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OF GENERAL INTEREST

ITEMS STOLEN FROM COLUMNS OF EXCHANGES

W. C. DEWOLF, CIRCUIT JUDGE

Has Held Office of County Judge For Several Years—DeKalb is to Have Race Track

That County Judge W. C. DeWolf of Boone will be a candidate for the office of circuit judge, made vacant by the death of Judge R. W. Wright of Belvidere, was announced at a meeting of members of the Boone county bar association. Judge DeWolf has long held the office of county judge and is well known throughout the district, as well as having a host of friends in his own county on whom he can depend.

DeKalb Chronicle: DeKalb is going to have a half mile race track and race meetings will be added to the list of important and interesting yearly events in this city. This has been practically settled by the men who are boosting the project of installing a race track near DeKalb and at a meeting held last week a lot of enthusiasm was shown by the boosters.

G. a. me-White, the English aviator, took \$100,000 home with him, won as prizes. But he could not take an American bride with him on that small sum.

H. B. Kezar of Cherry Valley has accepted the position of head carpenter on the Illinois Central railroad from Freeport to Chicago and took up his new work December 1.

Fire at Union last Wednesday threatened to wipe out the business section of the town but was stopped when it had destroyed a business building and a barn, the loss being estimated at \$7,000.

The number of women county superintendents of schools in Illinois was reduced by half at the late election, according to reports received at the office of State Superintendent Blair. The returns show five women still holding office.

The Illinois state university, which a few years ago had but 500 students and was an utter negligible factor in public education, now has ten times that number of students and an instructional, administrative and scientific force of almost 700.

According to a census report just issued, tuberculosis caused more deaths among the workmen of this country during the year 1909 than any other one disease. And this in spite of all work that has been done to check the ravages of the great white plague.

A rural mail carrier at Charles City, Iowa, broke all mail delivering records when he made his rounds, a distance of 25 miles, in an automobile in 53 minutes. He delivered 150 pieces of mail to 113 boxes, sold \$1.18 worth of stamps and collected 17 letters.

California has voted a \$5,000,000 tax to secure the Panama Exposition for 1915. This with the subscriptions to stock shares will make a fund of over \$17,000,000 which California puts up against the claims of New Orleans for the great Exposition. No government aid will be asked in this case.

Following its custom adopted in 1907 following the financial flurry, the watch factory at Elgin will give its employes a ten days' vacation this year, extending thru the Christmas and New Years holidays. The big plant will close on Friday afternoon, Dec. 23, and will not reopen until the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 3.

SCHOOL WITHOUT PUPILS

A Fact that is Not a Credit to this Century

Miss Nellie Jackson, a young lady school teacher of Urbana, has had quite an experience in school teaching. She has charge of the school at Flatville, and although over two months of the school year have passed she has not had a pupil, partly on account of the parochial school here and partly on account of the children being busy on the farm. She expects from two to six children after corn husking ends. The law provides that the school must be kept open and Miss Jackson is there during the usual hours every day and draws her pay just the same as if the room was full of pupils. The experience is no longer novel, and she would rather have the children come to school.—Champaign Gazette

And this is the day of advanced ideas, the day of rapid progress in everything. Despite the fact that many farmers are riding in automobiles in the very vicinity where the above mentioned school is located; despite all the modern conveniences of town and country, the little country school remains the same as 100 years ago. There is the same two by four building and the same three or four pupils during the early part of the season and the latter part of the school year.

The consolidated township schools and township high schools are the only solution of the problem pertaining to the country schools. In many localities this has been carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned. There was opposition at first wherever the subject was brought out, but like all other ventures that tend for the betterment of conditions, those who at first hold back in the traces finally come to a realization of the benefits. The money that is being expended to maintain schools where there are only a few pupils and as the case mentioned above, where there are no pupils, would go a long way toward maintaining a consolidated or township high school.

BAZAAR CLEARS \$349.51

Total of \$372.80 Taken in at the Pavilion on the Three Nights

The committee having in charge the affairs of the Genoa band have finally figured up the receipts and expenditures resulting from the bazaar recently held at the pavilion and were naturally jubilant when the net proceeds were ascertained. After all expenses are paid the sum of \$349.51 is left in the treasury, figured as follows:

Receipts at the pavilion three nights.....\$372.80
Advance sale season tickets 87.75

Total receipts.....\$460.55
Total expenditures..... 111.04

Balance.....\$349.51

Women Vote in Washington

The adoption by the state of Washington of a constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote is the most important gain made by the advocates of equal suffrage in the last fourteen years. Of the four states in which they now possess it, two granted it at a time when the suffragists had made little or no impression on the country at large. Wyoming allowed women to vote under the territorial regime from 1869 to 1890. Colorado extended the suffrage to women in 1893 and Idaho and Utah in 1896. A long halt has been broken by Washington's action.

NOW FOR INSTITUTE

FARMERS SHOULD MAKE IT A POINT TO ATTEND

AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Genoa Township Farmers' Club will be Organized—The Selection and Handling of Seed Corn

One day sessions will be held in the following towns:

Genoa, Crawford's hall, Monday, Dec. 12, 1910.

Sycamore, opera house, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1910.

Malta, town hall, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1910.

Elva, Woodman hall, Thursday, Dec. 15, 1910.

Waterman, Masonic hall, Friday, Dec. 16, 1910.

Hinckley, Loption hall, Saturday, Dec. 17, 1910.

Some of the best farmers in the state, besides experts in some particular phase of farming will discuss "The Selection and Handling of Seed Corn," "Cattle Feeding," "Profitable Dairy Farming," "The Necessity of Live Stock in a well balanced System of Farming," "How to Feed a Dairy Cow," "The Production of Corn as Effected by Breeding and Soil Fertility," "Practical Work of Corn Judging," "Experiments in Crop Production in this Locality," "Rural School Problems," domestic science and other subjects related to agriculture.

At every institute a local Township Farmers Club will be perfected, the object of which will be to promote more profitable and more permanent methods of agriculture. These farmers clubs will hold several institutes during the year in each township. They are awake to the needs of organization, so necessary to the success of every profitable business and especially so for the concerted action of the farmers. Every farmer should become a member of his local Farmers Club. A day at the institute is time well spent.

Premiums on farm products and home cooking will be given at several of the institutes. A special invitation is extended to the farmers' wives, sons and daughters. Each institute should be the occasion of a township holiday.

Following is the program for Genoa:

AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer.

Address of Welcome.

1:30 Address—"The Selection and Handling of Seed Corn," Prof. O. D. Center, University of Illinois.

3:00 Discussion led by Henry Burroughs.

3:30 Organization of Genoa Township Farmers' Club.

EVENING SESSION

7:30 Music.

Address—"Profitable Dairy Farming," Hon. J. P. Mason, Ex-President of the Illinois Farmers' Institute, Elgin.

M. E. Church Notes

If there is anyone who wishes to make a nice Christmas gift to the church would not an individual communion set be about the right thing? This is needed in every church and you will greatly appreciate one when you become acquainted with it. The graded lessons are appreciated by all and those classes are doing well.

Subject next Sunday morning, "The Sins of Good People." Evening subject, "A Certain Young Man and His Purpose." If you feel that you have not been doing right in staying away from religious worship then begin at once and do right.

COUNTY OFFICERS QUALIFY

Reports Show that Large Fees Have Been Turned Into Treasury

(Sycamore Tribune)

The newly elected county officers assumed their duties Monday, their bonds having been properly executed and approved. County Judge William L. Pond and County Superintendent of Schools W. W. Coultas in succeeding themselves will continue their own work as heretofore.

County Clerk Henderson in succeeding himself retains his efficient office force. It will be interesting to know that his office earned \$4,700 in fees this year. This is the largest sum on record and is due to increased business and also to some changes in fees made by the last legislature.

County Treasurer Edward Johnson assumed the responsibility of custodian of the county's funds Mr. Johnson enters the office under favorable circumstances and will make an excellent official in every respect. He is pleasant and cordial, and wins friends readily. His appointment of Charles C. Pond as deputy gives assurance that the office will be given the same careful management it enjoyed under the retiring treasurer, Mr. L. C. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer has made an excellent treasurer. Of a pleasant and affable disposition, he has made many friends since he came to Sycamore, who are pleased to have him remain as one of our business men.

Mr. Johnson filed a bond with the secretary of state for \$200,000 as county treasurer and another for \$110,000 as ex-officio county collector.

During the year just closed the treasurer's office earned \$3791.95 in fees. This is \$1391.95 in excess of the salaries and clerk hire, a neat sum to be turned into the county treasury.

Sheriff Poust was sworn in to his new duties, and is comfortably located in the jail residence. He will have the distinction of being the first sheriff to occupy the new DeKalb county jail, the construction of which is now being planned and arranged for by the supervisors.

Mr. Poust comes to us not an entire stranger, having been formerly a resident of Kingston. His acquaintance throughout is general, and will be largely augmented as he goes about in the fulfillment of his duties. His selection of O. S. Holcomb as deputy secures for him a man of experience for the routine work of the office, Mr. Holcomb having held the office for 16 years, in his earlier days. "Ott" will readily adjust himself to his work.

The report of the retiring sheriff, Daniel Hohm, shows that his office has earned \$2253.51 the past year.

SYCAMORE TO VOTE

Special Election on 20th of December on Commission Form

The first step in securing commission government for Sycamore was taken Monday when petitions containing more than the required number of names were filed with County Judge William L. Pond. As the law requires that the county court shall call such an election within 60 days of the filing of the petition, and there being no apparent reason for a delay, the court decided that the question should be voted upon December 20. This will give the citizens of Sycamore a chance to decide whether they will continue the city government under the present obsolete methods, or will take a step forward and adopt business methods in carrying on municipal affairs.

SHOT IN THE FEET

EVERETT BENNETT IS VICTIM OF ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

GUN LOADED AND COCKED

Hammer Falls from some Unknown Cause and Contents Enter Feet of Little Boy—With Older Brother

Everett, the youngest son of M. D. Bennett, is in the hospital at Sycamore suffering from the effects of gun shot wounds in his feet, due to the accidental discharge of the fire arm last Sunday. It was thought at first that the boy would lose two of his toes, so badly were they lacerated, but later reports state that amputation will not be necessary.

Everett and Floyd Buckle were accompanying the former's brother, Clyde, on a rabbit hunting expedition and everything went well until one of the cotton tails attempted to hide in a small culvert. Clyde placed the gun on the ground and proceeded to frighten the rabbit from his hiding place. Everett sat down on the ground with his feet directly in line with the gun barrel. Without warning there was an explosion followed by a cry of pain from the lips of the little fellow.

No one knows the cause of the accidental discharge of the gun, but it is a conceded fact that the hammer was cocked. It is also a known fact that cocked guns have a habit of going off when least expected to do so. Everett was hurried to his home and later taken to the Sycamore hospital. Numerous shot were removed from his feet, and under the excellent care he will have there is little doubt that he will come out of the scrape with whole feet.

A few of the shot struck the Buckle boy, but did not penetrate deep enough to do any damage. One went thru his upper lip and several pierced his legs.

WRECK ON THE CENTRAL

First Section of 402 Strikes Farmer's Rig—Second Section Strikes First

A wreck on the Illinois Central near Cloverdale last Saturday morning delayed traffic for several hours, caused considerable damage to one coach, but no one was injured. In the accident leading up to the wreck, however, one man was killed and his wagon smashed to kindling wood.

Train No. 402 was made up in two sections Saturday, the two sections running close together. When near Cloverdale the first section ran into a farmer's rig, causing the death of the driver and naturally delaying the train some time. When the first section was about to leave, the second was ordered to go ahead. The first started all right, but the train broke in two. This fact was not known to the engineer of the rear train of course until too late. The pilot of his engine plowed thru the vestibule of the rear coach on the forward train.

Recollections 1837-1910

Thru the courtesy of the author, C. W. Marsh, of DeKalb, we have on our desk a copy of "Recollections 1837-1910," a book that should be in every home in DeKalb county. The book is a beautifully printed and bound edition and contains a concise history of events in this county during the period designated by the title. The story of the "Marsh Harvester" and the evolution of harvesting machinery is told in a manner that will appeal to any reader. The book sells for \$1.50 and will soon be on sale in Genoa.

LITTLE BALLOTS ALL CARRIED

Special Questions Received Big Plurality at the General Election

The state canvassers completed the canvassing of the ballots in Cook county at the last election. The official returns of Cook county made the state vote on the "little ballot" propositions submitted to the voters on last November 8, carried by a large plurality.

The vote on the first proposition, viz: "Shall the next state legislature submit to the voters of the state, at the next following state election, an amendment to the state constitution, providing for the control of legislation by the people by the means of the initiative and referendum?" was 465,907 for the proposition, and 123,397 against it. The plurality in favor of the first question of public policy being 337,510.

On the next question, "Shall the next general assembly extend the merit system by the enactment of a comprehensive and adequate civil service law?" 411,676 votes were cast in favor of it. The question being carried by 290,543 votes.

The third question of public policy, which is known as the "corrupt practices proposition," which provides that the general assembly enact a law limiting the amount to be spent by a candidate seeking office, and providing for an itemized statement made under oath, be made for the same, received the approbation of the majority of the voters of the state, it being carried by a plurality of 299,748 votes. The vote on the question being 422,437 for the enactment of the law and 122,698 against it.

FALLS FROM WAGON

Charles Carlson of Colvin Park Sustains Severe Bruises and Cuts

While driving from Genoa to his home near Colvin Park, on the Witt farm, Tuesday evening, Charles Carlson fell from his wagon and sustained severe cuts and bruises. Altho he will have a sore head for some time, no serious results will result from the "header" he took from the high seat.

In returning home early Tuesday S. H. Matteson found Carlson in the road in an unconscious condition. He brought him to Genoa and the victim's wounds were attended to at the village hall by Dr. A. M. Hill. Besides minor bruises and scratches there was a deep scalp wound and a gash on the right side of the jaw. When the wounds were being dressed Carlson lay in a stupor. Owing to the fact that he had been drinking it was impossible to ascertain just how much his brain had been jostled by the bump which caused the scalp wound.

Carlson and his team were near the old Drake place when found, the horses put there for the night, they having made no attempt to run away.

JUDGE WRIGHT IS DEAD

Noted Belvidere Jurist Succumbs to Injuries Sustained Wednesday

Judge Robert W. Wright of the circuit bench of Winnebago, McHenry, Boone and Lake counties, died Wednesday of last week. The judge sustained severe injuries about ten days before at Waukegan where he was holding court. He slipped and fell on the sidewalk, his head striking on the curbing, fracturing his skull.

Judge Wright was forty-eight years old.

POISON BY MISTAKE

CAUSES DEATH OF TWO SYCAMORE CHILDREN

MOTHER CRAZED WITH GRIEF

Mrs. Edward Browne Gives Boys, Aged Three and Five Years, Dose of Tartar Emetic—Died at Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, living on Sacramento street, Sycamore, have the sympathy of the community in the affliction that has come to them. Their two little boys, Clarence, aged five years old, and Charles, aged three, lie dead in the home, the result of a mistake in giving them medicine.

The little ones had been sick with colds for about a week and Monday morning the mother thinking to relieve them, gave each what she thought was a teaspoonful of salts. It proved however that she gave them by mistake, tartar emetic. As soon as she realized what she had done a physician was summoned and the children hurried to the Sycamore hospital. Everything possible was done to relieve the sufferers, but it was of no avail. Two grains of emetic would have been a dose. The little ones passed away Tuesday forenoon.

SENDOFF FOR POUST

Sandwich Masons do Fine Thing for Sheriff

On the eve of his departure from Sandwich, Sheriff-elect Frank C. Poust was given a hearty send off at the Masonic home on Tuesday evening by members of Meteor Lodge A. F. & A. M. and Sandwich Chapter.

Invitations had been sent out calling for a smoker and a generous acceptance was given them, the lodge room being well filled.

Card tables were distributed about the room and it was not long before everyone was enjoying themselves, blowing clouds of smoke into the air, telling stories and having a general good time. At ten o'clock the brethren journeyed across the street to the Ed. Burkhart restaurant where an oyster supper awaited them—and it was a good one.

Returning to the lodge room High Priest Dr. F. A. Turner and Worshipful Master Will Whitson escorted Sheriff Poust to the east and in a neat little speech by the first named, he was presented with a very handsome solid gold Past High Priest Jewel.

It will be interesting to note that Sandwich R. A. M. No. 107 has furnished the last three sheriffs for DeKalb county, Messrs. Ferd. Rompf, Dan Hohm and F. C. Poust.—Sandwich Free Press.

