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The Pope, who classes together socialism, license of the press and universal suffrage as the three horrors which now beset society, should come over here and sit at the feet of some of the liberal Catholics of America. He would find that there is the least socialism in the country where the press is the freest and the suffrage the most unrestricted.

In the luridly Democratic city of Memphis, Tennessee, party lines have for once been broken, and the redoubtable Memphis Avalanche finds itself supporting a citizen's ticket strangely composed as follows: A while Republican, a black Republican, a Democrat who is a leading member of the Merchants' Exchange, another Democrat who is president of the Jockey Club, and the Resident Jewish Rabbi. The Avalanche says it is "decidedly the best ticket that has been put forward for years."

"Parting Diners" is the title of a little pamphlet that comes to us from the press of London printer. It treats of the best method of getting up and distributing cheap dinners, not to "those who owe their poverty to personal misfortune or misconduct," but to "those who, ready and willing to work, can do little or nothing to do," because of "many years of continued and increasing idleness in trade," and have now "reached the lowest depths of undeserved poverty." In happy America, with our industries protected and flourishing, we fortunately have little need for the instructions furnished in this little pamphlet.

The Minneapolis Tribune's Annual, which was issued the first day of January, estimates the present population of Minneapolis at 180,000. 4,000 building permits have been issued during the year against 4,800 the year before, and the value of the building improvements is estimated at \$12,200,000, the greatest in the city's history. Manufactures and trade have shown a gratifying increase, and the wheat and flour business has been the largest in the city's history. The shipment of flour has been 6,250,000 barrels, and the total manufacture has been up from 6,000,000 barrels. The Tribune says the effect of the later-State commerce law as far as Minneapolis is concerned has been advantageous.

In Michigan the prohibitory constitutional amendment was defeated last April, though by a rather narrow margin. But the Legislature passed a local option law which enables each county to have prohibition or license as they may elect. Last month ten counties of the State voted on the question, every one of them going for prohibition. In the April election those ten counties gave for the constitutional amendment a majority of over fourteen thousand votes; in the local option elections last month they gave a total majority of thirteen thousand on a vote that had fallen off twenty-five per cent. In these ten counties the Third Party vote last spring was a trifle over two thousand, about one thirteenth of the vote for the amendment and one tenth of the vote for prohibition under the local option law. Three cities are in the minority, and two of which have voted for prohibition. Cold water sustains its reputation by a prohibition majority in every ward. In all Michigan there are now on the books, and the fact that the vote that has been voted for prohibition is only a small part of the State. They are probably, however, the part of the State in which the temperance sentiment is the strongest.

The report that the Canadian Pacific directors have gained an entrance into New York by securing a controlling interest in the Ontario and Western and Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg, the latter an American railroad, seems to indicate a change of policy on the part of the Canadian road. It will be remembered that the Press published last July a letter sent during the fight at Concord to General Superintendent Melton, of the Boston & Lowell, by Vice President Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific. This letter was in relation to a rumor then circulated at Concord that the Canadian Pacific contemplated gaining control of the Boston & Maine and Boston & Lowell companies. After denying the truth of this report Mr. Van Horne continues: "It may be of use to know that the Canadian Pacific Company has no power whatever to engage in any such enterprise outside of Canada, and in addition to its being beyond its power, it is the fixed policy of the Company to confine its operations exclusively to the Canadian side of the International boundary. Our having engaged in the building of the 'Short Line' across Maine may have given the public a contrary impression, but that has been carried out by the company at the instance of the Canadian government and assisted by a government subsidy, and it is really a necessary part of the company's business. Our relations with the Canadian government would absolutely prevent our acquiring the control directly or indirectly of any lines leading to the seaports of the United States." Mr. Van Horne's statement was clear and explicit that the Canadian Pacific intended to have nothing to do with the control of American railroads. If the Canadian Pacific directors have secured control of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg there must have been a departure from the policy laid down by Mr. Van Horne. The question now naturally arises, if the Canadian Pacific can take the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg why may it not take the Portland & Ogdensburg?

The Coal Miners' Strike.
The Knights of Labor appear to have succeeded much better with the Philadelphia & Reading's miners than with the Canadian's train hands. While the latter have generally ignored the order to strike, the former have quite as generally obeyed. The result is that few of the company's miners in the Schuylkill region are at work, and these few will probably soon be idle. It is estimated that 25,000 men will be on a strike within a few days, unless some settlement is arrived at. All, or about all, these men are entirely without means of support, except what their daily labor furnishes. Few of them have saved anything for a rainy day, and they stay at once into the direst poverty. Idleness at this time of the year means to them and their families cold and hunger and want of all kinds. Under the circumstances, therefore, their loyalty to the labor organization which demands this sacrifice of them is remarkable. It is a pity their loyalty to the people dependent upon them for support is not as great.

But the effect of this iniquitous strike does not stop with these 25,000 men. If it did it would be bad enough to overlyingly condemn public opinion the men who are responsible for it, be they the leaders of the Knights of Labor or the officials of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. But this is only a small part of it. There are hundreds of industrial establishments employing thousands of men dependent upon the fuel which these Schuylkill miners have been accustomed to furnish. Out of this supply and many of these establishments will be compelled to shut down either because of the impossibility of obtaining coal readily at any price or because its great cost will make it unprofitable to run. That means privation and want to hundreds of thousands of laboring men and women in nowise responsible for the quarrel which is at the bottom of the present trouble. It means also an enhancement of the price of the fuel which the laboring man is warned, and his meals cooked, and additional suffering on this account. Indeed it would be hard to conceive of a greater calamity to the workmen of the country, especially in the eastern section of the country, than this strike will prove if it is prolonged through the winter months.

