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The way in which she said this was

"Well, to-night I want you to pray

"I ain't hoodooin' yo'. Mis' Sally

"I'se knowed Mis' Sally eber sense she

sed what was hern wus mine, 'cause

"Yo' needn't be afred, Marse Bob,

"China plates, watch chain, sack of

'case I wears de ones de Lawd gib me

ightfully yours," he said solemnly.

oughly angry, something unusual for

her. "Marse Rob." however, barred

"See here, what became of those

ysters I had sent here yesterday?"

"I ain't seed to oysters," sullenly,

"I wouldn't have cared about the

must pay for both and I didn't get

Em's face brightened. "is dat all,

Marse Bob? Jest wait a minit an'

upon herself, fighting against over-

flour, coal, chairs, shoes-

me," with an injured air, "I didn't joked with her, but now he appeared

a lawyer.

elther."

escape persecution.

"I am afraid it is-

like this: O Lawd, help Em to know

Mawnin', Marse Bob, yo'se 'most | "Don't the bible teach you not to on airly. I'se jest dis minit put de steal?" anishin' teeches on dis office; yo' De bible say all men are liars, so cut'enly do muss up de floo' pow'fully, dere, now, Marse Bob, yo' knows l allus does dis las' 'case it allus takes | what yo' is," ignoring his question.

Too early for what, Em? You almost too much for her termenter, haven't found anything to tickle your but with a mighty effort he began fancy this morning, I suppose," insinuatingly.

Lawd, Marse Bob, yo' needn't do the dif'rence 'tween a five-dollar bill no s'posin'. I'se a lady, I is. I nebbah | in Mis' Sally's pocket and her's. If did teetch nuthin' dat didn't b'lon' t' eber she takes another send the voome." A guilty conscience needs no dooaccuser; the instruction was too familiar to be misunderstood.

If pere was one thing upon which bill. Yo'se tryin' t' torment poo' Em. Em prided herself it was her bellef that she was a lady. A typical Southern darky of the "befo' de wah" type, of uncertain age, short, overstout, she would waddle along for all the world like a duck, but with an inimitable dignity which she alone could assume.

"I ain't one of dem no-count niggers what ain't had no raisin'," she boasted. "Dey's allus gittin' dersel'es in trubbel with white folks, case dey ain't got no manners. I'se got raisin' and manners, and white folks rispec' me, dey do.'

But Em's besetting sin was on uncontrollable impulse to appropriate herneighbor's property, simply because she believed she possessed a suzerain's right over everybody and everything. Garrulous to an extreme, with a ready answer for everybody, she was permitted more liberties than would be tolerated in another of her race.

"How's Mis' Lu' an' li'le Marse Bob dis mawnin'?" she asked, her face broadening into its accustomed grin. She was too shrewd to let the conversation follow its former drift. "Las' I'se hones', 'deed I is. I'se a lady an' night I took her some of de bestest a church membah." biskets dat yo' eber et. Did Mis' Lu' | "That won't do here. You can't gib yo' one?" significantly. Em had a hoodwink me. You are a thief and way of atoning for past offenses with must go tochoice creation of her culinary art, but now she was bent upon revenging her nebbah sed I wus a thief," uneasily. wounded dignity.

"Shaw! They weren't fit for a dog to wus a teeny baby, and Mis' Sally allus cat. I might use them to-"

"Yo'se a lytn' now, Marse Bob. Dey she 'most b'lon' t' me. "Tain't stealsho' was good. I'se a born cook, I is, in' t' take what's your'n, is it, Marse an' yo' knows it. Mis' Lu' done sed Bob?" speaking rapidly, but with inso; she wouldn't gib yo' one 'case dey | creasing assurance. was too good to waste on a no-count lawyer." Em's eyes beamed satisfaction. She was evening scores to her I's a priv'leg'd puson." own liking.

fuse to make friends with my neigh- umbrellabors, when they visit my wood-pile at out looking up from his papers.

"Great Scot! Marse Bob, yo' 'mos' | rupting him. scairt me to death, shootin' like dat. Yo' mighter killed me," falling blindly into the trap.

