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ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public. WHEN OUT OF TOWN.

mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested. Senator Foraker says he is going to

Subscribers leaving the city tem-

porarily should have The Bee

continue the fight. He has nothing to Count Boni was fined \$20, but has

not yet paid up. The Goulds know that the count never pays. New Jersey democrats are divided nto three factions: Bryanites, anti-

Bryan men and fishermen. Those Lancaster county politicians may have taken a slap at Burkett, but they evidently did not help Rose

Women's hats are to be smaller this year. The checks demanded in payment, however, will be the usual size.

Secretary Taft refused to make any speeches while going through Illinois. Probably afraid of scaring the Cannon

Banker Morse returned from Europe to be met at the pier by some gentlemen ready to extend him the glad handcuff.

the capture of J. Wilkes Booth is dead. of them left.

Wu Tingfang is coming with a new lot of questions. His curiosity, however, is no more pronounced than his gentle sarcasm.

Former State Chairman Rose is to be congratulated at any rate on taking the position that he is not asking for "something just as good."

Senator Tillman says that something should be done to check the banks. Yes, and something should be done to bank the checks.

"What's the difference between the Big Stick and Bryan?" asks the Nashville American. Something like 2,000,000 votes at the last test.

Milukoff has been advised to resign from the Russian senate. He has declined, as he has visited Washington and met Senators Platt and Depew.

A tailors' convention in New York accuses Mr. Roosevelt of wearing ready made clothes. The tailors are late. The charge was first made by Mr. Bryan.

Bandit Raisuli has been engaged to appear in vaudeville in London. The engagement will not be a success, for Raisulf has fully demonstrated that he is a bad actor.

Hvery Omaha police officer preparing to tackle a desperate criminal hereafter should heed the lesson and have his own shooting irons unlimbered for action at the outset.

Rear Admiral Converse has used 35,000 words replying to a mashrine writer who alleged that the battleships were worthless and the navy inefficient. The admiral would have found more readers if he had simply used "a short and uglier word."

Omaha now boasts an Anti-vaccinahoped that by the time the courts are at an early date. If they are ratified, ready to prescribe for the case the pa- without any patchwork and tinkering tient will be fully recovered.

that he ought to get out of the race, have not abandoned hope that they may be able to defeat him for the nomination at Denver. The Charleston News and Courier, one of the leading democratic papers in the south, the southern democrats from Bryanism, and the Philadelphia Record, while asking the south to name a candidate, reminds democrats everywhere that it takes a two-thirds majority in nominate a candidate for the presidency and it is making an appeal for

the stalwart one-third to get together. The Boston Transcript's Washington correspondent has discovered "a systematic and determined effort afoot of Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota." The Transcript corre-

spondent lets the public into the secret to this extent.

As far as surface indications go, the plan of the party leaders is to accede to the known wishes of Mr. Bryan and instruct the delegates from the various states in his favor. Care will be taken, however, to see that not enough delega tions are so instructed as to give Mr. Bryan the nomination on the first ballot, while there will be a tacit understanding with many of the delegates-enough to 36,250 carry out the plans of the leaders-that the instructions shall not be held to be 38,540 binding after the first ballot. It will be 35,100 borne in mind that this scheme would be 28...... 37,120 in a republican convention, for the demo-29..... 36,060 crats require two-thirds to nominate, 38,220 while with the republicans a majority is 31...... 36,960 sufficient. If it can be clearly demonstrated that Mr. Bryan cannot win on the first ballot, the plan will go turough, for the fact that Bryan does not control the convention to the point of nomina Johnson boom will have been so success-

fully handled as to make the nomination

of any other candidate impossible.

