



"Christmas is coming," says an evening paper, thus confirming a widespread rumor.—Punch.

Weather Forecast.
Appreciable lessening in humidity, for the duration of the holidays at least and possibly longer, notably over certain portions of Hartford and particularly the East Side.

General indications arising out of recent disturbances point to the fact that it may affect considerable numbers, and early weather warnings are being run up at all stations. Disturbances are believed to have been caused by a high pressure area in the vicinity of Washington street, but which had its original center farther up the Connecticut river valley, near Suffield. Atmospheric evidences are possible in this region before morning, and full effect is expected to be felt before the end of the first week in January, 1930. The high pressure area is calculated to move with increasing momentum east and northward from the capitol hill section, though experience with this element leads observers to treat it as highly problematical and as a natural phenomenon which may strike in any direction before the expiration of the storm. The entire county may be affected.

Professional observers declare that rumors to the effect that the saturation point has been reached are well founded, and, although an impending change in weather indicates an immediate and considerable fall in humidity, yet past daily records show humidity to have been unusually high and riding for a full, typical readings ranging anywhere from ninety or ninety-two to ninety-five, which may be estimated on a basis of per cent. or proof.

Concentration.
Concentrate! Concentrate!
That's the magic word;
If you would be truly great,
Heed the message heard.

Concentrate! Concentrate!
Naught withstands the shock
Of a concentrated pate—
Let the doubters knock!

Concentrate! Concentrate!
Even my dead Muse
Rises to reiterate—
"What th— it's no use."
—H. R. W.

Saturday the visitors' book in the lobby of the state capitol received the inscription: "I am sixteen years old today. I applied for my license."
We take it he got it.

His Lordship: "Then I understand you will accept a cheque to release my son from his obligation to you. How much do you want?"
Cabaret Lady: "Well, how much do you usually give?"—Judge.

Someone, admittedly in the so-called speakeasy profession, is talking. "Just because one bad guy goes and kills somebody, all of us good fellows get into trouble."
Granted, they're good fellows. In a melodious mood on a Saturday night, when clients "get together," that's one of the favorite songs they harp on. The only difference is that radio loud-speakers, out of a sense of common decency, are frequently shut off before midnight.

If they get run out of town, we expect some of the proprietors will flirt with the idea of insuring greater isolation by setting up trade in an airship at the top of one of those skyscraper mooring masts. But the elevator man will get his rake-off.

One of our most invaluable and industrious contributors says he is at present otherwise unemployed, and that he is "afraid I am overloading you but shall probably do a fade-away when I strike a job."
Well, the best of luck. Of course, in that case, when you go back to work, kinsprit, we will have to, tob.

There is so much talk about the thriftiness of the Scotsman that another characteristic, egotism, apparently, gets no publicity. He is never a "yes" man. He always says "I."

P. Irvin Davis writes home that a Belgian vacation resort situated near

MOMENTS WITH OUR CORRESPONDENTS

BY FREDERICK P. LATIMER.

HIRAM PERCY MAXIM. Our dear Mr. Maxim: Your heartfelt letter of inquiry to this newspaper on certain pressing situations of life in the Asylum street buses has instantly squeezed from us a great amount of inner applause. You have particularly referred your communication to us as an individual, with an unreserved and complimentary confidence which we assure you touches our sense of modesty at the keenest point. We shall do our best to respond appropriately as soon as there has been opportunity to print your letter in full, which happy event for our readers is planned to take place to-morrow. If not to-morrow, then as soon as can be arranged. Meantime, if you could be just a wee bit more specific as to one of the items it would assist us.

You say, toward the bottom of page 6: "If the wide sitters would but combine with the narrow sitters all would be well." Do you mean combine chemically, or physically? And we could add that that there is one symptom of the conditions which you have omitted. We allude to those occasional instances in which when you have to catch a train or walk over to Market street for re-embarkation on conveyance toward South Glastonbury and you have allowed yourself twenty minutes or a half-hour for the journey, it turns out that your bus which is supposed to operate at intervals of five or ten minutes, does not come along at all until after your time has run out and you have gone back home and called a cab. Those instances, of course, do not happen very often, but still, often enough to inspire comment when the entire subject of the Asylum street buses is being treated. There is also much to be said on the other side. And what is etiquette for the driver when his orders seem to be not to refuse admission to anyone as long as the top and sides of the bus will stay on, and, although late, he has to wait while some desperate person being compressed to the constituency of a jellied eel in the back of the equipage tears his way gradually forward through the human mass and demands, "Give me back my token, I'M going to get out and walk."