"What shooting! I never tried to shoot you. I shot at somebody who an' dey nebbah wears out," eagerly. was stealing my wood," innocently. 'Marse Bob, I'se dun sed dat I nebbah tooked nuthin' dat didn't b'lon' t' | was not at all reassuring. Usually he

steal no wood-" So you stole some wood, then. Well, further embarrassment she picked up now you must go to-"

"Marse Bob, yo' hearn what I sed," room, but was stopped by "Marse emphatically. "I wus only makin' Bob." fren's with dem dogs, so dat dey'd "The people of this town are tired



Too early for what, Em?"

firth away de voodoo man. Dat's de again, forgetful of her statement of a blessed fruf." Em's imagination moment previous, in her cagerness to came to her rescue. "How can those done keep away "Marse Bol" was beginning to en-

ie voodoo man " looking her squarely | joy a hearty laugh over the encounter is the eye. Em never qualled, lying when he was startled by a piercing shrick in Em's shrill volce: was a fine art with her.

the hands kept a peaterin' me in Bob! Marse Bob! come quick!" the sleep, an a tellin me dat de voes. He rushed out and saw a sight has man was a gwyin' to steal my, so which almost turned his blood to lea in I rasseled in pray'r all night, and A farno buildeg had sprung upon a spirit say dat if I make from's with "little Marse Bob," who had wandered nonlideg, de vendee man will take de out unattended, in pursuit of his father. Before he could collect his

You don't mean to tell me that you shoughts Em had turned the dog's ire near, no you?"

'Yas, Marse Bob, 'deed I does I'as whelming odds. Several other men a statent church membah, I is. I came running to her aid, but too late. prays an reads de bible ebery night." The child was rescued and placed firmly, as a vindication of herself in his father's arms, uninjured; but for

Ent. nin came too late. She had received fatal injuries before the dog could be dispatched. Tenderly the men carried her into the room which she had left only a few moments before, in a rage. She had forgotten all. that in her unselfish effort to ald another "Marse Bob" was standing over her, his eyes overflowing with tears, trying to thank her, and begging forgiveness for the pain he had caused her. Faintly and brokenly she spoke;

"Marse Bob-de-voodoo-man-got de-dog." Then, as she sank lower: Poor-Em-neb-bah-" As the pain left her body the wonted smile spread over her face.

In the town cemetery there is a carefully-kept grave, marked simply: "EM-A LADY."

NUT WAS A BOOMERANG.

Object Lesson Intended for Congregation Had Effect Upon Minister. John Spencer Bassett of Trinity

college, N. C., in a recent lecture scored religious intolerance. He be gan in this way

"I was born in Tarboro, and in Tarboro in my bodhood I went to church every Sunday. I shall never forget an object lesson that a clergyman impressed on me there. He arose one Sunday evening in the fall with a fresh, green walnut in his hand. He held the walnut up so that we could all see it and said 'Dearly beloved, with this walnut

I am going to give you an object les son. See me now remove the nut's rind. This rind is soft, dirty, useless. profitless. It is like the -- church, Now I come to the shell. It is a hard, strong shell, a difficult thing to crack, but there is no taste to it: there is no nourishment in it; it is valueless, a thing to be thrown away. This shell, my friends, is like the church. And finally breaking the shell we come to the kernel, which is like our own church. I--

"At this point the clergyman took out the kernel and found it rotten. He Em's eyes flashed. "Deed, Marse reddened, coughed and pronounced Bob, I nebbah teeched no fib-dollar all his views."

## REFUSED TO BE INFLUENCED.

How a Judge Fortified Himself

Against an Attorney's Argument. Committeeman Robinson of North Carolina used to be a judge in the those parts, once appeared in a case sefore him.

Robinson's mind was fully made up oncerning the judgment to be rendered, and he accordingly informed Elias that no argument was necessary. Notwithstanding this, Elias began to argue. Judge Robinson again beeded

"Sheriff," said the judge, calling that official to his desk, "have you any cotton hereabouts?"

"Marse Bob" was standing over her. carefully, observed:

'Now, Mr. Elias, you may proceed." From the Washington Post.

Herbert Spencer on Boy-Raising. happiness at heart; let him discover by shall be admitted. "'Deed I didn't know dat wus dren. Unfortunately, however, Mr. "Marse Bob, I nebbah took no shoes he-the father-is the wiser of the Em plainly showed that she was very uneasy. "Marse Bob's" manner two.

Dietetic Requirements.

