

The Youth's Companion

The last year has been the most prosperous of the sixty-five years of THE COMPANION'S history. It has now over 550,000 subscribers. This support enables it to provide more lavishly than ever for 1893. Only a partial list of Authors, Stories and Articles can be given here.

Prize Serial Stories.

The Prizes offered for the Serial Competition of 1892 were the Largest ever given by any periodical.

First Prize, \$2,000. Larry; "Aunt Mat's" Investment and its Reward; by Miss Amanda M. Douglas.
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 SEVEN OTHER SERIAL STORIES, during the year, by C. A. Stephens, Homer Greene and others.

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will be described in graphic language by Officers of the United States Army and by famous War Correspondents.

General John Gibbon. General Wesley Merritt.
 Captain Charles King. Archibald Forbes.

Great Men at Home.

How Mr. Gladstone Works; by his daughter, Mrs. Drew.
 Gen. Sherman in his Home; by Mrs. Minnie Sherman Fitch.
 Gen. McClelland; by his son, George B. McClelland.
 President Garfield; by his daughter, Mrs. Molly Garfield Brown.

Your Work in Life.

What are you going to do? These and other similar articles may offer you some suggestions.

Journalism as a Profession. By the Editor-in-Chief of the New York Times, Charles R. Miller.
 Why not be a Veterinary Surgeon? An opportunity for Boys; by Dr. Austin Peters.
 In What Trades and Professions is there most Room? by Hon. R. P. Porter.
 Shipbuilders Wanted. Chats with great shipbuilders on this Subject; by Alexander Wainwright.
 Admission to West Point; by the Sept. of U. S. Academy, Col. John M. Wilson.
 Admission to the Naval Academy; by Lieut. W. F. Low, U. S. N.
 Young Government Clerks at Washington. By the Chief Clerks of Six Departments.

Things to Know.

What is a Patent? by The Hon. Carroll D. Wright.
 A Chat With Schoolgirls; by Amelia E. Barr.
 Naval Courts-Martial; by Admiral S. B. Luce.
 Patents Granted Young Inventors; by U. S. Com. of Patents.
 The Weather Bureau; by Jean Gordon Mattill.
 Newly-Married in New York. What will \$1,000 a year do?
 Answered by Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher and Marion Harland.

Over the Water.

How to See St. Paul's Cathedral; by The Dean of St. Paul.
 Windsor Castle. A picturesque description by The Marquis of Lorne.
 A Glimpse of Belgium. The American Minister at Brussels.
 A Glimpse of Russia; by The Hon. Charles Emory Smith.
 Adventures in London Fog; by Charles Dickens.
 London Cabs. "Cabbies" their "hansom." Charles Dickens, Jr.
 A Boy's Club in East London. Frances Wympe.

Short Stories and Adventures.

More than One Hundred Short Stories and Adventure Sketches will be given in the volume for 1893.

Knitin' Susan. An Able Mariner.
 In the Death Circle. Uncle Dan's Will.
 A Mountain-Top Feud. On the Madramant Sands.
 Mrs. Parsley's First Voyage. An April First Experience.
 Bain McKicker's "Vast Doog." Riddling Jimmy, and other stories.
 The Cats of Cedar Swamp. A Boy's Proof that he was not a Coward; by Strong "Medicine." The amusing effect of a less instrument on a hostile Indian; by Capt. D. C. Kingman, U. S. A.

"How I wrote Ben Hur," by Gen. Lew Wallace, opens a series, "Behind the Scenes of Famous Stories." Sir Edwin Arnold writes three fascinating articles on India. Rudyard Kipling tells the "Story of My Boyhood." A series of practical articles, "At the World's Fair," by Director-General Davis and Mrs. Potter Palmer, will be full of valuable hints to those who go. "Old House-keeping in Queen Haces" is the subject of half a dozen bright and amusing descriptions by Mrs. Lew Wallace, Lady Blake, and others.

All the well-known features of THE COMPANION will be maintained and improved. The Editorials will be impartial explanations of current events at home and abroad. The Illustrated Supplements, adding nearly one-half to size of the paper, will be continued.

Cruel Monster.

"Will you be so kind as to scan those pages for me while I wait?" asked the visitor, as he laid his manuscript before the editor.

It was poetry.

The editor read a stanza.

"Scan nothing," he said cruelly, shoving the manuscript back at the writer. "They can't be scanned. Take them home and use an axe on them for several hours. Good day, sir."—(Detroit Free Press.)

