inevitably to bring on a revulsion more serious in its consequences than that from which we are now emerging. The impulse to business which would be the result of an inflation, and the consequent increase of prices, would be counterproductive and treacherous, and the nation would have to pay for it in the end. Our Pilgrim Mothers: The influence of their unchristianized descendants, it will be temporary, and their pressure should be so distributed as not to interfere with the business of the country. Had there been no panic there would have been no deficiency. The money that has been hoarded, and the condition, and our manufacturing, trading and commercial interests are again active, the revenues of the government will begin to appreciate. If the money that has been hoarded, and the condition, and our manufacturing, trading and commercial interests are again active, the revenues of the government will begin to appreciate. If the money that has been hoarded, and the condition, and our manufacturing, trading and commercial interests are again active, the revenues of the government will begin to appreciate.

The Chicago Workmen. CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—In accordance with the resolution adopted at the Workmen's meeting held at Turner Hall last night, the committee appointed for that purpose went to the Council Chamber, escorted by an irregular procession which numbered by the time it reached the City Hall perhaps 3,000 persons, and presented the resolutions adopted by last night's meeting, asking that the city give no work, or in event of being unable to do this to furnish them and their families support till work could be obtained. The chairman of the committee, F. A. Hoffman, made a speech, in which he pointed out the effect that the resolutions embodied all that the workmen desired of the city government, and asking for their demands a careful hearing. The resolutions were read and referred, after some discussion, to a special committee consisting of the Mayor, the Finance Commissioner and nine aldermen, three from each division of the city, who will to-morrow have a conference with a committee of the workmen appointed for that purpose.

Mayor Colvin made a speech in reply to the committee, assuring them of his sympathy with the cause they represented and promised to aid them in any practical way in his power. The committee then retired, and on reaching the crowd outside the chairman reported the result of their visit to the committee and advised them to return to their homes. The crowd, a large portion of which appeared to have gathered more out of curiosity than anything else, then dispersed.

Hopes It Will be Withdrawn. Here is what that faithful organ of the administration, the New York Times, says of the nomination of Attorney-General Williams as Chief Justice:

From all that we can learn, certain specific charges have been made against Mr. Williams, which upon investigation, will be found wholly groundless. The appointment of a man who has so weakly shown his strength. It would be better to have confined itself to those lawyers call the "general issue." As it is, when the specific accusations break out, Mr. Williams will find a better chance than he has before. It is everywhere regret the nomination; the general public think that a much stronger one might have been made. There are simple reasons of fact, which the President is doubtless as well aware of as any of us; and although this is not a subject which newspapers can decide, we cannot, as faithful representatives of public opinion, refrain from expressing our views upon the nomination. We consider his nomination during the recess, and send in another name. While Gen. Grant always has the firmness to adhere to any determination which he is convinced is founded on right and justice, he has always also shown a wise and proper regard for public opinion; and in this instance he might make a graceful concession to that opinion, certainly without impairing public interests. At the same time, we are bound to say that we utterly disbelieve the scandals and accusations which have been circulated to the disadvantage of Mr. Williams. But is he the best man for the place?

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If you wish to have your Probate or other legal advertising done in the ARGUS, do not forget to ask the Judge of Probate and Circuit Court Commissioners to make their orders accordingly. A request will be granted.

Township Treasurers can get Tax receipts at the ARBOS OFFICE, at an hour's notice, with the name of the town printed in. Good paper, improved form, and bottom price for CASH.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to every ARBOS reader, and to all not so fortunate as to belong to the ARBOS family. And may the well-to-do and comfortably provided for not forget their sick, afflicted, or needy neighbors. Love and charity should show broad and deep in these pinching times.

Local Brevities.