All of this is, of course, interesting ante-convention gossip, but we doubt if Colonel Bryan will be much worried over this alleged conspiracy to accomplish his undoing. He appreciates. perhaps better than any any other man prominent in democratic ranks, the absolute hopelessness of any effort to unite the rival factions of his party upon any candidate or any platform opposed to Bryan and Bryanism. They may not want Bryan and they may oppose the platform he has outlined for him, but any attempt to unite them effectively must come under the head of amusements. New York may send an uninstructed delegation and Pennsylvania may instruct for Judge Gray, while a few other states may send unpledged delegations to Denver, but the south, from force of habit, and the west from choice, will dominate the convention and swallow Bryan and Bryanism without winking.

and all the convention at Denver will have to do will be to accept Mr. Bryan's platform and name his choice for second place on the ticket.

THE FEDERAL INCOME.

The warnings of Chairman Tawney of the house committee on appropriation about the danger of a big deficit in federal revenues at the end of the next fiscal year are being discounted a little by the returns of the customs houses. When Mr. Tawney made his statement the government receipts Another of the men who aided in from imports had been declining steadily for several months, with little There can't be more than a thousand prospect of an early recovery. The January returns, however, showed a gain of \$2,000,000 over December and the February returns to date mark a further improvement.

At this time last year there was surplus for the seven months of the fiscal year of nearly \$40,000,000, which increased rapidly until the year closed in June with a surplus of \$84. 000,000. At present there is a deficit of about \$20,000,000 in receipts, as compared with expenditures for the seven months of the fiscal year, but estimates of the officials of the Treasury department, based on reports from Europe, indicate that the increasing business of the next four and a half months will wipe out this deficit and end the fiscal ear with a good balance between somewhere near even income and outgo for the year.

PRESERVING PEACE BY TREATY. Having succeeded in inducing the Central American republics to sign an agreement by which all their future differences shall be settled by arbitration instead of invasion, Secretary of State Root is apparently enlarging the policy and preparing to make the United States a party to similar agreements with other great powers of the world. He has just secured the signing of a convention between France and the United States for the arbitration of any issues that may arise between the two countries. It is understood that the agreement, or treaty,

has been drawn along lines recom-

at The Hague in favor of special ar-

themselves by arbitration. An agreement similar to that just made with France was prepared between the United States and Great Britain several years ago, but it fell through because the senate insisted upon objectionable amendments. is understood now that new treaties, modeled after that just made with tion league, whose avowed object is to France, are being negotiated with have the law for compulsory vaccina- Great Britain, Germany, Spain, Italy, tion of public school children declared Portugal and Switzerland and will be unconstitutional and void. It is to be submitted to the senate for ratification

BRYAN, OPPONENTS STILL HOPEFUL. nish a reasonable guarantee of peace The anti-Bryan democrats, who for many years, at least with the only failed to muster courage to tell him powers of Europe which we would but once, some ten years ago, and did consider worthy foes in case of a war.

SEEIN' THINGS AGAIN.

Our old friend, Edgar Howard, must membered that about a year ago he delivery of the liquor vote to Governor Sheldon. When pinned down to name the time, the place and the persons present at this imaginary conference, Judge Howard flunked completely and practically admitted that the yarn was made up of the whole cloth.

Now the same Edgar Howard has conjured up in his mind's eye another meeting "about two weeks ago," at a day and hour when "a certain repubination of Bryan and to secure that lican postmaster" and "a certain republican boss in Platte county," and representative of Congressman Boyd," met the editor of The Bee "under the rosebush," at which meeting all kinds of diabolical schemes were hatched against the life, the liberty and the political happiness of the republican party of Nebraska.

Judge Howard, of course, knew when he wrote this fairy tale that the licans. editor of The Bee had not talked to or communicated with, directly or indirectly, the republican postmaster, or the republican boss, to whom he refers by name, or any representative of Con-.36,140 caster of execution in a democratic than gressman Boyd, individually or collectively, at any place within a year, to say nothing of "two weeks."

Edgar Howard did not have the decency to retract his former fiction about the midnight meeting with the tion will be prima facie evidence that the that he will retract his new yarn about the meeting, "perhaps in Omaha," two weeks ago. It is too bad that every once in a while he gets in condition where he can't help seein' things.