BUTTER PRICE IN DECLINE

Commodity is Quoted Firm at One Cent Less per Pound on Board

The price of butter was quoted at 29 cents, a decline of one cent from a week ago, on the Elgin board of trade Monday afternoon. The price was fixed by the quotation committee and objected to by the Chicago delegation. The committee was sustained by a vote of 23 to 19.

Former prices are:
Nov. 28, 1910, 30c.
Dec. 6, 1909, 33c.
Dec. 7, 1908, 30c.

SYCAMORE TRIBUNE SOLD

Anderson Sells to Claude Pike, a Native of Sycamore

George Anderson has sold his Sycamore Tribune to Claude Pike, a well known Sycamore young man, who has for a number of years worked in the news departments of the Sycamore papers more or less.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S MESSAGE

Resume of the Work of the Various Departments of the Government Is Presented to Congress.

NEED OF ECONOMY POINTED OUT

Has Little to Say About the Tariff---Work on Panama Canal Is Reviewed---No Change in Anti-Trust Laws---Interstate Commerce Laws Are Discussed.

Washington, Dec. 6.—In the longest document of its kind ever sent to congress, President Taft reviews at length the business of the year in the various departments of the national government. The settlement of the fisheries dispute with England through the Hague tribunal comes in for a considerable share of the president's attention. The history of the fisheries dispute and the establishment of the tribunal are comprehensively reviewed.

The president gives a resume of the foreign relations of the government, which are declared to be in a satisfactory condition.

Tariff Negotiations.

Referring to the negotiation of new tariff agreements President Taft says:

"The new tariff law, in Section 2, respecting the maximum and minimum tariffs of the United States, which provisions came into effect on April 1, 1910, imposed upon us responsibility of determining prior to that date whether any undue discrimination existed against the United States and its products in any country of the world with which we sustained commercial relations.

"In the case of several countries instances of apparent undue discrimination against American commerce were found to exist. These discriminations were removed by negotiation. Prior to April 1, 1910, when the maximum tariff was to come into operation with respect to importations from all those countries in whose favor no proclamation applying the minimum tariff should be issued by the president, one hundred and thirty-four such proclamations were issued.

"This series of proclamations embraced the entire commercial world and hence the minimum tariff of the United States has been given universal application, thus testifying to the satisfactory character of our trade relations with foreign countries.

"Marked advantages to the commerce of the United States were obtained through these tariff settlements.

"The policy of broader and closer trade relations with the Dominion of Canada which was initiated in the adjustment of the maximum and minimum provisions of the tariff act of August, 1909, has proved mutually beneficial. It justifies further efforts for the readjustment of the commercial relations of the two countries so that their commerce may follow the channels natural to contiguous countries and be commensurate with the steady expansion of trade and industry on both sides of the boundary line."

Ship Subsidy.

The president urges such action as he believes will increase American trade abroad, and says:

"Another instrumentality indispensable to the unhampered and natural development of American commerce is merchant marine. All maritime and commercial nations recognize the importance of this factor. The greatest commercial nations, our competitors, jealously foster their merchant marine. Perhaps nowhere is the need for rapid and direct mail, passenger and freight communication quite so urgent as between the United States and Latin America. We can secure in no other quarter of the world such immediate benefits in friendship and commerce as would flow from the establishment of direct lines of communication with the countries of Latin America adequate to meet the requirements of a rapidly increasing appreciation of the reciprocal dependence of the countries of the western hemisphere upon each other's products, sympathies and assistance.

"I alluded to this most important subject in my last annual message; it has often been before you and I need not recapitulate the reasons for its recommendation. Unless prompt action be taken the completion of the Panama canal will find this the only great commercial nation unable to avail in international maritime business of this great contribution to the means of the world's commercial intercourse."

Governmental Expense.

To no one subject does he devote more space than to the expense of conducting the various government departments and the urgent need for economy, and in this connection he says:

"Every effort has been made by

each department chief to reduce the estimated cost of his department for the ensuing fiscal year ending June 30, 1912. I say this in order that congress may understand that these estimates thus made present the smallest sum which will maintain the departments, bureaus and offices of the government and meet its other obligations under existing law, and that a cut of these estimates would result in embarrassing the executive branch of the government in the performance of its duties. This remark does not apply to the river and harbor estimates, except to those for expenses of maintenance and the meeting of obligations under authorized contracts, nor does it apply to the public building bill nor to the navy building program. Of course, as to these congress could withhold any part or all of the estimates for them without interfering with the discharge of the ordinary obligations of these functions of its departments, bureaus and offices.

"The final estimates for the year ending June 30, 1912, as they have been sent to the treasury on November 29 of this year, for the ordinary expenses of the government, including those for public buildings, rivers and harbors, and the navy building program, amount to \$630,494,013.12. This is \$52,964,887.36 less than the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911. It is \$16,883,153.44 less than the total estimates, including supplemental estimates submitted to congress by the treasury for the year 1911, and is \$5,574,659.33 less than the original estimates submitted by the treasury for 1911.

"These figures do not include the appropriations for the Panama canal, the policy in respect to which ought to be, and is, to spend as much each year as can be economically and effectively expended in order to complete the canal as promptly as possible, and therefore, the ordinary motive for cutting down the expense of the government does not apply to appropriations for this purpose.

"Against the estimates of expenditures, \$640,494,013.12, we have estimated receipts for next year \$680,000,000, making a probable surplus of ordinary receipts over ordinary expenditures of about \$50,000,000, or taking into account the estimates for the Panama canal, which are \$56,920,847.69, and which will ultimately be paid in bonds, it will leave a deficit for the next year of about \$7,000,000, if congress shall conclude to fortify the canal."

The Tariff.

The President devotes but little space to the subject of the tariff law, and of it he says:

"The schedules of the rates of duty in the Payne tariff act have been subjected to a great deal of criticism, some of it just, more of it unfounded, and to much misrepresentation. The act was adopted in pursuance of a declaration by the party which is responsible for it that customs bills should be a tariff for the protection of home industries, the measure of the protection to be the difference between the cost of producing the imported article abroad and the cost of producing it at home, together with such addition to that difference as might give a reasonable profit to the home producer. The basis for the criticism of this tariff is that in respect to a number of the schedules the declared measure was not followed, but a higher difference retained or inserted by way of undue discrimination in favor of certain industries and manufactures. Little, if any, of the criticism of the tariff has been directed against the protective principle above stated; but the main body of the criticism has been based on the attempt to conform to the measure of protection was not honestly and sincerely adhered to."

The Tariff Board.

The president refers to the appointment of a board of experts to investigate the cost of production of various articles included in the schedules of the tariff, and says:

"The tariff board thus appointed and authorized has been diligent in preparing itself for the necessary investigations. The hope of those who have advocated the use of this board for tariff purposes is that the question of the rate of a duty imposed shall become more of a business question and less of a political question, to be ascertained by experts of long training and accurate knowledge. The halt in business and the shock to busi-

ness, due to the announcement that a new tariff bill is to be prepared and put in operation will be avoided by treating the schedules one by one as occasion shall arise for a change in the rates of each, and only after a report upon the schedule by the tariff board competent to make such report. It is not likely that the board will be able to make a report during the present session of congress on any of the schedules, because a proper examination involves an enormous amount of detail and a great deal of care; but I hope to be able at the opening of the new congress, or at least during the session of that congress, to bring to its attention the facts in regard to those schedules in the present tariff that may prove to need amendment."

Our Island Possessions.

"During the last summer, at my request, the secretary of war visited the Philippine islands and has described his trip in the report. He found the islands in a state of tranquility and growing prosperity, due largely to the change in the tariff laws, which has opened the markets of America to the products of the Philippines, and has opened the Philippine markets to American manufactures.

"The year has been one of prosperity and progress in Porto Rico.

Panama Canal.

"At the instance of Colonel Goethals, the army engineer officer in charge of the work on the Panama canal, I have just made a visit to the isthmus to inspect the work done and to consult with him on the ground as to certain problems which are likely to arise in the near future. The progress of the work is most satisfactory, if no unexpected obstacle presents itself, the canal will be completed well within the time fixed by Colonel Goethals, to-wit, January 1, 1915, and within the estimate of cost, \$375,000,000.

"Among questions arising for present solution is the decision whether the canal shall be fortified. I have already stated to the congress that I strongly favor fortification and I now reiterate this opinion and ask your consideration of the subject in the light of the report already before you made by a competent board.

"Another question which arises for consideration and possible legislation is the question of tolls in the canal. This question is necessarily affected by the probable tonnage which will go through the canal.

"In determining what the tolls should be we certainly ought not to insist that for a good many years to come they should amount to enough to pay the interest on the investment of \$400,000,000 which the United States has made in the construction of the canal. We ought not to do this, first, because the benefits to be derived by the United States from this expenditure is not to be measured solely by a return upon the investment. If it were then the construction might well have been left to private enterprise.

"My own impression is that the tolls ought not to exceed \$1 per net ton, and I should recommend that within certain limits the president be authorized to fix the tolls of the canal and adjust them to what seems to be commercial necessity.

"I cannot close this reference to the canal without suggesting as a wise amendment to the interstate commerce law a provision prohibiting interstate commerce railroads from owning or controlling ships engaged in the trade through the Panama canal. I believe such a provision may be needed to save to the people of the United States the benefits of the competition in trade between the eastern and western seaboard which this canal was constructed to secure."

Department of Justice.

Discussing the affairs of the department of justice, the president says:

"I invite especial attention to the prosecutions under the federal law of the so-called 'bucket shops,' and of those schemes to defraud in which the use of the mail is an essential part of the fraudulent conspiracy, prosecutions which have saved ignorant and weak members of the public and are saving them hundreds of millions of dollars. The violations of the anti-trust law present perhaps the most important litigation before the department, and the number of cases filed shows the activity of the government in enforcing that statute.

"In a special message last year I brought to the attention of congress the propriety and wisdom of enacting a general law providing for the incorporation of industrial and other companies engaged in interstate commerce, and I renew my recommendation in that behalf."

The crying need in the United States of cheapening the cost of litigation by simplifying judicial procedure and expediting final judgment is pointed out and action looking to correction of these evils is urged.

The president recommends an increase in the salaries of federal judges.

Postal Savings Banks.

"At its last session congress made provision for the establishment of savings banks by the postoffice department of this government by which under general control of trustees, consisting of the postmaster general, the secretary of the treasury and the attorney general, the system could be begun in a few cities and towns, and enlarged to cover within its operations as many cities and towns and as large a part of the country as seemed wise. The initiation and establishment of such a system has required a great deal of study on the part of the experts in the postoffice and treasury departments, but a system has now been devised which is believed to be more economical and simpler in its

operation than any similar system abroad. Arrangements have been perfected so that savings banks will be opened in some cities and towns on the 1st of January, and there will be a gradual extension of the benefits of the plan to the rest of the country."

"It is gratifying," says the president, "that the reduction in the postal deficit has been accomplished without any curtailment of postal facilities. On the contrary, the service has been greatly extended during the year in all its branches."

Second-Class Mail.

"In my last annual message I invited the attention of congress to the inadequacy of the postal rate imposed upon second-class mail matter in so far as that includes magazines, and as shown by figures prepared by experts of the postoffice department that the government was rendering a service to the magazines, costing many millions in excess of the compensation paid. An answer was attempted to this by the representatives of the magazines, and a reply was filed to this answer by the postoffice department. The utter inadequacy of the answer, considered in the light of the reply of the postoffice department, I think must appeal to any fair-minded person. Whether the answer was all that could be said in behalf of the magazines is another question. I agree that the question is one of fact; but I insist that if the fact is as the experts of the postoffice department show, that we are furnishing to the owners of magazines a service worth millions more than they pay for it, then justice requires that the rate should be increased. The increase in the receipts of the department resulting from this change may be devoted to increasing the usefulness of the department in establishing a parcels post and in reducing the cost of first-class postage to one cent. It has been said by the postmaster general that a fair adjustment might be made under which the advertising part of the magazine should be charged for at a different and higher rate from that of the reading matter. This would relieve many useful magazines that are not circulated at a profit, and would not shut them out from the use of the mails by a prohibitory rate.

"With respect to the parcels post, I respectfully recommend its adoption on all rural delivery routes, and that 11 pounds—the international limit—be made the limit of carriage in such post."

Abolish Navy Yards.

The president calls attention to certain reforms urged by the secretary of the navy which he recommends for adoption, and continues:

"The estimates of the navy department are \$5,000,000 less than the appropriations for the same purpose last year, and included in this is the building program of the same amount as that submitted for your consideration last year. It is merely carrying out the plan of building two battleships a year, with a few needed auxiliary vessels. I earnestly hope that this program will be adopted.

"The secretary of the navy has given personal examination to every navy yard, and has studied the uses of the navy yards with reference to the necessities of our fleet. With a fleet considerably less than half the size of that of the British navy, we have shipyards more than double the number, and there are several of these shipyards expensively equipped with modern machinery, which, after investigation the secretary of the navy believes to be entirely useless for naval purposes. He asks authority to abandon certain of them and to move their machinery to other places, where it can be made of use."

"The complete success of our country in arctic exploration should not remain unnoticed. The unparalleled achievement of Peary in reaching the north pole, April 6, 1909, approved by critical examination of the most expert scientists, has added to the distinction of our navy, to which he belongs, and reflects credit upon his country. I recommend fitting recognition by congress of the great achievement of Robert Edwin Peary."

Conservation.

"The subject of the conservation of the public domain has commanded the attention of the people within the last two or three years.

"There is no need for radical reform in the methods of disposing of what are really agricultural lands. The present laws have worked well. The enlarged homestead law has encouraged the successful farming of lands in the semi-arid regions.

"Nothing can be more important in the matter of conservation than the treatment of our forest lands. It was probably the ruthless destruction of forests in the older states that first called attention to the necessity for a halt in the waste of our resources.

"In the present forest reserves there are lands which are not properly forested, and which ought to be subject to homestead entry. This has caused some local irritation. We are carefully eliminating such lands from forest reserves or where their elimination is not practical listing them for entry under the forest homestead act.

"Congress ought to trust the executive to use the power of reservation only with respect to land most valuable for forest purposes. During the present administration, 62,250,000 acres of land largely non-forested, have been excluded from forest reserves, and 3,500,000 acres of land principally valued for forest purposes have been included in forest reserves, making a reduction in forest reserves of non-forested land amounting to 2,750,000 acres."

Coal Lands.

"The next subject, and one most important for your consideration, is the disposition of the coal lands in the United States and Alaska. At the be-

ginning of this administration there were withdrawn from entry for purposes of classification 17,867,000 acres. Since that time there have been withdrawn by my order from entry for classification 78,977,745 acres, making a total withdrawal of 96,844,745 acres. Meantime of the acres thus withdrawn 1,061,889 have been classified and found not to contain coal and have been restored to agricultural entry, and 4,726,091 acres have been classified as coal lands; while 7,993,239 acres remain withdrawn from entry and await classification. In addition 337,000 acres have been classified as coal lands without prior withdrawal, thus increasing the classified coal lands to 10,429,372 acres.

"Under the laws providing for the disposal of coal lands in the United States, the minimum price at which lands are permitted to be sold is \$10 an acre; but the secretary of the interior has the power to fix a maximum price and to sell at that price.

"As one-third of all the coal supply is held by the government, it seems wise that it should retain such control over the mining and the sale as the relation of lessor to lessee furnishes.

"The secretary of the interior thinks there are difficulties in the way of leasing public coal lands, which objections he has set forth in his report, the force of which I freely concede. I entirely approve his stating at length in his report of the objections in order that the whole subject may be presented to congress, but after a full consideration, for the reasons I have given above, I favor a leasing system and recommend it."

Water Power Sites.

"Prior to March 4, 1909, there had been, on the recommendation of the reclamation service, withdrawn from agricultural entry, because they were regarded as useful for power sites which ought not to be disposed of as agricultural lands, tracts amounting to about 4,000,000 acres. The withdrawals were hastily made and included a great deal of land that was not useful for power sites. They were intended to include the power sites on 29 rivers in 9 states. Since that time 3,475,442 acres have been restored for settlement of the original 4,000,000 because they do not contain power sites and meantime, new withdrawals have been made which, with other restorations based upon field examination, result in withdrawals at present effective of 1,218,356 acres on vacant public land and 202,197 acres on entered public land, or a total of 1,420,553 acres. These withdrawals made from time to time cover all the power sites included in the first withdrawals and many more, on 151 rivers and in 12 states. The disposition of these power sites involves one of the most difficult questions presented in carrying out practical conservation.