When your letter is printed we shall go on more largely into the mazes of such difficulties, heavily complicated by the fact that again and again we see streams of buses on many trips with almost nothing whatever in them except the driver. One heavy trouble in the whole matter is "peak loads." As an engineer you will appreciate how recalcitrant this is.

ALEXANDER LESLIE. Our dear Mr. Leslie: In the course of our recent interchange of views about various experiences in the angling sport we were interrupted by a hand of fate which we trust may ere long be removed. We were going to say, after hearing from you about how the barber's hand in Porto Rica was bitten clean, sharp off, as by a saber cut, from the assault of a baracoua while he was washing his hands at the side of the boat, that we have never had anything of that kind happen, keeping constantly on the alert and being a smart dodger. It was a remarkable occurrence. In a different way we can mention one that was equally unusual. You may find it in a celebrated work of Max Adler, called "Out of the Hurly Burly." It seems that a fisherman was fishing through the ice for pickerel and while pulling the fierce creature in it seized him by the nose and dragged him down into the icy waters to an everlasting doom. What to say about that 48-pound minnow you caught when you were up in Northern Minnesota with "Blackie," the John Ridd of the Blackfoot Indians, we scarcely know, except that it must have been a magnificent specimen. You and we must go fishing together just as soon as spring opens. We will try to persuade Henry Grimm to come along, too, with an axe and shot gun.

MRS. SANFORD, Southington. Our dear Mrs. Sanford: You were well justified in telling your cat that this is an age of marvels. One of our own cats, the visiting black one, Snowball, only yesterday morning sat before our new radio when Cheerio was coming in. You know how the canaries sing at the start of the program? Well, as quick as Snowball heard the bird, his ear pricked up and his tail began to quiver. He climbed up on the back of the chair and crouched. He put his paw on the loud-speaker, but not finding anything, went up on the windowsill and tried his best to catch the canary out of the back of the new radio. Every morning Snowball is on hand to enjoy the advance of science. Hell, the other cat.

Letters of General Joseph R. Hawley

Hero of the Civil War, Hartford Editor, Governor of Connecticut, Congressman and United States Senator.

Written to

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER

His Lifelong Friend and Associate in Newspaper Work.
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Devoted though he was to the cause in which he was enlisted, Hawley was still a newspaper man. Thus his letter from Beaufort, South Carolina, in early December, 1862, furnishes an insight into his solicitude that the files of the Press should show a record of the history of the war and that it should give the families of soldiers the news they wanted concerning military operations and the activities of their own loved ones.

Stephen A. Hubbard of the Press staff and later of the Courant, had written Hawley regarding the salvaging of paper rags from army supplies and Hawley thought well of the idea. He also had come into contact with Thomas Wentworth Higginson of Boston who achieved fame as commander of a regiment of colored troops and by whose manhood and gentlemanliness, which later made him a distinguished citizen of Boston, Hawley was much impressed. So he wrote:

Headquarters 7th C. V.
Camp Palmer, Beaufort, S. C.
Dec. 4, '62.

Dear Charley:

I enclose to you certain official papers which I wish to have transmitted immediately to "Brig. Gen. J. D. Williams, Adj. Gen. Conn." in a large envelope. I wish you to print the official report. No matter if it is late in coming; the people who have friends in the regiment find no more interesting reading than these official reports, dull as they may seem to some. You can scarcely appreciate the avidity with which soldiers look for the colonel's and general's reports. I see that the report of Gen. Terry did not look to you interesting enough to be re-published. I think you were decidedly mistaken. Publish Every Connecticut Colonel's and General's Official Report.

You cannot otherwise make the paper good for anything as a record of the war, nor can you satisfy the soldiers and their families who make a very large share of our population now. And republish everything in the reports of officers from other states which refers to Connecticut troops; not alone the mere words of commendation or censure, but the account of the battle or at least of the share they took in it. I look eagerly for these things myself and I know from my own feelings that the paper which republished all that would be looked upon as the paper. * * *

Hubbard writes me about paper rags. It is a good idea. Uncle Sam makes from eight to fifteen million pounds of paper rags a year now, without counting the old sails of the navy. I shall see the chief of Gen. Sherman's staff and his chief quartermaster as soon as they return from Fernandina which will probably be to-night, and ask them what they become of the old tents.