Precisely where the responsibility for it lies it is hard to say. The Knights tell one story and the Railroad company another, and in judging between them their past records furnish little aid. As the public well knows the Knights—or rather their ruling councils—have shown little reluctance to appeal to the strike long before other possible means of settlement have been tried and failed; and

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The Hoses of the North.
MRS. H. G. ROWE.
Far off in the dim and misty past,
So the northern saga say,
A Norseman ship, with a Norseman crew,
Sailed boldly into the waters blue,
Of our own Foulness Bay.
He looked to the right, he looked to the left,
As he sailed merrily by;
Yet never a city, with spires afloat,
Wandered the knight on his way,
Met the bold sea robber's eye.
Only the pine tree, dark and grim,
On the rocky shore saw he;
And the sweet wild roses, strange and fair,
So he wreathed their blossoms in his yellow hair
And steered his bark for the sea.
And, mindful today of the ages debt,
A valiant son of Maine,
Has sailed in turn to the Northernman's strand,
And won with the gift of heart and hand,
Our roses back again.

MAGAZINE NOTICES.
The Magazine for January contains new instalment of Olivia Delaplaine; Col. E. H. Ropes discusses the question of granting further pensions to our soldiers; Hamlin Garland, in a prose sketch of Huckle Time draws a vivid picture of his experience in boyhood on a prairie farm. "An Old Dude" offers suggestions to Dudes that may prove of service to men who do not attempt extreme in dress; a humorous Indian reminiscence, with hints of a ghost story, and once the home of Anna C. M. M. is described in an illustrated article by F. L. Penne. Other articles are: "Some Boston Artists and Their Studios," by William H. Bidder; "Manual Training in Schools," by Allen Wellington; and there are several poems and short stories.
The frontispiece of Cassell's for January is called "Spellbound" and is an engraving printed in rich brown representing a young girl with a book in her hand, the pages of which have evidently proved all absorbing. A new serial called "Monks," by the author of Olive Langton's "Ward," opens the number and opens it well. A Wet Day in London is a bright description of a dull day. Both pen and pencil have been called upon and the sketches are thoroughly characteristic. The Family Doctor discusses the diseases of the month and makes some practical suggestions for the relief of the patient. The Rev. S. Baring Gould contributes a chapter on "The Salvation Army," and Frederick J. Crockett, who has an authority on musical matters, writes "What answers the question more or less likely."
The table contents of the Century for January is remarkable for its extent and variety. In the Lincoln biography we have an authoritative account of the last months of Lincoln's Cabinet with many unpublished letters. Other noteworthy articles are: Mr. Kennan's startling record of personal investigations of Russian Provincial Princes; Fred A. Ward's valuable and practical paper on the Pecuniary Economy of Food; an illustrated article on the Catacombs of Rome, by the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff; a biographical sketch of John Gilbert, with portraits by J. W. Alexander; a critique and personal sketch of John Ruskin, by Mr. Stimson; with an excellent portrait from the frontispiece of the number; An Elk Hunt on the Rocky Mountains, by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Alexander; The Upper Missouri and the Great Falls by E. A. Mearns; a review, illustrated with a page reproduction of Carl May's prize picture; "The Flood Back," a story of adventure; a life; a graphic and interesting account of the Rev. Hugh F. Wagner's mission to the poor of London, told with stories and poetry, to make up a characteristic and excellent number of the Quiver.

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Whittier's beautiful poem, telling the legend of the Brown Dwarf of Rugen in the St. Nicholas for January will delight all the readers of the number. It is illustrated by the frontispiece and other drawings by E. H. Blandford. Mrs. Burnett continues her fascinating story, "Sanctuary," and what happened at Miss Mitchell's, with the excellent illustrations by E. H. Blandford. Mr. Sisson concludes The Clocks of Rounding, which begins in the December number. Mrs. Penne gives an amusing description of the London Christmas Pantomimes, including the recent representation of Alice in Wonderland. An interesting character-sketch by Richard M. Johnston is called "The Boy of the Future," a cleverly suggested lesson is enforced. There is a novel article, told by Henry W. Jessup, with illustrations by Harry F. H. How the Yankees came to Blackstone; Louis Herrick, amusingly represents the panic of the capture of the city of Vicksburg, with illustrations by E. H. Blandford. A series of characteristic sketches by E. H. Blandford, which is well illustrated by Frank Day.
Harpers for January opens with an article about The Adoration of the Magi by the Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke which records the various traditions as well as the truth about this curious incident of sacred history. Engravings of various famous pictures on the subject are given. The Italian Chamber of Deputies is an instructive historical sketch of the present popular branch of the Italian Legislature, by J. S. Farrer, illustrated by two portraits of prominent Deputies. Annie Elvies tells a pretty story of life south of the Potomac in Virginia. The other portion of fiction is a novel by William Black, "This is Part I of a novel in which Black Child, is an expression of the work of the French writers of the day. Beautifully illustrated by drawings from photographs. The New South reviews attention is a number of pages devoted to a critical study of the city of Savannah, Ga. written by W. Avery. Under the leading title "The Far West," Henry Watson tells the story of the views of the pre-frontier reformers in this country. The Share of America in Westminister Abbey is a description by Archibald Farrer of the monuments in this great church which Americans have more than usual interest. The city of the tomb, under Charles I. is engraved from photographs taken by E. H. Blandford. The city of the tomb, under Charles I. is engraved from photographs taken by E. H. Blandford. The city of the tomb, under Charles I. is engraved from photographs taken by E. H. Blandford.

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