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Why do you call your furnace such names? Already a discerning man may get a vision of cheap ice next summer.

Will it be necessary to place an age limit on hunters to keep down the death rate? One virtue about the aeroplane is that it promises not to become popular for many years.

A New York woman advocates pensions for deserted wives. Why not call it premiums? If folks keep on getting so good there will not be any muck for the muckrakers to rake.

It was thoughtful of General Madero to declare himself "provisional" president of Mexico. Of course there is no use for the weather man to begin too early to prepare for Santa Claus.

Strange as it may seem, water has never had its natural effect of dissolution of the sugar trust. One good way for those ducks to get their wounds healed is to produce results at this short session.

British elections, like the national game of cricket, are conducted on the six-day-as-you-please plan. As soon as the congressional hot air furnace gets to working good this cold wave ought to be moderated.

That soldier at Fort McKinley who stole twenty-seven pounds of bacon probably will be dealt with on the basis of a capital offense. Vanity Fair of London thinks Americans are snobs. Why? Have they been turning down those impudiculous counts too consistently?

St. Louis is now fighting the "smoke evil." That is another "evil" that was not so general during those calm, leisurely days of democratic rule. Mr. Bryan has decided to raise oranges instead of lemons on his Texas ranch. Lemons, he has found, are indigenous to most of the states in the union.

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Industrial Advance Next Year.

The year 1910 was a much better one than early conditions promised. In the early summer we had some good reason for fearing a corn failure and failures in other crops, and therefore a crippled industry in many lines.

The country has had some difficulty of late getting the scales of production and distribution properly adjusted, but they are tilting fairly well now. For that matter we cannot reasonably expect any serious impairment of business with farms producing \$9,000,000,000 in crops a year.

As a matter of fact, plans and preparations now on foot show great industrial expansions coming, particularly in the south and west, in 1911.

Economy and Efficiency.

The dominant note in the president's message, as well as the reports of his cabinet officers, is economy and efficiency in the conduct of the government. It is sounded first in the president's insistent recommendation for departmental reorganization, cutting out every item of expense that can be eliminated without impairing the service.

President Taft is operating on the principle of the greatest good for the greatest amount of money. He is convinced that we are not getting that under the present system. He is certain that securities exist and is definitely aiming at their elimination.

When one really comes to study, with a fair and impartial scrutiny, the achievements and recommendations of the present administration along these lines he must be struck.

Chance for College Graduates. The government is affording excellent opportunities to college graduates in its consular service. Young men to a limited number who can pass the required examinations are offered positions as assistants to consular agents or interpreters in foreign lands.

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more general if congress acts favorably upon a recommendation of the president's made in his last message. It brings these positions in foreign lands within the scope of civil service, guaranteeing their permanence and stability.

"The Bee and Ballinger."

A correspondent of the World-Herald makes a tremendous fuss about "The Bee and Ballinger." The trouble with this gentleman is that he has purposely misconstrued what The Bee has said on the subject of "Ballingerism." He has also fallen into the same blunder that characterized the course of the minority of the investigating committee.

Protect the Hunter.

There ought to be some way of protecting the hunter from himself, at least hunters in Pennsylvania, Maine and New Hampshire. They are the only ones whose casualties have been officially reported.

Several of those eminent lawyers and jurists who have been hanging around Washington may return to their homes, now that the president has made his supreme court selections.

Alaska sends over the Macedonian cry for "women," not stenographers, but laundresses and storekeepers. Why not come out and admit that they are looking for wives up there?

It is doubtful if any president's message ever met with such general approval as President Taft's latest one. As the New York Sun said, it is a "Look-before-you-leap" message.

The Lincoln charter committee has completed its work and is now ready to submit the document to the legislature. This is an example of industry Omaha might well emulate.

Fireproof whiskers for Santa Claus may be an innovation, but if generally adopted will rob Christmas celebration of much of its terror. It's a plan worth trying, anyhow.

Prospective Square-Head. The democrats are going to live on the fat of the land so long as the insurgents and standpaters keep on trying to swallow each other.

What About It? Philadelphia Bulletin. "Meat prices go up" read dispatches from the packing centers, but what, might be asked, has become of that rosy tale of a plentiful corn crop and cheap corn-fed cattle?

Can Clark "Come Back"? Philadelphia Ledger. Ex-Senator Clark, once of Montana, has just paid \$100,000 for a dinner service for his New York mansion.

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Around New York

Mipples on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day. The owners of a new million dollar apartment house which is being built on upper Broadway will be able to say, without exaggeration, that their building possesses "all modern conveniences."

The American Museum of Natural History in New York, announces that it has just come into possession of a practically perfect skeleton of a trachodon, a monster which lived on the earth not less than 3,000,000 years ago.

South Dakota voters are entitled to credit for one thing. They defeated all but one of the amendment laws submitted to the referendum. This warrants the assumption that the South Dakotans are pretty well satisfied with the laws they have, and are not eager to try out a new lot.