It has been laid down as a physicto be thoroughly in earnest. To avoid logical rule that the requirements of adult diet depend not on the weight her broom and started to leave the of the eater, but on the extent of his bodily surface. An infant may weigh man, but its surface is more than of your conduct. Now you must go to jail until you learn to know what is Em looked at him sharply a moment. and then burst out: "Marse Bob, I'se a lady; yo's been 'sultin' me jest 'case mines the needed proportion of nouryo' is a lawyer. I knowed yo' when yo' wus a teeny baby, an' I knowed in the case of a growing child food you' paw an' maw befo' yo'. Yo' wus is also needed to supply the increase a good boy, only yo' wus tricky, Marse of the bodily weight. In all an in of the country to shoot straight?" Bob, yo'd be a gem'man if yo' wasn't fant's ration may be five times as much as would be estimated from its With that she turned and started actual weight alone. out in perfect indignation over such insulting treatment. She was thor-

Extending a Welcome.

"Toni Turner and I boarded at the same shack in a raw Western camp one winter," said Senator Clark the other day. "We paid a big price and three fingers (lengthwise) of liquid on technicalities. oysters if the pail bad been left. Now courage under vest, and said something about the money the landlady must be making out of us.

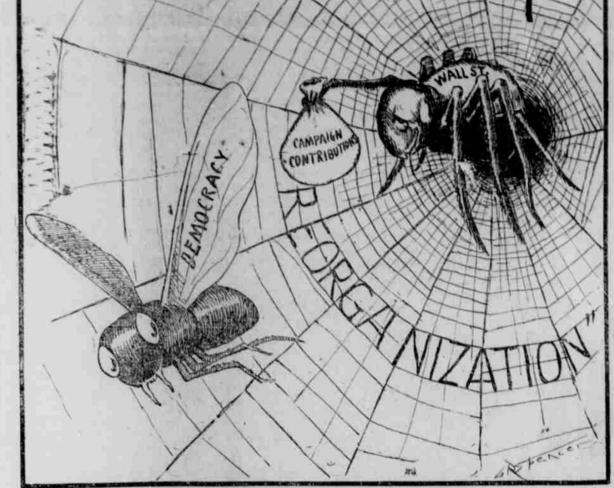
"Why, Mr. Turner, said he, indig-"Why. Mr. Turner, said he, indig-nantly. I am barely keeping the Reubens" at a fancy price. i'll get de pall." And she started out wolf from the door,"

" Well, Tom responded, recklessly, ner once. I'll bet he'll never come House. within four miles of the place a ain." Brooklyn Engle.

The Old Vine.

to served vine may still be there to served its peneral shade. Once the winding pullway where a trellied orth was made; recleand the purple grades made; thang through in bareous raws. To here each breeze-that o'er the hall in wanton gladness blows.

Porhaps the leaves still rustle there,
And still, perhaps, the dev.
Grams or the tempting casters where
The sunsight glane, through.
But one who used to lift me high
That I might rob the the
Ah does be share up in the sky.
The remory that's mine?



"'Won't you come into my parlor?' said the spider to the fly."

Courtesy of The Commoner.

## Commoner Comment.

TEACHING BOYS TO SHOOT.

In a pamphlet issued by the Nationthe benediction, and I understand at League of Republican clubs, in 1891, pointing Mr. Roosevelt to the fact that man, for the companion of nearly fifty that he was after that day liberal in and describing the principles and doc- the next national convention of the years was taken from him. Mrs Hoar

ies of the republican party" have un- self. These superstitious people feel dergone a marked change since the that this makes a combination that is pamphlet referred to was issued. In sure to result disastrously to the twee punishment coincide with those Tarheel state. Cope Elias, an attor- his annual report, Secretary of War house of Roossvelt. If they add to of the late Colonel Ingersoll are earney of considerable reputation in Root says that he knows of nothing this combination the other and well nestly asked to explain what fate more important in the way of prepara- attested fact that the people are grow- should be meted out to those Philamen of the country to shoot straight;" deeds, they will have a resultant com- Christmas trees in order to buil the and he adds, that "it is of no use to bination that will indeed be hard to price of the remaining stock. Before pay, equip, subsist and transport a beat. hit the enemy when he shoots at him." TEMPERANCE LESSON IN FIG- no poor families in Philadelphia to

