Songs of the Shells,

Little Enoch-Paw, what are fools good for, anyhow?

Every missile used in war has its own Farmer Flintrock-To teach us the particular note, never to be mistaken once results of blowin into unloaded shot eighteen to pluck the grey hairs from her you have heard it. In the Boer war the guns, buyin gold bricks, guzzling patent perfection of the weapons used makes the medicines, lightin the fire with coal oil, various notes very marked, so that a per- goin up in balloons, skatin on thin ic- gin to whiten before youth has fairly fect storm of war music fills the air dur- tryin to beat other people at their own ing a fierce engagement. games, indorsin our friends' notes,

A man who has been through three or thinkin we know it all, flirting with grass four fights could shut his eyes and tell widows, and so forth, my son ! by the sound what kind of weapons were

being used by the enemy as the bullets sing overhead, and the calibre of the artillery. The most common note is that of the Mauser riffe as used by the Boers. This produces a long note. It sounds like 'zee-se ee !' long drawn out, and the further away the bullet the flatter the note sounds. The See Enfield and Lee-Metford bullets sing, 'whew-ew-ew !' The sound on striking is a hard 'wuck' that tells of damage.

Above the persistent song of the musketry bullets rises the long note of the common or bursting shell. A 7 pounder's shells can be heard some time before they arrive, and are heralded by a shrill whistling screech like a locomotive's signal, vibrating if there is any wind, and as nearly as possible the sound 18 'ah-ee-ee. Then, if all goes well-or ill-comes rending 'wang !' and the hiss of the flying fragments of the missile.

A very unmistakable and trying note is that of the pom-pom, the new Maxim of the Boxers, which fires one pound shells. These come in at terrific speed. singing a persistent song of 'ah-aa-aa-oo !' and finishing with a cruel 'r-r-rack ! that Chase's Nerve Food is of inestimable shakes the drum of your ear. The gun itself says 'pom-pom-pom' as plainly as a man could say it. As regards the flying bullets the explosions sound like a continuous 'rum-pum-pum' that reminds one of a tatoo. Large shells from the guns of position sound a much deeper note, a long drawn throbbing 'boo-oo-oo! that lasts quite a time and the explosion

is a splitting crash that can be heard

miles away.

When she was a girl she began at head, not liking to be old so soon. And it is really wonderful how heads will beturned to fly! So, though it troubled her but little for a time, the adundant dark hair soon began, as the years went

on to be sprinkled pretty thickly with frost which fell far too soon. Indeed, by some strange freak it showed itself in **Poor Quality** 

broad bands here and there, which long ago became far too many to destroy. But no one thought her old, for the dark of Blood bright eyes danced merrily beneath the whitening crown, and youth and midd'e

Beautiful at Eighty.

sge brought each their joys to be shared A Frequent Cause of Consumption, Heart Failure and Other Constitutional Dis- by her, sure of her certain sympathy. eases-Dr. Chase's Nerve Food as a But when it befell that the little old Blood Builder. mother came to live alone at eighty, in

The heart, the lungs, the stomach, the liver, the kidneys, and bowels canthe little old house where her little children had been born, and from which not perform their functions and repair they had been buried one by one, it was wasted tissue when supplied with blood that is deficient in nutritive qualities, then that God's peace fell upon her. All and sooner or later the weakest organ alone to outward observance, yet the rooms at eventide and in the morning The indications of thin, watery blood are paleness of the lips, gums, and eye- were peopled by the patter of little feet lids, shortness of breath, weakness of and the sound of merry laughter and the heart action, and languid, despondent feelings. These symptoms are usually soft touch of baby fingers or the merry accompanied by nervousness, sleepless-ness, and general weakness of the body. gent short with her heart in the long went about with her heart in the long It is positively useless to doctor the symptoms, and injurious to use opiates ago and a smile upon her lips, for living or stimulants. Cure can be brought about gradually and certainly by the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, which It over day by day, it became a daily part of the old home.

