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and a stride that showed that she knew its meaning. For a few short miles, then off down to the left, through the sloping open woods, then out into an opening to a fresh, new, one-roomed cabin—HOME!

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NEWSPAPER CHANGES.—In recent years there has been a marked tendency on the editorial pages of American newspapers to print more fun than was the custom in earlier times of grave and solemn treatment of weighty themes. A study of the daily journals of the country shows that the old traditions of exhortation and argument have been largely abandoned. Long dissertations have been almost entirely cast away. The epigram, the quip, the skit, the work of the pen that points lightly and never drags—these seem to be catching the fancy of the public and to be in favor in newspaper offices, while the ponderous essays are thrust into the waste paper basket or consigned to monthly or quarterly publications or to pamphlets prepared for a select constituency. It is not now meant to consider whether this radical change in general newspaper aims is in every way the wisest that could be conceived; but that it suits many present day readers and has swept over the country cannot be disputed. It is an interesting sign of the times. But it does not mean the necessary decline of the editorial page. On the contrary, journals which really stand for something, and know how to advocate it persuasively, candidly and with the simple directness the age demands, are still sought for—all the more, perhaps, because so many papers have been led away by the notion that even the intelligent public wants nothing but frivolity—and fustian.—*N. Y. Daily Tribune, Nov. 2, 1902.*

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THE Secretary of the Treasury recommends that the relative value of gold and silver be so changed as to make silver of more value proportionately than it is at present.—*Belleveue (Iowa) Democrat, Jan. 28, 1852.*

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