We get them "condemned" as soon as they become worthless and they have to be "turned in" to the quartermaster; what is done with them then I do not know. Government would do well to remember the papermakers and when tents cost so much to get as much as possible for the old ones. If some of our shop-keepers down here would think it worth while, they could get a great pile of old rags from the contrabands, who would gladly pick them up for one or two or three cents a pound, about the camps, and all over the island. I will try and start one or two of them, but they make so much money by selling goods at high prices that it is doubtful if they would care much about it. Still it would make a good return cargo for some of their schooners.

There is absolutely nothing new here. We are waiting. Our regiment had but one death from disease during November.—Private Francis Lewis, Co. F., aged 18, native of Huntington, Ct. Two died of wounds, as you have published.—Soby of C. and Thomas of S. Everybody's health is better.

By the way, have you ever published correctly the losses at Pocotaligo? You had it 105; it was about 335 as you will see by "The New South."

Rev. Col. T. W. Higginson is here in command of the 1st South Cav. Reg.—the negroes. I called on him last Saturday; his camp is about 4 miles distant and was much pleased. Between us, it is a pleasure to see an addition to the number of real patriots and gentlemen down here.

Living in a Great Age.

What a great age we live in! Right in the midst of little practical details, I have to stop occasionally and think what tremendous consequences depend upon the events of the next few months. I am in one sense becoming a fatalist—though that isn't the term precisely. I just think—I'll do my duty and as for the rest—God lives and that's all my comfort. If this people deserves freedom it will have it. Still the people may try to deserve it and be balked by imbecile rulers. Good enough for them perhaps for selecting "available candidates" and not the best men. Our chiefs made a good many mistakes in the beginning in thinking that nobody but West Pointers or good military scholars could make business men—and that a respectable professor—a good instructor of artillery like Gen. Saxton could for that reason, prove himself a statesman, for such a man is needed here. Saxton is not up to the work. Indeed it is a great task

mander whose conduct had been such that he was dismissed from the service. He wrote to Warner about it thus:
Hilton Head, S. C.
January 12, '63.

Dear Charley:

You may say in the Press that "The Seventh Connecticut was ordered from Beaufort to Hilton Head and moved Jan. 8th and 9th. On the 12th it received orders to start the next day to relieve the 9th Maine at Fernandina, where Col. Hawley will take command of the post. It is a place of considerable importance as the harbor has the deepest entrance on the coast south of Fortress Monroe, save Port Royal. Fort Clinch is in good order, heavily armed and still repairs and additions are in progress. All the men in the department out of hospital are returned to duty with the regiment and go with it save two or three clerks at Gen. Terry's or Gen. Brannan's headquarters. Fernandina is said to be quite healthy and all the men can go into houses if it is thought best.

Selection a Compliment.

Hattie will go down with me, probably Kate (his sister-in-law) also. They both came down to Hilton-Head to-day to make a short visit at the Terrys and after returning to Beaufort for a few days, she expected to come into camp with me. Hattie has now gone up to Beaufort over night to "break up housekeeping" and get leave for Kate to go to Fernandina to teach. The late commandant of the post at Fernandina was Col. Rich of 9th Maine, but he has just been dismissed from the service for various offenses and Gen. Brannan thinks that the regiment might as well come away too. Selecting me from the eight or ten colonels here it is somewhat complimentary as the general told me that he considered it a very important place. The choice lay between me and Col. Goss of the 97th Penna. and Gen. B. left it to Gen. Terry in whose brigade both regiments were. Gen. T. left it to me and we called in Gardner and Rodman who seemed inclined to go. Finally Gen. T. said that though he disliked to have us go, he would go if he were in our places, and Gen. Brannan said that he thought the 7th must go anyway as he preferred Col. Hawley. It is not always that a colonel gets a chance to choose his post and it was a serious question for us. It may be practically the end of the war to us. The case has a good many sides. If we stay here at the Head to which we came reluctantly, we shall remain in a rather unhealthy camp, with heavy fatigue duties for several months and if the headquarters should be removed to Jenkins Island as they contemplate, there will be an immense labor to do, and the regiment will be a ragged set of dock workers and trench diggers.