> BRISTOW GUT FOR THE SENATE. More than local interest will be aroused by the announcement that Joseph L. Bristow is to be a candidate for the United States senate from Kansas to succeed Chester I. Long, whose term will expire on March 4. 1969.

> Mr. Bristow has made a national reputation in the service of the government. He was fourth assistant postal frauds were developed. He took Cuba and started an investigation which sent some high-up officials to prison and caused a reorganization of the postal service. Later he led the investigation into graft and fraud cases in the department at Washington, resulting in landing ten former officials of the department in the federal prison at Moundsville, W. Va. He incurred the enmity of many officials, but he carried out his program until his work was done. Then he returned to Kansas, where he has been conducting a daily newspaper for the last three years.

> Mr. Bristow is really one of the big men of the west. He is a leader of the progressive republicans of his state, a supporter of the Roosevelt policies, a fighter and a stickler for a fair deal. His candidacy will be certain to arouse deepest interest in Kansas, where the interests he has fought in political affairs.

> > IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

The killing of a tried and trusted officer of the Omaha police force in the line of duty while attempting to ar-Omaha has naturally shocked and incensed the whole community. An unfortunate occurrence like this wakes is smothered behind silken curtains. many people up to a fuller realization of the personal risk and dangerous duties imposed upon our law officers. Whether any precautions could have prevented this cold-blooded murder may be seriously doubted, but it should teach a lesson of care and vigllance to other members of the force who may have similar calls.

The suggestion of Police Commis Omaha raise a fund in moderate amount for the benefit of dependent children left by the dead detective should be taken up at once, and we endorse it heartily. We believe it could best be carried out if the mayor Growing Solidarity of the World would take the initiative in receiving and soliciting contributions. The raising of such a fund would be a fitting tribute to a life lost in the fearless performance of duty in the public

And now comes George W. Berge, one time nominated for governor by the "allied reform forces," and accuses another leader of fusion reform of which the would-be governor acquired a weekly paper without a subscription mended by the late peace conference Without going into the merits of the case, which are to be passed on by rangements by the signatory powers, for the settlement of disputes among How could a man take care of the business of the state successfully who admits that he is unable to take care of his own business?

The senate has appropriated \$350,-000 for American participation in an international exposition at Tokio in battleship money as a guaranty that Japan will not indulge in a different kind of exposition before that time.

Count Hadik is out with an emphatic denial of the report that he is to marry Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt. on the part of the senate, they will fur- The count's denial will have to be ac- the same direction.

cepted, inasmuch as Mrs. Vanderbilt declares that she never saw the count not like his face well enough to remember what he looks like.

Colonel Bryan has publicly declared be seein' things again. It will be re- that his wife is qualified in every way to appear to good advantage as described in all its circumstantial de- mistress of the White House. No one tails an alleged midnight conference has ever doubted that. The suspicion between the editor of The Bee and all has always been as to the fitness of the the Omaha brewers to arrange for the other part of the family to boss the

> The demand of James Hamilton Lewis for a fee of \$25,000 for profesnal case in Chicago does not look so bad when checked up beside some of the fees taken out of the Creighton estate by lawyers for the beneficiaries.

> New York's offer of \$50,000,000 in city bonds was oversubscribed five times, with an average bid of 103, Wall street will be surprised to learn there is that much real money in the

> Having secured a temporary truce between the warring democratic factions, the local democratic organ is again finding time to resume its efforts to foment discord among repub-

The progress of the around-thesnow in New York. If those motorists balk at a New York snowstorm, what will they do in Siberia, Alaska and Canada?

And now we are told that the Kentucky legislature is in a hopeless deadlock and that in spite of the pilgrimage of Mr. Bryan to Frankfort last month to settle it all for Beckham with a single word.

