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PARTIES LEAVING FOR SUMMER.

Parties senving the city for the summer may have The Bee sent to them regularly by notifying The Bee Business office, in person or by mail. The address will be changed as often as desired.

King Corn is causing greater anxiety to the railroad kings than all the so cialists and anarchists.

Pierre Lorillard, the horsey New York multi-millionaire, will be remembered chiefly as the paternal progenitor of Pierre Lorillard, jr., and Pierre Lorillard III.

The three great railway combinations have divided up the coal transportation east of the Mississippi river. The small boy and the hired man still have the privilege of carrying it into the house.

Porto Ricans are said to be clamoring lustily for free trade, but the principal beneficiaries of free trade between t' United States and Porto Rico will be e Tobacco and Sugar trust magnates.

The rivers and harbors committee is on a tour of investigation. Before the members prepare another appropriation bill they should more accurately measure the flow of senatorial elo-

Omaha's exposition contingent at Buffalo is preparing to transfer its experience and enterprise to St. Louis. When a man once embarks in the show business he is never satisfied with any other vocation.

Dairy products for export are to be inspected and branded by the government, certifying their purity. The consumer at home must continue as heretofore to take his chances on getting butter or axle grease.

Kansas railroads are complaining they cannot get cars enough to handle the for help—the Nebraska roads will soon have all they can do to handle their own troubles in that line.

Robert Finkbine, who was the active supervisor of the building of the Iowa the rank favoritism exhibited by the state capitol, is dead at his home in assessors affords abundant proof that Des Moines. In the building he leaves the league cannot be depended on to behind him a magnificent monument, fight the battles of the taxpayers, honestly constructed and all paid for.

It has been discovered that the original order to Dewey to attack the Spanish fleet at Manila is unsigned and the identity of the man who wrote it is unknown. There is no doubt about what happened as the result of the order, however.

From present indications Omaha is destined to retain for the present season at least the distinction of being the only city to make an exposition a paying institution. The attendance at Buffalo, while on the increase, is still disappointing.

1 indicate that more than \$1,000,000 will be expended for store houses and dwellings in Omaha during the present season, but the question is. Will these improvements be visible on the assessment roll in 1902?

Property owners on Harney street. for replacing rotten wooden blocks with for repaying the street at \$1.50 per yard within the next ten years.

Will Nebraska never cease to rub it in the rural districts that this surplus staple products." Mr. Daisell stated money comes.

OUR AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS.

agricultural products. The foreign de where it does not conflict with the prinother year.

These are facts worthy of attentive consideration in connection with the question of commercial relations with those countries. The United Kingdom will not need less of our agricultural products this year than it did last year and the probability is that Germany will require more. Neither country can therefore afford to do anything that will reduce the imports of our products. stuffs deficit in Germany, which according to a report of the American consul general at Berlin will be almost unprecedented. Such is the alarming character of the situation that a number of propositions looking to relief are under practically settled. The commercial reconsideration. The one measure that is not among these propositions, but it is safe to say that the demand of the agrarians for an increase of duties will not be heeded. That would mean dearer bread for the German consumers and the grand flourish of trumpets that Govgovernment will hardly venture to in- ernor Savage and his staff will attend crease the cost of living to the German

people. In some of the other European countries the situation is not very much betvalue of their importations was upwards less classes. of \$73,000,000. In none of these countries will the grain production of the about \$6,000,000 in 1896 to nearly \$23,- least, not very flattering. That journal 000,000 in 1900.

It would seem to be a safe conclusion circumstances.

THE REASON WHY.

Bee seems to be displeased with the | ish bull fight." recently organized "Municipal league" to taxpayer in which The Bee's position is upheld and the organization of a "taxpayers' league' suggested.

Why will not the Municipal league World-Herald.

The letter purporting to have been written by a taxpayer is genuine and can be inspected in this office by any one doubting its authenticity.