To be sure, we wish to be counted in if there is to be any fighting here, but the chance for that is exceedingly small. It is not at all sure that Gen. Hunter will bring any reinforcements here soon and if he does it will not be more than 8,000, not enough to undertake any offensive operations with, except strictly auxiliary to the navy. Gen. Brannan, Seymour and Terry all seem to think that if Charleston be taken at all it will be by iron-clads and that troops will follow for occupation only, and not more than a brigade at that as gunboats can protect it from the Ashley and Cooper Rivers.

Only one general occupying, that would surely be Gen. Seymour as he defended Sumter and knows the neighborhood well. We being in Terry's brigade and sure to remain there, our chance of seeing Charleston is small that way. If Gen. Hunter takes 8,000 he will take as far as possible old troops and will put in our places the new regiment, so we lose no chance by going down. All these troops ought to go north next spring for their systems are saturated with malaria and they will not stand the second summer so well.

Asks for Newspapers.

We shall not get our mail so promptly. It must come to Port Royal as usual and then a vessel takes it down as soon as convenient. We may be two or three weeks without hearing a word. Don't you pity us? I wish to ask a favor. Once a week—say Saturday afternoon, let a bundle be made up of six or eight or ten of the most interesting papers, say Saturday's Springfield Republican, Boston Journal, Albany Journal, etc., etc., including perhaps a state paper or two and directed postage paid to me. I suppose that there must be a trifle in my favor on the Press books; if so please subscribe for me for 6 mos. weekly Hartford Post, Palladium, Norwalk Gazette and Winsted Herald as I must keep up with the state politics better.

I ask you or Hubbard to do this because I cannot spare the money now. Uncle Sam owes since Aug. 31 with no prospect of speedy payment and I have but \$28, which by the time I leave will be but \$20 (and Hattie has \$20) to commence our exile with. Newspapers will be cherished at Fernandina.

Loves to Lead a Regiment.

I do hope that you will be able to write us a letter—if it is but a line, every week or so. I feel rather sad after all at going for I would much rather be in Burnside's army. Fact is, Charley, I love to lead a regiment, it's a beautiful power and I wouldn't part with my memories of James Island and Pocotaligo, especially the latter, for any wealth. At Pocotaligo the regiment was so beautifully obedient and brave that it fairly brings the tears into my eyes to think of it. I should like to put a few more names on our flag in this

The Once Over

BY H. I. PHILIPS

THOSE BROKERAGE OFFICE MARRIAGE LETTERS.

I've a mind that's fair
And I think it's keen
But it can't dope
What the brokers mean.

Though I read their views
Nearly every day
I can't understand
What they wish to say.

"We expect a rise,"
Says McGrew & Gryme—
"So we wouldn't buy
At the present time."

"Stocks are due to drop,"
Reason Zilch & Dow,
"They are over-priced—
Buy the best ones now."

"We are now convinced,"
Writes E. Hutton Brown,
"Prices should go up
If they don't go down."

"It is our belief,"
Says DeWitt & Blink,
"It is time to buy
Motors, we don't think."

"As we said last night,"
Writes De Lancey Blott,
"Stocks must now recede
So we guess they'll not."

"If you want our views,"
Says Gazook & Snow,
"On commitments now
We say yes and no."

"Do not hesitate,"
Says P. Jervis Zille,
"To buy steel stocks now,
But we'd wait awhile."

L'Envol.

Oh I'm dizzy, quite,
So I guess I'll stop
Reading expert views
From the broker shop.

Why Fight Fans Go Mad.

"It was a tough spot for Dempsey but he did not hesitate an instant in making the decision."—New York World.

"Jack didn't acquit himself so well as referee. He was palpably flustered and up in the air, and did not make his decision immediately. He had to fiddle around and think it over."—New York Post.

Now the Soviet government has forbidden any observance of Christmas. No Christmas trees will be allowed and the exhibition of toys in store windows is barred. These Russians are not going to have anybody trying to make them happy and cheerful if they can possibly stop it.
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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Death by Hanging.

