

Just Like a Woman. "I have had my pocket picked" exclaimed a middle-aged woman who hurriedly entered detective headquarters a day or two ago.

"Where did it occur?" "In a store on the avenue, and I felt as though I was a man who stood near me took it."

"How much was in it?" "I can't say, sir. You see it was this way. I came down to do some shopping."

"Do you think I'm a fool, sir?" she indignantly exclaimed. "When I say I am talking to you, I mean you."

"Little Johnny's Composition." A pupil in one of the public schools of this city compiled recently in the following manner with a request to write a composition on the subject of a physiological lecture to which the school had just listened.

"Selling a Tramp." In the year 1830 the writer witnessed the sad spectacle of the sale of a tramp because he could show no visible means of support.

"Fueilleton." C. P. Huntington, the railway magnate, whose wealth is computed at \$50,000,000, once peddled out butter by the pound to the miners in California.

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"What now?" said the wind, appearing again, and noting the face of the dubious vane.

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"What's the use? I always hated bills. If they would sum it all up, and give me the amount on a slip of paper, I should like it so much better than these horrid details, so much for this and so much for that; why it is enough to drive a nervous man crazy."

"No, Dick, upon mature deliberation, I don't think I ever loved—unless I do now," I added to myself. Dick laughed again.

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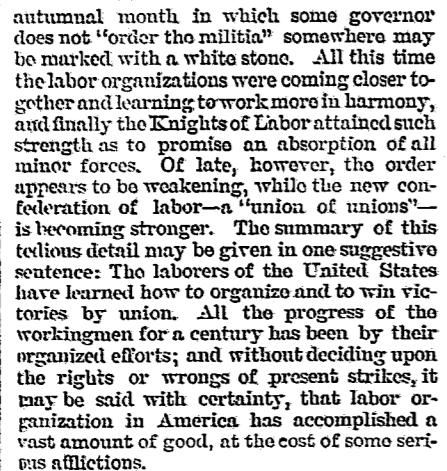