Beautiful at eighty, with the soft white contains in condensed pill form all the elements required for strengthening and revitalizing the blood. As a blood hair, the gentle manner, and the loving smile which won many and many a young builder and nerve restorative, Dr. heart to bring its burdens of care or its value. In pill form, 50 cents a box, joys to this one who had known both. at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & The flowers loved her, too, for where she wrought among them with her wrinkled old hands, which had such a tender touch, WASHINGTON LETTER. they grew more and were of a brighter [From our Regular Correspondent]

hue and sweeter scent. She was not soured with sorrow though neither chick nor child remained of the once goodly

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Washington, July 27, 1900. The report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster flock which had called her mother and the and other irregularities and extravegances in their view.

the Oaban postal system, which was made At eighteen getting gray, afraid a little But of all the battlefield sounds there





General Bristow on the peculations of Neely old roof home until a fairer opened to Our Plows have Mouldboards made of Extra Quality Hard Steel with soft centre, and these are the only kind that will wear. Get one, and you will have the BEST PLOW MADE.



is none to equal that of the mighty lyd- public this week, is not flattering to those of the result to youth and beauty; at is none to equal that of the mighty lyd-dite shell from a great gun, The first Americans who had the idea our government eighty beautiful with the rich, rare beauty of a lovely old age, which had kept its HORSE RAKES-Two Kinds, "Ew-ew-ew!' which rapidly rises to a and good government so as to prepare them heart of youth to gladden other lives less hair raising howl of 'hoo-boo !' far great- to fissingly govern themselves. Spanish offi joyous than its own. Never to be forhair raising howl of 'hoo-boo !' far great-er in intensity than that of the ordinary how to be dishonest and extravegant in hand-sweet old face, its memory will remain in big gun shell. Then a last, overpower-ing shriek, and a frightful explosion, as if a load of dynamite had burst in an isbat American officials have followed the iron boiler, while the air fills with flying Spanish example True, there is some con-solation in the fact that the crockedness was

earth and rocks.

How He Became a Hero.

Letters By Phonograph.

An entirely new and up-to-date meexposed by the U S government and that the orcoked American officials have already been thod of sending love messages to the degraded and are to be pupished for their dear ones at the front has been adopted

A soldier was in action, and by some receality, instead of having their shortcom- by many prominent ladies of London inge winked at, as the government of Spain among them Mrs Baden-Powell. means got separated from his comrades The bullets were falling around him, and his courage failed him. Lifting up one bis courage failed him. Lifting up one of the bodies which lay near him he held considered usfor usete in its effects upon graph might be made available for transmitting messages that would be appreit between himself and the bullets, and Cuban ideas of the character of Americane If the Senate intended when it unanimous- clated far more by the boys in khaki made for his comrades. At last be reached the lines and dropped fainting to the ly voted to instruct its committee on Cuban than letters. Imagine, he said, the feel Relations to make an investigation of the re ings of those same boys when they could ground, thinking that he would be shot for his cowardice. When he recovered Cuba that the investigation should consist er, sister, sweetheart, or wife whispering ground, thinking that he would be shot he found that he was being regarded as a of the committee putting its OK upon in-hero. What had appeared to him to be vestigations made by the several executive right into their ears.

rade, whom he had carried to shelter. lected and spent the money, no statement to Vivian left for the front a few days ago Needless to say he received the congratnlations of his messmates in silence.

A Big Gun.

that effect was made on the floor of the Sen- with a whole load of the pronographic ste. Several Semators did say that they con missives. An affecting incident was sidered the investigation to be made by the connected with the sending of Mrs executive departments, all that were neces Biden-Powell's message to her son. She

A gun guarding the harbor in New York investigation. Senator Platt, of Oonn, chair- got as far as "Shevie, do you hear your A gun guarding the harbor in New York man of the committee charged with the in- mother's voice?" when she broke down, is the largest in the world. It is no less vestigation, was in Washington this week. and it was some time before she could than a ton and a half heavier than any other and beisg asked when the committee would recover sufficiently to complete the regun in existence, and will throw a shell begin work, said : "A searching investiga cord.

tion into the expenditure of Oahan funds in weighing 2,350 pounds, while the weight of being made by both the Post office and War | Youth, like everything else, must be cherthe powder required for each charge is 1,500 Departments. and when they are prepared ished, not squandered; and, if we waste it pounds. It is said to carry 16 miles, and to report their findings to the Senats com- in idle, frivolous dissipations, age will come