To the Editor of The Times:
Since the hanging of the 19-year-old boy at the Wethersfield prison December 10, I have been watching the paper to see if someone wouldn't voice opposition to capital punishment, but I have not found it. I cannot understand how we who claim to be Christians and civilized people, can spend millions of dollars to send missionaries abroad to teach the heathen, as we call them, while we sit home contented that it is all right for us to deliberately and knowingly break the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," by sanctioning the practice of "hanging a man by the neck until he is dead."

I do not believe in capital punishment but, if the American people still approve of it and want it, and believe it to be right, why can't it be done in a humane way? We have societies for the protection of animals, and when necessary to kill cats, dogs, horses, etc., it is done in the most humane way possible, which is a wonderful thing and we are proud of it; and if a man traps or kills an animal in such a way that it suffers, he is arrested and punished. We take pride in the fact that we insist upon kind treatment and humane killing of our animals and yet we are content to allow the practice of hanging a man, when we would not allow an animal to be treated that way.

Our criminals must be punished and confined, we all know that, but if we cannot abolish capital punishment, won't the people of Connecticut at least wake up and refuse to tolerate hanging and demand humane treatment? What a force the radio might prove to be in stamping out this law, if it was presented to the people by some capable man, like Dr. Cadman, for instance, and then put to vote if possible, for our laws are "of the people, for the people, and by the people."

Connecticut is planning to celebrate its 300th anniversary soon, why not make it an anniversary of true progress, by wiping out this "hanging" law before then? We might also prevent a great many crimes committed by our young people if we insisted on "movies" that did not depict all kinds of crimes and murders, and the murderer always saved at the last moment and "live happily ever after," for when put in practice it does not work out that way in "real" life as in "reel" life, but usually that is discovered too late.

MRS. RANDOLPH A. HEBBELL
Wethersfield, Dec. 13.

Feeding Birds.

To the Editor of The Times:
Now is the season of the year when it is hard for the birds to find food. If instead of throwing leftover pieces of bread away people would break them up in small pieces and put them outdoors, it would be a great help in feeding our feathered friends. Birds will soon learn to come to a place where food is put out regularly. I have a bird restaurant at a window and have pleasure seeing them eating at it. There are a number of people each day who

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...squill, which laid
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...or two.
...Yours as ever,
...JOE.

...GIVE MY LOVE TO ALL NOOK FARM.
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...MORE BAD NEWS.
...—
... (Fort Wayne Sentinel.)
...Bad news for
...women anxious
...to get thin: The
...elephant lives
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...LIKELY AS NOT.
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... (Roanoke Times.)
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...for divorce, says
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...spanked her,
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... (Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
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...but a line, every
...week or so. I
...feel rather sad
...after all at going
...for I would much
...rather be in
...Burnside's army.
...Fact is, Charley,
...I love to lead a
...regiment, it's a
...beautiful power
...and I wouldn't
...part with my
...memories of
...James Island
...and Pocatigo,
...especially the
...latter, for any
...wealth. At
...Pocatigo the
...regiment was
...so beautifully
...obedient and
...brave that it
...fairly brings
...the tears into
...my eyes to
...think of it. I
...should like to
...put a few more
...names on our
...flag in this
...glorious war—
...glorious for its
...purposes whatever
...its results. But
...I see no chance
...just now unless
...the rebels pitch
...into us at
...Fernandina,
...which is not
...impossible. But
...one gunboat is
...kept there.
...You will, of
...course, see the
...letter which I
...wrote to Mr.
...Hooker. If you
...desire to make
...up an article
...out of it, or a
...paragraph or
...two do it, but
...cover up my
...connection with
...it.
...Now good night,
...my dear old
...friend. God bless
...you for all your
...loving kindness.
...Whenever I
...think or dream
...of a happy future
...you and your
...dear wife stand
...in the very
...foreground of
...the picture, and
...I can hardly
...make Heaven
...differ much from
...Nook Farm in
...general appearance,
...inhabitants
...included—I
...tremble for the
...Press when I
...think of the
...prices of paper,
...telegraphing,
...etc., but I
...hope that it
...may live through.
...Mark Howard
...was very anxious
...to have some-
...body on the
...Press somewhere,
...as items man
...or elsewhere,
...who could take
...an active part
...in local politics.
...I told him that
...the paper could
...not afford any
...more men neither
...did it know
...how to discharge
...the excellent
...men it already
...had. Bear the
...thing in mind—
...if at any time
...you can have
...any effect in
...that way, try
...it. Give my
...love to the
...entire establishment.
...We have had
...a great treat
...here—a little
...good lager—I
...drink their
...health.
...Yours as ever,
...JOE HAWLEY.
... (Continued To-morrow.)