The Municipal league will not fill the bill of a taxpayers' league for the reason that some of the reputable taxpayers in the league enjoy well established reputations for tax shirking and tax fighting. One of its leaders, for examassessment of the South Omaha stock legitimate by reason of his profession in the crowded streets and extemporized as an attorney, he would cut a sorry dens of vice is more reprehensible. wheat crop. It is no use to look north figure in a taxpayers' league in deleague dared even to whisper against

A PERPLEXING QUESTION. Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania, who is a member of the ways and means committee and a leader of the republican side of the house, has been talking on the subject of concessions to didacy of Frank Moores for congress. Cuba. He speke of it as one of the most The man who discovered this wonderful important questions that will come before congress and said that it will have to be dealt with broadly. What the course of procedure will be he did not opinion that there will be a great deal covered is that the campaign for raising of embarrassment in adjusting the wishes of the Cubans to our local con- long before anybody could foreshadow The building permits issued up to July country favorable to the generous treat. gard to a revision of the assessment re- soul, "go marching on," to the sound of his ment of the Cubans consistent with our turns. own interests.

Mr. Dalzell said the difficulties in the way are readily apparent. "The Cubans will ask a market for their sugar If we can, as Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, asserts, produce in this country from beets raised between Sixteenth and Twentieth, by our farmers all the sugar we conshould make haste with their petitions sume, there is a problem right away. The beet sugar industry is extensive asphalt pavement. It is doubtful and growing. The farmers engaged in whether they will get another chance raising the beets and the men who turn the raw material into the finished product by the investment of capital in manufacturing plants will insist upon protection. Then there are our own cition the calamity howler? It is now and zens who will want less restricted comnounced that, instead of being a bor- mercial relations with Cuba. It is not rower from the east, Nebraska banks to be expected that the Cubans will adhave actually loaned over \$1,000,000 to mit our dairy products, our flour and New York. The popocratic orator must meal, our machinery, agricultural imhunt up a new song, the one about the plements, boots and shoes and clothing "poor, poverty-stricken farmer" will into their country upon less favorable not answer this season, for it is from tariff terms than we give them for their

just issued from the Department of The more this question of commercial Germany is becoming more and more Agriculture, has been steadily growing relations between Cuba and the United dependent on foreign countries for its and there is reason to believe that it States is considered the more perplexing food supply and the United States is will continue to grow. The facts pre- it becomes. The fact is very generally increasing its exportable surplus. Gersented by this report, covering the last recognized that the industrial and comfive years, are highly interesting and mercial development and the prosperity even. Instructive. The best customers for of Cuba, as well as the maintenance of our agricultural products are the United peace and order in the island, depend Kingdom and Germany, but there is a upon the marketing of its staple prod- of July celebrations are not yet comwide disparity between these, the ucts in this country. If the Cubans can plete, but the returns up to date show former taking three times as much as not profitably dispose of their sugar the latter in the last fiscal year. With and tobacco in the American market maimed and killed in the year 1901 is the exception of a single year we sent they cannot do so anywhere. And in or- from 33 to 50 per cent less than during public that Judge E. C. Calkins of Kearney more agricultural products to the der that they may sell them profitably the preceding year. That is not saying will be a candidate for the republican Secretary Long and sent to Admiral Dewey United Kingdom in 1900 than ever be here they must have a preferential very much for our civilization, however, fore and more to Germany than in any tariff. Senator Lodge has expressed the as it still exceeds in number the men fully compete with other countries from war. which we import sugar.

But, as we have heretofore pointed out and as Representative Dalzell suggests, there is our domestic sugar industry to be considered and also our tobacco industry. Can we go on developing these, until they reach a production equal to the home consumption, as pre-We have already referred to the brend- dicted by Secretary Wilson, if we make shall be their rallying point. By nature bacco of Cuba as will allow them to be profitably marketed in this country?

