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reading person in the city, and the farm  
ers of this immediate vicinity.

Every Week's issue is, in fact,

TWO NEWSPAPERS,  
in which all Advertisements appear for  
ONE CHARGE.ACCORDING to the Cincinnati Gazette  
matters are getting into shape for a  
lively fall trade.Hon. M. C. HUNTER was enthusiastic-  
ally and without opposition renomina-  
ted for Congress at Brazil on Thurs-  
day.WE are told that over eight millions  
of the new silver dollars have been  
coined. And yet they are only occasion-  
ally seen in this region.In St. Louis the other day a man  
charged with murder in the first degree,  
pleaded guilty and was sentenced to be  
hung August 23. This was the first  
instance of the kind in the history of the  
city.THE elevated railroads in New York  
City are complained of by the people  
along the line on account of the per-  
petual noise and clatter which they make,  
and suits are threatened against them as  
nuisances.THE medical university at Ann Arbor  
is receiving a great deal of free advertising.  
It is stated that processions of  
strangers from the railroad depot to the  
college, to search for stolen bodies are  
so common as to no longer excite com-  
ment or curiosity.THE glowing accounts received from  
all quarters, justify the belief that the  
crop product of our country will be  
larger than it has been for years, and  
although it seems inevitable that prices  
must descend to a lower scale than has  
ruled since the war, the very great in-  
crease in the amounts produced will  
fully compensate for the depreciation in  
prices.A WASHINGTON dispatch denies the  
report that the attorney general was  
about to render an opinion that govern-  
ment employees were entitled to ten  
hours' pay for eight hours' work. The  
departments are governed by the recent  
decision of the supreme court that ten  
hours' pay can be exacted for eight  
hours' work only when there is a special  
contract to that effect.EMINENT physicians sound a note of  
warning to mothers against the use of  
baby carriages in which the little ones  
sit facing the nurse and are pushed  
backward. The natural desire of the  
eye is to draw nearer to what it sees,  
and the practice of reversing this  
normal order of things and causing sur-  
rounding objects to recede is liable to  
affect injuriously the development of  
both sight and brain.BEFORE the panic of 1873, thousands  
were quitting farming and moving into  
the cities and villages. The growth of  
cities and villages all over the country  
was abnormally rapid. Now the tide  
has turned the other way, and the un-  
employed and surplus population of  
cities is turning its attention to farming.  
This is right. Any family with twenty  
acres of good land, well worked, is sure  
of not suffering from positive want.  
Any family with forty acres is certain of  
a fair living, and any family with a  
quarter section is in the way to live  
handsomely by and by.J. M. HILL, a news agent and tele-  
graph operator at Marion, Indiana, held  
the lucky ticket which drew the \$50,000  
prize in the New Orleans lottery on  
Wednesday last. Hill has been notified  
that the money awaits his order. His  
ticket cost him but two dollars. Mr.  
Hill, it is said, has an invalid wife and  
several relatives dependent on him for  
support, and is withal an industrious  
and excellent young man. No one, there-  
fore, will begrudge him his good  
luck, but those who invest in lotteries  
hereafter on the strength of this wind-  
fall will be just as foolish as those who  
bought tickets heretofore. The light-  
ning does strike sometimes, but it's  
"mighty uncertain."SOME persons are exercised about the  
talked-of candidacy of Gen. Grant for  
President in 1880, and insist that to re-  
nominate Gen. Grant would be a practical  
abandonment of republican principles  
and would pave the way for a mon-  
archy. It is true that the republican  
form of government in this country has  
always been considered in the light of  
an experiment, the result of which time  
alone could reveal, yet in the light of  
the last seventeen years, the experiment  
of free government looks much less  
doubtful than it once did. A govern-  
ment that could successfully put down  
the great rebellion, endure the perils of  
the reconstruction period which followed,  
and the strain of the electoral com-  
mission, must be pretty strongly put  
together. It is doubtful if we shall have  
any severer trials than these for a long  
time to come. The republic is safe if the  
patriotism of the people only remains  
un corrupted.THE Shah of Persia and his suite did  
not pay their bills when they were in  
Paris and London a year or two ago and  
they have been showered with them  
during their present visit to Paris. The  
tradition of that city don't see why a  
bleated sovereign shouldn't pay his bills  
as well as poorer men. It has often been  
observed in this country as well as elsewhere  
that the rich are the poorest debtors.  
The application in such cases of a  
little law has a tendency to remind such  
parties that they are human, after all,  
and subject to conditions similar to  
