NEBRASKA NORTH PLATTE.

A High Philosophy. Few women have the tall man's chance to overlook the world; but the girls who work in the top stories of the new Singer building in New York ought to become possessed of a fine type of philosophy, if the proverbial

bird's-eye view can give it. Fortyseven stories in the air-660 feet above the street-familiar sights are strange. First, one notices that everybody looks like everybody else. The crowds of eager human beings throngfng the streets of the city are reduced to mere scrambling ants, whose purpose in life is to live-neither more nor less. Diamonds and velvets, rags and dirt disappear from view. But the passion to keep on crawling about and climbing up and down is seen to rule all alike-a strange passion, capable of sweeping up wealth and sex and genius in its universal grasp. Six hundred feet above the street one sees the works of man's hands as at once marvelous and absurd. Here huge structures rise in the air, there vast tunnels are being bored, and there again hundreds of men are filling in the shallows with earth to double the size of Governors island. What toll and skill go into these human efforts to stay on the particular spot of this title planet where is room for them! exclaims the Youths' Companion. North and west of the crowded streets, fields and hills invite in vain. The busy woman, snatching a moment for reflection at her lofty window, sees also that men and their works and ways make a deal of smother in the world. The great volumes of black smoke marking the centers of activity below her contrast strangely with the white clouds sailing over her head. To the sage's question, "Why so hot, little man?" she must add, "Why so dirty?" But her criticism is checked by the thought that she, the critic, is herself an atom in this vast surge of human cife; and if some impatient force were to sweep away all its scramble and smoke and change, she would herself be snatched from her lofty and instructive point of view.

Des Moines, Ia., has been governed under a new system since early in April. The government is not divided into legislative and executive branches, as is common in most American cities. The executive and legislative officers are the same. There are a mayor and four councilmen, each of whom is the head of an executive department. That which the mayor controls is called the department of public affairs. The mayor and councilenen meet together as a legislature and pass ordinances. The will of any three prevails. The mayor receives \$3,500 a year, and each of the councilmen \$3,000. It is maintained by the supporters of the law that the salaries are large enough to attract capable citizens to office. While considerable tegislative power is vested in the elected officers, they are kept from disregarding the popular will by a provision which compels them either to pass any ordinance submitted to them by a petition signed by a certain proportion of the voters, or to submit it to the general public at a special election. A slightly different system of city government has been in operation in Texas in the cities of Galveston, Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth, where it is said public affairs are now managed honestly, even if there has been no gain in economy.

An American delegate to the international congress of architecture which met in Vienna made a speech in which he told his hearers that as airships were a thing of the near future It followed that people would gradualty come to beautifying the roofs of their houses as well as the fronts, in order that a good impression may be made on aerial travelers. This development is probably some distance in the future. Refore its arrival the necessity of protecting roofs from airships that may fall on them will be likely to come.

Tolstol's reason for trying to stop the proposed celebration of his eightieth birthday is naively beautiful; it might give pain to members of the orthodox church, the Russlan-Greek church, that excommunicated him. The commandment to love our eneenles should be ingrained in our thoughts, yet a simple application of it, a magnanimous teleration for the feelings of those who disagree with us, is so rare as to seem eccentric.

The seven Princeson seniors who say that they have wholly supported themselves throughout their college course, and the 58 who say that they have partially supported themselves, probably realize the value of a college education.

Through an ale laval discovery telegraphy of the thin e may be poletess, as well as wit bas. Then it will require only smale our furnaces and noiseless trolley to make modern urban life an brine out dream.

SHILLING HISTORIANIS Round the Capital

Information and Gossip Picked Up Here and There in Washington.

Society Hastening to Summer Resorts



WASHINGTON.—Washington's so-clety is on the wing, and in a all four quarters of the earth.

Washington was likened at one time whole season, and not a month, is passed here by visitors, it has become thing in these days to stay too long in ple life at one's country place during June. Then the correct thing is to go somewhere else, yachting or traveling, to Newport or Bar Harbor, for a month, in one's best bib and tucker. Then come life at Lenox or on a mountain top and a few weeks' camping Windisch-Graetz have taken a house in the Adirondacks.

diplomats are concerned, and as the diplomats almost always show a disposition to entertain, they bring gayety in their train and are most welcome, for if there is one thing that, the true American society woman loves more than another it is the foreigner. Many of the embassies are dotting themselves along the north shore. The British and the Italian embassies will be at Manchester, and as very short time will be scattered to Baroness des Planches is especially fond of keeping open house, a great deal of entertainment is counted on to a winter Newport, but now that the from the Italian embassy. Count Hatzfeldt, who is charge d'affaires for the German embassy in the absence the meeting place of the nation and of Baron Speck von Sternburg, will go ranks as one of the great aocial cen- a few miles further along the shore ters of the country. But it is not the and be at Beverly Farms, while the charge d'affaires of the Russian emany one place. One must lead a sim- bassy, Prince Nicolas Koudacheff, will be at Magnolia, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Loftus of the Siamese legation at Cape Ann.