The future political relations between Cuba and the United States have been lations between the island and this would be most beneficial, however, a country present a problem that it reduction of the import duties on grain, seems safe to predict will not be so easily disposed of.

SHOULD BE DISCOUNTENANCED.

The announcement is made with a the carnival.

For the good name of the state and ter than in Germany. France, Belgium his own reputation it is to be hoped the and Italy, as now indicated, will need governor will not take part in the orgies as much of our agricultural products that have characterized this brazen atthis as last year, when the aggregate tempts to pander to the vicious and law-

Omaha and the state have already been lowered in public esteem by these present year be beyond the average, if exhibitions. The advertisement of the up to it, and they must look to this bull fights has provoked decidedly uncountry to supply the deficit. It is favorable editorial comment in the press noteworthy that the most striking gain of the country. The Chicago Record, the Boers submit. So the question has rein our agricultural exports disclosed by for example, in a half-column editorial duced itself to the survival of the fittest. the figures of the last five years was Saturday, denounces the South Omaha in the Asiatic trade, which rose from jamboree in terms that are, to say the declares that the city of Omaha appears from the facts of the situation, as now where it will be wiped off the map of Mrs. Nation said that she was in great presented, in which there is not likely civilization, and recalls the fact that demand, but felt that "the poor, lost Elks" to be any important change, that so far Omaha was hard hit by the last census as exports of our agricultural products and is not likely to recover prestige by are concerned they are not likely to exhibitions of the Spanish bull fight suffer from any adverse European order. While it is true that the bull legislation. The agrarian aglication for fight proved a farce, this fact does not department is required to expend more higher import duties on breadstuffs relieve Omaha of the stigma of trying will hardly be heeded under existing to transplant to its soil an exhibition of brutality that is repugnant to Anglo- development of postal facilities in this Saxon ideas of sport. "There should be country. no place on American soil for the Span-

The Chicago Tribune on the same day the extent that The Bee editor prints a also devotes considerable editorial space letter alleged to have been written by a to the South Omaha carnival, winding with the eternal musical fitness of things up as follows:

There are thousands of men and women as well who will pay a large sum to see hymns to be "rot." What sort of musical the bill? This organization has been set a reckless man risk his life, and if there criticism is it that expresses itself with on foot by a body of reputable taxpayers .- is a show of blood about the exhibition in some way it is likely to be even more popular. Under the smooth surface of modern civilization still sleep the brutal passions which were gratified when men fought with one another or with wild beasts at Rome. It needs only an opportunity like that of this farcical bull fight at Omaha to bring them to the surface again. It is small wonder the Cubans and Filipinos cannot understand why the United States authorities should object to cock fights.

The truth of the matter is that the sham bull fights are the least offensive ple, appeared before the county board feature of the South Omaha fair. The to protest against the increase of the protection guaranteed to pickpockets, crooks and skin gamblers to ply their yards. While this was perfectly vocations, without police interference,

It was an evidence of sublime assurcorporations that have been under- South Omaha carnival to ask the chief valued by assessors and equalizers. The executive of the state to participate in very fact that no one in the Municipal such an exhibition and indirectly make him an endorser of the scandalous show.

You always have to go away from home to find out the news. According to the Omaba correspondent of the Lincoln Journal the campaign waged by The Bee against the corporate tax shirkers is inspired by a desire to depose Commissioner Ostrom from the chairmanship of the republican county committee in the interest of the alleged canpiece of news probably does not know that a new committee will be elected by Douglas county republicans not later than September. Another thing that venture to say, but he expressed the this wonderful mind reader has not disthe corporation assessment was begun

New York is greatly agitated because the chief of the weather bureau predicted a continuation of the hot spell official. Prof. Moore cannot help it if the climate of the metropolis is unpleasant. Instead of working themselves into unnecessary perspiration the New hot spell.