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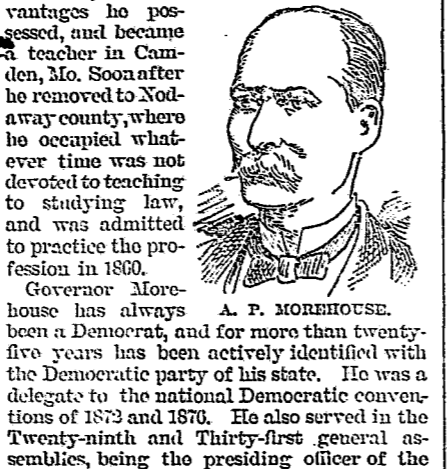
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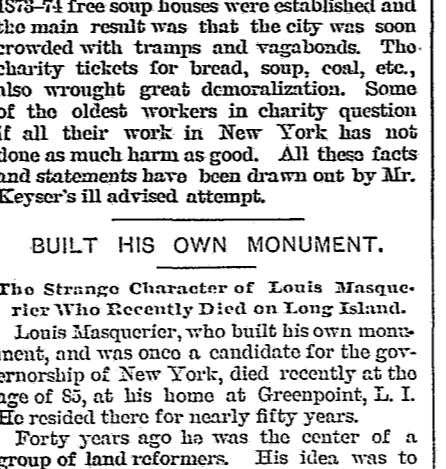
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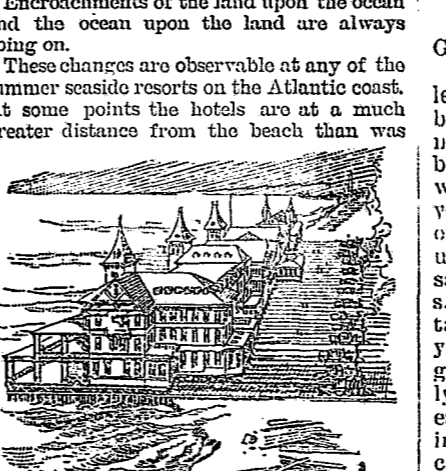
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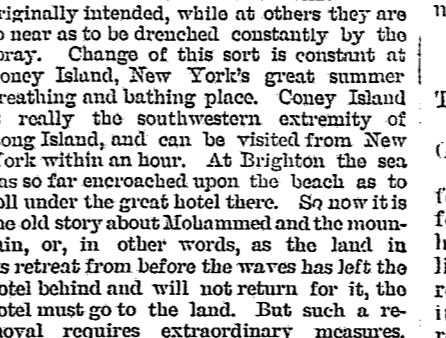
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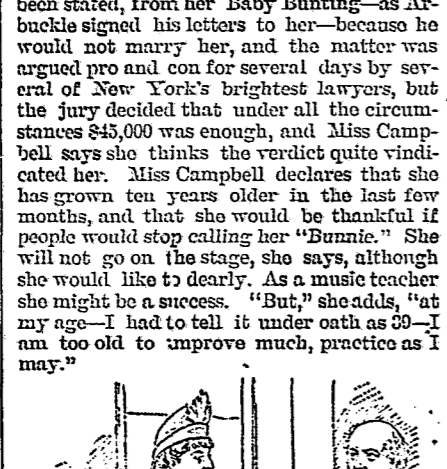
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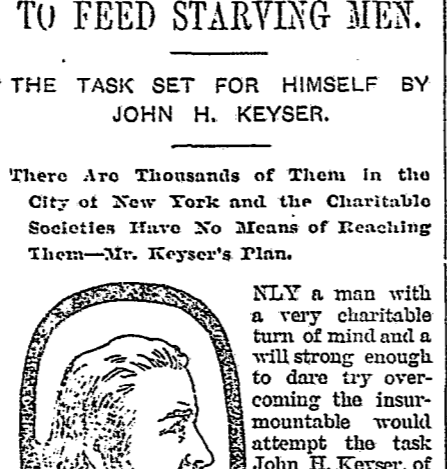
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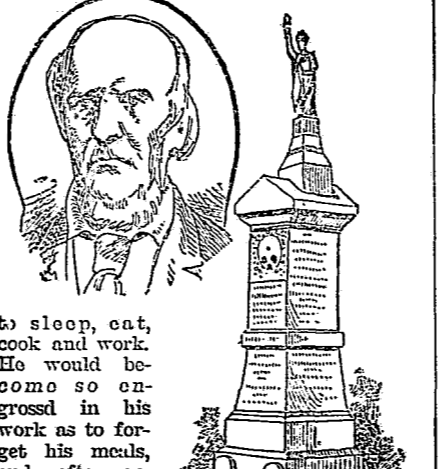
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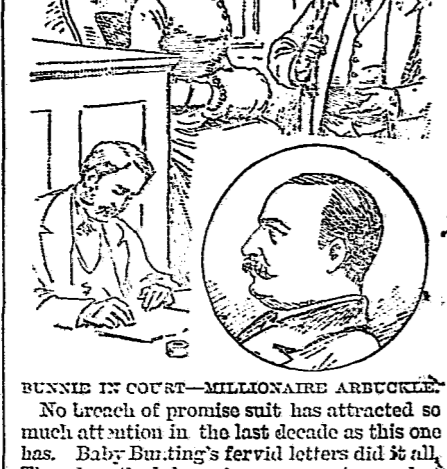
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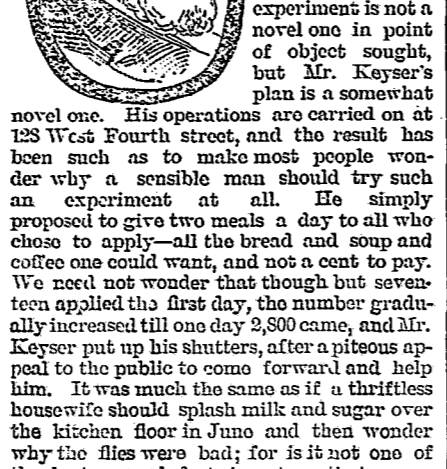