"The subject is one that calls for new legislation. It has been thought that there was danger of combination to obtain possession of all the power sites and to unite them under one control. Whatever the evidence of this, or lack of it, at present we have had enough experience to know that combination would be profitable, and the control of a great number of power at will within certain sections.

"However this may be, it is the plain duty of the government to see to it that in the utilization and development of all this immense amount of water power, conditions shall be imposed that will prevent extortionate charges, which are the usual accompaniment of monopoly.

"The question of conservation is not a partisan one, and I sincerely hope that even in the short time of the present session consideration may be given to those questions which have now been much discussed, and that action may be taken upon them."

Alaska.

"With reference to the government of Alaska, I have nothing to add to the recommendations I made in my last message on the subject. I am convinced that the migratory character of the population, its unequal distribution, and its smallness of number, which the new census shows to be about 50,000, in relation to the enormous expanse of the territory, make it altogether impracticable to give to those people who are in Alaska today and may not be there a year hence, the power to elect a legislature to govern an immense territory to which they have relation so little permanent."

Bureau of Corporations.

Referring to the report of the commissioner of corporations, the president says:

"The commissioner finds a condition in the ownership of the standing timber of the United States other than the government timber that calls for serious attention. The direct investigation made by the commissioner covered an area which contains 80 per cent. of the privately-owned timber of the country.

"His report shows that one half of the timber in this area is owned by 200 individuals and corporations; that 14 per cent. is owned by these corporations, and that there is very extensive inter-ownership of stock, as well as other circumstances, all pointing to friendly relations among those who own a majority of this timber, a relationship which might lead to a combination for the maintenance of a price that would be very detrimental to the public interest, and would create the necessity of removing all tariff obstacles to the free importations of lumber from other countries."

Bureau of Labor.

"The commissioner of labor has been actively engaged in composing the differences between employers and employees engaged in interstate trans-

portation, under the Erdman act, jointly with the chairman of the interstate commerce commission.

"I cannot speak in too high terms of the success of the two officers in conciliation and settlement of controversies which, but for their interposition, would have resulted disastrously to all interests.

Civil Service Commission.

"The civil service commission has continued its useful duties during the year. The necessity for the maintenance of the provisions of the civil service law was never greater than today. Officers responsible for the policy of the administration, and their immediate personal assistants or deputies, should not be included within the classified service, but in my judgment, public opinion has advanced to the point where it would support a bill providing a secure tenure during efficiency for all purely administrative officials. I entertain the profound conviction that it would greatly aid the cause of efficient and economical government and of better politics if congress could enact a bill providing that the executive shall have the power to include in the classified service all local officers under the treasury department, the department of justice, the postoffice department, the interior department and the department of commerce and labor, appointments to which now require the confirmation of the senate, and that upon such classification the advice and consent of the senate shall cease to be required in such appointments. By their certainty of tenure, dependent on good service, and by their freedom from the necessity for political activity, these local officers would be induced to become more efficient public servants.

Economy and Efficiency.

"The increase in the activities and in the annual expenditures of the federal government has been so rapid and so great that the time has come to check the expansion of government activities in new directions until we have tested the economy and efficiency with which the government of today is being carried on. The responsibility rests upon the head of the administration. He is held accountable by the public, and properly so. Despite the unselfish and patriotic efforts of the heads of departments and others charged with responsibility of government, there has grown up in this country a conviction that the expenses of government are too great. The fundamental reason for the existence undetected of waste, duplication, and bad management is the lack of prompt, accurate information.

"I have requested the head of each department to appoint committees on economy and efficiency in order to secure full co-operation in the movement by the employees of the government themselves.

"I urge the continuance of the appropriation of \$100,000 requested for the fiscal year 1912.

"My experience leads me to believe that while government methods are much criticized, the bad results—if we do have bad results—are not due to a lack of zeal or willingness on the part of the civil servants."

Interstate Commerce.

"There has not been time to test the benefit and utility of the amendments to the interstate commerce law contained in the act approved June 18, 1910. The law as enacted did not contain all the features which I recommended. It did not specifically denounce as unlawful the purchase by one of two parallel and competing roads of the stock of the other. Nor did it subject to the restraining influence of the Interstate Commerce Commission the power of corporations engaged in operating interstate railroads to issue new stock and bonds; nor did it authorize the making of temporary agreements between railroads limited to 30 days, fixing the same rates for traffic between the same places.

"I do not press the consideration of any of these objects upon congress at this session.

"The interstate commerce commission has recommended appropriations for the purpose of enabling it to enter upon a valuation of all railroads. This has always been within the jurisdiction of the commission, but the requisite funds have been wanting. Statistics to the value of each railroad would be valuable for many purposes, especially if we ultimately enact any limitations upon the power of the interstate railroads to issue stocks and bonds, as I hope we may.

"For the protection of our own people and the preservation of our credit in foreign trade, I urge upon congress the immediate enactment of a law under which one who, in good faith, advances money or credit upon a bill of lading issued by a common carrier upon an interstate or foreign shipment can hold the carrier liable for the value of the goods described in the bill at the valuation specified in the bill, at least to the extent of the advances made in reliance upon it.

"I further recommend that a punishment of fine and imprisonment be imposed upon railroad agents and shippers for fraud or misrepresentation in connection with the issue of bills of lading issued upon interstate and foreign shipments.

"Except as above, I do not recommend any amendment to the interstate commerce law as it stands. I do not now recommend any amendment to the anti-trust law. In other words, it seems to me that the existing legislation with reference to the regulation of corporations and the restraint of their business has reached a point where we can stop for a while and witness the effect of the vigorous execution of the laws of the statute books in restraining the abuses which certainly did exist and which roused the public to demand reform."

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Putting in the Time.

A gentleman was engaging a general man and telling him what he wanted him to do. "You will have to clean the windows and the boots and the knives and go messages, chop wood, cut short grass, mind the horse and pony, look after the garden and keep the house supplied with vegetables and do any odd job that is required and if suitable you will get ten shillings a week."

"Is there any clay in the garden?" asked the man.

"What makes you ask that?" asked the gentleman.

"I was thinking I could make bricks in my spare time," said the man.

Benny on Benevolence.

Benevolence is a great thing. When you have benevolence you cannot rest until you do something to make other people feel grateful to you. The other day my mamma went up into the attic to find a lot of old clothes to give to poor people who could not afford to buy any clothes for themselves. While she was hunting around she found a gold-headed cane worth \$25 that grandma had put up there 13 years ago, and forgot all about. Thus we see, dear friends, benevolence brings its own reward.—Benny.

Discouraging.

"George," said her husband's wife, "I don't believe you have smoked one of those cigars I gave you on your birthday."

"That's right, my dear," replied his wife's husband. "I'm going to keep them until our Willie wants to learn to smoke."

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MARY B. G. EDDY DIES

HEAD OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH SUCCUMBS TO OLD AGE.

END IS PEACEFUL AND QUIET

Body Lies in State at Boston Home—None But Intimates View Remains—Leaves Estate Valued at \$1,500,000.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of Christian Science, died of old age at her home on Beacon street, Chestnut Hill. She was in her ninetieth year, having celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday on July 16 last.

The end came so quietly and peacefully that Mrs. Eddy's most intimate followers who stood at her bedside thought she had fallen into a calm sleep. The last written words of the mother of the Christian Science church, penned as a message to her disciples, were "God Is My Life."

Body Lies in State. The body now lies in state in the large room on the grand floor of her home. Only the leaders in the church were permitted to take a last look at her face.

The funeral services for the Christian Science leader probably will be private and of extreme simplicity, in deference to Mrs. Eddy's expressed wish.

Only her relatives, members of her household and the officials of the church are expected to attend the burial.

Services will be held at the residence Thursday morning at eleven o'clock.

Final arrangements for the rites will not be made, however, until the arrival here from South Dakota of Mrs. Eddy's only son, George W. Glover.

Was Indisposed Nine Days.

Mrs. Eddy had been indisposed about nine days, but she did not take to her bed until Friday night. She never rose after that. She ate her meals regularly until Saturday night, when her supper was served while she lay in bed. She was in possession of all her faculties until the very end.

About her at the time death came were persons who have been intimately associated with her in her household for the past several years.

No Physician Was in Attendance.

No physician was in attendance at the bedside of Mrs. Eddy. While no one of those present, all of whom were devoted students, realized just when death had come, it was believed by them and so stated that Mrs. Eddy had spent her final moments in the body in a spiritual communing with God, fighting against death according to the principles which she had herself set forth in the Bible of the Christian Science religion, her book, "Science and Health, With Key to the Scriptures."

Health Officer Issues Certificate.

After Mrs. Eddy's death came those about her set themselves to do the necessary duties. A telephone call was put in for Dr. George L. West, the medical examiner of Newton Center, whose presence was required under the law, as Mrs. Eddy had not had medical attendance. Doctor West immediately responded and after making his examinations of the body, pronounced that death was due to "natural causes" and issued the customary certificate.

Chairman Albert Farlow stated that the great body of Christian Scientists had received the news of Mrs. Eddy's death with the greatest calmness. Her death is regarded, he declared, as the passing of their founder, their pastor emeritus, and of a great leader. Chairman Farlow said that officially, so far as the Christian Science church is concerned her death would not mark so great an epoch in the career of the church or a revolution as so many outsiders would think.

Leaves \$1,500,000 Estate.

The estate left by Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy probably will exceed \$1,500,000. It consists of real estate in Newton, "Pleasant View," her former home in Concord, N. H., copyrights on her books and publications and about \$1,000,000 in municipal and state bonds.

It is known that she made a will, but no hint as to its contents ever has been given.

WOOLEN IMPORTERS PAY UP

Collector Loeb Receives \$305,000 to Settle Claims for Duties Fraudulently Concealed.

New York, Dec. 6.—So far Collector Loeb has received in settlement of claims against importers for duties and penalties approximately \$305,000, of which \$275,000 was contributed by four woolen importers, who confessed to having systematically defrauded the government of large sums of money through fraudulent invoices and under-valuations.

At the custom house the greatest reticence is manifested concerning the settlements and the identity of the importers.

Sonoma Girl Fetches \$20,000.

Boston, Dec. 6.—Miss Lotta Crabtree, the famous retired actress, has sold the noted brown trotting horse, Sonoma Girl, 2:04 1/2, to George G. Moore of St. Clair, Mich. The sale price was close to \$20,000. This is one of the highest figures ever paid for a crippled mare.

MAJ. GEN. MERRITT DIES AT NATURAL BRIDGE, VA.

Retired Army Officer, Distinguished in Three Wars, Passes Away—Once Governor of Philippines.

Natural Bridge, Va., Dec. 5.—Major Gen. Wesley Merritt, retired, died here. His home was in Washington. He was known throughout the country for his war services, as military governor of the Philippines, and as commander of the various army departments in the United States.

General Merritt's service in the United States army was an uninterupted one. His promotion was gradual and in recognition of fine qualities as soldier and gentleman.

General Merritt was born in New York June 16, 1836, but grew to manhood in Illinois, and received his appointment to the military academy at West Point from that state in 1855. He served throughout the Civil war with great distinction, being brevetted in various grades for gallantry.

In the conflicts with the Sioux Indians that followed, in the Spanish war and in the Philippine disturbances General Merritt won fame. As an Indian fighter he ranked with General Crook, under whom he served. While the guns of Admiral Dewey's ships shelled the forts at Malate, to the south of Manila, General Merritt held command of the land forces and entered the city when the Spanish capitulated at the close of the action. He was military governor of the Philippine islands in 1898.

SHERIFF KILLS POLICE HEAD

Night Sergeant French Fatally Shot at Cairo, Ill., Following Altercation.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 5.—Night Sergeant Wilfred French was shot and instantly killed in police headquarters by Sheriff Ab Bankston of Pulaski county.

The sheriff, who had been arrested again and again for making trouble while under the influence of liquor, fired three shots at the officer, the only one which hit him entering his back and piercing his heart. French fell to the floor dead. Officer Paul, who was standing near when the trouble occurred, knocked Bankston's hand so that the other shots went wild. He then knocked the Pulaski county sheriff down and overpowered him.

As the news spread over the city an excited crowd gathered at headquarters. As a precaution against trouble Bankston was taken out of town.

BIG CIGAR FACTORY BURNS

Fire at Evansville, Ind., Destroys Property Valued at More Than \$1,000,000.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 7.—Fire destroyed the Fenclrich cigar factory, the largest independent cigar factory in the world, and several other business buildings on Main and First streets. The losses will run over one million dollars, partly covered by insurance. The fire originated in the cigar factory and was caused by a gas explosion. Thomas N. Beidelman, a wealthy real estate man and broker, after visiting the fire went to his office, a block away, and fell dead from heart disease, brought on by excitement. The guests of the St. George Hotel, a half block away, escaped in their night clothes.

"BOY STOCK BROKER" QUILTS

Boston Financiers Mourn Disappearance of R. E. Davie—Duded His Victims Out of \$300,000.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Mourned by many men prominent in Boston's financial district, Robert E. Davie, known as "the boy banker," with offices at 53 State street, has disappeared. He is twenty-three years old.

Between \$300,000 and \$500,000 are said to be the losses of those with whom he did business, but the only specific charge against him so far is the larceny of stock certificates valued at \$10,000 from Hannah L. Greenwood of 890 Broad street, Somerville. To answer the charge he is being sought by the police.

ROOT AND LEHMANN NAMED

New Yorker Appointed on Hague Court and St. Louis Lawyer Takes Place of Bowers, Solicitor General.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Two important appointments were made by President Taft.

Senator Elihu Root of New York was named as permanent arbitrator representing America at the Hague tribunal, succeeding Chief Justice Fuller of the supreme court, who held that honor.

Frederick W. Lehmann of St. Louis was appointed solicitor general of the United States in succession to Lloyd W. Bowers.

AWARDED \$50,000 FOR LIBEL

Collier's Weekly Obtains Verdict Said to Be Record Against Postum Cereal Company.

New York, Dec. 5.—A jury in the state supreme court returned a verdict of \$50,000 in a suit brought by Robert J. Collier against the Postum Cereal company because the latter printed an advertisement in 60 newspapers in New York saying that Collier's Weekly had printed an editorial against the defendant's product because the defendant had refused to advertise in Collier's.

CANNON IS CHEERED

SPEAKER WARMLY GREETED BY BOTH PARTIES IN HOUSE.

CHAMP CLARK GIVEN OVATION

Big Crowds Are on Hand at Opening of Short Session of Congress—No Business is Transacted on First Day.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Both houses of congress met for the third and last session of the Sixty-first congress. The galleries were crowded and there was a large attendance of senators and representatives. In the senate a number of new faces were to be seen. B. R. Tillman, who had been absent from his seat for some time, was in his place. He showed the effects of his long illness and entered the chamber supporting himself with a stout cane. Senator Scott, recovering from an illness that confined him to his bed for several days, also was in his place.

Cannon Receives an Ovation.

Speaker Cannon received a remarkable ovation when he took up the gavel to announce the opening of the session in the house. The applause lasted several minutes and the Democrats joined with the Republicans in acclaiming the veteran legislator. Mr. Champ Clark received a similar ovation when he entered immediately after the prayer, the Democrats hailing him as the speaker of the next house.

Both houses adjourned almost immediately after the formal assembling calls of the rolls and the adoption of resolutions in memory of those members who died since the adjournment of the last session.

Vacant Seats in Both Houses.

There are vacant seats caused by deaths in both the senate and house. As the last session adjourned, June 25, Vice-President Sherman took occasion to congratulate the senate on its immunity from death.

"Death," he said, "has not entered this chamber during the present session. Please God that when the senate assembles again next December we shall all be here!"

Senators McEnery of Louisiana, Dooliver of Iowa, Daniel of Virginia and Clay of Georgia, all prominent figures in the upper house, have died since that day. On the house side Messrs. Tiffler of Massachusetts, Gilmore of Louisiana and Foulkrod of Pennsylvania passed away.

Way Clear for Appropriations.

Early work on appropriation bills has cleared the way for prompt consideration of those measures. The bills appropriating many millions of dollars for the Indian service, for the legislative, executive and judicial departments of the government generally and for the District of Columbia, whose expenses are borne jointly by the federal and municipal governments, are well advanced and one or more of them may be reported to the house this week.

The avowed intention is to hurry these bills as fast as possible to avoid any hitch in providing for the expenditures of the government, and strenuous efforts have been made by President Taft and other administration leaders to keep the budget down to the lowest point possible.