Having devoured everything green in sight in the Red River valley the festive grasshopper has put in an appearance in full force in northern Minnesota and extended the skirmish line to the border of North Dakota, while the geewhopper band plays "In This Wheat By and By."

In spite of trade restrictions the trade of this country with Germany in agri- forever in the last ditch of a back-number cultural products shows a wonderful in-

laid down in the republican national should convince the Germans that in The mainstay of our export trade is platform last year and up to the point putting up the tariff on what they are compelled to buy abroad they are only mand for these, as shown by the report | ciple of the American protective tariff. | injuring themselves. Year by year many better make up its mind to trade

> The mortality statistics of the Fourth the gratifying fact that the number of opinion that the preference need not be that were killed and wounded on the very great to enable Cuba to success. American side during the entire Spanish republican member of the supreme bench, it bottom! Glorious dispatch! I should

Ohio democrats are having a serious time trying to figure out what they believe. They are all willing that Colonel Kilbourne shall offer himself up as a sacrifice on the ticket. They are undecided whether Tom Johnson's radicalism or John McLean's conservatism such concessions to the sugar and to- they sympathize with Johnson, but the temptation of the McLean barrel is potent.

There is not enough left of the democratic party in Iowa worth bothering with and democratic papers are forced to put in their time mixing in republican politics or remain idle. The republicans do not mind it, and if the democrats get any enjoyment out of it they are welcome to continue the mixing.

One Blessing for Cuba.

St Louis Republic. There has not been a death from yelthe South Omaha street fair on Wednes- low fever in Cuba this year. That is a day, which is to be the red letter day of sort of independence to which the Cubans are unused.

Cruelty to the Spectators.

Chicago News. There was no cruelty in the bull fight at South Omaha except such as was inflicted on those who bought tickets and sat through the show.

Peace Through Extermination.

Baltimore American. The Boers have decided to accept terms except independence. The British are determined to pursue the war until

Favorites of the Hatchet.

Kansas City Star. Mrs. Nation, the Kansas smasher, delivered the address at the Eiks' Fourth of to be drifting rapidly toward the point July celebration at Crawfordsville, Ind. needed her most.

Plugging a Big Leak.

As long as the United States Postoffice than half its entire revenue in carrying

second-class matter at a loss of \$56,000,000 year it is useless to hope for a prope

Art in Musical Criticism. Buffalo Express Not long ago a convention of musicians denounced ragtime as out of harmony Now the Indiana music teachers in convention pronounce the Moody and Sankey

Cinch on Three Great Necessaries.

such a word?

New York World. Mr. Morgan's soft coal "combine" is the ogical supplement to his hard coal "combine," his iron and steel "combine" and his transportation "combine." And we shall soon confront the condition of a small group of men-the Morgan group-in absolute control of the prices of the three great necessaries of our civilization, coal, iron and transportation.

Keep in the Open.

New York Sun. On July 1 ten boys and a man were killed lightning under a pler, where they had a man and his wife and three children were killed by lightning at McKeesport after baving taken shelter under a tree. Science and experience both say emphatically that manding an equitable assessment of ance on the part of the promoters of the when caught out in a thunderstorm the safest place is in the open.

Comparative Bigness.

Minneapolis Times. Before the United States gets too uppity and biggity about its annual trade it might be well for us to remember that Australia last year had a total trade of \$825,000,000. nearly half of which was imports. With a opulation of 5,000,000 this would show the extraordinary per capita of \$185. In order to equal this the total trade of this country would have to be very nearly \$14,000,000,000 -a tidy sum even in these days when billions are talked of with a glibness that would have made Croesus stare himself

A HOPELESS BOURBON.

Midsummer Impatience of a Demo eratic Fogborn. New York World.