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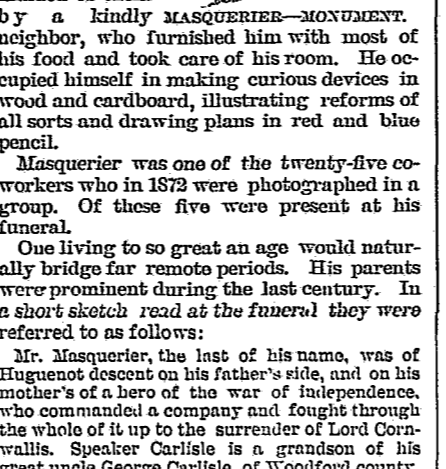
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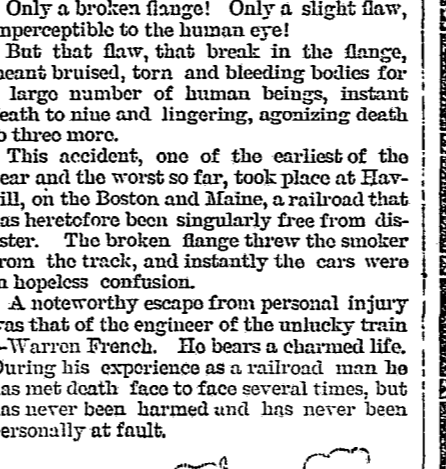
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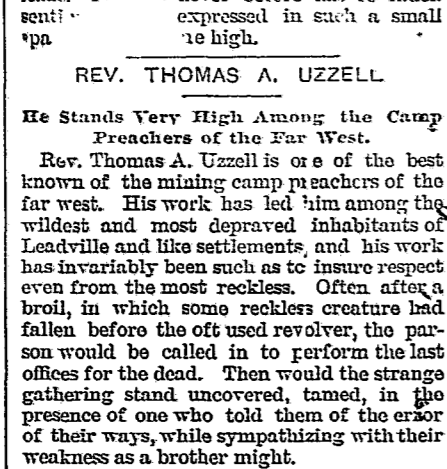
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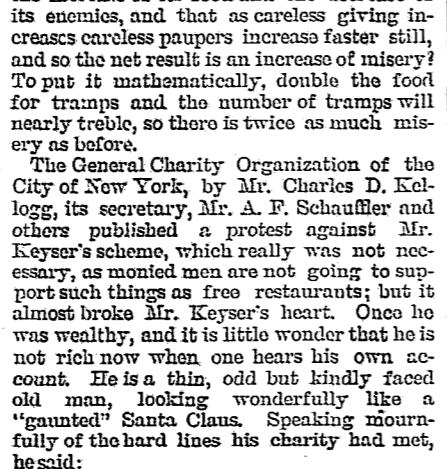
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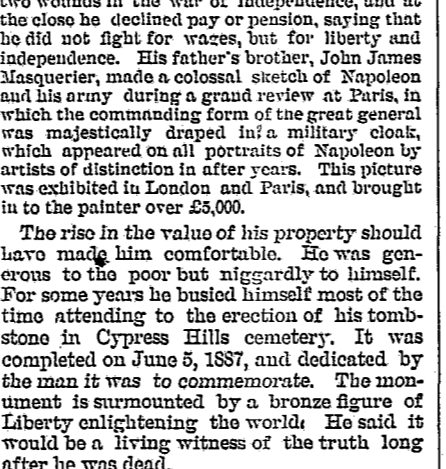
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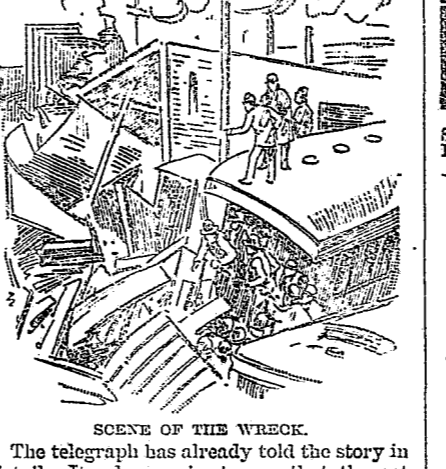
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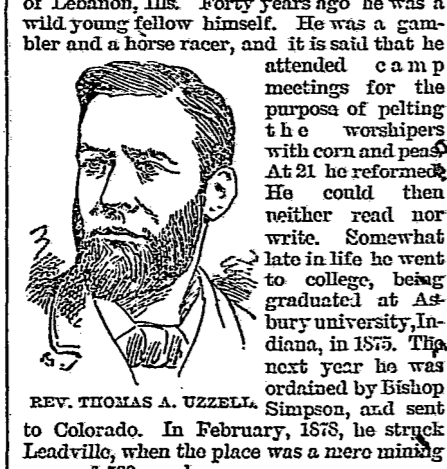
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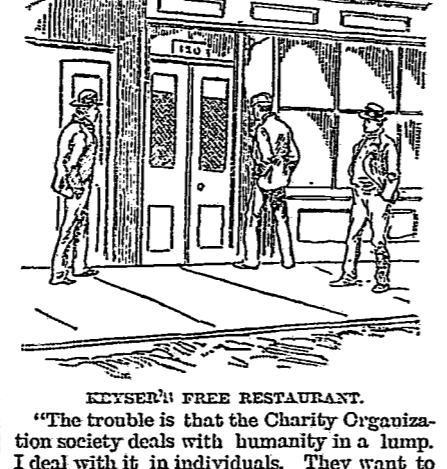
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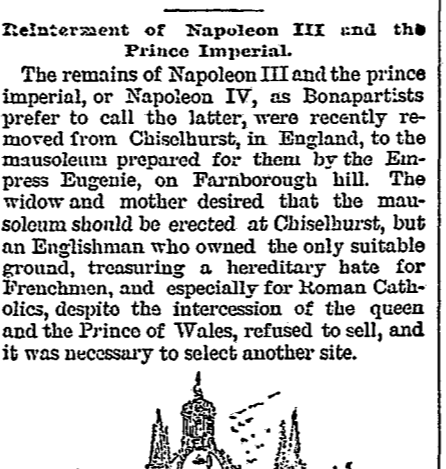