Three of the most popular bachelors of the diplomatic set, Baron Haymerle, Count Torok and Prince Vincent zu at Bar Harbor, where the Austrian Manchester by the Sea and Bar Har- ambassador and Baroness Hengelbor are rather close rivals where the muller will make their headquarters.

President to Hunt Big Game in Africa



MMEDIATELY after the ending of his term March 4 next President Roosevelt will start on an extended hunting trip in British East Africa. His second son, Kermit, now in the preparatory school at Groton, Mass., is to be his companion.

If the present plans are carried out the trip will last fully a year. When the expedition starts it will be equipped with all modern weapons for killing elephants and other wildbeasts. Some preparations have already been made.

The president has told a few friends he looks forward to the trip with the greatest pleasure. The president goes as much to study the African wild animal as anything else. wants to know the nature and habits of the beasts in their homes. Upon his return he will do consider-

able writing. leave the country at the conclusion remain at the family home at Saga-

ed heretofore, but when confirmation was sought at the White House the answer has been that no definite conclusion had been reached as to the president's plans.

But now it is stated positively that Mr. Roosevelt, with his son Kermit, will sail from New York for Cairo in April, 1909-just as soon as the necessary arrangements for the departure could be made after March 4. It is the desire of the president to bring back at the end of the year from the wilds of Africa specimens of every species of big game to be had on the dark continent. He will visit no other country, it is stated.

The outfit of the expedition will be obtained on reaching Africa, but an active correspondence in this connection already is under way. The exact size of the hunting party-number of guides and retainers, animals, etc.-has not been determined on. The president, however, will take with him an assortment of arms which he will require in the variety of hunting contemplated. This outfit will include, of course, guns of the highest power. During the absence of Mr. Roosevelt in Africa Mrs. Roosevelt of his term of office have been print more Hill, Oyster Bay.

Appropriation Made for Playgrounds



E VERY one must agree that the senate amendment to the district appropriation bill, by which the sum of \$1,500 approved by the house for playgrounds was increased to \$15,000, is a lfully lacking in the matter of playpiece of wise legislation. The fathers grounds for the school children. Many and mothers as well as the children of the school buildings have not the of Washington are interested in it least vestige of ground inclosed about and there is greater need here for playgrounds than there is for a good many sidewalk and are squeezed on either other institutions with more dignified side by dwellings. The children at-

That "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy? Is as true for children now as it has ever been, must be conmatter of pleasure for the children; it is a matter of health, and proper

It is the avenue for business and the childish romping which so often interferes with business in the streets is a nuisance. Yet if there is no other place for them who can be so indifferent to their welfare as to prevent the boys and girls from indulging their youthful spirits in the delightful games for which only the streets afford them room?

Washington, with all its beautiful parks and its well kept squares, is pitthem, but stand squarely against the tending these schools are permitted to congregate in the street and on the sidewalks opposite the building and instructed to "play quietly." It is well coded even by those who have forgot- for congress to take more active cogten the requirements and the joys of nizance of this need for playgrounds their childhood. Play is not merely a and provide well for them. The senate's amended appropriation is not nearly enough to do all that is replay can only be indulged in upon quired, but it is a worthy beginning grounds or in places suitable for it. and Washington's parents as well as The street is not the place for play. children are thankful for it.

White House Kept Guessing by Joker



NOT since Lew Dockstader, made up as President Roosevelt, rode down Pennsylvania avenue in company with a negro for picture machine purposes has official Washington been so wrought up by a practical joker as it has been by an advertising stunt pulled off the other day.

of \$500 for the return of a valuable ents has taken her revenge in a someportfolio of papers lost by a "foreign agent" appeared in the local newspa-

The wallet was said to contain documents which, if made public, might thoress' views on her choice. She recause serious international complications. Later it was stated that private executive papers of the president be opened till baby's thirteenth birthwere in the wallet. The advertise- day." ment gave Washington police, the se- herself day and night as to the concret service men and Secretary Loeb tents of the envelope.

a busy day, but later it was learned that the missing papers consist of a political puzzle which some zealous salesman expects to spring on the public as soon as his mission is proporly advertised.

