

DAILY LIFE IN THE HUB.

A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THINGS PROGRESS IN BOSTON.

Of Course it is Excited Over the War Scare and Dewey is the Hero of the Hour—A Service in Trinity Church and the Edifice and Preacher Graphically Described.

ALLSTON, (Suburb of Boston.) }
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DEAR PROGRESS:—Boston, like all the American cities, is excited over the war news as it comes to hand day after day. Until the great Manila battle of Sunday the 2d, the people here were not without apprehension that the Spaniards might do them incalculable mischief all along the coast by throwing big shells into the cities in a bombarding spirit. But now every body breathes freely, and sleeps well. The name of Captain Dewey is on everybody's lips and perhaps any one of the banks would discount his note for a million as his credit is now No. 1, while his fame is destined to rank with that of the hero of Motile Bay during the Civil War, or Parry upon the lakes in 1813—for that matter the hero of Trafalgar, where not only the combined enemy (Spanish and French) with sixty of the line was destroyed by the English with about half that number. So that the battle of last Sunday, although brave and signal, the victory will scarcely bear comparison with that of 1805, of Trafalgar, nor the two heroes be entitled to stand side by side, upon the same pedestal. My place of residence (2 miles out of Boston) is six miles in a direct line from the sea, and in case a Spaniard took it into his head (all other things being equal) to throw shells in this direction, our life policies would not be good for much, unless covered by very enormous premiums, which have been fast going up of late. But there is much consolation in the philosopher's epigram—"all men think all men mortal but themselves," and therefore I and those who are with me feel that we have an immunity from the stray shot of a Spanish battleship. We shall therefore hold on where we are until our visit is out.

During the last ten days the weather in and about Boston, has been execrable—wet, cold and rough, as much so as New Brunswick affords at this season of the year, and yet the early trees are pretty well out in leaf. On Sunday I attended Trinity church (Copley Square), the classic locality of the once famous clergyman—Phillips Brooks, the Bishop of Massachusetts—a broad minded man, a friend of every christian denomination, those who worship the same deity, though not at the same shrine, and a co worker and associate with those who are trying to do good to their fellow-men, no matter what the distinctive church formularies, or the reasons from whence they derive their respective authorities for going into the world and preaching or upholding the doctrines of him who said "Whosoever shall give even a cup of cold water in my name, shall have his reward." Withal Phillips Brooks was a great preacher—powerful, eloquent, learned. This Trinity church was built solely in honor and for the use of its pastor, whose personality was so strong among his people that no amount of money was considered too great to lay out on a church edifice, which, if I am correctly informed, cost over a million of money. The exterior and interior are fine specimens of ecclesiastical architecture. The acoustic properties inside do not appear to be the best. There is too much of a hollow rumbling sound—so much so that where I sat in the back of the church the minister's voice was most of the time inaudible to me. I do not know whether or not the preacher I heard on Sunday morning is the rector and successor to Phillips Brooks; but whoever it may have been he was far from "filling the bill" according to my opinion. There is a class of preachers, no doubt able and talented who have not learned the art of talking to their congregation but raise and drop their voices in unpleasant cadences, a sort of singing enunciation, pretty much after the style of intoning. This clergyman reminded me of this school of preachers, and yet I was informed by a person who sat nearer to him that the discourse in its composition was very able. Still Phillips Brooks' place in my opinion will never be filled again while Trinity church stands.

The streets of Boston, it seems to me, are more crowded than ever. It is almost impossible for one not nimble of foot to maze his way through Tremont, Washington and other streets during certain hours in the day, and you wonder where all the people come from. But they are mostly suburbans. The facilities for reaching towns about Boston, thirty and forty miles off, are so great that their populations as it were are poured into Boston every hour in the day chiefly perhaps for "shopping" purposes, and to see the sights and pick up the fashions. Since the subway has been built under the whole length

of the Common and the Public gardens, the congestion of the surface trolley cars has been greatly reduced during this length of Tremont Street. Before, it was almost impossible for one to cross the street owing to cars passing up and down almost one continuous stream. To day there is quite a wide gap between each car, and there is not the smallest difficulty in crossing from side to side at your leisure.

It is said, by those who ought to know that business has for some time past been unusually depressed, but people take consolation and count upon a change for the better since Manila has fallen. The hotels, and restaurants, however are full as ever and the prices of board keep well up.

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Scientists Investigate the Use of Electricity Near Explosives.

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Honolulu Delicacies.