William J. Bryan is relterating in brief speeches and reprinting in large type his unalterable devotion to the "principles" of the Chicago and the Kansas City platforms He predicts that the democratic party ditions. He thought we may expect to what position any particular member of will take no backward steps," but whether find a great deal of sentiment in this the county board would take with re- it does or not be will, like John Brown's own voice demanding "free silver at 16 to 1 now and forever, world without end." "I am fighting on." he said at Roanoke

Va., "not so much to win, for I would rather die fighting for right than win fight ing for something else." What keeps Mr. and its papers proceeded to belabor that Bryan so terribly cocksure that he was right and is right? Are the great American people fools, or, like the sinner of the hymn, knowing the right do they still the wrong pursue?

Twice in presidential elections and six York editors should come west to the times in other elections the American peoland of hog and hominy, where the ple have repudiated, rejected, jumped upon weather is bearable, even during the and kicked out the free silver and cheap money delusions. Are not these great and repeated majorities quite as likely to have been right as are Mr. Bryan and his dissolving populists? Events have proved Mr. Bryan to have

been wrong in every one of his arguments and prophecies on this subject in 1896. The country has under the gold standard more money of all kinds than ever before, and it is all good. It has greater prosperity, higher wages, higher prices for farm products, a vastly larger export trade, with diminished public and private debts.

Mr. Bryan may choose to go on fighting lost cause, but unless all present signs are misleading he will not again have the demthat he favors reciprocity upon the lines crease for the past year. The result ocratic party at his back.

POLITICAL TALK IN THE STATE.

Kearney Hub (rep.): J. H. Edmisten has been telling the dear people again about the troubles of the populist state central committee, of which he has been sole proprietor for several years. If Mr. Edmisten would mind directing his remarks to a policeman the public would doubtless appreciate it. Hastings Tribune (rep.): In fixing the time

for holding the republican state convention the state central committee made a wise war and made and unmade heroes accordmove in setting Wednesday, August 28, as ing to plans and specifications. His rethe time. This will give the candidates ward was promotion to the rank of rear about eight weeks in which to make their admiral. There seems to be a few anonycampaign and that will be time enough-in fact it will be just about right.

Kearney Democrat: It has been made nomination for supreme judge. As it is after the declaration of war. Secretary generally conceded that the supreme court of the state should be non-partisan, and given him by the Massachusetts club on the when Judge Norval retires there will be no 3d inst. He said: "My name was at the is therefore concluded that the republicans rather like to have the credit of it. But it will in all probability elect their candidate and, if so, we would be satisfied with Judge Calkins. Minden Gazette (rep.): Now that the

the state to cast about and select the very best man that can be chosen as a candidate for supreme judge. No man can be nominated and elected just because he is a good republican and a good fellow. That part of it is all right, but in addition he must be thoroughly qualified from a legal standpoint and one whose character is absolutely unassailable. There are plenty of such men in Nebraska, and most of them are found in the republican party. Let us nominate one of them and the work of electing him will come that much easier. Schuyler Sun (rep.): The republican state convention which will meet in Lin coln August 28 has an important work to perform and that is the nomination of the right kind of a man for supreme judge. It should nominate a man who has no questionable past, a man whose legal attainments are already respected by the bar of this state and a man who will no be afraid to canvass the state and let the people know what manner of a man he is. The Sun had in mind Judge Dickinson of Omaha when the above sentences were written. This man will do as much to save the supreme court from giving biased opinions as any man that could be named

from the bar of this state. North Platte Telegram: In an interview which the State Journal had with Senator Owens of Cozad the information was given out that the western portion of Nebraska is in favor of Judge H. M. Grimes of this city for supreme judge. For once, at least the senator must have had his finger on the public pulse when he made this statement for so far as this part of the state is con cerped the republican party is a unit for a "consummation so devoutly to be wished. Since the judge first occupied a seat on the bench in this judicial district until now no judge has ever been so generally satisfac tory to the people. His acute legal mind, his absolute fairness, his prompt manner of disposing of petty suits, his ability to dispense justice and at the same time please the litigants, has won for him the respect and friendship of the people of his district, and if he should receive a nomination at the hands of the party for supreme judge of the state, he would poll more votes in this part of the state than any other candidate ever received for any office in the gift of the people.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The Deutschland averted a terrible financial panic by bringing its cargo of mil-Honaires safely into port. The sultan of Turkey is said to be much affected by the death of one of his wives. Naturally; it breaks the set.