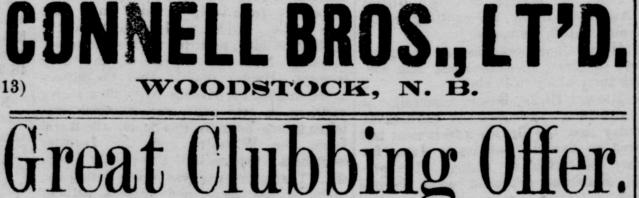
every time it is fired means an expenditure mittee, we will have something upon which before years. The faster we travel the soon- gives all the local and county news; it is your home paper and no member of the nousehold can do eleven setting hens, and the calves go of \$1,000, and it can be fired once in every to begin work." To wait for the depart. er we will get to the end of our journey. Es- without it. The Vermont Farm Journal and American Poultry Advocate should be in the hands of out and chewed the tails off four fine of \$1,000, and it can be fired once in every two minutes. The cost of making wes more than \$125,000—the total expense, including its armament and placing it in the harbor, amounting to \$500,000 The gun is so large into it through the muzzle, and capacitan could crawl into it through the muzzle, and capacitan to dreg along until after election ?— into it through the muzzle, and promptaces in the bandling of the first week was done, at an A disbonest men, whether in official or private old age comes-as come it will, despite all that 50 soldiers could shelter inside it. life, is always admired by the American peo- your efforts to the contrary-accept the inevhundred horses could barely draw its burden

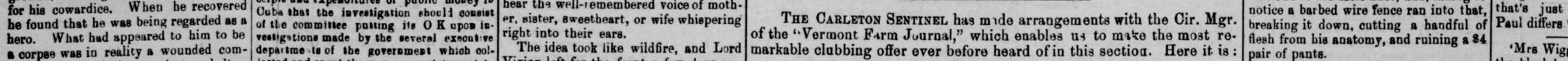
itable gracefully, and altempt neither to disof 126 tons, and two and a half battalions of News from Ohina grows more instead of guise nor to disown it.

infantry could not carry it a dozen yards. less puzzling. The President's agreement to mediate in behalf of Ohina with the pow-When Paying Calls. ere, provided that Ohina will put the foreign

NANADA'S ministers in communication with their gov One who is accustomed to making formal ernments and that the Ohinese imperial calls should keep in mind the point of levy army will co-operate with the allied troops ing. and when the call is ended rise quickly in restoring peace and order, is regarded as and easily, shake bands with her hostess, a good move. If the conditions are socepted and lived up to, the trouble would speedily making some pleasant, friendly remark as end, and the only need for mediation would she does so, and go directly out. Natural- be to determine the manner in which Chine mess is the most potent charm in anyone \_\_ should pay the powers for damages done ; the drawing room and gossip after one has out promises it may make? Another mesthe beight of ill breeding. Nor compliance Pekin, under constant attack from the Chin with accepted customs may be torgiven in a ere soldiers, who were the only authority in genius or a great hero but an ordinary mor- the city, and that un'ess speedy help came tal must mind his "p's and q's" in this as in a massacre was certain. Some regard that lowing account of a harrowing incident which genuine, and others as showing it to have has occurred on an Atlantic liner in mid been either an old message or a forgery. The ocean : A lady, returning to England with Obinese minister says is is good and that he landed in the United States, since 1st Jan,

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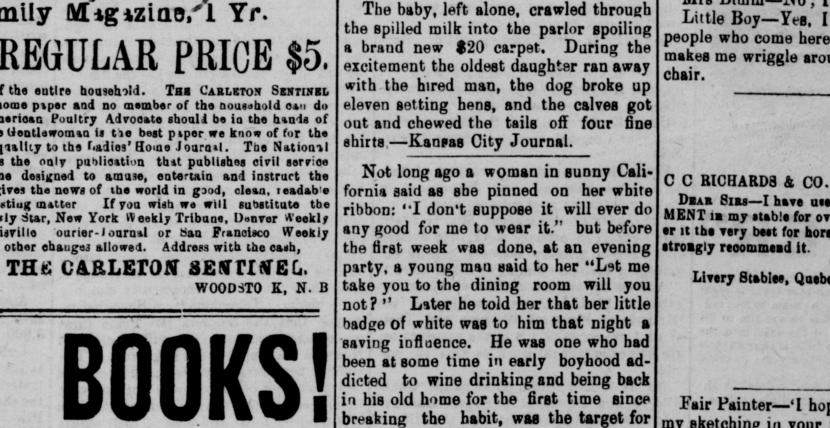




