

SENATE AND HOUSE.

WORK OF OUR NATIONAL LAW-MAKERS.

A Week's Proceedings in the Halls of Congress—Important Measures Discussed and Acted Upon—An Impartial Resume of the Business.

The National Solons.

The Senate Thursday passed the immigration bill known as the Lodge bill, with a new section providing that the exclusion shall not apply to persons arriving from Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there.

Friday was private bill day in the House, but most of the session was devoted to the passage of the thirty-seven pension and other bills which were passed on Friday.

A report presenting additional views on the Cuban question was presented to the Senate Monday by Senator Morgan of Alabama, in behalf of himself and Senator Mills.

The attention of the Senate was unexpectedly diverted Tuesday from Cuba to the Pacific railroads. Seen after the session opened—Mr. Pettigrew of South Dakota called up his resolution appropriating \$10,000,000 to take up the trust notes of the Pacific railroad.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

Lots of men think they ought to get their wives' attention or credit. Men who are at heart most romantic always pretend to the last not to be.

A MAN'S GREATEST HELP.

The Best Thing in All the World is to Have Had a Good Mother. Noting the tendency of mothers to escape the care and responsibility of training their own children, resorting to nurses, governesses, kindergarten, etc., Edward W. Bok, in the Ladies' Home Journal, vigorously contends that woman should, besides her God-given duties to her children, vastly paramount to every "claim" that can be made upon her time.

His Fare.

Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, once told an amusing story connected with a lecture which he delivered at West Chester, Pennsylvania. On arriving at the station in that place a negro hackman pressed forward, and offered his services to take the lecturer to the hotel.

Differently Educated.

In old times the same man often spelled his name in several different ways, and even now members of the same family sometimes vary the orthography of the family cognomen. This may be for one reason or another. Sometimes it is a matter of taste, sometimes it is a matter of education.

DEMOCRACY IS DEAD.

POPULATION OF THE PARTY CAUSED ITS DEMISE.

Can Never Make Another Fight on Free Riots and Reputation—The Silver Issue Will Not Be Revived—Grover's Attacks on Soldiers.

The Democratic Party.

The uttermost folly of some of the Bryan Democratic clubs in the Eastern States to prevent the return to the party fold of all Democrats who voted at the late presidential election for McKinley or Palmer has caused a great deal of comment on the part of the press.

Another Democratic journal, the Sun of New York, has declared that even the name is worthless unless there is a reorganization. This journal argues that the party leaders in the Senate having passed a protective act, and having renounced the time-honored Democratic principle that a protective tariff is unconstitutional, the only principle left, besides the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, is the income tax.

It is perhaps a waste of time to discuss this matter. The potent fact in the population of the Democracy is that it has lost a large number of voters who will never return to it until it is reorganized. The silver Republicans are bound to return to their party in time, for the reason, principally, that there is no other place for them to go.

Large Increase in Circulation.

Bradstreet's states that the increase of the money in circulation in the United States last month was 23 cents per capita, estimated on the basis of a population of 72,030,000, which makes the total per capita circulation, as estimated by treasury experts, \$22.86.

Table with 3 columns: Gold coin, Standard silver, and Treasury notes. Includes sub-rows for Subsidy silver, Gold certificates, Silver certifi., U. S. notes, and Currency certifi.

Not a Reliable Instructor.

Senator Chandler of New Hampshire appears in an English magazine to inform the public across the water what our late election meant.

Two Preferences.

The Marquis del Caglio, Viceroy of Naples, was once going into a church at Madrid, and saw a lady entering at the same moment who wore an extremely beautiful diamond on a very ugly hand.

erful representation in the Senate; the fruition of well-laid plans to capture the Democratic convention; the unexampled coalition of forces and the discontent and unrest arising from a prolonged depression were factors favorable to the success of silver which will never be found in combination again.

Gold Democrats and Protection.

There is a report abroad that the silver men propose to divide the sound money men by supporting a tariff bill. They hope by assenting to Republican demands for a protection act to irritate the sound money Democrats who are now leagued with the Republicans.

The silver men may plot as they please, but their day is gone and they can never gain such strength as an organization as they did in the late election. The Republicans propose to enact a protective tariff as soon as possible, but they have no purpose whatever of alienating the support or whittening the feelings of the gold Democrats.

The Attacks on Soldiers.

Senator Gallinger did a good service in showing in a mild and moderate way the humbuggery of President Cleveland's references to the pensioners of the Government. The men who fought during the war were the most charitable of the fighting was over. They were in it, and they knew what service meant.

Director Preston's Report.

The report of Mr. Preston, director of the mint, contains some interesting figures. It will be noticed that the original gold bullion deposited with the mint aggregated \$68,700,388. Most of this was American gold.

GOWNS AND GOWNING

WOMEN GIVE MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY WEAR.

Brief Glances at Fancies Feminine, Frivolous, Mayhap, and Yet Offered in the Hope that the Reading Proves Restful to Wearied Woman-kind.

Gossip from Gay Gotham.

NLY a few imperative rules apply to women's dress just now, and with these few obeyed there is ample leeway for personal taste. Skirts are from four to seven yards about the hem, they set closely at the hips and spread easily below, but do not swirl.

New gowns except strict tailor-mades appear with close fitted fronts, the usual front being loose, bagged, full or folded to the figure.



GAY IN VELVET AND LACE.

collar of silk, are used for dressy daylight and informal dinner wear, rather than silk or velvet. Silks, velvet and brocade are confined almost strictly to gas light use, and then these materials appear in sumptuous elaboration.

Velvets that are not enriched by women or appliqued designs are worn more this winter than for several years. Naturally they never fail to make a rich appearance, and this season's methods of trimming save them from that monotonous, unrelieved look which in the past has made them an easy target for the criticisms of the woman who could not afford a velvet gown.

Two of these elegant costumes are put in these first two pictures, and excepting a close resemblance in the material, there is little in common between them. Both were of greenish velvet, and the first one was cut princess, the back of the bodice part being of the velvet and light fitting, but the front showed a draping of the same shade of liberty satin.



BRIGHTENED WITH PLAID VELVET.

muff was of the same materials, and its lining was the same satin as the bodice front, the relationship between dress and muff being thereby made of the closest possible sort.

whole. Of green velvet, its high crown was encircled by three bands of green velvet, the green satin used on muff and gown furnished rosettes for its trimming, paradise pinnies topping all. An even greater degree of richness was attained in the other costume. Its skirt, to begin with, had a bit of a train, and its jacket bodice was especially ornate.



TAILORMADE NECK FINISH.

and with large rosettes of white satin ribbon. The wired velvet collar was faced with the lace, which also appeared in epaulettes and wrist ruffles.

Plaid velvet appears on a great many handsome gowns, sometimes as only a dash of color at neck and sleeves, again as a jaunty bit of audacity in the shape of a front to an otherwise very sedate bodice.

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THE NEW MILITARY TRIMMING.

only in touches. It is seldom risked in bulk or for large surfaces. How elaborate neck finish can be and still conform to tailor styles is shown in the fourth picture. This dress was gray cloth and its bodice was light and plain, but over it came a collarlette which was slashed at the shoulders and held by a frog finish of cord and buttons.

Little Bored.

Lieut. Derby, who wrote the "Squint Papers," at one time had his quarters next to Gen. Augur's. Augur had a number of children, and sometimes they made a good deal of noise.

Did Their Duty.

A story used to be told in London, forty years ago, to the effect that Lady Jersey, going one Sunday to the chapel in Curzon street, found all the seats filled. "Well my dear," she remarked to her daughter, as they turned away, "at least we have done the civil thing."