The puzzle consists of a sort of a pigs in the clover arrangement with a picture of President Roesevelt in the center. Two little balls, one labeled Bryan and one Tait, are easily worked into the eyes. The puzzle is to put a third-term ball in the open mouth of the president.

A Test of Curiosity.

A certain famous authoress who is An advertisement offering a reward much worried by unknown correspondwhat eccentric fashion. She received a letter from a woman informing her that the writer had named her last baby after her, and requesting the auceived a thick envelope, heavily realed, with this inscription: "Not to Now the mother is worrying



WAR MYSTERY SOLVED.

Story of the Escape of John Morgan from Ohio Penitentiary.

Ever since the escape of John Morcan, the famous confederate raider, from the Ohio penitentiary, instauations have been made that Morgan and six of his comrades had outside assistance from southern sympathizers, and that Warden Nathaniel Merion connived at the escape.

Thomas W. Bullitt of Louisville. lieutenant in the Second Kentucky cavalry during the celebrated Morgan raid, has just visited the cell in the Ohio penitentiary in which he was confined in 1863-64 as a prisoner of war. This is Mr. Bullitt's first visit to the penitentiary since the escape.

In very expressive terms be denies the insinuations regarding the escape. Accompanied by the deputy warden. Mr. Bullitt visited the cell in which he was confined and also that occupied by Morgan.

"There was no outside help in the escape," said Mr. Builitt. "I know. because I was in with the plan from the first, and I helped dig the tunnel



At Work in the Tunnel.

through which the men escaped. The whole thing was planned by Capt. Thomas Hines, and the hole through the floor was in his cell. It was kept absolutely secret, even from our own

"Not more than a dozen or fifteen knew anything about it until the last day, when we were unable to keep it from them any longer. I knew about it because I helped with the work. I am positive that not a single person on the outside knew a thing about it. And I'll say this about Merion, who was warden at the time: I never did like him-I disliked him exceedinglybut he did not know a thing about the escape. There has been some suspicion that there was some connivance on his part, but it is absolutely untrue.

"The work was all done with caseknives, which we stole from the dining room, and one shovel, which one of the men stole somewhere. It was used in digging the tunnel."

Mr. Bullitt told an interesting story of the escape. He assisted the other men to get away, but did not go himself because his cell was near the end of the cell block-No. 4-and a guard stood near it. It was feared this guard would hear him if he made an attempt, so he decided he should stay behind.

Capt. Hines, who had cell 19, commenced the work, digging through the floor under his bed. Every morning he would clean his cell up nicely and put everything in such prime condition that the guard would simply take a look at the inside, without making an examination.

"During the day, when the men were allowed the freedom of the corridors for exercise, down through this hole the men would climb," said Mr. Bullitt. "The cell tier was built on an archway, and in here there was plenty of room to work. The distances were carefully measured off, and holes dug up to the cells from below.

"At the same time work was going on in the tunnel. On the day of Gen. Morgan's escape he changed cells with his brother, 'Big Dick' Morgan, A hole had been dug into Dick's cell. In this way the general escaped, the

brother staying behind. "Four of the seven men who escaped are dead," said Mr. Bullitt. "Smith, I have not seen for two years. and I am not certain whether he is living, but I think he is. McGee and one other I lost track of soon after the war, and I don't know whether they are living.

Mr. Bullitt was a prisoner from August, 1863, until early in the spring of 1864. Only the commissioned officers were confined, and only a part of them were put in the Ohio penitentiary, the others being taken to Allegheny, Pa. Mr. Bullitt knew but little about the prison, as the Morgan men were not allowed to work in the shors.

"The only part of the inside of the penitentiary I ever got to see was my own corridor, and what I could see while being marched across the court to my meals. We often wished they would put us to work in the shops. We would have taken the prison if they

Mr. Bullitt came near making dis visit to the prison on the anniversary of Morgan's escape. It was November 27, 1863, and his visit was only a few days later, 44 years after the escape.

A MATTER OF COMPULSION.

No Soup, No Dinner, the Rule Laid Down by Barney.

Six years ago, when the king visited Dublin, some amusing incidents were recorded due to the grotesqueness of some hotel waiters apparently just fresh from rural life.

One hotelkeeper told such a newly imported "server" that he must always serve every one with soup at dinner and be guite certain that be

Thereupon ensued the following scene between a visitor and the new

waiter: "Houp, sir?" sald Barney,

"No soup for me," said the visitor. "But you must have it," said Barney; "it's the rules of the house."

"Hang the house!" exclaimed the visitor, highly exasperated. "When I don't want soup I won't eat it. Get along with you!"