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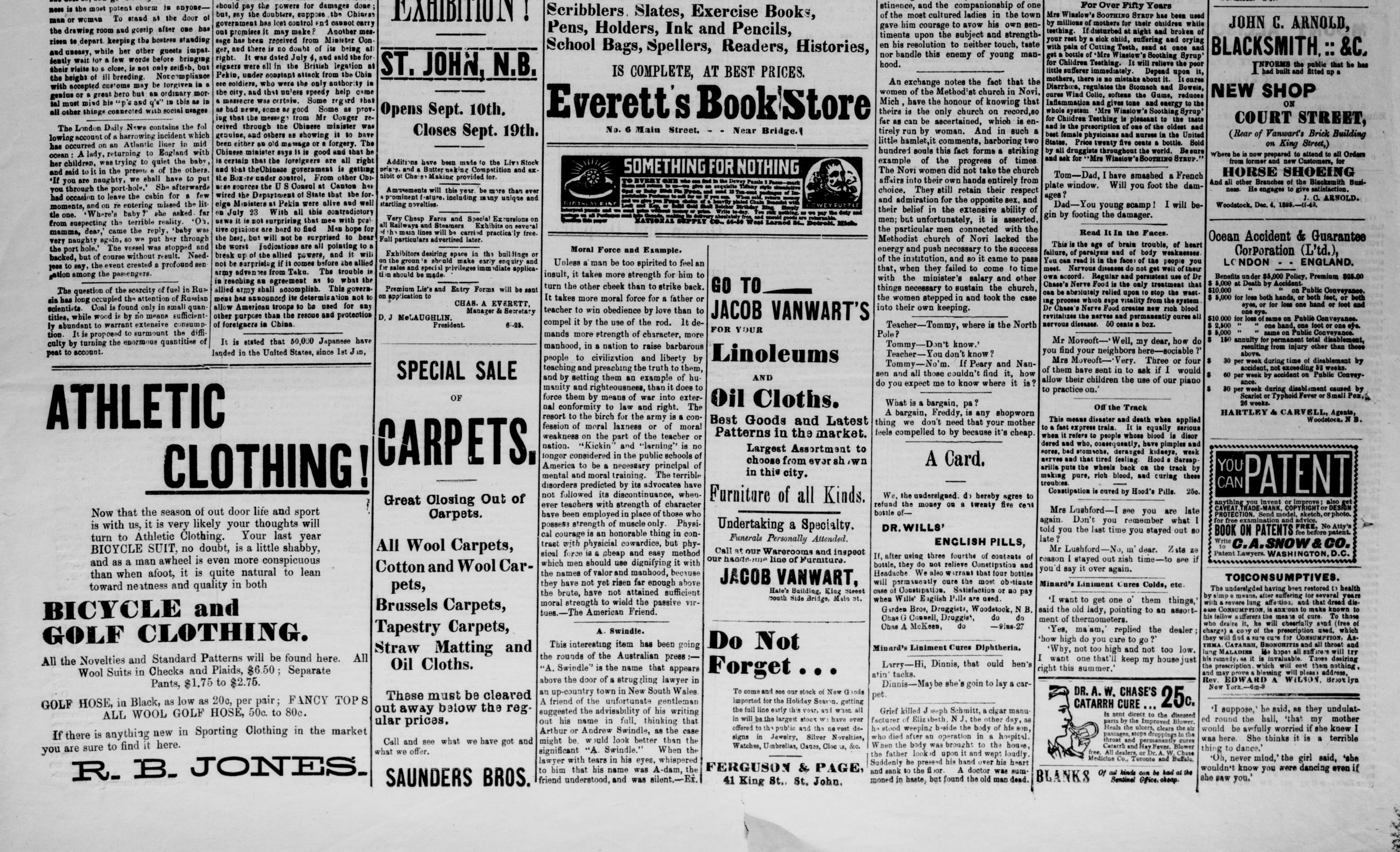
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