The philanthropic undertaking of Mr Ginn of Boston for putting up fireproof and sanitary tenement houses for the poor is probably by way of atonement for his name. The emperor of Japan has an allowance of something like \$2,000,000 a year to keep up the imperial establishment. He has also a large private fortune, having invested in

stocks and real estate. By the will of the late Jacob S. Rogers of Paterson, N. J., the bulk of his estate, the Japan coast, in getting the expert Jap estimated at not far from \$10,000,000, i given to the Metropolitan Museum of Art New York City. His nephews and nieces

are given \$25,000 apiece. More democrats than republicans, it is said, voted sgainst the calling of a constitutional convention in the state of Virginla, but the proposition prevailed nevertheless and its adoption will make more

difficult hereafter republican contest for control. There does not seem to be any probability that American royalty will set the fashions in this country. The sultan of Sulu, the only monarch who reigns under the Stars and Stripes, wears neither collars nor cuffs with his dress suit, and he

does wear a skull cap set with diamonds. John E. Russell of Massachusetts, whom President McKinley, when they were both a congress, once described as the "goldensheep shepherd of Leicester," has returned home from a two years' trip abroad, which he took with his family for the benefit of his health. He is still far from well and his physicians have forbidden his taking part for the present in political life.

The directors of the Alexander III museum in St. Petersburg have defied the holy synod in its ban against two paintings by Repin. One is a portrait of Count Tolstol, barefooted, in the dress of a peasant. The other is a symbolical picture called "Get Thee Behind Me, Satan." The exhibition of these paintings was prohibited in Moscow, yet they have been bought for national art gallery.

In some men's lives there comes a time when the heart grows weary and life is hardly worth the living. Take that strennous Cricago printer, for instance, whose generous heart throbbed and thrilled for womankind. He supported two wives, main ained two homes and worked two jobs. But just as soon as wife No. 2 found that wife No. 1 was getting more than half the earnings she squealed, had him thrown into jail and sent to the penitentiary. Now she is obliged to rustle for a living herself. Thus ingratitude imposes its own penalty.

M. Flammarion, the French astronomer has prepared and submitted to the French Astronomical society a novel scheme for reforming the calendar. He proposes that the year shall begin on March 21, and that the months shall be named after the cardinal virtues. In order to make the year exactly fifty-two weeks long he would make New Year's day (and, in leap years, the day after it), a holiday, and would not consider it a part of the week. Thus the iates of the days of the week would not alter from year to year, but would be invariable.

The Philadelphia Record says: "At the conclusion of Wu Tingfang's address at the Fourth of July celebration in Independence square there was a pretty little ceremony not down on the program. One of the young women seated on the platform passed a small American flag to the distinguished Chinese diplomat, with the request that he write his autograph on one of the white bars. A fountain pen was forthcoming and Minister Wu graciously complied. The incident was witnessed by others and in short time a perfect avalanche of small flags poured down upon him with similar requests from their owners. Wu took it good-naturedly and for quite a while was kept busy inscribing his autograph."