CASES. -Circulars. -Bill-Heads. -Letter-Heads. -Shipping Tags. -Printed at the ARBOS office. -In the best style and cheap. -Don't order elsewhere before calling. -Satisfaction guaranteed in every respect. -The ARBOS and the Detroit Free Press (weekly) for \$3.50. -The weather continues mild and fine and the roads are getting good. -The Circuit Court is again in session this week, Judge Turner presiding. -The editor is still taking lessons in tax-gathering, which will account for lack of editorial. -We put the ARBOS to press Wednesday afternoon, so that the ARBOS boys can celebrate Christmas. -The paint shop of William Herz, on Washington street, was burned on Thursday evening of last week. -Christmas services will be held at the Congregational Church, at the usual hour of morning exercises. -The wife of Rev. Geo. Taylor, who has been sick and a great sufferer for many months, died on Sunday last. -At the instance of the stockholders, Judge Crane has appointed E. F. Uhl, Esq., of Ypsilanti, Receiver for the Detroit, Hillsdale and Indiana Railroad. -W. S. George, of the Lansing Republican, gave us a call on Monday evening, and editor, he made himself useful, -that he assisted us in making proof, for which thanks. -Christmas trees were the order at the M. E. Sunday School, Fifth ward, Tuesday evening, at St. Andrew's and the First M. E. Church Wednesday evening; and the Baptist Sabbath School will be feted this (Friday) evening. -The dwelling of Reuben Houser, of Sharon, was burned on Saturday morning last. Loss estimated at \$2,000. Insured in the Washtenaw Mutual, \$500 on house and \$300 on furniture. -Jacob Hangartner, so well known in this city as confectioner and restaurateur, died on Thursday evening last. His funeral was largely attended at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday afternoon.

We invite the attention of the ARBOS readers, especially of those living in this city and along the line of the Toledo, Ann Arbor and Northern Railroad, to the report of the Board of Directors of that corporation, which will be found on the fourth page of this paper, and which is accompanied by clear financial statement by Treasurer Miller. This report will show every stockholder just what has become of the money they have paid in, and ought to convince all that none of it has been squandered or gone to either rings or fatten officers. It also plainly points out the reason why the road has not been completed, ironed and put in operation; that reason being the general financial crisis. And it closes with an intimation that if a narrow-gauge road could be agreed upon, it could be finished by the company and without sacrificing the investment, and expresses the opinion that a narrow-gauge road would pay a profit to stockholders. We vote for a narrow-gauge.

The application for a mandamus directed to the Regents of the University and requiring them to appoint two professors of homoeopathy in the University was argued before Judge Crane on Monday, by Judge Lawrence for the regents, and Hon. C. I. Walker for the regents. Judge Lawrence discussed at length both the question of jurisdiction and the constitutionality of the law, both of which were denied by Judge Walker. At the close of the two arguments, and without hearing Hon. D. D. Hughes or Gov. Felch, Judge CRANE announced his conviction that he was without jurisdiction and denied the motion. It is not definitely known what will be the next move, but an appeal is intimated. What is to be appealed or what from is more than we can discover.

A Mrs. Robinson, nee Stevens, nee Barlow was drowned in a cistern, at Ypsilanti, on Thursday evening of last week, the circumstances not rendering it certain whether accident, suicide or foul play should be the verdict. According to the evidence given at the inquest she resided while in Ann Arbor last summer and was shot at during that time. The story is not a very credible one, and the claim put forth that she was an authoress in disguise, in fact Rebecca Harding Davis, one of the most popular magazine writers is too thin to be entertained.

The regular quarterly session of the Washtenaw County Medical Society was held at Cook's hotel on Monday last, Dr. Frothingham presiding. A paper was read from Dr. Cheever on "Colorado as a Sanitarium," and one by Dr. Palmer on "Diseases of the Mind." Dr. McClellan reported some very interesting observations since his connection with the University. The long vexed question of the session of females was decided in favor of the proposed innovation and Mrs. Dr. Hilton was admitted to membership.

Messrs. Everts & Stewart are progressing finely in the preparation of the material for their County Atlas, and we can promise that in maps, illustrations, historical and statistical matter it will be a superb volume and deserving a large subscription and sale. The illustrations will include a large and fine view of the University Hall and grounds. We have seen the drawing and if the lithographing does it credit it will merit great praise.

The Detroit Free Press has taken to issuing a Saturday supplement to its interestingly and which is full of good things and furnishes another evidence of Free Press enterprise. We again offer ARBOS readers the ARBOS and Free Press (weekly and the best weekly published in the State) for \$3.50. Now is the time to subscribe.

On Tuesday forenoon Jacob Buehler of this city, in the employ of Muhlly Bros was run away with at Saline, -the team taking fright at the cars, -thrown from the wagon, the wheel running over his head, breaking his skull and killing him instantly. The same team ran away on our streets on Monday, with the same driver.

