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### General News Summary.

#### FROM WASHINGTON.

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FREDERICK CAVILL swam across the English Channel, starting from Cape Grisnez at 3:49 p. m., on the 20th, and reaching Dover at 3:45 a. m., on the 21st.

According to Shurina dispatches of the 22d, the Turks had captured the village of Schipka, and driven the Russians out of the Pass. The Russian official accounts of the 21st report that the Turks had assaulted the Russian position at Schipka, and been repulsed. The dispatch from Turkish sources claimed that the capture of Schipka necessitated the abandonment of Tirnovo.

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ACCORDING to advices from Russian headquarters, on the 22d, the battle of Schipka was still progressing. Ten determined attacks upon the fortifications at the Pass had been successfully repulsed, as also, an attack upon the Russian position at Tirnovo.

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ACCORDING to a London dispatch of the 21st, the Russians had over 300,000 troops extended along the line from Pyrgos to Gabrova and thence back to Nikopolis, and that, at the rate reinforcements were coming in, the Turks would soon be overpowered by mere force of numbers.

THE Russian official report, published in St. Petersburg on the 21st, admits that the Russian losses at Plevna were between 8,000 and 10,000 men. Of the 200 persons attached to the Red Cross ambulances, forty were killed while gathering the wounded.

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THE Russian authorities at Warsaw have forbidden the sale of arms to the Poles.

THE Town Council of Glasgow, Scotland, has unanimously resolved to present the freedom of that city to Gen. Grant, on his approaching visit. He returned to London, on the 24th, his visit to Paris having been postponed to avoid the possibility of attention reflecting indirectly on President MacMahon.

#### INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS.

—Mr. Gould, a Livingston, Me., farmer, after picking a lot of potato-bugs from his vines, ate freely of bread and milk, crumbling up the bread with unwashed hands. It is supposed that some of the poison juice of the bugs got into the bowl, as he died before the morning.

—The one white swan upon the Public Garden pond says the Boston *Gazette*, has formed an amorous attachment to one of the velocipedes boat that takes the form of a white swan. The swan attends the boat whenever it leaves its moorings, and stays by it during the night, biting most viciously at any one who attempts to drive it away.

—Better to have loved a short girl than never to have loved a tall.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

—Napoleon used to say: "One bad General is better to direct affairs than two good ones."

—Recipe for cheap cake—Buy a watermelon for ten cents, and you will have a stomach full of it.

—Do not be too hard on the locomotive-engineers; they are often more cinder than sinner.—*Boston Commercial Bulletin*.

—Any doctor will tell you that the exertion of fanning heats the body more than the rush of air cools it. Now, fan away.

—What must be the potato-bug's opinion of the humanity that goes around all day putting poison on the victims of human insects.—*Turner's Falls Reporter*.

—Ice-water may be drunk freely and without fear of evil effects if it is carefully boiled about half an hour before putting it on the table.—*Rome Sentinel*.

—A Maine paper would have the public believe that a woman in that State went to church without a bonnet on. We all know the "catch"—she wore a hat.

—An old negro fishing on a wharf at Galveston was heard talking to the fish he was swimming around his line in this fashion: "Give me a bite, honey. Do children am a-cryin' down to my house, and tell you it's fish or nothing in that establishment."

—What are you doing—kicking the old clock all to pieces?" exclaimed the wife.

—"Blamed if I'm going to have anything around me that 'strikes'!" yelled the man. "By the road it's two miles."

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—A Scotch witness, somewhat given to prevarication, was severely handled by a cross-examining counsel. "How far is it between the two farms?" said the counsel.

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—A California, whose wedding-day was fixed, did not appear at the appointed time and place, but sent a note to the clergyman, saying that he had just received a letter from his wife in New York, and thereby had his mind recalled to the fact that he was married several years before—a circumstance which had entirely escaped his memory.

