

A CLEW BY WIRE
OR
AN INTERRUPTED CURRENT
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CHAPTER I.

The train stopped at Sidington just long enough to have a trunk thrown off and allow one passenger to alight. The trunk was mine, the passenger myself. Then the train went on again, the engine puffing and hissing in a vain attempt to acquire suddenly the greatest speed, seemingly in great impatience that it had been compelled to stop at all—which was not to be wondered at; for, when I gazed around, from what I could see, Sidington was nothing more than a station house, a few miles of railroad, and a wide stretch of hilly country.

You kindly tell me, as a return favor, where a team can be procured to cart me and my belongings over to my place?"

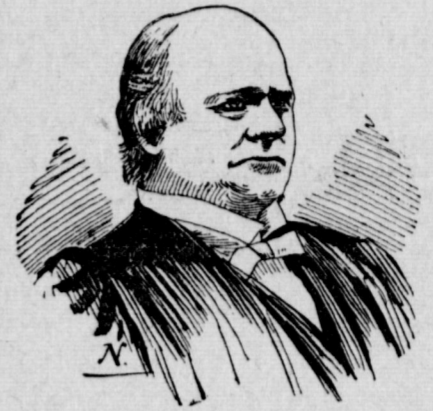
"The station agent down at the depot said that perhaps I could get you to take me over to Nelsonville. Will you do it?"



"Where you wantin' go?"

"V-ell, bud we're just at de oats," Mr. Hunsicker said. "I'm willing to wait until after supper, which will not interfere with the harvesting. You will be well paid for your trouble."

CAN'T DECLARE WAR.
Such Power Is Not Vested in President McKinley.



JUSTICE HARLAN.
("I Am a Prize Fighter from London.")

Justice Harlan, who is six feet six inches tall, and who weighs well-nigh 300 pounds, and who is a well proportioned, athletic man, looked down at the 30-year-old dude beside him, and replied: "Now, I don't reside in this blasted country."

to know these restrictions. Very often, because of lack of knowledge on such points, our people expect too much of our presidents and criticize them when they do not deserve criticism.



CONGRESSMAN CANNON.
(Author of Bill Appropriating \$50,000,000 for Immediate War Expenses.)

their militia, and they will be sworn into the service of the United States for a term of months or years, as the case may be. We have also a naval militia, which will hasten to swell the forces upon our battleships and cruisers.

TOO EMOTIONAL.

She Mistook an Icehouse for the Tomb of Washington.
If the men who become the objects of hero worship could see the evidence of the feeling they inspire, they would possibly be even more reconciled to leaving this sphere for any other, better or worse. Sometimes they do know; and then they need to exercise abundant charity.

Heredity.

It has been said that the training of a boy should begin with his grandmother. Where this precaution has been neglected there should be some charity for the boy if he does not turn out well, and the generous parent will not refuse to bear at least a portion of the responsibility.

Missed Him Rather Late.

When Dr. Whewell, master of Trinity college, Cambridge, was a tutor he once invited a number of his men to a "wine"—as the entertainments of those days used to be called. Noticing a vacant place, he said to his servant: "Why is not Mr. Smith here?" "He is dead, sir," was the reply. "I wish you would tell me when my pupils die," was the indignant answer.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Plain food suits not dainty appetites.—Eliza Tabor.

Gossip.

Their flood of talk we cannot stem; But they would do it worse—alack! If they knew what we say of them.—Puck.

A Proposal.

"Without a word of warning he threw himself at my feet."
"O, well, you know he couldn't miss them."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