Having reduced the deficit in his department by eleven and one-half million dollars in a year, Postmaster General Hitchcock is in a position to say very distinctly what ought to be done, and should have a respectful hearing.

For eighteen years James Mangan walked his beat as a policeman of the greater city, and in all that time nothing had happened to him, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star.

And now comes another eloquent preacher and finally obliterates hell in its entirety. This will deprive a lot of people of the only real pleasure they have in life—that of contemplating the future of their neighbors.

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According to Bill McLoughlin, Larry Mulligan brought back with him from Ireland a lot of blackthorns, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star.

Now, Leder, Wall street lawyer, was recipient of one of the most splendid letters he has ever received. He was very proud of it. He subscribed to the Irish literature he could hear of, undertook to learn Gaelic and spent his Sunday afternoon at the Metropolitan museum looking over the Irish exhibit.

Two New York youths saw a pretty girl in a restaurant. One of them remarked that her lips were made to kiss and asked the girl: "How much for one kiss?" She took a price of 25c, and each of the youths paid, and received a kiss.

The highest price on record for beans—\$15.00 for thirty barrels—has just been paid by a New York bonding company. They were plain, ordinary beans of the favorite Boston variety.

The bonding company sent its check for the beans to United States Commissioner Shields of the federal court, who applied it in satisfaction of the forfeited bond of J. F. Shugart, formerly a bean dealer in the wholesale district.

Arrivals in the United States circuit court, Shugart was held in \$5,000 bail for trial. He put up \$15,000 in cash with the bonding company and then left the country. He has never come back and his bond was recently declared forfeited.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

A St. Louis man won \$20 by drinking twenty bottles of beer daily for thirty days. Murray Allen Brackett, 35 years old, of West Haverly, claims the honor of being the youngest person to shoot a deer in Massachusetts during the open season.

General Richard H. Pratt, for twenty-five years superintendent of the Carlisle Indian school, was 70 years old recently. He was born in Rushford, Allegheny county, New York. He is a veteran of the civil war and was in the regular army many years.

Henry Perry, his wife and five children live in a house that is partly in Winsted, Conn., and partly in Barkhamsted. They eat in Barkhamsted and sleep in Winsted. When the boys get unruly, the mischief is generally done in Barkhamsted, but they get their spanking in Winsted.

Mrs. Lucy Hobbs Taylor of Lawrence, Kan., who was the first woman dentist in the United States, died last week. In fact, she claimed that she was the first woman in the world to graduate as a dentist, and the claim has never been disputed.

I. E. Stewart of Knowlton, Ia., is being proclaimed by his friends the champion corn husker in the United States. In nine hours he husked 23 bushels and 50 pounds of corn. Stewart was in the fields for 9 hours, 45 minutes, and took time out but four times in the entire day.

Thriving Pair of States Show Their Gait to Cosmos. Sioux City Journal. South Dakota makes a handsome showing in the census returns. The state now has a population of 262,588, compared with 160,750 in 1900.

Growth has been general throughout South Dakota, every county but Buffalo showing a gain over 1900. The large towns have done very well, but furnish a relatively small proportion of the gain.

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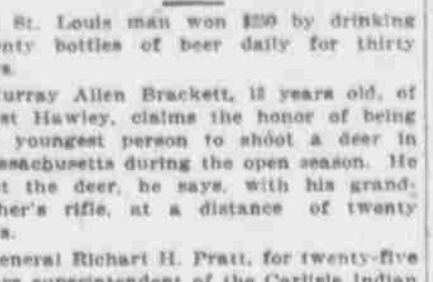
And while the judge sedately bowed with manner dignified and proud His feet slipped on the hidden ice He swayed and stumbled once or twice, He tried in vain to overcome His lack of equilibrium.

He grasped and grappled at the air And found no firm support was there. And so with wild and sudden shout He whirled and twirled and spun about, And then came sprawling down, ker-smack! The snow scooped up beneath his vest And plastered him by ear and waist.

And then arose, deliberate, And stalked away with perfect gait. To Maud, who waited for the chance, And never gave a backward glance, To Maud, who waited for the chance, And when the judge was far away She laughed as though she laughed for pay.

She shrieked, she squealed in girlish mirth At how the judge had whacked the earth. And then, too much amused to talk, She finished shoveling off the walk.

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"Do you know," he boasted, "I have been successful in everything I ever tried." "How remarkable," she yawned, "I wish some time you'd try to interest me."—Detroit Free Press.

"How'd you like to join our athletic club?" "This is unendurable!" they cried, "let's kill him!" "So they invented those outdoor games that are so deadly nowadays."—Chicago Tribune.

"Any feuds in your neighborhood?" "Not now. We used to have a notable fight occasionally, but some of our prominent citizens got too formal." "Got too formal?" "Yes, imported machine guns."—Toledo Blade.

"Darn these automobiles!" said the Kansas farmer. "Bother you much?" asked the tourist. "I don't say so. When a fellow sees a funny-shaped cloud coming down the pike he don't know whether to run for a gun or a cyclone collar."—Toledo Blade.

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