The Chinese Empire and dependencies.

Mongolia, Manchuria, Chinese Turkestan, Kokonag and Tibet, occupy an area of at least 5,000,000 square miles, or about one-third of Asia. The population is estimated at from 360,000,000 to 450,000,000.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action, but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

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Powder House, Railroad Tracks and Trestles Torn to Pieces.

The powder house of Messrs. Douglas & Johnson, the contractors on the large canal and dam project on the Niagara Falls, exploded a few days ago with terrific force. Buildings of the contractors were wrecked and demolished, a man was killed and two seriously injured, as far as can be ascertained.

The man killed was John Hoban, the mechanic in charge of the engine house. A few moments before the accident Mr. Hoban was engaged in the engine house, which was on fire. His engine house was only 25 feet away, and he excitedly called out to his firemen, Dismuth and Hoban, who were in the engine house.

"The powder mill is on fire, and we had better get out," he called out to his men. The three men rushed out for their lives, giving warning as they ran. Mr. Hoban was picked up lifeless, over a hundred feet away, at the foot of a pile of rocks. He was a bleeding, mangled mass of humanity. His head had been nearly severed from his body.

Welf and Dismuth were found unconscious, and bleeding from wounds on the face and head and bruised on the body. Physicians were summoned and the two latter were brought to consciousness.

The force of the explosion tore the boiler house, burning trestles and railroad tracks and trestles all to pieces. Windows and sashes for a mile around were smashed and the roofs of several buildings cracked. The shock was felt all over the city, and houses and business blocks to tremble and rock.

It is thought that between 500 and 300 pounds of dynamite were in the house. The windows in the Niagara Falls Paper Company's mill on the east side, to the number of several hundred, were all shattered and the sashes torn out, as were also those in all the houses and stores along Buffalo street. The damage in this respect alone will amount to several thousand dollars.

Douglas & Johnson expect to resume work at once. Their loss is severe. The explosion was caused by the fire in the powder house. The dynamite tender, Edward Douglas, filled up the ore with coal and opened the door and left it, forgetting to return and shut off the draft. The stove became red hot and set fire to the building, which was on fire.

Hoban was a skilled mechanic of middle age and came from Canada. After the excitement and fright had subsided the work of clearing away the debris and search for the bodies began.

Some of the escapes were most remarkable. Several of the men who were in the powder house were near the powder house and suffered the least damage.

Welf and Dismuth say they were both in the powder house at the time of the explosion and saw the fire grow black and felt the flying studs, which struck them. A baby was rendered unconscious a half mile away from the force of the explosion.

PLURALITY OF CANDIDATES.

The following table gives the pluralities received by the different Presidential candidates in the election of last week. Later returns from the doubtful states may change the figures somewhat.

STATE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	PROGRESSIVE
Alabama	25,000	10,000	5,000
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Cleveland's plurality over Harrison, 47,783.

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A portion of the members of Gen. Benedict Arnold's flagship Congress, sunk in October, 1776, in Lake Champlain, has been raised by Capt. C. C. Smith, of Lancaster, Vt. The timbers are of oak and are sound.

The steamer Forest Blunck, which arrived at New York, reports that when about 10 miles from the city, she was struck by an unknown steamship drifting about, though disabled. Capt. Albers could not make out the name of the drifting vessel.

At Gurley, Ala., fire destroyed the Gurley Hotel, completely completed, two dry goods stores and a saloon. Loss, \$100,000.

Indications point to an early settlement of the miners' lockout in Pennsylvania. From information received from inside sources there is every reason to believe that the 1st of December will see all the river mines in operation at the old rate.

The president has appointed William E. Estes of Minnesota consul at Hamburg. Mr. Estes was United States consul at Kingston, Jamaica, and was transferred to Brunswick, Germany, the vacancy at Kingston being filled by Louis Dowd, of St. Paul's private secretary. Mr. Estes was in the city for several months before, but action upon it was deferred during the cholera epidemic.

ABDUCTED HER CHILD.

A Woman in Lockport, New York, Creates a Sensation.

Considerable sensation was created in Lockport, N. Y., by the abduction of little Lucy, the daughter of M. M. and Mrs. M. M. Trafford, who were divorced about two years ago.

A closed carriage drove up to the Hawley street school, a lady entered and entered the school. She inquired for Lucy Trafford, and the girl came out and went away with the woman, who is known now to be her mother. The mother of Mrs. Trafford and her daughter are lost.