—Dr. Ephraim M. Epstein, a prominent physician and chemist of Cincinnati, made a sad mistake last evening, which resulted in the death of his own son. His little son Willie, a bright lad of less than four years of age, had been taken ill, and, with the intention of administering quinine, he went to a druggist and thoughtlessly ordered six grains of morphine, and, although bearing that label, the doctor administered three grains of the powder. The mistake was discovered by his wife. Two physicians were called in, who administered antidotes under which the child rallied for a time and appeared to be out of danger, but a relapse occurred this morning, and the little sufferer died.—*Recent Cincinnati telegram*.

—Yesterday morning, when a box-car which had brought a load of coal in case to the city from Council Bluffs was being unloaded, it was found that some one had occupied it as a passenger-car during the trip, having probably managed to secure himself in it before it was sealed up at the Bluffs. It had been prepared for the trip, was shown by the pieces of character, change, etc., lying around. A man, approximately sixteen inches in length and ten or twelve in width, had been cut out from one of the two-inch planks forming the flooring of the car; the passenger, whoever he was, performing the work with his pocket-knife. Doubtless it required many an hour to cut through the plank twice; but he probably felt that he had plenty of time. After the plank was cut he had a convenient little door by which he could emerge from and return to his car when the train stopped at night. It was a matter of speculation as to when he finished his trip.—*Sacramento Record-Union*.

—A young man in this place, after trying in vain to get the girl of his choice to smile upon him, as a last resort gave her a \$10 gold ring on condition that she "go with him one week," he being confident that she would learn to love him. She accepted and kept the pledge. At the end of the week she did not like him. He then gave a silk dress of the value of \$35 to his friend, a hatter, and, the month following, he gave her another ring. She tried very hard to love him, but did not succeed, and told him so. The giver was angry. He hurried to a lawyer's office and, after telling his grief, and caused the young woman to be notified to call immediately. The lawyer explained the charge made some remarks about the jail, and demanded the gold ring and silk dress. The young woman was frightened. She said she would see her sister. The sister inquired about the matter of an officer. The statutes were searched, and the young woman was told to hold on to the property, which she will do.—*Nashua (N. H.) Telegraph*.

#### Tight Gloves and Shoes.

—A writer in the St. Louis *Times* remonstrates with women, young and old, for injuring their health by wearing tight gloves and shoes. She thus pictures what some women suffer for fashion's sake:

Mistress Fashion has also decreed a tight glove for the hand and a compress for the foot. It prevents the free flow of the blood, causes discomfort and injury.

—No half-size lace may be used, and the size of the lace of dresses must be pulled, pushed and stretched until fairly adjusted; the palm of the hand is folded almost together; the round, fat wrist puffs up, but a stout hairpin will settle that.

—"This glove has got to be buttoned, I never get to church," said a young girl just taking her first society lesson—a perfectly worthy a better service.

—There is nothing left but to hold them in position, for they will hold nothing else, as they are rendered useless. Ladies sit for hours in this way, the blood pressed away from the extremities—where? To ward the brain and heart.

—Said a lady just returned from a walk: "I am glad to get home and get into a wrapper; my dress hurts and my gloves hurt, and I am tired out."

—The foot must also suffer in this unequal struggle.

—Too small shoes are purchased, with the result that they will stretch, the voice of the shopkeeper prevailing over the voice of wisdom. Cold feet, and painful swellings, and an ungrateful carriage are the results.

—A lady artist said to me: "My hand is large. I cannot help it—it is the result of constant practice. No very small or delicate hand can render the themes of the grand old masters of song."

—Just then her servant brought in a jar of fruit, which she could not unlodge; but our lady fair, with one twist of the trained hand, had been expressing silent notes into enchanting strains of sound, removed the cover. O, I think that a grand hand!

—A friend tells me of a beautiful lady in this city whose arms were paralyzed from the use of what is called "Flake White," a face powder in common use. She left it off, and is well and better looking out with it.

—The evil eye wide-spread and endanger life, hair dyed—make