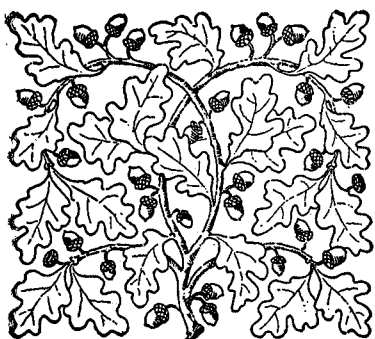


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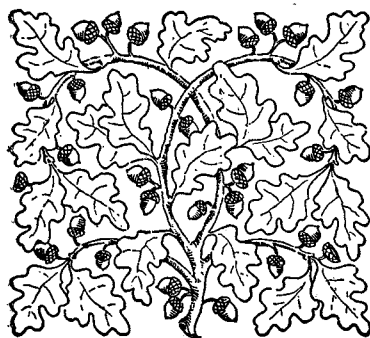
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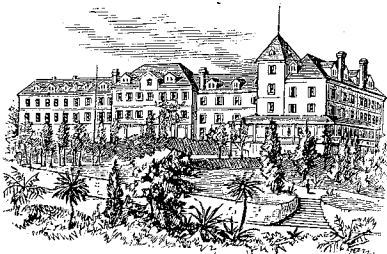
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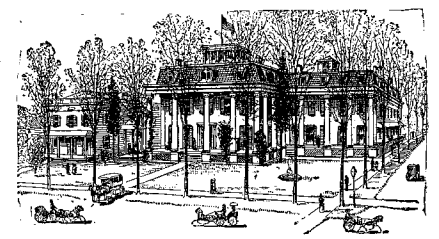
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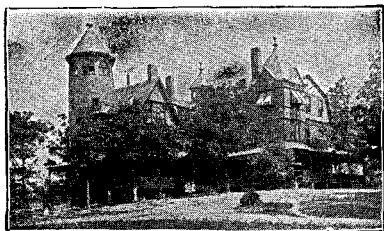
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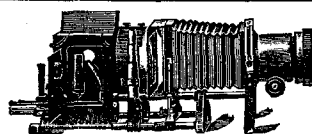
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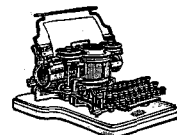
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The Week

PERHAPS the most interesting measure brought before Congress last week was Senator Voorhees's bill to renew the purchase and coinage of silver bullion. This measure provides that the seigniorage upon the bullion purchased under the Sherman Act shall first be coined, at the rate of \$2,000,000 a month, and thereafter silver purchases shall be made sufficient to continue the coinage of silver at the same rate. The measure thus proposed differs from the Bland Act chiefly in that it lessens by about one-third the silver coinage authorized. Inasmuch as a majority of Congress voted against the amendment to the Repeal Bill reviving the Bland Act, it is difficult to understand how Senator Voorhees expects to secure the majority necessary to pass this new bill, especially as the silver men are not disposed to support the compromise now offered them. Much more important than this currency bill, even with reference to the future of the currency, was the favorable action of the House on the bills to admit Utah and Arizona to Statehood. The bill for the admission of Utah provides for the permanent prohibition of polygamy. The changes thus far made by the Ways and Means Committee in the tariff schedules at first reported have been in the direction of increased protection to protesting interests. The duty on lumber has been in part restored—a change inconsistent both with the principle of making raw materials free and with that of reducing to a minimum the taxes on necessities. Such deviations from the principles which the party was pledged to carry out are to be condemned on every ground.

The industrial question uppermost is not, What caused the present depression? nor, What will cure it? but, What can be done to furnish temporary relief to those out of work? This question was discussed last week in nearly all our large cities, developing a remarkable uniformity of view as to the greatness of the need, and a striking similarity as to the methods by which it should be met. In Chicago a Committee of Fifty has been organized to systematize the distribution of private relief, while the Finance Committee of the City Council has been considering the public action to be taken. At the meeting of the Council Committee the measure most prominently urged was the increase of the street-cleaning force, in order that the performance of useful work might be the condition precedent to receipt of help. In Chicago this step seemed peculiarly necessary, as the swarm of applicants for lodging at the police stations had been rapidly increasing, in spite of the accommodations furnished by the churches. The police reported that every freight train was bringing new applicants to Chicago. In Cincinnati the relief action recommended has been the passage of a bill by the Legislature authorizing the city to issue \$50,000 of bonds to furnish help to the unemployed. In Buffalo the question has been thor-

oughly agitated, with the result of calling forth several liberal private subscriptions, and the recommendation by the Mayor that the site of the reservoir abandoned last month be leveled and graded before being sold, and work thus furnished to those in need of it. In New London, Conn., a largely attended meeting appropriated \$8,000 for the unemployed, to be given out in wages at not less than fifteen cents an hour to heads of families, and no others. In Boston the Evangelical Alliance has appointed an Emergency Committee to consider the present crisis. In Lynn the committee which organized relief work upon the streets and parks in October reports that the co-operation of the churches and public-spirited citizens has been increasingly generous, and work has been furnished to most applicants. In New York City the work upon the streets is being carried on energetically, the men being paid twelve and one-half cents an hour, but the contributions from the public have by no means kept pace with the applications for employment.

Our readers will remember the extraordinary developments of political fraud in connection with Gravesend, and the apparent audacity of the officials in that township in refusing to allow the registry lists to be examined, and in setting at defiance the orders of the court requiring them to permit such examination. The political victory in Kings County which revolutionized the municipal government of Brooklyn was followed by the appointment of special lawyers by the Governor to aid in the prosecution of those charged with these offenses in Gravesend, the District Attorney of Kings County being himself under public and popular suspicion of conniving at the frauds. The first of the legal proceedings was an application to have Mr. McKane, Police Justice Newton, and other lesser officials of Gravesend punished for contempt. The attempt on the part of these officials to excuse themselves for disregarding the injunction on the ground that those who served it were rough and disorderly was set aside by Judge Barnard, on the principle that the injunction of the court was to be obeyed whether it was served politely or impolitely. That the injunction was disregarded he found to be the fact, and he imposed a fine of \$250 and thirty days in jail—the heaviest penalty, we believe, that the law allows for contempt of court. As we go to press, the question of a stay of proceedings is about to be argued in court. We adhere to our principle of not prejudging any case which is brought before the courts, but it is no violation of this principle to say that offenses against the political integrity of the community ought to be regarded as of the most serious character, and no effort should be wanting on the part of the community, its public prosecutors, and its courts, to “let no guilty man escape.”

The negotiations which have been for some time pending for a federation between the University of the City of