Mr. Root says that two recent changes in conditions require that we informed him that he need not con- make continuous and active effort in ter temperance lessons than those tinue, but again his word was not this direction. One of these changes given by orators. These statistics is "the greatly increased range of the show that 70 per cent of pneumonia modern rifles which determines bat- cases, a disease unusually prevalent tles while the combatants are at a in many section of the country at this great distance from each other, and time, are fatal where the sufferer is which make practice more necessary addicted to the use of alcoholic stimu-The sheriff allowed that there were for good marksmanship than ever be- lants. On the other hand, only 23 per- withdrawal of \$50,0000,00 is calculated several bales of cotton just outside fore." The other is "the decline in the cent of the cases are fatal wherein to cause a money stringency? the co'thouse and, complying with use of fire arms among the greater part the sufferer is not addicted to the use instructions, he brought the judge a of our people." Mr. Root says that of liquor. These statistics are all the handful of the fluffy staple. The judge it is not now the case as it once was more emphatic when it is taken into tection it asked for, but the tin plate stuffed a wad of it in each of his ears, that every house has its rife or shot- consideration that the non-users ingathered up the legal papers on his gun, and that every boy is taught to clude very young children who are lesk, and, beginning to read them discharge these weapons; and he ex- treated with great difficulty, plains that it is probable that a majority of the young men in the thickly THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT TROUsettled parts of the country have never fired a gun and would be quite harmless to an enemy until taught to shoot. clear note when it says that the trou-He thinks that we should not wait un- ble with the postoffice department is there is war with Colombia it will be Herbert Spencer, the great English til we are actually engaged in hostili- that "it is used too much to reward philosopher, gave the following advice ties, and he recommends an appropria- politicians who act as if they think By nagging are insult, by contempts concerning the raising of a boy: "Do tion for the promotion of rifle prac- they have already earned their salar- and intrigue, the administration hopes

It can not be doubted that if such omical business plans, and probably that you are the wiser of the two; let clabs were organized there would be they couldn't if they would." There derstood that the "stay put" policy apon. She was evening scores to her is a privileg d puson.

"I am afraid that you must go to lime experience the benefit of following your advice and the evils that

"To poison my bulldogs, if they re- jail for this and also for stealing my and not to lime experience the benefit of following your advice and the evils that

The gun is a very attractive weapon benefit of following your advice and the evils that

The gun is a very attractive weapon benefit of following your advice and not to with a chance for spoils, and not to arise from disregarding it, and fear and there would be little difficulty in ble with our postal department. It wages. They reserve the right to haul not that you will readily enough guide persuading the boy to engage in tar- contains entirely too much chicane and down the wages whenever they see fit. night," he continued, cautiously, with- your'n. I thought some of you' cli- him," Mr. Spencer was a bachelor, get practice. And yet is it to the best too little business method. ents jest drapped it," anxiously inter. and any father who has had trouble interests of this country that the with his boy will at once recognize thoughts of war be kept uppermost in THE PORTRAIT OF THE OIL MONhow thoroughly the philosopher un. the minds of our citizens? Is it to the derstood the business of rearing chiloccasion the boy be taught that war is suit against the American Syren and of testimony it may be Spencer neglected to explain how a one of the chief features of life? Would Shipping. Syren and Shipping defather may let his son discover that it not be better if the boys of our land clares that the now famous portrait better to teach them that the greatest ren and Shipping "speaks sarkastikle," one-eighteenth as much as a grown to lead in the good order of the world? have a deliciously sarcastic flavor.

Is it possible that our boasted civilone-seventh as great. As the first re- jextion has made no greater progress, quirement of the infant's food is to even at this day in the presence of a man like Heath being secretary of eral Charles Emory Smith, replace the heat that is continually The Hague court of arbitration and the republican national committee why being lost by radiation from all parts within a few months after the czar of did he want Mr. Hanna to continue of the body, the latter friction deter all the Russians made bold to suggest as chairman? It is not recorded that ishment rather than the former, But that an American secretary, referring ate or spent a year away from home Great Britain. say to say that nothing is in to im- had reported against him. portant than "teaching the young men

At this particular time of the year a Panama revolutionists whose "rose as arge number of good resolutions look one man" are not neglecting to keep a very much like this republic's reputa- sharp lookout for the arrival of that just now has that hollow and insintion for disinterested friendliness for little consignment of ten million Amer- core sort of sound. South American republics.

questionable practices he always de- onel Lafe Young, is to stand in with tradition and our national honor. This got mighty little for our money. One the real issues, and then generally got of the g. o. p. campaign barrel. day Tom came home with two or asks for time and tries to get away

> he plated the shipbuilding gold brick, any defense of a strong man taking confident, Mr. Schwab coyly admits that he did advantage of a weak fool?

if that's what you're trying to do, Just to the Hanna life preserver and makes a week by holstings the price of kero- no time. open the door and invite him in to din ugly faces in the direction of the White sent a half-cent a gallon