DUVEEN BROS. OWE \$5,000,000

Art Firm Defrauds Government of Vast Sum—Their Attorney Seeks Compromise.

New York, Dec. 7.—Duveen Bros., the greatest art and antique dealers and connoisseurs in America, owe the United States government \$5,000,000, according to an announcement made by Collector Loeb.

This vast sum represents the customs duties out of which the government has been defrauded by the Duveens since they established their famous house twenty years ago. The amount was arrived at by the government experts, who have been comparing the book values of the firm with invoiced values sworn to on articles entered at the New York custom house.

John B. Stanchfield, attorney for the Duveens both in the civil and criminal actions pending against them, has instituted negotiations with officials of the treasury department and department of justice at Washington to compromise the cases against his clients, one condition of which is that the criminal proceedings against them shall be stopped upon the payment of a large sum of money by them.

PLAN TO LIMIT IMMIGRATION

Report of Commission Urges Restriction of the Coming of Unskilled Labor Into Country.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Restriction of immigration, especially of unskilled labor, is strongly urged in the final report of the immigration commission which was sent to congress by Senator Dillingham.

The conclusion of the commission is that the present immigration from Europe is due chiefly to economic causes, but is not an absolute economic necessity any longer, and that as a rule those who now come over do so to better their conditions rather than to escape intolerable conditions at home.

The commission presents a number of plans for limiting immigration, among them being a reading and writing test, which is the one favored by a majority as the most feasible single test of all.

THEIR FATE.



Mrs. Crow—William, have you ever stopped to think what will become of us when we are old?

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"For sixteen long years I have been suffering with a bad case of skin disease. While a child there broke out a red sore on the legs just in back of my knees. It waxed from bad to worse, and at last I saw I had a bad skin disease. I tried many widely known doctors in different cities but to no satisfactory result. The plague bothered me more in warm weather than in winter and being on my leg joints it made it impossible for me to walk, and I was forced to stay indoors in the warmest weather. My hopes of recovery were by this time spent. Sleepless nights and restless days made life an unbearable burden. At last I was advised to try the Cuticura remedies [Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills] and I did not need more than a trial to convince me that I was on the road of success this time. I bought two sets of the Cuticura Remedies and after these were gone I was a different man entirely. I am now the happiest man that there is at least one true cure for skin diseases. Leonard A. Hawt, 11 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., July 30 and Aug. 8, '09."

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High School Items

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An excellent program for the opening exercises this week has been prepared by the Freshman class. Among the interesting numbers is instrumental music by Mrs. E. W. Brown, a lecture by G. E. Stott, instrumental duet by Mrs. B. F. Kepner and Mrs. F. W. Duval and a solo by Mrs. D. Campbell.

The Christmas program will be given by the Acme Literary Society.

The Junior class is selling some beautiful prints sent to the high school from Nagoya, Japan.

Beulah Corson has returned to school after a week's illness.

Miss Penfield has taken up her duties here.

Karl Holtgren carries his arm in a sling on account of a broken wrist.

The Junior boys take great pride in wearing their new class sweaters.

Master in Chancery's Sale of Real Estate

State of Illinois) In the Circuit Court,)
DeKalb County) Chancery)
Erastus B. Little, Clinton H. Powers, Lydia Church, Sarah M. Bell, Clarinda Cooper and Alice C. Pond vs Rachel Woods.

Bill for Partition General No. 17741.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the order and decree of said Court, made and entered in said cause at the October Term, to-wit: on the 17th day of November, A. D. 1910, I shall on Friday, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1910, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the dwelling house on the premises first hereinafter described, in the Township of Kingston, in said county of DeKalb, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

The west half (½) of the north-east quarter (NE¼) of Section four (4) except the right of way of the Northern Illinois Railway Company; also the south-east quarter (SE¼) of the north-east quarter (NE¼) of said Section four (4); also, the south four (4) acres of the north ten (10) acres of the east sixty (60) acres of the south-west quarter (SW¼) of Section five (5), in Township forty-two (42) north, Range four (4) east of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the County of DeKalb and State of Illinois.

upon the following terms, to-wit: One-tenth (1-10) of the amount bid for each piece or parcel to be paid in cash on the day of the sale, and the balance upon the confirmation of the report of the sale and the execution and delivery of a deed or deeds of conveyance of the premises so sold.

Dated at DeKalb, Illinois, this 25th day of November, A. D. 1910,
A. W. FISK,
Master in Chancery.

J. N. Finnegan,
Solicitor for Complainants. 13-4t

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Clarence Gardner, Auctioneer
The undersigned, having decided to quit farming, will sell at public auction on the Alfred King farm, 1 mile west of Charter Grove, 4 miles south-east of Genoa and 6 miles north-east of Sycamore, on the Base Line road, on

Thursday, Dec. 15

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Holding the Line

By LAWRENCE ALFRED CLAY

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When two peppery old chaps like Commodore Renshaw and Gen. Fairly—one from the navy and the other from the army—both widowers, and one having a son and the other a daughter—both parents aching to argue and discuss, and neither willing to give an inch—are set to live side by side, what's the natural consequence?

Wrangle? Why, they wrangled from the very first day. That was about the Spanish war—as to whether the army or navy brought about peace. The next was on politics, the next on religion, and they got so they wrangled about the weather. They wrangled, and yet they visited each other.

"Egad, commodore, you are an old fossil, and your words don't count, and I'll never darken your door again, sir!" Gen. Fairly would exclaim as he left the house of the former in a huff; but he would be over again next day with something new to argue about.

"Egad, sir, but for the navy and Santiago where would you doughboys have been—where, sir?" the commodore would exclaim with very red face. "We saved you, sir, and here you are, pretending to tell me of war! Yes, sir, and I'll go home, sir, and I want you to keep your hens at home or I'll shoot them, sir!"

But the hens continued to roam in his garden, and he didn't shoot. They thought they were in deadly earnest—those two old heroes—but they weren't. They were bluffing.

The spring that both reached the age limit and were retired they went up the Connecticut shore and bought villas side by side. At that time Eunice were abusing the government instead of each other. At that time Eunice Renshaw and Grant Fairly, the respective daughter and son, were away at college, and both came home the



last of June, to find that the commodore and general had at last found something worth wrangling about.

It had been discovered that a certain cherry tree that gave promise of a great yield stood about on the line between their two residences. That is, they agreed on the "about," and then each claimed it was on his line. They began in argument and ended in an uproar.

The commodore secured the services of a surveyor, and the man of the chain and theodolite found that the tree stood a full inch on the naval man's land. Then the general brought out another surveyor, and after two surveys it was found that the tree was his by two inches.

"Egad, but I'll go to law," exclaimed one officer.

"And I'll defend my rights with a shotgun," exclaimed the other.

Each one announced and declared and contended that it was the principle of the thing and not the cherry tree he had at stake, and each one had purchased the wire to run a fence along and take in the tree. Thus matters stood when the young folks came home for the summer vacation.

"Why, poppy, all the cherry trees around here are not worth your quarrel," replied Miss Eunice after hearing the father's story.

"But principle, daughter—principle. I have lived up to it all my days, and I must uphold it now. Think of an army officer trying to claim my tree, and he belonging to the very troops we saved from capture by sinking Cervera's fleet! I shall stick to my guns—to my guns!"

"You officers are acting like a couple of boys, dad," was the comment made by young Fairly. "You've got a dozen cherry trees on the grounds; why fight about that one?"

"Grant, you must look at the principle of the thing. Am I to be bulldozed and walked over like a child? It would be bad enough if any other man tried it, but he—supposed to be an officer and a gentleman! If the army hadn't been at Santiago the fleet wouldn't have been there. I shall defend that tree with my life."

As the days went by the young people heard so much about that cherry tree that they instinctively began to take sides. They had heard of each

other through their fathers, but had never met.

A week went by without a move on the part of the enemy, and then two servants precipitated a crisis. The general's hens were stoned out of the commodore's garden and the commodore's dog was sent home with a tomato can tied to his tail. What made the matter worse was that both principals were shut up in the house—one from gout and the other from an old wound that had reopened.

"Eunice, you must stand by me," announced the commodore. "I can't get out, and that person knows it, and he will take advantage of my helplessness to run up a fence."

"But what can I do?" the girl asked. "Take a revolver and patrol the line. If there is any fence building, shoot."

"Grant, my son, you must see this through for me," groaned the general. "That person will hear of my helpless condition and run up a fence. He must not be allowed to."

"But I don't feel like getting into a muck," was the reply. "There will be no muck if you are firm. Take a gun and let yourself be seen on the firing line."

The ground between the houses, which stood a hundred feet apart, was covered with ornamental bushes. Miss Eunice was the first to arrive. She took shelter behind a bush a foot this side of the disputed line. She didn't like it a bit. She felt she couldn't be brave in such a cause. If any one came from the other house what was she to say?

That question was soon answered. She looked up to see a young man, revolver in hand, standing within seven feet of her. He was also on the firing line. The two looked at each other and then away. Then they looked back again. Then the young man said as he raised his hat: "I am the general's son, and I presume you are the daughter of the commodore."

Miss Eunice inclined her head. "We are here to shoot each other under certain circumstances."

Miss Eunice lifted her revolver to view and tried to look very brave.

"We are both determined persons, and probably both will fall. It is also likely that our respective fathers will fall."

"Mine can't get out to fall," said Miss Eunice before she had time to think.

"Nor mine," laughed young Mr. Grant. "If there is any shooting to be done it must be between ourselves. Shall it be a regular duel or promiscuous firing?"

Miss Eunice wanted to look very savage, but in place of that her face took on a smile, and finding herself defeated she threw her weapon on the ground.

"A truce, eh?" laughed the young man, as he also tossed away his weapon. "Now, please let me go to the house with you."

"But my father. He's—he's—" "Yes, I know, and so's mine. They are two foolish men, and we are going to talk to them. The idea of a quarrel over a cherry tree!"

And young Mr. Fairly walked in and faced the commodore, and he talked so well and laughed so often that the old veteran, who had been ready to eat him up, finally said:

"If your father will say that it was the feet that did the trick at Santiago, I think—think that will settle it."

"I am ready to admit that we couldn't have done without the feet," replied the general when he had got over his astonishment, "but I think the commodore ought to be willing to admit that if the navy had been at Gettysburg, it could not have won a greater victory than the army did."

Before high noon all was settled and the wire fencing put away for good, and on the third day the two veterans were well enough to sit on the veranda as of yore. They had been smoking in silence for five minutes when the general said:

"Commodore, you are a sly old dog."

"General, you are the same."

"But we sly old dogs are going to get left. The young folks made a peace that they might fall in love and be married next year about this time."

Odorless Garbage Wagons.

Boston, in the interests of health and economy, is being provided with odorless garbage wagons. One of these wagons is already in use. It consists of a steel frame on four wheels, containing three cylindrical tanks which rest upon trunnions. In form the tanks are somewhat like milk cans, greatly enlarged, each tank having a capacity of one ton of garbage. To the lid of each is attached a lever, which, in turn, is connected by a chain with a hinged portion of the footboard, resembling a treadle, upon which the men stand to empty their pails. As the attendant steps upon the treadle, his weight raises the cover, and when he steps off after emptying his load the released lever pulls the lid down again. The load being divided into three parts, only one-third is exposed at a time, and then only momentarily.

One form of point gymnastics is to walk one way and point the other.

CLOTHES TOO FINE

BOBBY'S REASON FOR WANTING A FEW PATCHES.

Youngster Felt That He Was Altogether Too Well Dressed to Mingle with the Other Boys of the Neighborhood.

A small boy sat by himself on a stone wall. Behind the wall, and at some distance from it, was an ivy-covered stone house suggesting wealth and comfort. The other houses in the neighborhood were much more modest, and the group of children playing on the common in front of the stone house had the cheerfully soiled and ragged aspect of youngsters whose parents are not much given to providing fine clothes for their children to play in. But the boy sitting on the wall evidently belonged to the stone house, and his garments had a corresponding neatness.

Presently a lady came out of the house and moved down the path to the sidewalk. "Hello, Bobby!" she remarked, when she reached the small boy. "You seem to be flocking to yourself. Anything the matter?"

"Bobby looked up gloomily. "I'm sick of it, Aunt Ellen," he replied, bitterly. "That's what's the matter."

"Sitting on a wall never got anybody anywhere yet," she said, pleasantly. "What are you sick of?"

"Clothes," replied Bobby. "Clothes! What's the matter with your clothes? They look all right to me."

"That's because you're not a boy," replied Bobby, briefly. "Perhaps it is," agreed his aunt. "But what's the matter with them? You're quite the best dressed little boy in the neighborhood."

"Humph!" sniffed Bobby. He leaned toward her confidentially. "Don't you s'pose you could make mamma let me have a couple of patches—just little ones?"

"Patches? What under the sun do you want with—"

"Just on my knees," insisted Bobby. "All the other fellows have patches, or holes. I've made holes myself in my knees, but it don't do any good. Mamma always goes and gets me a new pair of trousers. It makes you feel silly always to have a hole or patches." He kicked his heels disconsolately against the stone wall.

"You can't have any fun when you're different from all the other fellows," he added.

"I suppose it does separate you from your kind," said Aunt Ellen, thoughtfully. "Perhaps we could persuade your mother between us if I stayed to dinner and made a business of it. It strikes me as being an important issue."

Bobby looked puzzled. "It's important to me," he replied, solemnly, as he climbed down from the wall, took his aunt's hand, and started with her back to the stone house.—Youth's Companion.

A Shipshape Sailors' Home.

When the founders of the Royal Alfred Home for Aged Seamen, an institution for British mariners situated in a suburb of London, drew up the plans for the structure they were moved by the laudable and unique desire to make the place as home-like as possible for the old "jacks." Accordingly the building was designed to give the effect as far as possible of an environment with which the inmates should be accustomed; so the dormitories were cut up into tiny cabins, just as on shipboard, and in the place of the familiar iron cots in such institutions means were provided to turn in at night in bunks and stow their clothes and other belongings precisely as they would on board ship.

Both day and night the hours and half-hours are struck on a ship's bell in the main hall, and even in the messroom the atmosphere of the sea is retained. Then, too, the house governor is an old salt, a captain of 50 years' service, and his rule is entirely along nautical lines.—Sunday Magazine of the Los Angeles Herald.

An Embarrassing Question.

Mrs. Monroe was carefully explaining to her small daughter Margaret what she must do that evening. Company would be there for dinner and Margaret was going to be allowed the privilege of sitting at the table. She listened very attentively, and faithfully promised to obey.

During the first part of the meal she never spoke, but remained quiet and thoughtful, but it seemed a long time to her before the dessert came. Finally a large dish was placed near her of which the contents looked most appetizing. For some time she gazed at it, and when no longer able to resist the temptation, she reached over and put her dainty finger deep into the jelly and cream, then licked her finger and continued to smack her lips with great satisfaction. Before the mortified mother could say anything, Margaret remarked:

"Say, mamma, is this the jelly which the cat licked the cream off, and you said it didn't matter, there was more cream?"

Heart Action Explained.

"Pa, what does the doctor mean by heart action?" "Practically the same as the lawyer means by it, my son. When the doctor tries your heart action he sticks you for money, and when the lawyer tries it he sticks you for alimony."

In the Hub.

Fuddy (just from the Symphony ball)—How did you like the "Peer Gyn" suite this afternoon? Duddy (weary with house hunting)—I like those in Sardine court best of all, I think.—Boston Transcript.

TWO ANECDOTES OF BEECHER

Liberalty of the Great Preacher Well Exemplified by Friend Who Knew Him.

Two stories of Henry Ward Beecher are told in the Christian Work, by Rev. Frederick Lynch, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational church, in his regular department, "The Optimist."

Mr. Beecher had been addressing an association of Congregational ministers somewhere in New York state, and when he had finished his address he said he would be glad to answer any questions if any of the younger brethren had anything that perplexed them. Immediately, a young clergyman arose and said, "Mr. Beecher, we have in our little church at — a very estimable man, but the moment I begin preaching he falls asleep and snores, so he disturbs the whole congregation and absolutely spoils the effect of the sermon. But he is the only rich man we have, and he is the main support of the church, and we dare not say anything to him for fear we might offend him. Now, what would you do in such a case as that?" Mr. Beecher admitted it was a puzzling situation, and then he said: "We get around it in Plymouth church in this way: I give my sexton orders to keep close watch of the congregation, and the moment he sees any man asleep to go right up and slap me on the back."