We have received from James Sutton & Co., publishers of the Aldine, the two volumes presented to their subscribers for 1874. These long chronicle are after paintings by Thos. Moran, one being a White Mountain view with Mount Washington in the distance, and the other the Cliffs of Green River in Wyoming Territory. The scenery of the two is an admirable contrast, and the pictures are a credit to the artist who painted the originals, the artists who chromed them, and the enterprising publishers who put them within reach of the picture-loving public. -See prospectus of the Aldine in another column.

State Teachers' Association.

The following is the programme of exercises for the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association, to be held in our city on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

TUESDAY MORNING.

10:30 - Opening Exercises. 10:45 - Address by Prof. J. M. S. Hill, of Detroit. Subject, - "The Study of Zoology in Schools." 11:15 - Discussion of the Address. 12:30 - The new University Hall, the Museum, the Library, and the other public rooms of the University will be open to the teachers.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

2:15 - Music. Address by Miss Kate Brearly, of Kalamazoo College. Subject, - "Systematic Reading." 3:00 - Discussion, - to be opened by Prof. C. B. Thomas, Superintendent of Schools, Niles. 3:30 - Address by Prof. Z. Truesdel, Superintendent of Schools, Farmington. Subject, - "The Normal Department in High Schools." 4:00 - Business Meeting.

TUESDAY EVENING.

7:30 - Music. Address by Hon. James V. Campbell, of Detroit. Music.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9:00 - Music. Address by Miss Ruth Hoppin, of the State Normal School. Subject, - "The Schoolmaster." 9:30 - Recital of twenty minutes for payment of annual dues. 10:15 - Address by Prof. W. H. Payne, Superintendent of Schools, Adrian. Subject, - "The Old and the New in Education." 10:45 - Discussion, to be opened by Prof. A. L. Daniels, Superintendent of Schools, Grand Rapids. 11:00 - Business Meeting. 12-12:30 - University Rooms open.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

2:15 - Music. Address by Prof. O. B. Curtis, Superintendent of Schools, Muskegon. Subject, - "Educational Hygiene." 2:45 - Discussion, to be opened by Prof. H. S. Tarbell, Superintendent of Schools, East Saginaw. 3:15 - Address by Hon. D. B. Briggs, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Subject, - "Teaching Common Things." 3:45 - Discussion, to be opened by Prof. J. W. Ewing, Superintendent of Schools, Ionia. 4:15 - Business Meeting.

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7:30 - Music. Address by Prof. J. H. Hewitt, Acting President of Olivet College. Subject, - "What shall we Demand of our Colleges?" The music will be in charge of Prof. Alvin Wilsey, of Ann Arbor. Ladies who desire entertainment will, on their arrival, report to the Committee on entertainment at the Law Lecture Room.

The January Magazines.

Scribner's Monthly is brilliant both in illustrations and contents. It opens with a poem, "The Singer's Hills, by H. H.," and following is, "The Great Air Line to the Moon, illustrated, in which Frank R. Stockton tilts a lance with Jules Verne; Bonheur Prophecies, poem, by John Day; The Haunted House, poem, by Geo. MacDonald; Earthy Fishes, poem, by H. H. Stoddard; Annals of an English Abbey, Part III, by Froude; Speech Making in Congress, by Albert Rhodes; The "Christus," poem, by Julia C. R. Rorr; Gilgamesh of Texas - San Antonio, one of Edward King's "Great South Series, with thirty-one illustrations, and giving one of the "Texas fever"; The Duke's Stratagem, poem, by John G. Saxe; Charles Dudley Warner, a critical sketch by Thos. Wentworth Higginson, with portrait; Katherine Earle, v. - VII, by Adelina Traston; How Old Man Plunkett went Home, by Bret Harte; Captain Millcent, by Gail Hamilton; and readable notes in the minor departments, which by the way are not a minor feature in Scribner. \$4 a year. Scribner & Co., 654 Broadway, N. Y. With the ARGUS, \$5.