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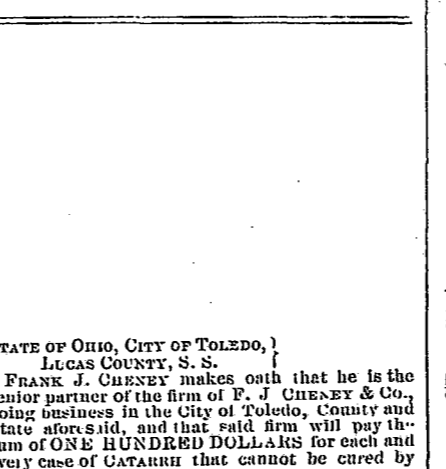
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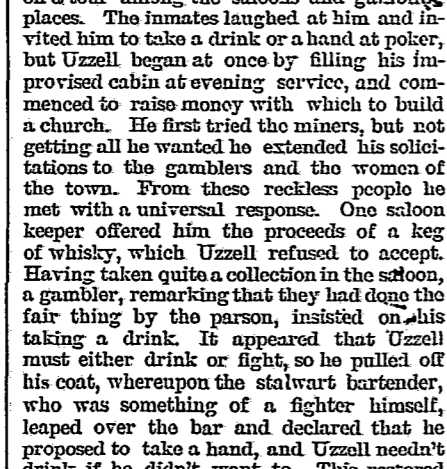
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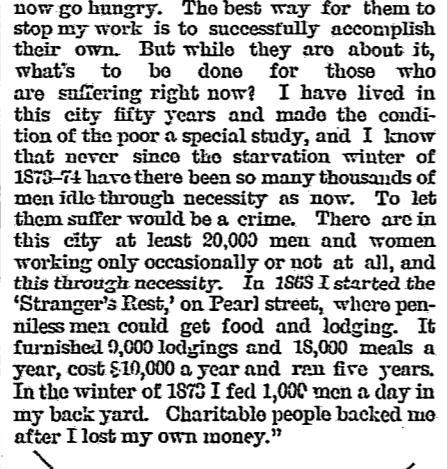
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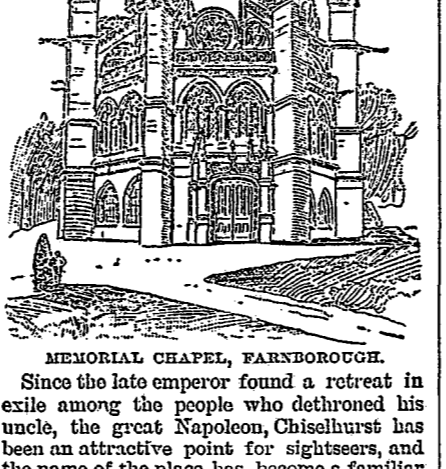
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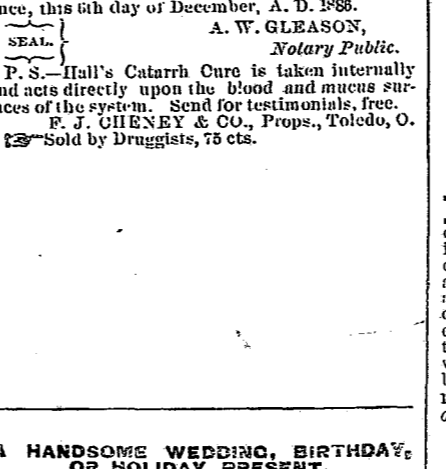
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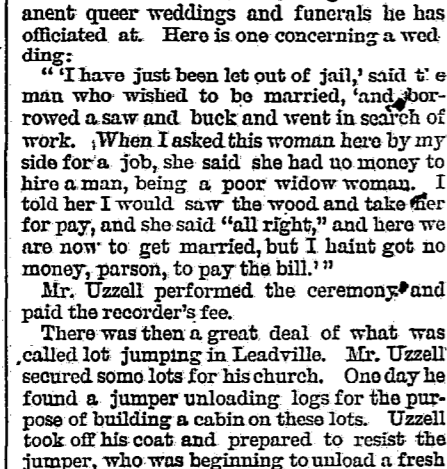
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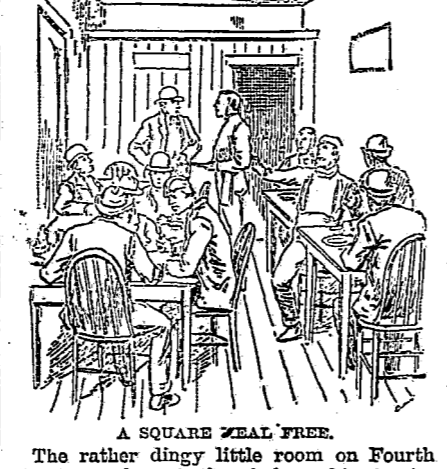
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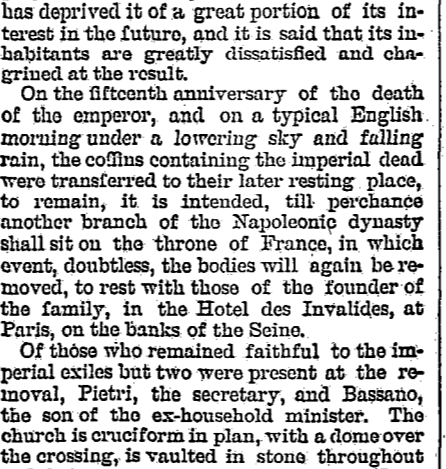
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