Is there any moral difference be-it will be noticed by every shrewd tween selling a postoffice appointment observer that the g. o. it managers for money and trading it for netive through positical pull have failed. nover thing of denouncing "graft" and support in a campaign for re-election "grafters" until exposure threatens to have a depressing effect on g. o. p. The real test of that Panama repulschances

Republic, calls attention to the fact successful secession. that the young man who "carried a message to Garcia" received thanks. Florida wants a ship canal, and it while the young man who perpetrated may be that a little accession might a forgery on Aguinaldo was promoted have profitable induence at Washing- Wichita church social and many of the to be a brigadier meneral

A THREE PART COMBINATION.

trines of the republican party, it was republican party will be its thirteenth, was not prominent in society circles, said: "In the affairs of the United They add to this-to them-sinister chiefly because she preferred devoting States, happily enough, the war de- fact the other fact that no vice pres- her energies and her talents is other partment does not cut a conspicuous ident who succeeded through the death directions. But she had a circle of Evidently "the principles and poli- and elected president to succeed him- cause of her womanly worth.

URES.

Medical statistics often furnish bet-

BLE.

The Sioux City ribune strikes a but gain a boy's trust; convince him tice and the formation of rifle clubs les in the party service." The Tribune by your behavior that you have his and contests to which citizens general- further says that "they would at bother their heads with practical and econ-

ARCH terests of civilization, that on every seems to have grounds for a damage mony without much regard to the kind could be trained in the art of peace? of Rockefeller, printed in a recent is-would it not be better if they were sue of McClure's, is really the portrait manuscript of Milton's "Paradise rersuaded to devote their energies in of "Ormulu," a miserly character in a Lost." obtaining an education, not merely story published in Harper's Weekly script. from the text books, but also from more than forty years ago, and drawn humanity's statutes? Would it not be by "Porte Crayon." But perhaps Synation is the one that is foremost in as Artemus Ward would say. At any peace, that the most powerful govern- rate, the rest of that interesting publimen is the one that makes every effort cation's remarks anent Mr. Rockefeller

the disarmament of all the world, than Heath ever bought a seat in the sen- Waterloo seem to have echoed through to preparation for war, deems it neces- dodging service of a committee that

> showered upon their patriotism, those small? tern dollars.

When a public official is caught in The "lowa Idea," according to Colclares that he wants a speedy trial on the gentleman who presides at the spilis the important fact to remember.

Colombia is the victim of her own

The managers of Monte Carlo cleared

Is there any moral difference be-

He will come when an attempt is made And they are now going Hannapatic? to divide the bunch of swag the admin-Logis F. Post, editor of the Chicago istration at Washington beid up for

THE DEATH OF MRS. HOAR. Regardless of party or creed Amerians will extend their heartfelt symoathy to the venerable Senator Hoar because of the death of his wife. The Christmas festivities of 1963 contained The superstitiously inclined are no cheer for the Massachusetts states-

of his chief as ever been nominated friends who were devoted to her betion for war "than to teach the young ing weary of words not backed up by delphia dealers who burned 40,000 undertaking the explanation they should ask themselves if there were

> given without affecting the price of the remainder. Financiers dread the results that may follow the withdrawal of \$50,000, 000 to pay for the Panama deal. This naturally leads to the inquiry: Is our financial system as stable as some financiers would have us believe if the

The fin plate trust has all the proto accept a 50 per cent reduction in wages. "Protection to American workingmen" is a great g. o. p. cry, but the trusts that furnish the campaign funds get all the wool.

The administration declares that if because Colombia strikes the first blow. to goad Colombia into striking the

The exploiters want it distinctly un-

The special Panama message would chief reliance in proving his case is to have a vast preponderance of testi-

J. Pierpont Morgan is reported to Money may buy the manu-

The rumor that the Boers may make another effort may be an indication that the Boers have discovered an opportunity to sell a canal to us.