The custody of the child was the result of a recent divorce between the divorced parties. The court finally gave the girl, who is 10 years of age, over to Henry Trafford, the grandfather. A warrant has been sworn out for Mrs. Trafford's arrest.

CLEAR CASE OF FRAUD.

Crew of the Knight Templar Desert their Vessel through Fear.

The schooner Knight Templar of Gloucester was towed into Halifax by the tug Whitney. She had been run down off that port by an unknown vessel. Capt. Spinney thought his vessel was about to be captured, and he and the crew took to their only duty. They were almost exhausted when rescued. The Templar had received no damage beyond the loss of an anchor and an injury to her rudder. She had not a drop of water in her hold and is a good prize.

It was undoubtedly a case of fright by Capt. Spinney. His vessel had gone on her beam ends for a moment or two after the shock. The Knight Templar's catch consists of 50,000 pounds.

ANOTHER ENGLISH SYNDICATE.

Cotton Mills at Providence, R. I., Will Probably Be Bought by Change Hands.

An English syndicate, after a long and profitable mill estate of the B. B. & R. Knight Company at Providence, R. I. Undoubtedly they are the largest cotton factors in the world at the present time. Their annual consumption is estimated at more than 50,000 bales of raw cotton.

The estate is in magnificent condition and comprises 1,700 acres of mill estate, well constructed. The larger part of the Sprague estate, which became involved in 1873 and was sold out under the hammer, fell into the hands of the Messrs. Knight and is now a part of the property of the company.

The greater block of the mill estate of the Knight is located in the Pawtucket valley of the Rhode Island. The firm was a mill and property in many different towns in New England, and a considerable property is owned in Massachusetts.

KREMLIN TROTS IN 2-07 3-4.

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A portion of the members of Gen. Benedict Arnold's flagship Congress, sunk in October, 1776, in Lake Champlain, has been raised by Capt. C. C. Smith, of Lancaster, Vt. The timbers are of oak and are sound.

The steamer Forest Blunck, which arrived at New York, reports that when about 10 miles from the city, she was struck by an unknown steamship drifting about, though disabled. Capt. Albers could not make out the name of the drifting vessel.

At Gurley, Ala., fire destroyed the Gurley Hotel, completely completed, two dry goods stores and a saloon. Loss, \$100,000.

Indications point to an early settlement of the miners' lockout in Pennsylvania. From information received from inside sources there is every reason to believe that the 1st of December will see all the river mines in operation at the old rate.

The president has appointed William E. Estes of Minnesota consul at Hamburg. Mr. Estes was United States consul at Kingston, Jamaica, and was transferred to Brunswick, Germany, the vacancy at Kingston being filled by Louis Dowd, of St. Paul's private secretary. Mr. Estes was in the city for several months before, but action upon it was deferred during the cholera epidemic.

CLIPPINGS.

The soil of Hayti is said to be very fertile. Corn is easily grown and three crops can be raised annually.

Both oranges and lemons are packed unripe—the latter when quite green and the former when just turning from green to yellow.

A Detroit lady, over 70 years of age, has a head of hair which turned from white to a jet black—the color it was in her girlhood.

A curious grewsome sight can be seen in the window of a shop on Walnut street, Philadelphia. It is the skeleton of a full-grown man seated in an arm chair, his police being one of luxurious ease.

Tom Ho and Wong Ling Dock are two boys, the first Chinese legally admitted into this country since the passage of the exclusion act. The boys were sent to school at Ann Arbor (Mich.) University.

A Rangoon paper states that Langkat kerosene oil will shortly be placed on the market. The springs from which this oil comes are situated in Babslan, Pengkala, Brandan, and Langkat in Sumatra.

The Royal Sovereign of the British Navy is the most powerful warship afloat. Beside her heavy armament she has several rapid firing guns to keep off torpedo boats. They are worked with wonderful speed.

Complete statistics of the great fire at St. John's, Newfoundland, have just been issued. The number of houses destroyed was 1,650, the number of families turned out 1,874, and the total number of persons burned out, 10,334.

The Navy Department has issued an order that hereafter in firing solutions with blank charges only blank powder shall be used, and the guns sponged after each round. The brown priming powder must be used only when firing projectiles.

The street railways in London consist of 117 miles of line; but these are shared by several companies, the North Metropolitan owning 41 miles, the London street 29, the London street about 15, and 5 other companies 41 miles between them.

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