those which surround the masses.THE figures of drink are among the  
most amazing of statistics. At a little  
gathering of lager beer drinkers and  
makers, in New York and of New York,  
the other night, the facts as to the con-  
sumption of this product were brought  
out. The leading New York and Staten  
Island breweries sold in New York be-  
tween May 1, 1877, and May 1, 1878, the  
total amount of 5,771,800 kegs of lager.  
There are 115 glasses in a keg, so that  
for that year New York drank the mod-  
est sum of 663,767,040 glasses of lager  
beer. At 5 cents a glass, this would cost  
about \$33,000,000.AMONG the incidents of this year's  
Fourth of July festivities have been the  
usual casualties from guns and pistols  
fired into the air. More than half the  
people, ignorant and intelligent alike,  
think that a bullet is only dangerous  
when it is coming direct from the gun  
or pistol, imagining that a ball fired into  
the air can do nobody any harm. The  
Turks knew better and put their knowl-  
edge to good account in firing over  
mountain tops during the late war, and  
the slightest knowledge of mechanics  
would teach that after the ball has  
taken its turn in the air it returns to the  
earth with a force that increases in geo-  
metric ratio with every foot traversed.ALL is not lovely in the Democratic  
camp at Indianapolis. When Dr. Fuller,  
who was chairman of the county central  
committee in 1876, wound up its  
affairs he claimed that there was due  
him from several of the candidates  
about \$1,500 on their subscriptions to  
the campaign fund, and he brought suit  
to recover the money. Latey the Doctor's  
attorneys have prepared an amend-  
ed complaint which goes into details  
more fully than the original one. In  
his new complaint the Doctor alleges  
that the defendants induced him to  
advance money out of his private means  
to carry on the campaign by representing  
that they were expecting about  
\$700,000 from the east and other sources,  
and that they would repay him any  
sums he should expend. The Doctor  
says they did in fact receive large sums  
of money but instead of reimbursing  
him the \$1,500 he expended, they used  
the money for "organizing and arming  
bands of lawless and dangerous men,  
for the purpose of driving lawful voters  
from the polls at different precincts in  
said county, and of killing and destroy-  
ing them if they should resist, and  
especially of killing and driving away  
from the polls the colored men and  
voters of different wards of the city." The  
publication of the substantial part of  
this complaint in the News has sent  
an electric thrill through the Democratic  
heart and it is intimated that Dr.  
Fuller's claim will be liquidated without  
further contest.AIR NAVIGATION.  
Professor Ritchell has invented a fly-  
ing machine, or navigable balloon, which  
is said to be far in advance of anything  
in that line ever before accomplished.  
It is described in detail, and a picture of  
it given, in Harper's Weekly for July  
13. The machine consists of a gas bag  
in the form of a cylinder, 26 feet long by  
13 feet in diameter, and filled with hy-  
drogen gas. Underneath this cylinder  
is attached a light frame work of brass,  
which furnishes a seat for the operator  
and a support for certain machinery  
which he operates. This machinery con-  
sists of two sets of fan wheels, about  
two feet in diameter, connected by  
gearing with a cog wheel which turns  
with both hands. The fans can be given  
a speed of 2,000 and 2,800 revolutions  
per minute respectively. His feet rest  
on two pedals, which, by proper move-  
ments, enable him to turn the fans so  
as to send the balloon upward, down-  
ward or to either side he desires, thus  
giving him complete control of its  
course.Hitherto the insurmountable diffi-  
culty in aerial navigation has been to  
make the balloon travel against the  
wind. This, it is thought, Professor  
Ritchell has accomplished. In a trial  
trip recently made at Hartford, Conn.,  
he ascended from the base ball grounds  
to a height of 200 feet and then went out  
over the Connecticut river. The air was  
comparatively calm at first and the new  
engine obeyed its master in a handsom-  
e style. Presently, however, a storm  
came up and the wind blew strong from  
the shore; but the Professor put back in  
the teeth of the wind and came in and  
landed within a few feet of the point  
from which he set out. Now if the  
hand and foot work required is not too  
severe, it looks as if the new machine  
might become popular.INTERESTING religious people, who dis-  
approve of the drama, never dream of  
extending the ban of disapprobation to  
music. Why not? No one will pre-  
tend to say that the influence of the  
drama is pernicious to base men by base  
men, but it never reaches the depth of  
degradation to which music descends.  
The dance hall, the free concert hall, the  
resort of prostitutes and thieves, the  
snare which is spread in every large  
city on the globe to entrap the unwary,  
would perish instantly if music were  
abolished. Is there a sane man or woman  
who would murder the muse on  
this account?