The things to eat in Honolulu depend on who and what you are. A civilized being can have a conventional menu, from oysters on the half shell—brought from Baltimore—to Neapolitan ice cream and Nesselrode pudding. For the Kanakas there is abundant poi—poater's paste five days old. Dried and smoked squid, cooked seaweed, raw mullet, poi dog roasted in tea leaves, and an atrocious drink made by the fermentation of a certain root after it has been chewed by the native women, comprise the real delicacies of the Hawaiian cuisine. For the Japanese and their cousins of the Flowery Kingdom, the island supplies rice and shark's fins. Tons of home products for the Oriental table arrive on every steamer from Yokohama and Hong Kong. From all this provender native and foreign, domestic and imported, the civilized kitchens of the city are able to make a discriminating choice which gives the bills-of-fare at some Honolulu entertainments a peculiar piquancy.

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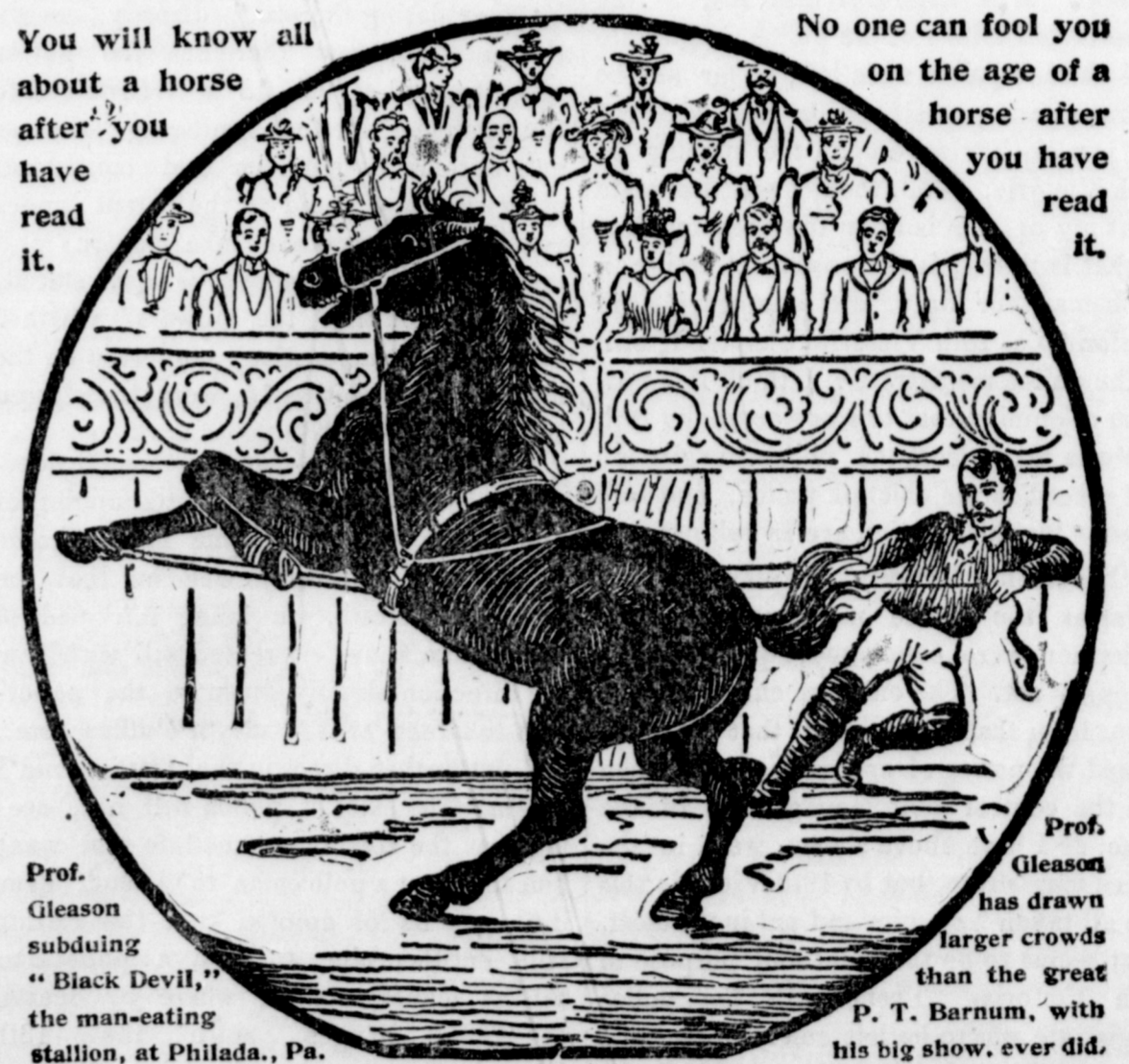
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