"Well," said Barney, with solemnity, "all I can say is just this-it's the rules of the house and sorra a drop else ye'll get till ye finish the soup!' -London Telegraph.

ECZEMA ALL OVER HIM.

No Night's Rest for a Year and Limit of His undurance Seemed Near -Owes Recovery to Cuticura.

"My son Clyde was almost completely covered with eczema. Physicians treated him for nearly a year without helping him any. His head, face, and neck were covered with large scaps which he would rub until they fell off. Then blood and matter would run out and that would be worse. Friends coming to see him said that if he got well he would be disfigured for life. When it seemed as if he could possibly stand it no longer, I used some Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent. That was the first night for nearly a year that he slept. In the morning there was a great change for the better. In about six weeks he was perfectly well. Our leading physician recommends Cuticura for eczema, Mrs. Algy Cockburn, Shiloh, O., June 11, 1907."



The Minister-You kept beautifully ztill while I was preaching, Willie. Did you like the sermon?

Kid-No, sir; but papa said he'd spank me good and plenty if I woke him up.

A Subtle Difference.

Mrs. Blank, wife of a prominent minister near Boston, had in her employ a recently engaged colored cook as black as the proverbial ace of spades. One day Mrs. Blank said to her:

"Matilda, I wish that you would have oat meal quite often for breakfast, My husband is very fond of it. He is Scotch, and you know that the Scotch eat a great deal of oatmeal."

"Oh, he's Scotch, is he?" said Matilda. "Well, now, do you know, I was thinkin' all along dat he wasn't des like us."-Woman's Home Companion.

Women and the Suffrage. The severest criticism of the stu-

pidity and inefficiency of the parliaments of the world is, in M. Marcel Prevost's opinion, the most universal indifference of women on the subject of voting. "Neither the representative nor the voter," says this expert in feminine psychology, "excites their envy. They do not even think about the vote, and if men offer it as a gift they pay no attention, burst out laughing or refuse point blank."

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"I use little meat, plenty of vegetables and fruit in season, for the noon meal, and if tired at tea time, take Grape-Nuts alone and feel perfectly nourished.

"Nerve and brain power, and memory are much improved since using Grape-Nuts. I am over sixty and weigh 155 lbs. My son and husband seeing how I have improved, are now using Grape-Nuts.

"My son, who is a traveling man, eats nothing for breakfast but Grape-Nuts and a glass of milk. An aunt, over 70, seems fully nourished on Grape-Nuts and cream." "There's a Reason.

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REFLECTIONS OF BACHELOR GIRL

Flirtation is like a cocktail with no headache in it, champagne with no "next morning." Some men think that by putting on

a silk hat and a white Ascot tie they are disguised as gentlemen. Love is lige gambling; you want to

be sure that you are a good loser before you go in for the game. One thing I can never understand,

and that is how a man can tell the front from the back of his bat, but he always can. A man's idea of honor is so peculiar: he would die rather than steal a

friend's money of cheat him at cards, but he will steal his wife him out of his daughter with perfect equanimity.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

A private knocker is a public nuisance.

No man who is fit to live likes to live on charity,

The discouragement of capital, if a crime, is a crime against labor. The political trust-buster and professional muckraker, firing at capi-

tal, hits labor nine times in ten. The extra hazard of honest enterprise is driving capital to Wall street,

and labor to the benches in the park, Labor should be protected—from its fool friends; the socialist should be screened off from the anarchist; the anarchist from high explosives, and gin.-From Cy Warmna's Speech, Canadian Club, Guelph, Ont.

RULES FOR HAPPY MARRIED LIFE

Think a little. Lead the "simple life." Have no foolish illusions,

Try to understand each other and be chums.

Let your life be a partnership which equalizes all joys as well as sorrows. Do not look away from yourselves for happiness; it is in you.

Seek to please your husband or your wife and make reasonable sacrifives. He or she will then to the same, and true happiness will result.-New York World.

WAIFS OF WISDOM,

Self-consciousness is the deadly enemy of dignity.

The indigent and naked world might be comfortably clothed with the needless trappings of the reckless rich.

An empty pumpkin shell in which a child displays a lighted candle dif-Experience should be a searchlight fuses more real light than a vain head. for all men. But, alas! it is usually like the storn lights of a vessel which illumine only the pathway already traversed.

Do not burden others with your confidences. There is as much responsibility in imparting your own secretsas there is in keeping those of your neighbor.

The reason why you shouldn't say appropriated instead of took is because it gives the smooth getnieman more time to get away in.

A man is sadly apt to devote himself to the girl who is con spicuous