## SPIRITUALISM.

REPLY TO REV. DARWOOD.

In every age, progress in art, science or  
religion has been met and opposed by  
those whose interest or limited vision  
did not permit them to look beyond  
their standpoint of observation. Ignor-  
ance, anarchy, superstition and brute  
force ruled the world in the past ages.  
As the advance of intellectual develop-  
ment began, persecution followed. Serv-  
itus was burned at the stake for differ-  
ing in opinion with John Calvin. Galil-  
leo was imprisoned and threatened with  
death for declaring a scientific fact, and  
was forced to recant to save his life.  
Reformers and those who stepped out in  
advance of the times became the target  
for the batteries of all who differed with  
them. Luther and Wesley stepped out  
and braved the storm. Universalism,  
another step in advance came upon the  
scene of action, and all the batteries as  
well as the small arms of the evangelical  
alliance were discharged at its advancing  
column. It kept steadily on, like Napo-  
leon's old guard, until it gained position,  
liberalizing the minds of the people by  
logic and common sense. At this period  
modern Spiritualism made its advent  
with its mysterious raps and knockings,  
table tipplings, &c. Ignorance was  
amused, science amazed or confounded  
superstition alarmed. The devil was  
loose among the people, the shepherd's  
corralled their flocks and uttered words  
of warning against admitting this imp  
of Satan within their gates. The priest-  
hood prayed and incanted to exorcise  
this devil, but like Banquo's ghost it  
would not down. A. J. Davis, an illit-  
erate youth on a cobbler's bench, was  
made to utter words of wisdom that con-  
founded the learned, and natures divine  
revelations was the result. Prof. Hare,  
of Philadelphia, was engaged to scienti-  
fically write the thing down and give it a  
quietus. The result was, Hare was con-  
verted to the faith and wrote it up. The  
virus spread. The judge on the bench,  
the lawyer at his books, the merchant at  
his counter, the workman at his bench,  
the divine in his desk or at his rosary,  
was not proof against the onward tread  
of this then unseen something whose  
presence and power was admitted but  
not understood, and they called it devil.  
Thirty years have passed since then and  
science has demonstrated that this bug-  
bear of devil was the work of the spirit  
world in their preparatory efforts in  
paving the way to communicate with  
their friends on this earth. Their work  
is not yet fully accomplished, but much  
has been done, as thousands and tens of  
thousands can bear witness, whose  
presence has been made glad that a way  
has been opened to hold sweet converse  
and commune with the loved ones  
whom they once mourned as lost to  
them forever, the dogmas of old the-  
ology affording no relief to the stricken  
heart. The church, and the priesthood  
especially, has been the deadly enemy  
of this spiritual development, the principles  
of which underlie the whole basic  
structure of their religion. This is the  
condition in which we find these spiritual  
matters at this time. The medium,  
the instrument through whose organism  
and wonderful gift the spirits can send  
thought and action, and manifest in  
person to the astonished investigators,  
is subjected to the malevolent jeers, not  
only of the ignorant and vicious but  
from those who claim to be teachers of  
the principles inculcated by the Naz-  
arene.REV. W. M. K. DARWOOD,  
pastor of the Centenary church has,  
for some weeks past been giving lectures  
at his church on Spiritualism, and what  
he saw at Pence's hall, and in his man-  
ner and manifest zeal he seems to  
imagine that he has been especially  
assigned to the work of exterminating  
the whole thing—spirits, mediums, etc.;  
and if vituperation, billingsgate, invecti-  
ves and slang, such as would do honor  
to a pot-house politician, will pass for an  
argument, then Spiritualism generally,  
and Pence's hall particularly, is essen-  
tially demolished and wiped out. We  
will favor our readers with a few titbits  
from the reverend gentleman's remarks  
on the subject. "We can't find language to  
express our detestation of the frauds  
and those engaged in them in Pence's  
pandemonium in their hellish work."  
As of their leaders he says: "Thieves  
and robbers are gentlemen when com-  
pared with such persons." And in  
speaking of those who attend the seances  
he says: "The medium seems bad, remem-  
ber you said there were trap doors in  
the floor of the cabinet, and on swear  
that it was Mrs. Stewart, a wonderful woman  
that. That letter, Bro. Darwood, how  
about that? You stated in your last  
lecture that you received an anonymous  
letter about your going to Pence's Hall,  
and on one evening during your visits  
there, Minnie remanded you of the fact;  
you asked her how she knew it; she said  
she had seen it; you admitted the  
fact, and read the letter to the audience  
in such manner as to leave the impression,  
of course she had seen it. To those of  
your audience who were in the  
seance room (and there were several) at  
the time the letter question was up, felt  
only contempt at the want of manly  
honesty on your part to state facts as  
they occurred. But to the facts: Minnie  
said, "Chief, you got letter." You asked  
how she knew; she said she saw it; and  
she told where, she said in your pocket;  
you asked, is it there now; she said it  
was; you asked if she could tell what  
was in it; she said she could; you asked  
her to do so; she told you to put your  
hand on the pocket that contained the  
letter and she would read it for you;  
you put your hand on one pocket, and  
she told you that you were trying to fool  
her; that was not the pocket, you admitted  
that it was not the pocket, and said it  
was; she said she could; you asked  
her to do so; she told you to put your  
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