...protection of
...animals, and
...when necessary
...to kill cats,
...dogs, horses,
...etc., it is
...done in the
...most humane
...way possible,
...which is a
...wonderful
...thing and we
...are proud of
...it; and if a
...man traps or
...kills an animal
...in such a way
...that it suffers,
...he is arrested
...and punished.
...We take pride
...in the fact that
...we insist upon
...kind treatment
...and humane
...killing of our
...animals and yet
...we are content
...to allow the
...practice of
...hanging a man,
...when we would
...not allow an
...animal to be
...treated that way.
...Our criminals
...must be punished
...and confined,
...we all know
...that, but if we
...cannot abolish
...capital punishment,
...won't the people
...of Connecticut
...at least wake
...up and refuse
...to tolerate
...hanging and
...demand humane
...treatment? What
...a force the
...radio might
...prove to be in
...stamping out
...this law, if it
...was presented
...to the people
...by some capable
...man, like Dr.
...Cadman, for
...instance, and
...then put to
...vote if possible,
...for our laws
...are "of the
...people, for the
...people, and by
...the people."
...Connecticut is
...planning to
...celebrate its
...300th anniversary
...soon, why not
...make it an
...anniversary of
...true progress,
...by wiping out
...this "hanging"
...law before then?
...We might also
...prevent a great
...many crimes
...committed by
...our young people
...if we insisted
...on "movies" that
...did not depict
...all kinds of
...crimes and
...murders, and
...the murderer
...always saved
...at the last
...moment and
..."live happily
...ever after," for
...when put in
...practice it
...does not work
...out that way
...in "real" life
...as in "reel" life,
...but usually that
...is discovered
...too late.
...MRS. RANDOLPH
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...leftover pieces
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...pieces and
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...doors, it would
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...help in feeding
...our feathered
...friends. Birds
...will soon learn
...to come to a
...place where
...food is put
...out regularly.
...I have a
...bird restaurant
...at a window
...and have
...pleasure seeing
...them eating
...at it. There
...are a number
...of people each
...day who pass
...through
...Bushnell park,
...going to and
...from their
...work. If they
...would leave
...some food
...there the birds,
...I am sure,
...would benefit.
...There are
...more pigeons
...than usual
...this year in
...Bushnell park.
...They are
...such large
...birds they
...require a lot
...to eat. The
...squirrels in
...the park are
...on hand to
...beg a few
...nuts from
...their friends.
...Birds do the
...human race a
...good service,
...destroying
...insects. It is
...said that
...vegetation
...would be
...destroyed
...otherwise, as
...we would not
...be able to
...kill the
...millions of
...them that they
...do. Isn't it
...only fair
...play to the
...birds that
...remain with
...us all the
...year to do
...them a good
...turn in the
...winter when
...food is
...scarce for
...them?
...FRIEND OF THE
...FEATHERED
...FOLK,
...Hartford,
...Dec. 5.
...Grateful for Help.
...To the Editor
...of The Times:
...May we ask
...the courtesy
...of space in
...The Times to
...express our
...thanks to the
...many generous
...and kind
...friends who
...have helped
...to make the
...Christmas
...sale at the
...Old People's
...home on
...Jefferson
...street such a
...successful one?
...Those who
...not only gave
...money, but
...who gave
...time and
...strength to
...bring much
...comfort and
...happiness to
...this large
...family of
...elderly people
...are giving
...to many
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...E. J. JACOBS,
...H. L. TALCOTT,
...Committee.
...Hartford,
...Dec. 12.
...From Another
...Newslet.
...To the Editor
...of The Times:
...The letter
...that appeared
...in The Times
...of December
...10, written
...by "Newslet"
...is true in
...every respect
...and I think
...that if the
...persons who
...take the
...papers from
...us paid us
...weekly, we
...would make
...more on our
...paper routes.
...ANOTHER
...NEWSLET.
...Hartford,
...Dec. 12.
... (Other Editorial
...Features Page 16)