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Rear Admiral A. S. Crowninshield, chief

Scenes and Incidents Noted at the National Capital.

of the Bureau of Navigation, is determined to break into the roll of heroes of the late war. The admiral considers himself a naval tactician of the first rank, having achieved great distinction as a member of the famous strategy board which regulated the mous honors lieing around in Washington which the admiral covets. One of these is the authorship of the dispatch "Capture or destroy the Spanish fleet," signed by Long referred to this dispatch at the dinner is not mine. I have heard that some one, wanting to get into the graces of President McKinley, described him as the author of it. He never once saw it until I took it in and showed it to him. Then others have committee has fixed the date for a state given me credit for writing it. I did not convention it behooves the republicans of write it." Then he told of his conversations with Admiral Crowinshield and others and how they all agreed that the thing to do was to strike as quick and hard as possible. The dispatch was prepared and this is Mr. Long's account of it:

"Crowninshield did not prepare it. Who did? Some subordinate clerk in his department. Who? God only knows. But he didn't. As for me, I should not have used the word 'commence.' I should have said 'The war has begun.' Aside from that it is a mighty good message. I think we can pardon that word. What do you think | as I say!" of the rest of it? 'Capture or destroy the Spanish fleet. Use the utmost endeavor.' And, by the way, Dewey did. The dispatch came in to me. I took it to the president, saying to him, 'Mr. President, I think this ought to go.' He said. 'All right, sign it.' We heard not a word more.'

Now comes Crowninshield with a demand for recognition as the author of the dispatch. Secretary Long, he says, was made aware of the authorship and the admiral proposes to take the secretary by the ear and give him a heart to heart talk on his return to Washington. "I prefer to wait until Secretary Long returns to Washington next week before telling the circumstances of how the dispatch was written.' he said.

He was asked if this meant that he wanted to verify his recollection of the matter. "Oh, no," replied the admiral, 'my recollection is perfectly clear on the subject and there are others who were at the White House on the day it was written who will remember all about it."

"There was an officer of the line put on the retired list the other day," said an oldtime messenger at the Navy department to a Washington Star reporter, "who got himself into an odd pickle one morning 'way back yonder in the '70s by taking a shower

"This officer was a fine sallorman to serve under and the men were mighty fond of him. But he had one kink. That was his opposition to the practice of tattooing. He was 'first luff' or executive officer of the ship at the time I'm speaking of, and, while he was particularly easy on his crew, he certainly had a habit of coming down on em like a thousand of brick for the tattoning business. There were a lot of men in the crew that did tattooing and the first luff kept an eye on them. He didn't want any of the new young chaps in the service to get themselves marked up and when he caught the lads with new bunches of ink on their persons be invariably berated them soundly and had the testing and the many distributions. Chicago Post: Mrs. DeVorse—I don't like people to call me a grass widow.

Mrs. Chumm—No, because, of course, you're not really a widow.

Mrs. DeVorse—Oh! I don't mind the soundly and had the tattooers to the mast. "Mrs. "widow".
There was no regulation then, as there is grass." now, against tattooing, and so the executive officer couldn't punish the tattooers but he always lectured them pretty soundly. at that. But he couldn't stamp out the practice. The young fellows entering the service as landsmen weren't a little bit contented until they'd got themselves marked up like the old flatfeet; and right down to the present day, when there's a strict regulation against tattooing, the lads blow in good part of their wages, particularly on the China station when their ships are on tattoolst to needle them up.

"This executive officer, however, considered the practice foolish and barbarous and idiotic, as it no doubt is, although I've got the ink scattered over a great deal of my old frame. I remember that, while I was attached to the ship of which this officer was the 'first luff,' I went ashore at Nagasaki, Japan, one afternoon, and came across a Jap tattooer, whose work was high grade. I had a small vacant space still unmarked on my left forearm, and, being a good deal on my left forearm, and, being a good deal younger then than I am now, and a bit under the saki, I doubt not, at that, I had this Jap tattooist needle me the American flag and the Irish emblem intertwined on that vacant space. Well, the next morning I was doing my stunt on deck, with my sleeves rolled up, and that raised bit of tattooing showing raw on my left arm. The executive officer caught sight of it and he rounded on me instantly.