Four lines of hose burst at a New York fire and department officials are convinced that there is something wrong with the equipment furnished for their use. The graft bug must have been feeding on the hose.

and murderers recognize no dividing line between Omaha and South Omaha and there should be no dividing line in partments of the two cities.

It is not a question with congress whether \$10,000,000 is too much to charge of the case, visited how many of them the country can larging ordinance repair shops, afford at that price.

> Hope's Airy Basis. Minneapolis Journal. Bryan expects to sweep through Nebraska like a strong wind. Unfortunate simile.

Thunder in the Index. Philadelphia Press.

right to wonder what all the fusz was about. Opportunity's Last Call. Washington Post.

Some day a genius is going to make fortune by inventing a telephone transmitter that will not hold for an indefinite period the odor of tobacco and onlons.

Surprise for Senators. Washington Herald. The senate appears to be very much sur rised to learn that a Florida postmaster is serving under presidential appointment. notwithstanding his nomination was formally turned down in that august body last winter. After all, those Ohio posthave long been prominent and potent masters probably need not necessarily despair.

Where Care is Smothered.

Washington Post. If there have been any hard times, Wash ngton has not known it. Lively and beautiful and pleasure-loving as it has eve been, the capital of the nation has gone rest a murderous prisoner at South through the winter as a beautiful woman goes through her first season out-the truimphant center of magnificent social pageants, wherein luxury reigns and care

School for Telephone Eethics. New York Herald.

Paris has a school to teach telephone girls how to be polite and amiable. The greater need in this country is for a school to teach those virtues to telephone patrons -Omaha Bee.

Excellent idea, and there should be special course in ethics, with accommodations for a large class composed of those busy gentlemen who value their own time so much more highly than they value sioner Cowell that the citizens of yours and who have their minions ask you to "please hold the wire" while they finish having their shoes shined, complete a letter or two or come back from

NATIONAL DECADENCE.

Makes it an Empty Phrase. New York Evening Post.

What renders much of the present tall about national decadence particularly empty is the unmistakable growing solidarity of the world. The primitive theory of commerce, still adhered to in the Congo perhaps, and at Washington, held that on of two parties to a bargain was bound to be the victim. Economists have now taught us that free exchange will benefit buyer and seller alike. One of the two may get the better of the bargain, as we call it, but the whole process is based or buncoing him in a newspaper deal by the principle that both get a certain amount of good out of it. It is largely the same with modern historical evolution Nations may compete, but even when on nation gets so decidedly the better of the other, as Germany did of France in 1870, the courts, the question suggests itself, good accrues to both. Germany attained the hegemeny in Europe, but France, out complete democracy than it had had since the revolution. No nation can progress without drawing other nations along with it. Our own unparalleled material development does not imply retrogression for On the contrary, Great Britain Ireland, northern Europe, Italy, in giving us their surplus population, have them It will also appropriate some selves profited tremendously. By commerce, by the telegraph and the cable, by the triumphs of science which knows no country, by such international movements has been below zero only ten times this as socialism and the emancipation of winter," he exclaims. "I think that when women, it is being made less and less pos- it comes to a showdown Medicine Hat sible for one nation to aicken and decay without inflicting hurt beyond its boundarles or to move forward toward a know the facts in the case claim it has, healthier life without impelling others in The justly celebrated lake breeze will

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON. Current Events Gleaned from the

Army and Navy Register. The court of claims on Monday, February , announced its decision in the test case which has been pending before it for some time involving the right of officers on army transports to the 10 per cent increase for service "beyond the limits of the states prising the union and the territories of the United States contiguous thereto." The court holds that "Only such officers are to receive the extra pay as are actually stationed either in some foreign countries or in some of our outlying possessions." It, therefore, holds that officers doing duty on army trausports are not entitled to the

o per cent increase.