The other story is of the same occasion. Another minister arose and said: "Mr. Beecher, my congregation has delegated me to ask this question of you: We have in our congregation one of the purest and most lovable men you ever saw. He is upright, honest, generous, the heartiest supporter of the church we have—the friend of the poor, the beloved of little children, a veritable saint—but he does not believe the doctrine of the Trinity. Now, where do you think he will go after death?" Mr. Beecher was equal to the occasion. Hesitating a moment, he said: "I never dare say where any man will go after death, but wherever this man goes he certainly has my best wishes."

Gold Production.

It is difficult to realize the extent to which the production of gold has increased in recent years. Probably the figures published are at the best only approximate, but the mints of the world should be able to form tolerably accurate estimates, and these are helped to some extent at least by the statements of production at the mines. At all events, there seems to be a pretty general agreement among the authorities that from 1492, the year that Columbus discovered America, to 1896, when Bryan precipitated the discussion of standards, the entire world production of gold had amounted to about \$8,779,000,000. That is a sizeable figure, to be sure, but it is claimed that statistics show that in the 14 years beginning with 1896, and down to the close of 1909, the new gold mined amounted to \$4,610,000,000, or a trifle over 52 per cent. of the total production in 400 years. It appears reasonable enough to believe that such an enormous increase in the quantity of the world's standard of money must have had some effect upon commodity prices.

A Unique Banquet.

Superstition was mocked and flouted and invited to do its worst by all manner of taunts levelled against the fearsome number 13 at a banquet given in New York recently by the members of the Thirteen club. The club contains many more than thirteen members, but the diners sat at tables thirteen to each. Before each plate a red candle burned in a death's head holder, and the member whose candle went out first was supposed to receive it as a sign. As soon as the company was seated a new mirror was broken. The loes were served in the form of a skull reposing in a coffin. The toastmaster used a forearm bone to rap to order. At intervals the diners counted up to thirteen as a chant, the number thirteen being hailed with cheers. At the close of the banquet the waiters filed into the room to the music of a funeral march, each waiter bearing aloft a chocolate cake with thirteen candles burning on it and a white skull and crossbones in the center.

Killed by Four Gills of Brandy.

An inquest was recently held in Wigan, England, upon four men who had died under very extraordinary circumstances. It appears that the landlord of a hotel had engaged eight men to remove a number of cases of spirit from one cellar to another. For some reason or other he left the men alone, and they helped themselves to some overproof brandy.

Device Removes Onion Tops.

Handy Little Implement Useful in Cutting Off Tops of All Kinds of Vegetables.

This is a handy device for removing the leaves of tops of almost any vegetable. It is made from a common

corn knife, is attached to the edge of a board, as seen in the picture, and things to be cut are placed beneath the knife. The board is of hard wood.

Home-Made Onion-Topper.

Oldest Vegetables.

The onion, asparagus and cucumber are three of the oldest vegetables known. Like peas, the Egyptians grew them 30 centuries ago. To the onion belongs, probably, the honor of being the first vegetable primeval man ever made trial of.



FARM NOTES.

God hard oil makes an easy running wagon. A portable forge is a time and money saver.

Arrange so the chips do not fly all over the yard when chopping wood. "Do up the repair work, especially the blacksmithing, before the opening of spring's work."

An empty post-hole is but one degree less dangerous to life and limb than an open, unprotected well. Fill it up.

When the hoops come off barrels, hoop them with wire. Cheaper than buying new barrels, and anybody can do it.

The man who puts a lot of cider in his cellar to get hard is laying up for his boys something that cannot be kept in barrels.

The windy days of spring are here. Rattle a log chain down the chimney and get the soot out before it burns out, and maybe burns the house, too.

Even the much despised chicken mite has a use. According to the Ottawa (Kan.) Republic, they are killing the English sparrows in Kansas.

Two good eyes to a hill of potatoes are a plenty. We make a mistake many times in seeding too heavily. Good stocky shoots are better than spindling ones.

Simply pull up any weeds which succeed in pushing through the strawberry mulch. Generally speaking, it is best not to hoe or cultivate the fruiting bed in the spring.

Burn all the old brush heaps now and get rid of a thousand and one pests that have their home there waiting for warm weather to bring them into activity again.

TRAP FOR CATCHING RABBITS

Cheaply Contrived Arrangement That Will Capture Many of Small Injurious Animals.

(By J. WESLEY GRIFFIN.)

In making a rabbit trap one will need two boards for the sides; one board two feet six inches long and ten inches wide for the top. This board is nailed on the edges of the side boards, making the box eight inches wide and one foot tall in the clear.

There are no end pieces. The center board is 8x12 inches, to which the sides and top are nailed.

A is the side. B is a barrel or deep box set in a hole or hollow into which

A Rabbit Trap.

the rabbits fall when the bait is touched.

C is the treadle or bottom of the trap which works on a pivot. A nail driven through each side into C, which should work easily, forms the pivot on which the trap door works.

The end of C at the entrance of the trap should be just heavy enough to balance up the other end, so as to reset after a rabbit has been caught.

The square hole in board C fits over the lower end of E and is tripped by the rabbit when he touches the bait.

EE the triggers are made of pieces one inch square and nine inches long. D is two inches wide and six inches long which holds the triggers in position.

D and EE should be attached to the center barrel before the bottoms are fastened in place.

The pin through the lower end of E keeps the bottom board from going up too far when the trap is set.

Apples as bait will catch a dozen or more rabbits as they do not have a chance to eat a great deal.

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RESTORING WORN-OUT FARM

This Can Be Done by Putting Into Ground More Fertility Than Taken Out by Crops.

(By R. S. TAYLOR.)

A number of years ago a young Pennsylvania Dutchman bought a 300-acre farm in one of the southern counties of Indiana. This farm had been run down until by the old meth-



Manure by Forkful.

ods employed, it was not possible to make a living on it, and the owner had been compelled to sell because of sheer poverty.

The father of the young man who bought the farm had become rich on a farm most of which had been dug out of the hillsides. He began gradually to improve the condition of the soil by plowing a little deeper every time.

He started a three-year rotation of crops plowing under the stubble on the corn land to add humus. He sowed clover every year on new ground.

When the Indiana farmer sold at auction his belongings, when he left the place, he had less than a dozen animals all told. The Pennsylvania man went in debt for a half-dozen cows, 50 head of sheep and a dozen brood sows. In three years he had increased this number three or four-fold.

He made arrangements with the livery stables in the country town four miles distant to keep the manure



Manure Spreader.

hauled away from their back door and for five years all his spare time both winter and summer was devoted to this task.

The manure spreader was not known at that time, but he continued to pile the manure upon his acres by the forkful, until his neighbors began to make fun of him. Some of them declared that he would destroy his farm by making it "manure-sick," but the Pennsylvania man smiled and kept his wagon going to the livery stables and back to the farm with its heavy load.

He was among the first farmers in the state to buy a manure spreader when they came in line.

LITTLE POTATO BEETLE PEST

Insecticide Recommended That Will Stand Considerable Wet Weather and Do Good Work.

(By S. ARTHUR JOHNSON, COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.)

The potato beetle is such a common pest that a description scarcely seems necessary, but since other insects are often mistaken for it, it may be well to give a brief account of it.

The adult beetle is oval in form, about three-eighths of an inch in length, and just a little narrower than long. The ground color is yellow. The upper wings are marked by ten black lines running lengthwise.

The adults live over winter in the ground to the depth of six to ten inches or more.

In the spring the beetles appear about the time that the potatoes break from the ground, and in a few days the egg laying begins. The eggs are bright yellow in color and are laid in patches on the under sides of the leaves. They are very easily discovered by simply turning over the vines with the hands so that the under sides of the leaves are exposed.

Every potato grower should make a systematic examination of the vines by passing through his fields and turning over the leaves of two or three hills in each row.

The eggs hatch in from four to eight days, according to the temperature. The larvae are dark red grubs with black heads. For the first day or two they often eat the surface of the leaf upon which they were hatched. Then they migrate to the top of the plant and feed upon the young tender leaves which are just unfolding.

The ideal moment for the first spray is just when the eggs are beginning to hatch. Fortunately, we now have an insecticide which will stand considerable wet weather and still leave enough clinging to the leaves to do very effective work. This is arsenate of lead.

This poison usually comes in the form of a white paste, though some manufacturers make a powdered product. The arsenical is applied to the vines in water at the rate of six or eight pounds of the poison to a hundred gallons of water, or about three or four pounds to the barrel.

The best way to mix the poison is to weigh out the required amount in a pail, pour in some water, and mix thoroughly with a stick. Pour off the top of the mixture into the barrel of water through a screened funnel. Add more water to the remainder in the pail, mix, and proceed as before until all the substance has been dissolved.

The best method of application, especially in large fields, is by means of a power sprayer.

SOCIAL DIVERSIONS

(Scene—Any large house on one of Chicago's fashionable streets. Before it are numerous motor cars and carriages and the strip of bright velvet carpet up the steps shows that an afternoon tea is in progress within. Two women, one in gray velvet, the other in green broadcloth with heavy hand embroidery, approach hastily down the sidewalk, changing to a leisurely pace as their feet touch the bright hued carpet.)

Woman in Gray—Thank goodness, we didn't meet a soul outside and any one seeing us now couldn't tell but that we had driven up to that electric motor standing at the curb!

Woman in Green—Our car is in the repair shop and—

Woman in Gray—It's been in all winter, hasn't it, dear? Anyone would think you didn't have one at all. I knew some people who did that to save garage rent—not that I mean—of course—

Woman in Green (hastily)—Goodness, they've hired all the waiters in town, I think—four men in the hall alone! Yes, I'm going upstairs first. I'm going to keep my coat, but I think it's a shame for a hostess to fix her bedrooms up and have nobody see them. I heard that she had her own room done over completely in Circassian walnut and blue brocade, but I don't believe it, for a man told my husband that her husband was running awfully close to the wind. Well, it is Circassian walnut! Did you ever! Mercy, this is cheap face powder!

Woman in Gray—Lottie Thorston is here—that's her coat, the most-eaten looking one. She's worn it for ten years, I believe. Let's go down. Isn't there a crowd! I suppose everybody came because there weren't many other things to go to to-day. You can't make me believe Mrs. Klimber is so dreadfully popular. She's just pushing. Look! Her dress is a fright! How do you do, Mrs. Klimber! It's lovely to see you again! My dear, your decorations through the rooms are charming and make such a becoming background for you in that sweet frock.

Woman in Green—How are you, Mrs. Klimber? I needn't ask, because you are looking awfully well. Dear me, there are so many people behind me that I can't get in even a little bit of chat. I'll move on!

Woman in Gray—She's got Mrs. Cedar and Mrs. Lake assisting. Now, how in the world did she manage that? You needn't tell me; I know she just grabbed and cornered them! That's her way! Just because she has a little money she dares try anything! Anybody can make a showing if he is willing to do that! There's Sarah Hittely over there and isn't she terribly made up! Anyone who didn't know she was 35 would say she looked positively young. Good afternoon, Sarah! I was just saying how sweet you looked! My dear, where did you get that perfectly stunning gown? It makes you look positively slim! No one glancing at you would think you weighed as much as you do! I remember now, you had a lavender satin year before last and you've just had it covered with the spangled stuff and made over! Well, that's clever and most people would never dream it was an old gown.

Woman in Green—Let's go on out into the dining room. I want to get near that woman with the coral willow plumes so I can have a good look at her. Why, haven't you heard of her? She's the one who tried to rope in the Glendenings' son and his millions. She's ten years older than he and divorced and he was crazy about her till his father sent him to Mozambique or Oshkosh or somewhere. Go slowly. Well, all I can say is that he certainly was crazy. I think that type of face with the big oriental eyes and scarlet lips is perfectly unladylike. It makes you think of snake charmers and things of that sort. Why are men such idiots?

Woman in Gray—That's not Mrs. Klimber's lace tablecloth. Every place Macaroon has served this winter I've seen it! Orchids on the table! Well, I suppose she struck a bargain sale, for there's \$100 worth there!

Woman in Green—Isn't that Etta White at the coffee urn? They say her grandfather will leave her half a million. No wonder she is called the most popular debutante! My mother knew her mother when she had to scrub her own kitchen floor! Did you ever taste such weird sandwiches

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ORIGIN OF DOG DAYS.

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The "dog days" are the hottest of the year, but they have nothing to do with dogs or with any of their diseases or sufferings. The "dog days" are so named because in the latitude of the Mediterranean this period coincided with that in which the dog star rose at the same time as the sun and therefore added its heat to that of our already hot luminary. The dog star, Sirius, is the brightest and in appearance the largest of the fixed stars. It is called the dog star because it is seen in the constellation called Canis Major. According to Ptolemy, this star used to have a fiery color, redder than the planet Mars, but is now altogether white and has certainly been white for many centuries.

The heat of the "dog days" really comes from the gradual heating of the earth's surface, which gathers heat and becomes warmer from groundhog time, Feb. 2, until about Aug. 5, when it begins gradually to lose its heat until groundhog time.

Theoretically Dec. 21 ought to be the coldest of the year, because that is the shortest day of the year and therefore receives the least heat and light from the sun. But experience shows that the coldest days are generally in February. In the same way June 21 ought to be the hottest day of the season, because it is the longest and hence receives the most light and heat. But the earth continues to accumulate more heat than it radiates until after the climax of the "dog day" season, when the cooling effect begins to predominate over the sun's heating effect, and so the net result is the cooler weather, which reaches its climax at groundhog time.—Baltimore American.

Why Men Wear Trousers.

No living man of this age ever deliberately chose to adopt "trousers." He was forced into them and all other eccentricities of dress by women. In the very earliest sartorial experience he is swathed in a queer bundle of incoherent bandages by a woman. Later she puts him in cute dresses so that the neighbors can't tell him from his little sister. Still later she cuts off his curls and puts him in knickerbockers, and he puts on long pants when she gives the word, not before.

That is all that man has to do with wearing trousers. Women forced him into them in the first place, and now he is afraid to wear anything else for fear of making a sensation.—Benton (Mo.) Democrat.

Too Naive.

A New York official said of a politician's excuse: "It was altogether too ingenuous and naive. It reminded me of the butler story. A man advertised for a good butler, and the next morning a young man presented himself.

"Have you got references?" the man asked.

"Yes, sir," said the applicant. "I have a number of excellent references."

"And where did you get them?" "From the reference library, sir," was the reply.—New York Press.

On the Free List.

Some years ago there was a toll-gate on a plank road leading to Elmwood cemetery, Detroit. All funerals were allowed to pass along this road without paying. One day Dr. Pierce, a well known physician, while paying his toll, jokingly remarked to the gatekeeper:

"Considering the benevolent character of our profession, I think you ought to let us pass free of charge."

"No, no, doctor," said the gatekeeper. "We can't afford that. You send too many deadheads through as it is."

Sponge Fishing.

The home of the sponge fishing industry is in Greece, and the industry is centuries old. A large percentage of the Mediterranean sponges come from the island of Hydra. Some, however, come from off the coast of Tripoli. A few sponges come from the faroff land of Madagascar. There are two months in each year when sponge fishing is practically abandoned. This is in August and September, the hurricane months. During the other ten months the industry flourishes.

The Way They Buy.

When a man goes out to buy a collar he comes back with a collar and perhaps a necktie or two. When a woman starts out to buy a collar she returns exhausted with a new silk blouse, a pair of gloves, some skirt binding, a cake of soap, a paper of pins, some window curtains, a sewing machine and a refrigerator.—London Tit-Bits.



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Kitchen aprons of Amoskeagingham and light prints, plain and ruffle trimmed, aprons made not only for service but for attractiveness as well.....24c	Small aprons in fancy shapes made in ginghams and prints, and bound in colors.....29c "Gretchen" coverall aprons of best prints and ging'ams neatly made 29c & 35c
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Gifts A-Plenty Here for the Men

Men's fine laundered shirts in regular style and in the popular coat style, all with cuffs attached, come in the greatest variety of patterns we've ever shown, all advance styles, made from percale and madras shirtings. regular 75c and 1.00 values, special at 49c and.....69c

Men's tennis flannel night robes 59c to 98c	Bradley knit mufflers in gift box.....50c
Regular \$1 Mocha and Suede gloves...79c	Fancy suspenders in gift boxes 49c and 69c
Men's all wool sweater coats 1.98 to.....2.98	Suspenders, arm band and garter sets, boxed.....98c
Men's smoking jackets and bath robes at 2.98 to.....12.98	Four-in-hand ties, 50c silk, each.....24c

A real live Santa Claus will be here to meet all the children in our big second floor Toyland beginning Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bring them all with you.