"'Well, you ought to have thirty days in some lubbers' jail, said he to me. 'An old some lubbers' jail,' sa younger then than I am now, and a bit

jack like you getting himself scraped up But such of us as have admired the trim

the terrible laugh from the whole ship's company for ard. The officers had rigged up a shower bath on the after deck, under which, with only a pair of small trunks on, they'd stand when they got up on the hot mornings to get cooled off. The apparatus had only been up for a couple of days, when, on this morning that I'm speaking of, the executive officer, who was an exceedingly absent-minded man, pranced out, with his little pair of new trunks and, turning the water on, steed under the shower, gasping and enjoying himself. It was about an hour after 'all hands' in the morning and all the men were on deck. Well, when they saw the 'first luff' stripped that way, there went up a shout from that ship's company that sounded like a home-

ward-bound roar. "For the executive officer was just one mass of fine tattooing from his neck to his middle. It was all Japanese work-dragons, eagles, snakes, dainty garden scenes and all that sort of stuff, in all of the Japanese tattoner's colors. His arms had all kinds of adders and pythons and boa constrictors coiled around them, and all in all, I don't believe any of us in the crew had ever seen a man, for'ard or aft, so completely attoord up as that 'first luft' of ours was When he heard the tremendous laugh the

executive officer looked up in surprise, and when he saw the whole ship's company doing nothing but staring at him with grine, he turned as red as a bret, looked at himself and hustled for his room at the gallop. He looked pretty sheepish and red when he emerged about half an hour later in uniform, but he took it all good naturedly and that afternoon said to me on the quiet: " 'You lads for'ard have got it on me sure enough, but I had those imbecile things needled on me when I was a pin-head of a cadet, thinking it was fine. Anyhow, it's not a case of doing as I do, but of doing

"I could only grin in reply and he snorted and then grinned and went aft. "From then on until the windup of the cruise be never said another word against

tattooing."

MIDSUMMER SMILES.

Chicago Tribune: "Have you got all your preparations completed for your summer vacation."
"I believe so. The boss says I needn't "I believe so. The boss says I needn't

Brooklyn Life: "I never could see why they always called a boat 'she." "Evidently you have never tried to steer

New York Press: Sympatheticus-Don't

you feel sorry for people who have to work in such weather as this? Cynicus—Not at all. If they didn't work they'd all be in the penttentlary.

Detroit Journal: "Aha!" cried the vil-lain, "the plot thickens!"
"No doubt," muttered the low comedian,
"the frost out front has had something
to do with that." Philadelphia Press: "Doctor," said the machine politician, who was very iii, "I think I need to go to a cooler climate." My dear man, replied Dr. Frank, "I'm

doing my best to keep you out of a hotter one." Cleveland Plain Dealer: "The whisky mitput of Kentucky will be 25,000,000 gal-

"Whew! What's the intake?" Puck: His Friend—And you can't get moneyed men to consider the matter? The Promoter—No. Money talks, but I've found it a mighty poor listener.

Washington Star: "Don't you think the shirtwaist idea is a sensible one?"
"No. I don't," answered the positive man, "If you are going into the subject of wardrobe reform, I don't see the excuse for wearing anything so hot and irritating as a shirtwaist."

if they'd only "keep off the

Chicago Tribune: "Paw," said Tommy, who was looking at the "Household Hints" in the weekly paper, "What is a society sandwich?" "A society sandwich," replied Mr. Tucker, not at all certain of his ground, but unwilling to exhibit his ignorance before the youthful seeker after knowledge, "is a helpless young man sitting better."

helpless young man sitting between two DAME FASHION'S NEW DECREE.

James Barton Adams in Denver Post. again doth fashion's fickle queen astound

ong-drawn-out angularity is now the lead-

jack like you getting himself scraped up like any beachcomber after all your years in deep water? You ought to be ashamed of yourself."

"I felt pretty sheepish, of course, but I told him that I wouldn't ha' had it done if it hadn't been for a bit too much of the rice wine on the afternoon before; but he only snorted and walked aft.

"Well, only two mornings after that this kindly 'first luff' showed himself up and got.

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