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**In the Fall of 1895.**

There's corn in the corn crib and fodder in the stack,  
In the goober patch, and outle at the rack;  
The cows from the pea field, with hair smooth as silk,  
Are waddling to the barn with their udders full of milk,  
The horses in the stable a-feeling of their keep,  
The calves in the pasture a playing with the sheep;  
The mare in the meadow grass shows how glad she feels,  
To see her little colt a kicking up its heels,  
There's milk in the dairy and butter in the crack,  
There's hams in the smoke house a hanging by the back,  
The Thanksgiving turkey is strutting in the yard -  
Fat enough to cook himself without any aid.  
The fruit in the orchard and 'taters in the hill,  
The chickens in the chicken yard fat enough to kill,  
There's track in the garden and honey in the hive -  
We have plenty to live on sure as you are alive.  
When the candidate comes a begging for  
the goldbugs have got me by the throat;  
That I'm poor opposed, and that isn't half,  
I'll turn loose the bull dog, and lean back and laugh.

—Texas Farm and Ranch.

The Stone Forests of Arizona,  
The regions of the little Colorado River in Arizona abound in wonderful vegetable petrifications whose forests being found in some places which are as hard as flint, but which look as if but recently stripped of their foliage. Some of these stone trees are standing just as natural as life, while others are piled across each other just like fallen monarchs of a real wood forest. Geologists say that these stone trees were covered to the depth of 1,000 feet with marl, which transformed them from wood to solid stone. This marl after the lapse of ages, washed out leaving some of the trees standing in an upright position. The majority of them, however, are piled helter-skelter in all directions, thousands of cords being sometimes piled up on an acre of ground.—Alice Reporter.

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Washington, November 22.—In his annual report Brigadier General John Coppinger, commanding the Division of the Platte, says the only disturbance during the last year necessitating the use of troops occurred last July in the Jackson's Hole country. As he made this the subject of a special report, he gives but a brief statement of facts in his report and sides with the Indians, as he did in his special report. General Coppinger says that on thorough inspection he found that all of the troops were well instructed and in good condition for service. The new battle exercises have stimulated interest in drill. It is believed that better results are now attained by confining all drills, military and gymnastic exercises to the fore noon, leaving the afternoon free for administrative duties, hunting and sports. General Coppinger believes that in sobriety, intelligence and department, at least, the enlisted personnel has greatly improved during the last ten years. A further elevation is thought feasible—however, and is believed may be attained by forming the artisans into a separate company, dividing the privates and reorganizing them. There was an increase in the number of trials during the year and the general believes it would be well to empower company commanders to punish off hand slight breaches of discipline and to authorize garrison courts to dishonorably discharge men.

**He Read the Newspaper.**  
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In Latest Styles, at Rosens

A Royal Surgeon,

There seems to be no more philanthropically disposed persons among royalty than the Duke and Duchess Karl Theodor, of Bavaria. The Duke is the brother of the Empress of Australia. Although a very royal person, the Duke has his own profession, to which he is as ardently attached as any one could be. He is an oculist, and has been specially successful in operations for cataract. Under his charge are no less than three eye hospitals, of all which he is not only the protector, patron, and superintendent, but has also been the founder. His Royal Highness performs his operations very early in the morning, in summer beginning at half-past six. He is generally assisted in his work by his wife, who is herself a scientifically trained nurse, and who takes the greatest interest in her husband's labors. As the Duke does not accept fees, and insists on seeing all of the patients of whatever station, the poor and the needy of Bavaria now look upon him as a saint, and they have an equal adoration for the beautiful Duchess, whose soothing and nursing seem to them quite as miraculous as her husband's surgery. Although no fees are taken at any of the hospitals, there are boxes in which the rich are expected to place contributions, the money being entirely devoted to the suffering poor. Duke Karl Theodor is the only professional oculist among royal personages, and when first he declared his intention to study medicine and surgery in order that he might devote his life to the suffering, the Germans exclaimed that it was an unheard of thing for a Prince to adopt any other profession than that of arms. It is needless to say that no royal soldier will leave a more admirable name than this unselfish man.—The Church Union

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