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If war in Europe does come Uncle Sam will go right along raising pigs and selling corn and wheat.

THE statesman whom the office seeks must be a pretty large pattern of a man. They're rarer than hot snow.

UNCLE BULL is swinging his torch dangerously near the European powder magazine. A spark might set off tremendous fireworks.

NOTWITHSTANDING the organization of the fruit-jar trust, there is a growing opinion among housekeepers that few of the fruit-jars are trustworthy.

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EVA MANN's alleged theatrical company has disbanded in Shamokin because of lack of support. Let us hope that the disgraceful woman may not be heard of any more, and her notorious deeds be forgotten as speedily as possible, or be remembered only as warnings to all who may be inclined to follow in her footsteps.

WILLIAM PENN, it may not be too late to observe, was not a steel pen, since he did not steal the land from the Indians; he might have been a gold pen, because he gave them gold for their lands; and he might have been a quill pen, because he has been for many generations a feather in the cap of Pennsylvania. And so forth.

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WOMEN have scored another success in their competition with men.

Miss Leale, of the Guernsey Rifle Corps, has been adjudged the honor of being a crack rifle-shot. Hal the man-afraid-of-a-burglar can now take heart, with a wife skilled in the use of a Martini rifle. This is a much more useful accomplishment than making rick-rack insertion.

BALMACEDA secured for his memory a place it might not otherwise have had in the charitable consideration of mankind. Suicide affords so good a basis for the presumption of insanity that there will be a strong disposition to make the presumption in his behalf and date it back to the time when he forced the freedom-loving people of Chili into rebellion.

AN exchange makes the remarkable statement that "a huge crop of tramps is loose in New Jersey." While it is a statement in little danger of contradiction that tramps are naturally loose in their habits, yet it is very singular that New Jersey tramps are not tight, since they can so easily get hold of such very effective "Jersey lightning."

WHOEVER has observed the flight of a hawk or condor will scarce have failed to wonder if here was not illustrated a principle the application of which would make aerial navigation possible and practical for man. The great bird not only sails in lines and circles without moving a muscle, but mounts higher and higher at will for long periods, maintaining the same immobility of muscle and pinion.

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MOUNTAIN RAILROADS.

HOW THE NIMBLE LOCOMOTIVE CAN CLIMB.

Wonderful Progress of Railroading Since the Days of George Stephenson and the "Rocket"—The Famous Road Up the Rigi and the Cable Road to the Summit of Vesuvius.

Up the Alps and Andes.

If George Stephenson, when he placed the first locomotive on the track and guaranteed it a speed of six miles an hour, could have foreseen that in less than eighty years the successors of his rude machine would be climbing the sides of mountain ranges, piling the gorges hither and yon, mounting the peaks, crossing ravines on bridges higher than the tops of the Andes, and the cable road of St. Paul's, which traverses the bowels of the earth, by means of tunnels, no doubt his big blue eyes would have stood out with wonder and amazement. But he foresaw nothing of the kind; the only problem presented to his mind was how to get goods from the sea ports in Western Eng and to London as easily and cheaply as possible. The road of St. Paul's, which traverses the bowels of the earth, by means of tunnels, no doubt his big blue eyes would have stood out with wonder and amazement. 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