Hot coffee, sandwiches, cakes and wafers served free on the Rest Balcony

Carfare refunded to out of town patrons according to amount of purchase.

THEO. F. SWAN
Great Department Store, Elgin

Carterville Washed Egg

Is the standard of quality in washed coals. The Carterville mines have been tied up by a strike since April 1st and have just resumed mining and shipping coal. We were fortunate in getting some of the first shipments made and from October 1st on will be able to take care of all orders. If you use soft coal for cooking, this is the very best coal that you can buy.

We also carry four different kinds of lump coal at various prices. One of these is bound to please you. Our hard coal is the reliable Scranton. There is none better.

Kindling Wood

We have one car of kiln dried kindling wood, in foot lengths, in the yard. This is the only car we will have and if you want kindling wood, order early.

JACKMAN & SON

PHONE NO. 57
BEEN SELLING GOOD COAL SINCE 1875

AT THE PAVILION

Roller Skating

Every Thursday Evening
and Saturday Evenings after Show

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

THE assistance of all subscribers is invited and solicited in making this department interesting. Any item of news left at the office, in the box at the east corner of the Exchange Bank building or given the editor on the street will be greatly appreciated. If you have visitors or have been away yourself or if you know anything good about your neighbors tell us about it.

T. A. Casey is on the sick list. Visit Olmsted's toy department.

Big millinery sale on at F. W. Olmsted's.

Roy Slater was a DeKalb visitor Sunday.

New Persian and colored silk waists at Olmsted's.

M. Dunn is confined to his home with an attack of asthma.

The biggest and best line of postal cards in Genoa at E. H. Browne's.

WANTED—Roomers and boarders. Inquire of Mrs. F. W. Kohne. 13 1f

Miss Miller of Chicago was a guest of Miss Flora Buck last week.

Ms. and Mrs. H. H. Corson of Elgin called on friends at Ney and in Genoa a few days last week.

E. H. Cohoon has just received a car load of fine Baldwin apples. Sold by the barrel or in smaller quantities.

Coats and furs at Olmsted's. Roy Buck was here from Chicago over Sunday.

Miss Mamie Duval was a Rockford visitor last Saturday.

See the beautiful one piece silk dress for \$10 at Olmsted's.

Watch for the Al Smith Concert Co. It is coming to Genoa.

Single Comb Buff Orpington Cockerels for sale. Mrs. C. E. Saul. 13 2*

The Al Smith Concert Co. is coming to Genoa in the near future.

Misses Emma and Ella Wolter of the German school are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson of Rockford were Sunday guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Pierce.

LINOLEUMS—54 new and stylish patterns for you to select from. 6, 7 1/2, and 12 feet wide. Telephone 532 and salesman will call with samples. S. S. Slater & Son.

F. W. Olmsted has a large assortment of Holiday, China and Glass ware.

Watch for Santa Claus at Perkins & Rosenfeld's with over \$200 worth of pocket knives.

Read E. H. Browne's adv this week. He has an ideal line of goods for Christmas gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Shaffer and the former's mother of Sycamore were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. S. H. Stiles.

M. B. Bowers of Chicago called on Genoa friends last Sunday. Mr. Bowers was formerly an employe of the piano factory.

English services will be conducted at the German Lutheran church next Sunday evening at 7:30. Everybody welcome.

Have you seen the beautiful pictures at the store of S. S. Slater & Son this season? The biggest line that was ever shown here.

A superb line of copyright books at E. H. Browne's. Dozens of the popular fiction at 50c and many of the latest at the regular price.

A warranted pocket knife for the boy at Christmas time. Can you think of anything that would please him more? Perkins & Rosenfeld have a big variety of styles in warranted knives at prices to suit any pocket.

The contractor expects to finish the Illinois Central bridge over the interurban line this week. The work has been slow during the past two weeks on account of the cold weather, and it being necessary to "dodge" trains during the operations.

Now is the time to subscribe for magazines and periodicals. E. H. Browne will take your name for any magazine published in the world. There are many combinations now whereby you can save money on several magazines. Make nice Christmas gifts too. Talk to Browne about it.

Moving picture shows will be given at the opera house on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week hereafter. The first show will be presented this (Thursday) evening consisting of a double program. Mr. Conway, who exhibited pictures here two years ago, will have charge of the machine.

An extra gang of men are now working on the interurban line between Genoa and Marengo, several car loads of rails now being on hand. The turn table is being installed at Sycamore and in a few days it will be possible for the car to "head" making either trip. A second car barn is to be erected for the accommodation of the new car.

Mrs. Florence Schoonmaker, mother of the editor, fell from a street car in Chicago Wednesday afternoon, striking the back of her head on the pavement. Four hours after the accident she had not regained consciousness. Mr. Schoonmaker went to Chicago on the early train this morning. Later—Mrs. Schoonmaker passed away Thursday forenoon.

John and Julius Molthan at Pueblo, Colo., are hale and hearty and prospering.

Mesdames C. G. Kitchen and C. D. Schoonmaker were Rockford visitors last Saturday.

Olmsted has the latest in the line of Birthday, Memory and Guest books for holiday gifts.

Dance at the opera house Saturday evening. Music by Holtgren's orchestra. Tickets, 50c.

We are quoting reduced prices on Rugs and offer an extra large assortment of the new patterns for you to choose from. Come and see them. S. S. Slater & Son.

That aluminum ware at Perkins & Rosenfeld's would be appreciated by any housewife as a Christmas gift. It is about the finest ware one could have in the kitchen. Then there is the nicked copper ware, higher in price, but something that is good. Call and see these wares.

The house on the Hauslein farm known as the old Whitney place burned to the ground Saturday morning. All the contents with the exception of a sewing machine and bookcase and the clothes the occupants wore at the time were destroyed. The tenant, Mr. Hager, was not at home at the time of the fire.

There never was anything so valuable as the market reports and financial page of the Weekly Inter Ocean and Farmer. You may have both The Weekly Inter Ocean and Farmer and this paper for one year at the specially low rate of \$1.50. It's a rare chance.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. Alfred Buck. The meeting opens promptly at 2:30. We are collecting a box of canned fruits and jellies to be sent to the Temperance hospital in Chicago. Any one wishing to give either of these may leave same with Mrs. Alfred Buck. Sec.

That The Republican-Journal print shop is well equipped for turning out great quantities of work and at prices which are right is evidenced by the fact that during the past month, without extra help and in connection with the regular run of local business, we have turned out work for two Chicago manufacturing concerns, mostly office stationery, amounting to over 50,000 impressions. And it was all platen press work.

Taft has cut 6,000 words out of his message. Now if he would cut out 6,000 more the proof reader won't be the only one to read it.

At Martin's you will find something, without any effort, for father, mother, sister, brother or sweetheart. There never was a more complete and carefully selected line of silver novelties and jewelry shown in Genoa. We defy competition in prices if the quality is taken into consideration. In buying anything in this line you must know the quality. We tell the truth about it. We want your trade next Christmas and the next.

The Philosopher of Folly. "A fellow who sits around waiting for a dead man's shoes," says the Philosopher of Folly, "will find himself on his uppers before long."

Houses and Lots For Sale

RESIDENCES, ready to use, in all parts of town, anywhere from \$800.00 to \$900.00. VACANT LOTS, anywhere from \$50.00 to \$300.00, according to location. BUSINESS PROPERTY, worth the price. FARMS of various sizes, from 80 acres to 200 acres, at \$100.00 per acre and up. HOUSES to let.

D. S. Brown
EXCHANGE BANK
Genoa, Ill.

FARM LOANS

Low Rate Long Time Prepayment Privileges

We represent the Loan Department of the
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance
Company of Milwaukee

Write us or Call

Both Phones

TALBOT & WILTBERGER
DeKalb, Ill. Farm Insurance Our Specialty

Well Here we are Again

We did not see many Genoa faces made anxious by trying to get that Christmas present settled. That is part of our business, to help you. We do not feel that we are bragging when we say we can show you the biggest and best stock easy of access and nearest your town.

If you can get just what you want at home buy it there, that is the proper thing to do. If you are going out of town, give us a chance and we will show you how it is to have a merchant talk to you just the same after he gets your money as he did to get it.

E. A. SHETTER Jeweler
DeKalb, Ill.

At Noah's Ark

Mammoth Sale of

Christmas china and general line of Christmas toys, Indian goods, Red Band candies, nuts, etc., queensware, hardware, woodenware, graniteware and tinware

Now is the time to make your selections in Christmas goods
Our stock is complete in all lines

We are showing the largest and finest line of hand painted china, German china, Austrian china, French china, and we are showing four lines of the genuine Hoviland & Co. china, in open stock, of Lamoges, France.

We have a large line of children's hosiery, men's hosiery and ladies' hosiery at away down prices. Our line of towels, handkerchiefs and suspenders is complete. We have the largest and finest line of queensware, imported chinaware and glassware in the city, at prices that defy all competition. Noah's Ark has the finest line of post cards in Northern Illinois. Call in and try our line of perfumes and toilet articles, you will be delighted with them. After this be sure and trade at Noah's Ark where you get the best goods, where your money will go the farthest and you will be happy and contented all the rest of your life.

Hand painted plates from 30c to.....\$2.00
Fine transparent china salad dishes 25c to.....\$2.25
" " " platters 10c to.....\$2.00
" " " hair receivers 10c to.....\$1.00
" " " nut bowls 10c to.....\$1.50
" decorated china cups and saucers 10c to.....\$1.00

A fine line of decorated china cream pitchers 10c to.....50c

Come and see our grand display of chinaware, it will do you good. It was never equaled in this city. Our stock is complete in all departments. We are showing the finest line of Christmas goods that we have ever had.

All Goods Sold for Cash. No Credit.

NOAH'S ARK

W. E. Howlet, Prop.

Main Street, Genoa

John Lembke's

Christmas display is not a disappointment. Those who called on the opening day were pleased with the excellent showing of Fancy Goods, Novelties, Chinaware and Toys. Our prices were found right, too; entirely consistent with the quality of goods shown. Our store will be in holiday attire every day until Christmas. You are invited to call

Don't forget Toy Department

CANDY SALES FALLING OFF.

"This feminine craze for being slender has knocked the bottom out of our business," said the man in charge of a downtown branch of a big candy concern.

From Wisconsin has come a wall at the dense ignorance concerning geography with which high and preparatory school graduates come up to the university.

A young woman of Brooklyn broke a promise to her father and tried to pass through the New York custom house seven dutiable gowns she had purchased abroad.

The departure of the United States battleships which are to visit French and English ports is a reminder of the famous cruise around the world.

A thief who stole a gold spike used to fasten the first rail of a new railroad in Pennsylvania found it was only gold plated.

The difference of 33,000 between the first count of Tacoma's population and the second is a measure of the mistake of too much enthusiasm in padding census returns.

The Washington chief of police believes that wife-beaters should be lashed. Theoretically, this punishment, which exactly fits the crime, is endorsed and recommended on all sides.

When a man is his own janitor he wastes little time pounding on the pipes.

NEW ERA IN FINANCE

ACCURACY AND PUBLICITY PROVES TO BE A POPULAR MOTTO.

Prompt Response to Bold Move of President Vail—"Accuracy" Reduced Western Union's Surplus \$13,000,000—"Publicity" Restored Confidence and Its Stock Went Up.

Are the great financiers of the country beginning to see a new light? Time was, until recently in fact, when the men at the head of the big corporations "kept their business to themselves," as far as the law would allow.

It was last December when public announcement was made that the Gould holdings of Western Union had been taken over by the Telephone company.

On account of the high esteem in which the management of the telephone company is so generally held, great things were predicted as a result of the absorption of Western Union.

But a very few months had elapsed when it became apparent to the new management that a modern and up-to-date appraisal of the company's assets would make possible a far greater degree of efficiency of operation.

The most expert accountants and appraisers to be had were put at the task. Their labors lasted over eight months. Their report and its publication by the company marks an epoch in finance.

It began by recommending an adjustment of the difference between the appraised and book values by a charge of \$5,595,089 against surplus. Book values of securities held were reduced to market values, bad and doubtful accounts were "charged off," an allowance of \$2,000,000 was made for "depreciation," another of \$500,000 for "reserve," and so on, until the old surplus of \$18,867,000 came down to \$5,136,000.

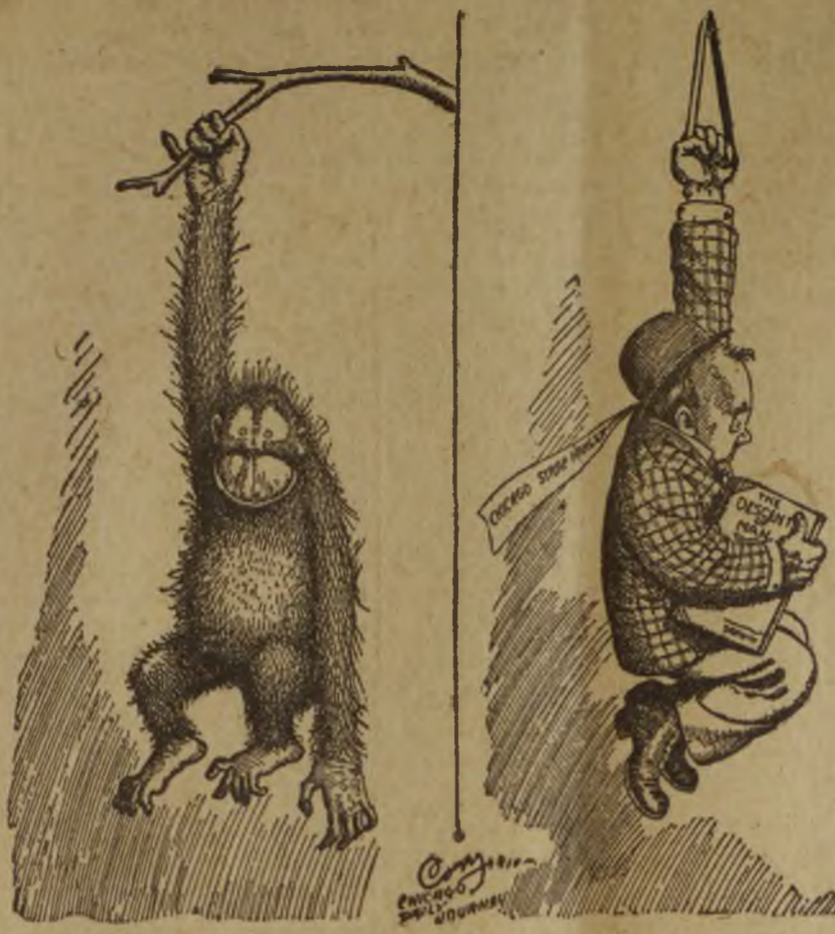
It required courage, the publication of this statement to stockholders, saying in effect: "The property of your company has been revealed; the surplus isn't nineteen millions, as you have been led to believe, but five millions," but it was the truth, and President Vail did not flinch.

The report was ordered published forthwith. Financiers of the old school and speculators generally were aghast. What would happen? Would the bottom drop out of Western Union when the shareholders realized that their property was worth \$13,000,000 less than they had supposed? But the amazing thing happened. The stock went up and stayed up. The public had responded to this remarkable display of frankness and confidence; to the new motto, "Accuracy and Publicity."

The full significance of the action of the new board is stated concisely by Harper's Weekly in these words: "Is this policy of publicity and of open-handed dealing with shareholders and public the forerunner of a similar movement on the part of other big corporations? Certainly it is to be hoped that it is. In the case of these big companies, dependent upon public patronage and doing business under public franchise, can there be any question of the right of the people to know?"

All measures of reformation are effective in exact proportion to their timeliness; partial decay may be cut away and cleansed; incipient error corrected; but there is a point at which corruption can no more be stayed, nor wandering recalled. It has been the manner of modern philanthropy to remain passive until that precise period, and to leave the sick to perish, and the foolish to stray, while it spent itself in frantic exertions to raise the dead, and reform the dust.—Ruskin.

THE PROGRESS OF CIVILIZATION



LIBERALS IN LEAD

ELECTION RESULTS SHOW UNIONISTS CANNOT HOPE TO REPLACE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.

London, Dec. 6.—The position of the parties after the second day's pollings in the general election is as follows: Government coalition, Liberals, 87; Labor, 14; Nationalists, 16; total, 117. Opposition, Unionists, 116.

MUST WIN 62 MORE SEATS

Question of Majority is Still in Dispute—New Commons Expected to Assemble With Party Position Showing But Little Change.