...pile of old rags
...from the contrabands,
...who would gladly
...pick them up for
...one or two or
...three cents a
...pound, about
...the camps, and
...all over the
...island. I will
...try and start
...one or two of
...them, but they
...make so much
...money by selling
...goods at high
...prices that it is
...doubtful if they
...would care
...much about it.
...Still it would
...make a good
...return cargo for
...some of their
...schooners.
...There is absolutely
...nothing new here.
...We are waiting.
...Our regiment
...had but one
...death from
...disease during
...November.—Private
...Francis Lewis,
...Co. F., aged 18,
...native of
...Huntington, Ct.
...Two died of
...wounds, as you
...have published—
...Soby of C. and
...Thomas of S.
...Everybody's
...health is better.
...By the way,
...have you ever
...published correctly
...the losses at
...Pocatigo? You
...had it 105; it
...was about 335
...as you will see
...by "The New
...South."
...Rev. Col. T. W.
...Higginson is
...here in command
...of the 1st South
...Cav. Reg.—the
...negroes. I called
...on him last
...Saturday; his
...camp is about
...4 miles distant
...and was much
...pleased. Between
...us, it is a
...pleasure to see
...an addition to
...the number of
...real patriots
...and gentlemen
...down here.

...What a great age
...we live in! Right
...in the midst of
...little practical
...details, I have
...to stop occasionally
...and think what
...tremendous
...consequences
...depend upon
...the events of
...the next four
...months. I am
...in one sense
...becoming a
...fatalist—though
...that isn't the
...term precisely.
...I just think—I
...do my duty and
...as for the rest—
...God lives and
...that's all my
...comfort. If this
...people deserves
...freedom it will
...have it. Still
...the people may
...try to deserve
...it and be balked
...by imbecile
...rulers. Good
...enough for them
...perhaps for
...selecting "available
...candidates" and
...not the best men.
...Our chiefs made
...a good many
...mistakes in
...thinking that
...nobody but West
...Pointers or
...good military
...scholars could
...make business
...men—and that
...a respectable
...professor—a
...good instructor
...of artillery like
...Gen. Saxton
...could for that
...reason, prove
...himself a
...statesman, for
...such a man is
...needed here.
...Saxton is not
...up to the work.
...Indeed it is a
...great task.
...Mitchell
...promised more
...in my eyes,
...than any general
...I've yet seen.
...Hunter is by
...no means his
...equal. You can
...see that Dan
...Dickinson would
...do better than
...Francis Gillette
...even in abolition
...John Brown
...work. Some
...analogue in the
...contrast between
...Hunter and
...Mitchell!
...I sincerely hope
...that Hunter and
...Banks may be
...thrown in with
...Burnside for
...a match and
...then send them
...here with
...ironclads, etc.
...Hattie is very
...well. Kate is
...better, she had
...an overdose of
...laudanum and
...squill, which
...laid her up
...for a day or
...two.
...Yours as ever,
...JOE.

...Give my love to
...all Nook Farm.
...How like Heaven
...an honorable
...peace and a
...quiet home
...among you all
...would seem.
...I wish I had
...the money to
...spare for
...little wood
...cuts of the
...battle. If it
...won't cost
...more than \$10
...to make two
...small ones
...the width of
...the column
...get it done
...and charge to
...me; otherwise
...leave out all
...letters and
...reference to
...them.
...Transferred to
...Fernandina.
...Early in 1863
...Hawley was
...transferred to
...duties which
...enhanced his
...reputation as
...a soldier and
...commander,
...a man who
...could do more
...than lead his
...men in battle,
...who could
...administer the
...affairs of an
...occupied territory.
...The transfer
...was to Fernandina,
...Florida, where
...Hawley succeeded
...a com-

...her arm and
...locked her up
...in a closet. She
...says she doesn't
...know why he
...did these things.
...Our guess is
...that he was
...vexed at her.
...BLESSINGS IN
...DISGUISE.
...—
... (Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
...The government
...proposes to
...spend \$12,000,000
...on Ohio roads,
...so that the
...unemployed
...may be able
...to get work.
...What a grand
...system of
...roads this
...country will
...have, if hard
...times just
...hold out long
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