The Atlantic Monthly has the opening chapter of Prudence Palfrey, a new serial by T. B. Aldrich, and full of freshness and crispness. The Golden Wedding of Longwood, in the best vein of J. G. Whittier; Fox-hunting in England, by Geo. E. Waring; The Two Homes, poem, by Bayard Taylor; Lida Ann - an Adirondack sketch (with a peculiar Adirondack flavor), by F. Deming; Changed, poem, by Louise Baskin; Baddeck and that Sort of Thing, in which Charles Dudley Warner starts on a delightful or delightfully starts on a summer excursion; Mose Evans I, by William M. Baker; In Kittery, Churchyard, by Celia Thaxter, poem; The Theory and Practice of Local Taxation in the United States, the first of a series of financial papers, by David A. Wells, and which legislation especially may read with profit; The Valeri, a romance by H. James, Jr.; Evolution and Permanence of Type, by L. Agassiz, corrected but a few days before his death, and expressing his matured views in opposition to those of Darwin; An Old Year Song, by Oliver Wendell Holmes; Literary, Art, and Music Notes, &c. The number gives guarantee that the Atlantic is to the Atlantic still under the management of the new publishers. \$4 a year. H. O. Houghton & Co., Boston. With the ARGUS, \$5.

The Electric opens the year with a brilliant number. The steel engraving "Household Treasures," is superb, both in design and execution. The contents are gathered from the best foreign periodicals, and among them, perhaps most worthy of note, are: The Land of Meab, Petrarch - His Life, Times, and Works; Growth and Decay of Mind; Autobiography of John Stuart Mill, Spanish Life and Character in the Interior during the Summer of 1873, Pope as a Moralist, Pigeon English, Lafayette, English Dictionaries - in which a high compliment is paid to the latest Webster, Random Sketches in Natural History, Napoleon the First, and the continuation of Turgeneff's novel - Spring Floods. The editorial department is also fresh and full of information touching literary, scientific and art matters. With this number in hand we can safely promise a year worthy of the Electric's reputation, and is not that enough? \$5 a year. E. R. Pelton, 108 Fulton St., New York. The ARGUS and the Electric for \$5.50.

The Nursery has pages as bright and cheery as ever, with beautiful pictures, clear print, and just such stories and poems as the children will read, and read, and read. It ought to be in every family where there are little ones, and now is just the time to subscribe for it. \$1.50 a year. JOHN L. SHOREY, Boston, Mass. With the ARGUS, \$3.

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Good Reading.

The Christian Union is now publishing Edward Eggleston's new story (which he himself considers to be his best), "The Circuit Rider: A Tale of the Heroic Age." Mr. Eggleston is one of our freshest and most vivid story writers, and his sketches of Western life and character are superior to anything we have. The Union shows as much tact and enterprise as any daily journal in the country. It has a corps of the best contributors of all shades of recognized Christian opinion, and gets the best thought out of all of them. It shows more plainly than any other religious family paper in the United States the evidence of careful, thorough editorial work. Its columns, always full of interesting matter, contain a greater variety than those of any paper of similar nature. It has been a very readable paper for years, and has steadily improved upon its own excellence. It attracts unity in a spirit of conciliation rather than of dogmatism, and seeks to draw by fairness when it could not drive by suzerainty. In this respect it is a beautiful illustration of the ripened character and mellowed experience of its editor. Its pages give simple every-day life, but Mr. Eggleston's hand are thoroughly enlisted in the great work the Christian Union is destined to fulfill.

The chronicle "The Dinner" and "The Nap" which Messrs. Ford & Co. are now presenting to all subscribers to the "Christian Union" for 1874 - are certainly beautiful far-printed illustrations - are even superior, in conception and execution, to the famous pair "Wide Awake" and "Fast Asleep," whose issue, by the same firm, caused so great an excitement two years ago. The subjects of the new pictures are boys and girls - and the accessories are very natural, suggestive and amusing. They are really artistic pictures, and quite as pleasing to a refined eye as to the popular eye and the hearts of the children.

"The Lord is Risen" is the title of an exquisite elegantly presented by the same firm to subscribers to "Plymouth Pulpit," which is a weekly pamphlet containing each week a sermon by the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, and is eagerly read alike by the admirers and opponents of that distinguished divine. The subject of the picture is a Cross, old and moss-grown, and wreathed with vines and lilies of the valley. We have rarely seen the central sentiment of the New Testament so beautifully expressed by a picture as in this tender but striking sketch. Its value may be guessed from the fact that in the picture store it frequently sells for \$5.00.

Edwards' Weekly, 46 William Street, is the agent for this town and vicinity and will call and show the paper and pictures. We advise every body who is going to spend \$5 in any way to wait till they see how much is here offered for the money.

We invite attention to the prospectus of the Detroit Post - a thoroughly practical paper and always in sympathy with the administration. At least that is its reputation.

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