To gain a bare majority in the new parliament the Unionists must make a net gain of sixty-two seats. Thus far, with 130 pollings, they have a net gain of only five seats. They have gained eleven and the Liberals six seats. A continuation at this rate of progress would fulfill the Unionist prediction that the Asquith cabinet would come back with a greatly weakened majority and would be more than ever dependent upon their Irish and Labor allies.

MOTHER MAKES FATAL ERROR

DeKalb, Ill. Dec. 7.—Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown died within a few hours of one another from the effects of a dose of tartar emetic which was given them instead of epsom salts. The children had complained of not feeling well, and the mother decided to give them a dose of salts. She picked up the wrong bottle, which contained tartar emetic and which had been used about the house to drive ants away. It was from this bottle she gave the children the dose which took their lives in a few hours. The grief-stricken mother is lying in a prostrate condition.

DIETZES PLEAD "NOT GUILTY"

Hayward Wis., Dec. 7.—The case of John Dietz, his wife, Hattie Dietz, and son, Leslie Dietz, came up before Judge Wickham in the circuit court. They pleaded not guilty to the charge of killing Deputy Sheriff Oscar Harp October 8 last.

WATERWAY POLICY IS ITS AIM

Washington, Dec. 7.—The opening of the National River and Harbors Congress in the auditorium of the Hotel Willard today marked an event second in importance only to the convening of the federal congress. An endorsement of President Taft's avowed intention to do away with the "pork barrel" appropriations of the federal congress, by rivers and harbors organizations, will bring a pressure to bear which will tend toward successful legislation in this direction, and, it is confidently stated, will bring about, through the betterment of the nation's waterways, decrease in freight rates which will have a direct effect upon the cost of living.

THORNTON WINS LOUISIANA TOGA

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 7.—Judge J. R. Thornton of Alexandria was elected by the Louisiana general assembly United States senator, to succeed the late Senator McEnery.

Forty Injured in Train Wreck

Warren, O., Dec. 7.—Forty track laborers were injured when a Pennsylvania freight train and a work train collided on a curve near Lordstown.

BATHTUB TRUST INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Thirty-Two Individuals and 16 Firms Are Made Defendants in Criminal Proceedings.

Detroit Mich., Dec. 7.—The federal grand jury here indicted 32 individuals and 16 firms alleged to control 85 per cent. of the annual output of bathtubs in the United States.

Against each firm and each individual there are two indictments, containing six and four counts respectively, under the Sherman anti-trust law, charging in substance that the defendants control 85 per cent. of the output of enameled iron ware, tubs, sinks, lavatories, etc., and that they have conspired to restrain trade and fix prices. It is alleged that the conspiracy was formed at Mount Clemens, Mich., last April and the criminal cases grew out of a civil suit brought in the federal court at Baltimore.

STEBEN HONORED BY U. S.

Washington, Dec. 7.—With elaborate ceremony the United States government today did honor to the memory of Gen. Baron Frederick William Augustus von Steuben, the German officer who came to this country in 1778 and became the drillmaster of George Washington's army. A bronze statue of this man who contributed so largely to the success of the colonial troops was unveiled at the northwest corner of Lafayette square and a great military and civic parade was held.

Secretary of War Dickinson presided and made the opening remarks. The others who delivered addresses eulogizing Baron Steuben were President Taft, Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador; Dr. Charles J. Hexamer of Philadelphia, president of the German-American alliance, and Congressman Richard Bartholdt of St. Louis. The program was varied by songs of America and Germany sung by a large chorus from the German societies. An enormous crowd was present to witness the ceremonies.

ACME OF CAUTIOUSNESS

Seymour—Young Tiger looks like a cautious man. Ashley—He is cautious; he's so cautious that he wouldn't ask the prettiest girl in all the world to let him see her home unless he had learned how far away she lived.

YOUR STOMACH FEELS FINE.

Dyspepsia, indigestion, sourness, gas and all stomach misery ended in five minutes. This harmless preparation will promptly digest anything you eat and overcome a sick, sour, gassy or out-of-order stomach within five minutes.

Pape's Diapepsin is a certain regulator for out-of-order stomachs, and besides it takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there. These large 50-cent cases contain more than sufficient to thoroughly cure any case of Dyspepsia, indigestion or any other stomach disorder.

RHEUMATISM AND GOUT PROMPTLY RELIEVED BY

BLAIR'S PILLS GREAT ENGLISH REMEDY. SAFE & EFFECTIVE 50¢ & 1.00. DRUGGISTS. OR 93 HENRY ST. BROOKLYN, N.Y.

TAKE A DOSE OF PISO'S THE BEST MEDICINE FOR COUGHS & COLDS

Shrinking from suffering may be feeling from strength.

There are imitations, don't be fooled. Ask for Lewis' Single Binder cigar for 5c.

Repentance as a habit would keep one turning in a circle. SPOHN'S DISTEMPER CURE will cure any possible case of DISTEMPER, PINK EYE, and the like among horses of all ages, and prevents all others in the same stable from having the disease.

To Put It Mildly. "They say he has a swelled head." "I must admit that he seems to appreciate himself very much."

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co. In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Mr. Cynlo—Tell me one thing you ever did for your fellow men? Mr. Optim—This morning I kicked a banana peel off of a sidewalk—Judge.

A Meritorious Act. A Jar of Resinol Ointment is a Handy Remedy to Have in the House All the Time.

In twenty years' experience as a nurse I have never found as good a remedy for Skin Troubles, Eczema, etc., as Resinol Ointment. Its cooling, healing effect on sore nipples is truly wonderful.

None in Stock. A well-dressed woman paused in front of the chestnut vendor's stand. "Are they wormy?" she asked. "No, ma'am," he answered blandly. "Did you want them with worms?"

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY KIDNEYS.

Weak kidneys fail to remove poisons from the blood, and they are the cause of backache, headaches, urinary troubles and dizzy spells. To insure good health, keep the kidneys well. Doan's Kidney Pills remove all kidney ills.

so puffed I could hardly see and my feet and hands were terribly swollen. Doan's Kidney Pills were advised and I began taking them. It required only short use to restore my kidneys to a normal condition."

Remember the name—Doan's. For sale by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Remember, if your stomach feels out of order and uncomfortable now, you can get relief in five minutes by taking a little Diapepsin.

Some women jump at conclusions, because they want to see how the story is going to end.

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Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription

Is the best of all medicines for the cure of diseases, disorders and weaknesses peculiar to women. It is the only preparation of its kind devised by a regularly graduated physician—an experienced and skilled specialist in the diseases of women.



It is a safe medicine in any condition of the system. THE ONE REMEDY which contains no alcohol and no injurious habit-forming drugs and which creates no craving for such stimulants.

THE ONE REMEDY so good that its makers are not afraid to print its every ingredient on each outside bottle-wrapper and attest to the truthfulness of the same under oath.

It is sold by medicine dealers everywhere, and any dealer who hasn't it can get it. Don't take a substitute of unknown composition for this medicine of known composition.

People Who Work Indoors With Their Hands



Seamstresses, watch-makers, artists, draughtsmen, and many others, cannot properly handle their tools with cold, stiff hands. Many a lost hour or two on cold winter mornings results from the delayed heat of furnace or stove.

The Perfection Oil Heater in a few minutes gives the temperature that assures the worker warm hands and pliable muscles. The

PERFECTION SMOKELESS OIL HEATER Absolutely smokeless and odorless

quickly gives heat, and with one filling of the font burns steadily for nine hours, without smoke or smell. Has automatic-locking flame spreader which prevents the wick from being turned high enough to smoke, and is easy to remove and drop back so the wick can be quickly cleaned.

It has a damper top and a cool handle. Indicator always shows the amount of oil in the font. The filler-cap does not need to be screwed down; it is put in like a cork in a bottle, and is attached to the font by a chain, and cannot get lost.

The burner body or gallery cannot become wedged, because of a new device in construction, and consequently, it can always be easily unscrewed in an instant for reworking. The Perfection is finished in japan or nickel, is strong, durable, well-made, built for service, and yet light and ornamental.

Standard Oil Company (Incorporated)

Auction Sale of Indian Lands by the U. S. Government---Buy an Oklahoma Farm Cheap

Beginning November 21, 1910, and Continuing Until March 1, 1911, There Will Be Offered for Sale at Public Auction by the Government

About 2,000,000 Acres of Indian Lands in Oklahoma.

Much of this is high-grade farming land and is especially adapted to the growing of wheat, corn, cotton, vegetables and fruits. The climate is ideal, with an abundance of rain, insuring a crop each year. Why suffer from cold six months a year when you can enjoy outdoor life the year around in Oklahoma, and on a small investment speedily become independent?

A. HILTON, General Passenger Agent FRISCO LINES ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

EUREKA HARNESS OIL

Will Keep Your Harness soft as a glove tough as a wire black as a coal. Sold by Dealers Everywhere. STANDARD OIL COMPANY (Incorporated)

Household Lubricant THE ALL-AROUND OIL IN THE HANDY, EVER-READY TIN OILER

Is specially selected for any need in the home. Saves tools from rusting. Can not break. Does not gum or become rancid. STANDARD OIL COMPANY (Incorporated)

MICA AXLE GREASE

Keeps the spindle bright and free from grit. Try a box. Sold by dealers everywhere. STANDARD OIL CO. (Incorporated)

THOMPSON'S EYE WATER. PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM. THOMPSON'S EYE WATER. PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM.

The COAST of CHANCE

by ESTHER & LUCIA CHAMBERLAIN
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SYNOPSIS.

At a private view of the Chatworth personal estate, to be sold at auction, the Crew Idol mysteriously disappears. Harry Cressy, who was present, describes the ring to his fiancee, Flora Gilsey, and her chaperon, Mrs. Clara Britton, as being like a heathen god, with a beautiful sapphire set in the head. Flora meets Mr. Kerr, an Englishman, in discussing the disappearance of the ring, the exploits of an English thief, Farrell Wand, are recalled. Kerr tells Flora that he has met Harry somewhere, but cannot place him. The reward is offered for the return of the ring. Harry takes Flora to a Chinese goldsmith's to buy an engagement ring. An exquisite sapphire set in a hoop of brass is selected. Harry urges her not to wear it until it is reset. The possession of the ring seems to cast a spell over Flora. She becomes uneasy and apprehensive. Flora is startled by the effect on Kerr when he gets a glimpse of the sapphire. The possibility that the stone is part of the Crew Idol causes Flora much anxiety. Unseen, Flora discovers Clara ransacking her dressing room. Flora refuses to give or sell the stone to Kerr, and suspects him of being the thief. She decides to return the ring to Harry, but he tells her to keep it for a day or two. Ella Buller tells Flora that Clara is setting her cap for her father, Judge Buller. Flora believes Harry suspects Kerr and is waiting to make sure of the reward before unmasking the thief. Kerr and Clara confess their love for each other. Clara is followed by a Chinaman. Harry admits to Flora that he knew the ring was stolen. He attempts to take it from her. Flora goes to the San Mateo place with Mrs. Herrick and writes Kerr and Clara to come. Ella Buller bribes Clara to leave the judge alone, by giving her a picture of Farrell Wand. Kerr and Harry unexpectedly arrive at San Mateo.

CHAPTER XXII.—Continued.

"Good morning," she said, and, pushing up her little misty veil, sat down with her back to the deserted breakfast table, and waited meekly like one who has been summoned.

"I am very glad you've come," Flora said. Her wits were still all a-flutter from the appearance of that little heap of gold. She came forward and stood in Harry's place. She was face to face with the person and the question, but before the great import of it, and before the marble front of Clara's patience she felt helpless. There was silence in the room, perfect silence in the garden; but moving along the hedged walk all at once she saw the flutter of Mrs. Herrick's gown, and then in profile Kerr beside her. The sight of him gave her her proper inspiration. She turned upon Clara.

"What are you going to do with the picture of Farrell Wand?"
For the first time she saw Clara startled. Her lips parted, and the breath that came and went between them was audible. But she was herself again before she spoke. "Do with it? Why, I don't know." Her fingers drummed the table.

"Whatever you do," Flora began, "please, oh, please don't do anything immediately."

Clara's eyebrows rose like graceful swallows. "You seem to anticipate pretty clearly what I am going to do."

"I suppose you're going to do what any one would who had a clew and could bring a person to justice," Flora candidly responded. "But if ever I have made anything easy for you, Clara, won't you this time make it easy for me? I'm not asking you to

give up the picture, I'm only asking you to wait."

Clara nodded toward the window, through which Kerr could still be seen with Mrs. Herrick. "On account of him?"

"On account of him."
For the first time Clara smiled. It crept out upon her face, as it were involuntarily, but she sat there smiling in contemplation for quite ten seconds. At last, "You want me to suppress my information? My dear Flora, don't you think you want me to do more than is honest?"

"Honest!" Flora cried. The words sounded hideous to her on Clara's tongue; and yet what right had she, she thought with shame, to judge of Clara's honesty when she herself was leagued with a thief? "Clara," she said humbly, before this upholder of the right, "I can't pretend I'm not suppressing things. I've only asked you to see me before you do anything more. Now, you've come. Will you tell me one thing—did you bring the picture with you?"

Clara weighed it. "Well, if I did—"
This was the considering Clara, and Flora realized whatever she could expect from her she couldn't expect mercy. It was another thing she must appeal to.

"Clara," she urged, "wait three days, and you shall have the whole of it. You have only the picture now. You shall have the jewel, too. Then you can get the reward and still be honest."

She let the word fall into the silence fearfully, as if she were afraid Clara might detect its sneer. But this time Clara neither smiled nor frowned.

"It isn't the reward I'm thinking about. That's really very little, considering—"

"Twenty thousand dollars!"

"Would that be much to you?"

"No," Flora admitted; "at least I mean I could pay it."

"Well, then," Clara triumphed, "why the picture alone, if it's worth anything, is worth more than that." With a bird-like lifting of the head she gave a sidelong interrogative glance.

Flora, for a moment, steadily returned the look. It was coming over her what Clara meant; a meaning so simple it was absurd she had not thought of it before—so hateful that it was all she could do to face it. She felt a tightness in her throat that was not tears. Shame and anger contended in her. Oh, for the power to have refused that shameful bargain—to have scorned it! She turned away. She closed her eyes. In her mind she saw the figure of Kerr moving quietly about the winding walks with Mrs. Herrick. She faced sharply about.

"What is it worth to you?"
Clara put her off with the last sweet meekness of her cleverness.

"Whatever it's worth to you—and him."

Flora was in command of herself now. "There are some things I cannot set a price on. If this is what you have come down for, we are simply waiting for you to name it."

She looked over Clara's head. She had stood abashed when Clara had put on the majesty of right, but now it was Clara herself who was abashed, not at the thing itself, but at the fact of having to utter it. She sat grasping one of her gloves in her doubled fist; and, leaning forward, with her eyes like jewels in her little pale face

and the white aura of her veil, waited as if she thought that by some silent agency of understanding Flora would presently take up a pen and write the desired figure in her check-book.

But Flora stood inexorable, straight and black, crowned with her helmet of gleaming hair; and, with her hands behind her, looked over Clara's head through the window into the garden. She would not help Clara gloss over this ugly fact.

A curious grimace distorted Clara's features, as if with an effort she gulped something bitter, and then into the silence her voice fell—a gasp, a breath—"Fifty thousand."

All sums had become the same to Flora, even her year's income. As if she were verily afraid Clara might take it back, she turned precipitately to a writing-table. But Clara had risen, and though still pale, in a measure she seemed to have recovered herself.

"Wait. I can't give it to you now. I will meet you here in two hours and bring the picture. You can let me have it then."

"Oh, two hours!" Flora objected.

But Clara was firm. "No, I can't bring it sooner. It will make no difference in your affair." She was panting in her excitement. "In two hours you shall have the picture here. I promise you."

"Very well, in two hours—but take this now. I would rather you did."

Clara reached the tips of her fingers, touched the paper—and then it was no longer in Flora's hand, and Clara was walking from her across the room.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Touche.

Left alone, Flora glanced rapidly around her. Now for a sally, now for a dash straight for Kerr. The shortest way was what she wanted. Opening doors lately had led to too many surprises. She pushed aside the long curtains and stepped out through the French window upon the veranda.

A hundred yards distant she saw the two standing. Kerr presented his back, and with his head a little canted forward seemed to listen, absorbed in his companion. But that companion was a smaller figure than Mrs. Herrick's, and her veil made an aura of filmy white around her face.

