



Mrs. Toodles. The evening the bogus boarder arrived with his loaded trunk at the Toodles' mansion. Mrs. Toodles, gaily arrayed for the grand occasion, welcomed him with her most captivating smiles, and Mr. Toodles, usually escorted him to the dining room.

At the supper had been cleared away and the hired girl was washing the dishes in the kitchen and singing a hymn. The twins snugly tucked in their little cradles, were smiling in their sleep. Mrs. Toodles was quietly reading his paper by the sitting-room table. The light shone softly on his meek and benevolent face and illuminated the full moon on the top of his small but sensible head.

GUNNING FOR HEADS. We heard a shot fired across the street, followed by a rush of men along the sidewalk, and went over to find a man lying on the floor of a saloon with the blood pouring out of a bullet hole in his side.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MOTHER. The story of her who made the Great Man What He Was. "All I am I owe to my mother." So said the most typical American of Americans, Abraham Lincoln.

AN EARTHQUAKE AT SEA. Strange Experience of a Ship's Crew on the Pacific. Among the arrivals in port the other day was the American bark Seminole, Capt. Weeden, from New South Wales. The voyage up was not uneventful, and some of her crew think themselves very lucky to reach San Francisco at all.

PITH AND POINT. That proverbial orator whose "voice is like a clarion peal" of course always claims his opponent. Columbus died—it is altogether useless to try to talk politics to the man who was married only a week ago.—Somerville Journal.

DOMESTIC CONCERNS. —Liniments and ointments should always be applied with the hand; if applied with cotton or a cloth, the good effect obtained from the friction would be lost.



A HEATED POLITICAL ARGUMENT.

GULF WEED.

Views of Dr. Krummel in regard to the Sargasso Sea. The Sargasso sea, or floating masses of gulf weed in mid-Atlantic, which impeded the ships of Columbus four hundred years ago, has been the subject of careful study by Dr. Krummel, a German mariner, who takes a different view of its origin from that commonly accepted.

SHE KNEW A BARGAIN.

A Woman Who Wanted to Buy "Pants" in Boston. It was noontide, and lower Washington street was crowded with the usual throng of hurrying pedestrians.

PAINTING IN EARLY DAYS.

How the invention of Oil Colors by Van Eyck, the Flemish artist, is supposed to have flourished between 1410 and 1441, is usually ascribed the honor of discovering the process of painting in colors mixed with oil.

IN A WARM STYLE.

The Young Lawyer's Dictation to His Typewriter Sounded Strange. The door leading from the reception room to the young lawyer's private office was not quite closed, yet he no doubt thought it was.

EXTRAVAGANCE AND ECONOMY.

It Takes Just Such Contradictions to Make a Woman Most Wonderful. The most recklessly extravagant woman has a vein of economy somewhere in her composition. Economy is born in a woman. It may be developed in a manner to prove either beneficial to herself or husband.