Editor Charles Emory Smith is kept quite bushy these days explaining the If Mr. Roos-velt is so "sot" against official record of ex-Postmaster Gen-

> Emperor William's voice may be weak, but his whispered remarks about

I can see no reason why I should resign," says Perry Heath. Have Mr. While shyly accepting the enconiums Roosevelt's chances, then, grown so

Postmaster General Payne's laughter

The wrong is not so much towards Colombia, as it is towards our national

Mr. McKinley may have said that he hoped to be succeeded by Mark Hanna, folly," says the Sloux City Journal but there is a very general suspicion In other words, while denying that Perhaps, but can the Journal make that he did not make Perry Heath his

Abdul Hamid's physicians have informed him that he can live only three \$7,000,000 last year, which is almost as | years more and those who have ulti-In the meantime Perry Heath clings much as Mr. Rockefeller can make in matums to throw at him should lose

It is quite a common thing for an

Ten years ago republican papers said wages were "going democratic,

The Convad-Bonaparte report seem o have profity effectually cooled Postmaster General Payne's "hot air" blast,

One potato was the admission at a guests complained of being cheated.

IS NOW SAINT JOAN.

"Maid of Orleans" Awarded Beatif tion by the Church.

After nearly five centuries of 1 epresentation and of calumny, Congregation of Rites of the Ro Catholic church has taken the t steps toward the canonization of J of Arc. After having suffered in lifetime from the greed of her countrymen, represented by her sale to the English by the Duke of Burgundy. by royal ingratitude represented by the indifference to her fate of the worthless Charles VII., for whom she saved his throne, by the church liself as represented by Cauchon, the bishop of Rouen, who, after declaring her guilty upon unproved charges & heresy, witchcraft, and communica tion with evil spirits, turned her over to the secular authorities for burning at the stake, which neither the French nor the English prevented, she is not declared fit for beatification.

It is probable that from the his torical point of view the real story of the peasant girl Domremy, who let her father's sheep at the command of "the voices" and obeyed the instruc tions of Saints Catherine and Mar garet by revealing her mission to th worthless dauphin, by raising the sies of Orleans, driving the English from most of their French possessions, at finally by conducting the dauphin t his coronation at Rheims, may never he told in all its details. Even ed temporary historians differed acco ing to the extent of their individu beliefs in supernaturalism. Those wi were guilty of her betraval and su render invented all sorts of charges excuse their action, and later hist ians unable to account in a mater way for her marvelous career, fou themselves either forced to conce that that career was full of mirac or to doubt her very existence, some have done even in the hard facts.

From the point of been done to her and to her memory. There never was a more devoted adherent of the church, perhaps never a more deeply religious visionary than Joan of Arc. No one can doubt she believed she saw the figures of her two favorite saints in the clouds, heard their voices and their answers to her when she spoke to them. There was no point in her career when she did



not seek spiritual guidar holeso she was under the protect saints, until after securing the coronation of the dauphin, which ended her mission, she remained in the field at his order and herself acknowledged that her saints had forsaken her. She was sold for gold by a greedy duke, one of her own countrymen, in alliance with the English. She was delivered by her purchasers to a mallelous bishop, one of her own countrymen. who, when he falled to convict her of heresy, condemned her upon charges of intercourse with evil spirits, and delivered her to the civil authorities of Rouen, who soon regretted their action and eventually erected monutants to her memory.

The archbishop of Orleans accepts the beatification as an honor to France. It may be so. In any event, it is an honor to the church, though it has been a long time coming, that it will add to its list of saints a peasant girl who followed the commands of the voices and liberated France from English rule, and for that service dled the death of a martyr.

Disdained All Titles.

Herbert Spencer, in disdaining all titles, happened to follow a for him by others of his name. Spencer, second Lord Sun rland. would not, when he sat in par ament for Tiverton, allow himself called my lord and expressed in hore that he would live to see the day when not a peer would be left in England. Another and a later Spencer, George Spencer, 60 years ago astonished his father, the Earl Spencer of the day, by dropping his title and even his name when he became a Roman Catholic and entered the Passionist order as "Father Ignatius."

Woman Tax Collector

Mrs. Mary Conway has been appointed tax collector of Gordon, Pa. She is a widow and a school teacher, and she is the first woman ever appointed to a position of this kind in that section. Collection of taxes in Gordon is very difficult and carries little emolument, and no man resident could be found to undertake the work.

New Fog Fighting Device. Sir Oliver Lodge is a man talked about in London. He has conceived a device for fighting fog by electricity. The current is to be shot from tall masts. Electric light poles will do. Sir Oliver believes his invention will be of great utility pending London's

Tragedy of a Wasted Life. If I could get the ear of every oung man but for one word, it would be this: Make the most and best of yourself. There is no tragedy like a wasted life is life falling of its true

end, and tuned to a false end -T. T.

acquirement of the ability to consume

its own fog making smoke.

Munger.