The sight of her was enough to stop Flora short, and in that instant Harry, making a cut across the flower-beds, caught up with her. He stopped as abruptly as she, and gazed with a dismay that surpassed her own. For an instant she thought he was about to make a dash down the walk for them. Then he caught Flora's hand and pulled her back. There was no help for it, she thought. Her other hand crept downward stealthily and gathered up her swinging pouch of gold. Trembling, she let him drag her back, but when they faced each other behind the plumes and swords of a great pampas clump she was shocked at the emotion in his face; and as if what he had just seen had given the last touch, his voice had risen a key, and between every half-dozen words it broke for breath.

"Look here, Flora," he began; "I know you've been trying to give me the slip ever since night before last. I frightened you then. I didn't mean to, but you had no business to keep the ring after what I told you. No, I'm not going to touch you," as she shrank back against the pampas swords, "but I want you to give it to me, yourself, right here and now."

She looked up into his face, burning fiery in the sun beating down on his bare head. "No, no, Harry; I shan't give it to you. Last time I said I would give it to you for a good reason, but now I wouldn't give it to you for anything."

"You don't know what you're doing," he cried.

"I do; I know as well as you that this is a part of the Crew Idol. I've known it all along, and when the time comes I'm going to give it myself to Mr. Purdie, but not until that time."

Harry passed his hand over his face with an articulate sound. Then, "You will ruin us!" he shouted. "I shall tell the truth, whatever comes," she exulted. To tell the truth and keep on telling it—that, in her passion of relief at speaking out at last, was all she wanted! But Harry fell back. He changed countenance. He recovered himself.

"Look here, Flora; if you do I'm going to leave you. I'm going to leave you to what you've chosen."

She met it steadily. "I'm glad you say so. I've been thinking for days that it would be better so."

"Have you?" he said in a low voice, looking at her earnestly. "Of course, I know the reason of that. I meant it to be different, but now there's no help. I—"

With a motion too quick for her to escape he stooped and kissed her lightly. To that moment she had pitied him, but his touch she loathed. She thrust him away with both hands. He turned. Without speaking, without looking at her again, he walked away. She watched him with a desperate feeling of being abandoned, of losing something powerful and valuable. The faint, thin screech of a locomotive from a station far down the line made him pause, and turn, and gaze under his hand in the strong sun. So for a moment she saw him, a lowering, peering figure moving away from her over the lawn between broad flower-beds. Then he disappeared among the shrubbery.

This encounter, that had stopped her in full open field, had not been the fatal thing she had feared. It had been a peril met that nerved her to a higher courage. Now she could walk gallantly to the most uncertain moment of her life. Between the glimmering willows down the long avenue she passed, her flowing draperies borne backwards as by triumphant airs. The wind of her approach seemed to reach the two still far in front of her.

They turned and watched her drawing nearer, and before she had quite reached them Kerr stretched out his hand as if to help her over a last rough place, and drew her toward him and held her beside him with his fingers lightly clasped around her wrist. She saw that he looked pale, worn, as he had not been last night, and what struck her most strangely, angry. The hand that held hers shook with the violent pulse that was beating in it. He turned to Clara.

"Will you pardon us, Mrs. Britton?" Then after another patient moment, "Miss Gilsey has something to say to me." Still he made no motion to move away, and at last Clara seemed to understand what was expected of her. She flushed, and in the middle of that color her eyes flashed double steel. For the first time in Flora's memory she was at a loss. She passed them without a word.

Kerr looked after the little brilliant figure, moving daintily away through sun and shadow, with deep disgust in his face. But when he turned to Flora disgust lifted to high severity. "Why didn't you come, last night?" "I couldn't. He was there, Harry, outside my door."

"In God's name! What did you tell him?"

"Nothing. We did not speak—but I couldn't get past him!" The suspicion in his face was more than she could bear. "You must believe me for, if you don't, we're both lost!"

He had her by both wrists, now, and gently made her face him. "I have believed in you to the extent of coming alone to a place I know nothing of, because you wanted me. Now that I am here, what is it you have to say to me?"

"Oh, nothing more than I have said before," she pleaded; "only that, ten times more earnestly."

"You extraordinary child!" At first he was pure amazement. "You've brought me so far, you've come so far yourself—you've got us both here in such danger, to tell me only this? How could you be so mad—so cruel?"

She had locked her hands in front of her until the nails showed white with the pressure. "It was more dangerous there than here. You don't know what has happened since I saw you. And I thought if you and I could only be alone together, without the fear of them always between us, I could show you, I could persuade you—"

Before his look she broke down. "Well—you see, they followed us—"

"Grant it, they are." He seemed to laugh at them. "You have still your chance. Give everything to me and I can save you still."

"Save me? Oh, nothing could happen to me so terrible as having you break my heart like this! If I should lose you—even the thought of you—for ever. Nothing could ever be right with us again! Won't you—"

she pleaded, "won't you go?" and lifting her hands, taking his face between them, "Won't you, because I love you?"

He stood steady to this assault, and smiled down upon her. "Without you and without it I will not budge. Come now, this is the end. I never meant to do another thing."

She covered her face with her hands.

"Come, come." His voice was urging her, now very gentle. "It's more for your sake than for the jewel now." And his arm around her shoulder was gently forcing her to walk beside him not toward the drive, but away into the tree-grown sheltered wing of the garden. By interlacing paths, from the tremulous gray willows under the somber, clashing eucalyptus spears, under dark wings of cypress they were moving. She was bracing in every nerve against the unnerving of his presence.

"Where have you got it now?" she heard him asking, and she pointed downward toward where the pouch at her knee was swinging to and fro.

"Take it up, then," and like a hypnotized creature she gathered it into her hand. But, once she had it, she held it clenched against him.

"You're going to give it to me," he prompted, "aren't you?—aren't you?" and looking steadily in her face his hand shut softly on her wrist, and held out her clenched hand in front of her. And still they walked, slowly. Like a pendulum the long gold chain swung from her clenched fingers. To the tree-top birds they seemed as quiet as two lovers speaking of their wedding-day. She felt her tension give way in this quiet—her hand relaxed.

"Dearest." The word brought up her eyes to his with a start of tenderness. "Open it," he said, and her hand, involuntarily, sprung the pouch wide. They stared together into it. The little hollow golden shell was empty.

For a moment it held her incredulous. Then, faint and sick, all the foundations of her faith reeling, she slowly raised her eyes to him in accusation. She was not ready for the terrible sternness in his

"Have you lied to me?" he asked in a low voice. "Have you given it to Cressy?"

"No, no, no," she cried in horror. "It was there! I put it there myself this morning!" They looked at each other now equally sincere and aghast.

"But you have seen him; you've been near him?" he demanded.

"This morning! He left me. He kissed me."

"Then, my God, where is he?" He gave a wide glance around him. Then raising his voice, "Stay where you are!" he commanded, and began to run from her through the trees.

She stood with her hand to her breast, with the empty pouch spinning in front of her, hearing him crashing in the shrubbery. Then, in sudden panic at finding herself alone, she fled back down the willow avenue, and burst out on the broad drive in full view of the house.

Kerr was not in sight, but there was a tremor of disturbance where all had been still. Clara's face appeared at one of the upper windows and looked down into the garden. Then Mrs. Herrick came down the stairs, and, showing an anxious profile as she passed the door, hurried away along the lower hall. There was a flutter in the servants' quarter, and from a side door the coachman appeared hatless, in his shirt sleeves, and ran toward the stable. All the people of the house seemed to be running to and fro, but she didn't see Harry. This struck her with unreasoning terror. She fled up the drive, and Clara's small face at the window watched her.

As she came into the hall she heard Kerr's voice. He was at the telephone speaking names she had never heard in sentences whose meaning was too much for her stunned senses to take in; but none the less while she listened the feeling crept over her that there was some strange revolution taking place in him. It might be transformation; it might be only a swift increase of his original power. Whatever it was, he seemed to her superhuman. The house was full of him—full of his rapid movement, his ringing orders. If he knew that the sapphire was gone, what was the meaning of this bold command? Was he, knowing all lost, plunging gallantly into the clutches of his enemies? Or was this only a blind, a splendid piece of effrontery to cover his too long delayed retreat? She sat like a jointless thing on the fauteuil in the large hall, and all at once she saw him in front of her.

She looked at his hat, his overcoat, his slim, glittering stick—all symbols of departure.

"Wait here," he said, and turned away.

CHAPTER XXIV.

The Comic Mask.

She listened to the sound of wheels, first rattling loud on the gravel, slowly growing fainter. Then stillness was with her again, and inanity. She looked around and up, and had no start at seeing Clara's small face watching her over the gallery of the rotunda. It seemed to her that appearance was natural to her existence now, like her shadow. She looked away. When she raised her eyes again Clara was coming down the stairs, and even at that distance Flora



saw she carried something in her hand—something flat and small and wrapped in a filmy bit of paper.

Out of the chaos of her feeling rose the solitary thought—the picture which she had bought that morning, the picture of Farrell Wand. She watched it drawing near her with wonder. She sat up trembling. She had a great longing and a horror to tear away the filmy paper and see Kerr at last brutally revealed. She could not have told afterward whether Clara spoke to her. She was conscious of her pausing; conscious of the faint rustle of her skirt passing; conscious, finally, that the small swathed square was in her hand.

She tore the tissue paper through. She held a photograph, a mounted kodak print. She made out the background to be sky and water and the rail of a ship with silhouettes of heads and shoulders, a jumble of black; and in the middle distance caught in full motion the single figure of a man, back turned and head in profile. He was moving from her out of the picture, and with the first look she knew it was not Kerr.

Her first thought was that there had been a trick played on her! But no—across the bottom of the picture, in Judge Buller's full round hand, was written, "Farrell Wand boarding the Loch Etive." She held it high to the light. Clara had been faithful to her bargain. It was the picture that had deceived her. She studied it with passionate earnestness. She did not know the bearded profile; but in the burly shoulders, in the set and swing of the body in motion, more than all in the lowering, peering aspect of the whole figure, she began to see a familiar something. She held it away from her by both thin edges, and that aspect swelled and swelled in her startled eyes, until suddenly the figure in the picture seemed to be moving from her, not up a gang-plank, but through a glare of sun over grass between broad beds of flowers.

She was faint. She was going to fall. She caught at the chair to save herself, and still she was dropping down, down into a gulf of spinning darkness. "Oh, Harry!" she whispered, and let her head roll back against the arm of the fauteuil.

With a dim sense of rising through immeasurable distances back to light she opened her eyes. She saw Mrs. Herrick's face, and as this was connected in her mind with protection she smiled.

"(TO BE CONTINUED.)"

Disatisfied with Results.

"Brother Hardesty, how much are you going to give to the missionary cause next year?" asked the pastor of the congregation.

"I don't know, elder," answered Deacon Hardesty. "I'm getting kind of discouraged. I've been giving money for the benefit of the heathen for the last 45 years, regular, and there seem to be more of 'em now than ever."

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"What is it Worth to You?"



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"'Ain't buried a living soul today.'"
—Philadelphia Times.

THE POLITE CHICKEN.



"Said the rooster at 6:22,
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'Though amazement you show
I am certain you know
what it is that we early
birds do —'"

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"The first cup, which I made according to directions, had a soothing effect on my nerves and I liked the taste. For a time I nearly lived on Postum and ate little food besides. I am today a healthy woman.

"My family and relatives wonder if I am the same person I was four years ago, when I could do no work on account of nervousness. Now I am doing my own household, take care of two babies—one twenty the other two months old. I am so busy that I hardly get time to write a letter, yet I do it all with the cheerfulness and good humor that comes from enjoying good health.

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Self-Sacrifice.
 "You manage to keep your husband home at nights," said one woman. "Yes," replied the other. "I am the only person of his acquaintance who will listen patiently and respectfully while he tells exactly how the election happened."

Unkind Remark.
 A very thin woman in a country town was riding home on an undertaker's wagon. She was sitting on a long box in the vehicle. A friend in passing saw her, and shouted to the driver: "Hey, Bill, your corpse is out!"

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J. H. Uplinger spent Wednesday in Sycamore.

I. A. McCollom returned Saturday from his Dakota trip.

Henry Stark of Sycamore transacted business here last Friday.

Mrs. D. G. Ottman and Mrs. Lew Duval are numbered among the sick.

H. M. Stark shipped a carload of sheep to Chicago last Friday evening.

Mrs. Peter Rosenka of Genoa spent Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Shaffer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Landis Sunday.

The Sunday Schools of both churches are practicing for the Christmas exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Uplinger quietly celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary last Saturday.

All those indebted to me are requested to call and settle before January 1, 1911, and oblige
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Mrs. O. W. Vickell entertained the members of the W. C. T. U. and their friends Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. J. Stuart went to Copenhagen, New York, last Friday summoned by the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. M. J. Witter leaves next week Tuesday for Waterloo, Iowa, where she will spend the winter with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Colvin and family attended the funeral of their grandchildren held in Sycamore Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. A. S. Gibbs and Miss Maggie Miller went to DeKalb Monday evening where they will be guests of relatives and friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Turner went to Pecatonica Saturday to attend the twentieth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Clay held in the M. E. parsonage. Rev. Clay preached here four years ago.

Mrs. Delia Branch and daughter Miss Polly, entertained the members of the O. E. S. club last Friday afternoon and evening. Supper was served at the usual hour. Mrs. Amanda Moyers will entertain the club in January.

"The Power and Wisdom of God" will be the pastor's theme next Sunday morning at the Methodist church. In the evening, "If a Man Die, Will He Live Again?" Thos. A. Edison vs. Jesus Christ on this great doctrine of the immortality of man. The public is cordially invited.

The M. E. S. S. Board met Thursday evening of last week in the M. E. church, transacting business for the year and electing the following officers:

Supt., J. W. O'Brien.
 Ass't Supt. F. P. Smith.
 Sec., Nona Phelps.
 Ass't Sec., Hazel Ludwig.
 Treas. B. F. Uplinger.
 Pianist, Hattie Tuttle.
 Supt. of Home dept. in the country, Mrs. A. J. Lettow.
 Supt. of Home Dept. in town, Mrs. O. W. Vickell.
 Supt. of Cradle Roll, Kittie Heckman.

Kingston camp M. W. A. No. 203 met last Friday and elected the following officers:

Venerable Consul, D. L. Aurner.
 Adviser, Wm. Sergent.
 Clerk, F. P. Smith.
 Banker, John Howe.
 Escort, Lew Bickler.
 Watchman, Stuart Shrader.
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 Physician, G. W. Markley.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Witter and children have moved into the Moore building where the former will conduct a restaurant. His many friends wish him success.

Executor's Notice

Estate of Mary Ann Grout, Deceased.
 The undersigned, having been appointed Executor of the last Will and Testament of Mary Ann Grout, late of the County of DeKalb and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county Court of DeKalb County at the Court House in Sycamore at the February Term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 Dated this 8th day of December A. D. 1910.
 JOSEPH W. FOSTER, Executor.
 G. E. Stott, Attorney.

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 GEO. W. BUCK,
 GLEN BUCK.

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Hinckley Mayor Live One
 Mayor Schmidt of Hinckley gave an example of official action the other day, when, single handed he arrested a trio of autoists for disregarding the speed ordinance. He marched them to the lock-up, built a fire in the calaboose stove, opened court, arraigned the offenders before him, found them guilty and imposed fines and costs amounting to \$26, all within a few minutes.—Review.

Despotism of the Press

We clip the following for the benefit of those who doubt the power of the press:

"Owing to the over-crowded condition of our columns, a number of births and deaths are unavoidably postponed this week."
 —Everybodys Magazine.

A Novel for Tennyson.
 Tennyson would have scouted the idea of a limit of 150,000 words for novels, says the London Chronicle. William Allingham notes in his diary to Farrington, "Tennyson is a constant novel reader, and says, 'What I dislike is beginning a new novel. I should like to have a novel to read in a million volumes to last me my life.'"

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 Jardinere Stand
 China Closet
 Rocker
 Davenport
 Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet

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 Music Cabinet
 Work Table
 Sewing Rocker
 Cheval Glass
 Dresser
 Pedestal
 Book Case
 Parlor Table

For Brother Jack

Chiffonier
 Morris chair
 Arm chair
 Office chair
 Card table
 Leather rocker
 High back rocker

For Sister

Chair for her Room
 Music Cabinet
 Writing Desk
 Book Case
 Slipper Chair
 Shirtwaist Box
 Arm Chair

For Grandfather

Comfortable arm chair
 High back chair
 Genuine leather rocker
 Foot stool Book table

For Grandmother

Jardinier stand
 Sewing rocker
 Morris chair Arm chair
 Magazine Stand
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