The army commissaries believe they have come upon a satisfactory continuous baking field oven with the various types of which tests have been in progress for some time The weight of the oven has been reduced in later designs to a little more than 1,000 pounds, which is within the limitation required in an outfit of this sort, and it is elieved that a new oven, which has now been designed, will weigh much less than that. It will have a flat, instead of a domed roof, and an arrangement by which thes greatest amount of baking may be

There has been completed in the quarternaster general's office the calculation of the total cost of the heavy furniture which will be supplied to army quarters. It is estimated that the cost will be \$946,054, or, approximately \$300 per set of quarters to be supplied. The contracts to be awarded during the present flacal year contemplate an expenditure of about one-third of the total cost and will furnish each building with a dining room table, eight dining chairs, a desk and a sideboard. Later on there will be supplied curtain poles for each window, two bedsteads, one chest of drawers, one bookcase, one hatrack, onparlor table, one Morris chair and one kitchen table. Estimates on the cost of these articles have been obtained, except ing in the case of the curtain poles, the Morris chair, and the kitchen table. Bids will shortly be opened by the depot quartermaster in New York for the furniture which it is intended to purchase out of the funds now available

The following work has been authorized at army posts: Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y. top dressing on road in front of officers' quarters; Alcatraz Island, Cal., remodeling part of two sections of new barracks to fit same for temporary quarters for officers, and plumbing in same (work will probably be done by purchase of material and hire of labor); Fort Bayard, N. M. constructing additional roads; Fort Crook, Neb., repairs to railroad track; Jefferson Barracks, Mo., heating apparatus for build-The professional thugs and thieves ings converted into barracks, purchase of plumbing supplies for buildings being re modeled, and heating in remodeled building and plumbing in remodeled stable (work will probably be done by purchase and hire the administration of the police de- of labor); Fort Leavenworth, Kan., constructing board walk; Fort Lincoln, Neb. addition to hospital, including plumbing wiring and heating; Presidio, San Fran elsco, Cah, constructing small gun shed (will be done by purchase of material and pay for a battleship. The question is, hire of labory; Fort Worden, Wash., en-

The army general staff is hard at work on the text of a bill which it is now in tended by Secretary Taft shall be presented it was held that a proposition of this kind It turned out to be so easy for Taft in army legislation. Secretary Taft has ap- present situation, it is probably the senate's the Ohio primaries that people have a proved of the project increasing the infanduty to give advice to the executive, having try arm. He has also approved of the mendation for a reorganization of the cavalry and has decided against an increase of that arm. He has also endorsed the project for the increase in the signal corps, having been impressed with the representations made to him by General Allen and by his own observations at the signal corps school at Fort Leavenworth. Kan. Secretary Taft is imbued with the idea that it is necessary to increase the efficiency of and that the only means to that end is an increase in the military establishment. He has come to the conclusion that there is current example of the need of this in the employment of 5,000 troops in Cuba. He does not commit himself, of course, to any prediction that it will be necessary to keep the troops there indefinitely or for a force there permanently. Secretary Taft's views on the subject of the army, as expressed in his testimony before the house military committee, will be found interesting,

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

So many British suffregettes are breaking into jail as to create suspicion that they are housewives worn out by the ser-

vant girl problem. A man tried to steal two blonde tresses from a counter in a New York hair store. but the watchful salesgirl held him until the police arrived. She was not asleep at the awitch!

General Adna R. Chaffee, retired army of the department of public works of Los Angles and will have charge of the project of bringing the water of Owen's river to the city.

A "private banker" in Chicago who began business with capital enough to pay one month's rent and the cost of painting the signs, assures depositors who are seeking a depositorship that their money is safely invested in an island in the gulf off the coast of Texas. Both island and money are out of sight.

Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, once said to Cecil Rhodes: "I wish you were a German, for I would appoint you director of my foreign affairs." "That," replied Rhodes, "is a great compliment, sir; but I respectfully assure you that if you had been an Eng- by ignominous punishment that it will be lishman I should have engaged you as my general manager."

Conrad Skarstedt, a prominent Swedish horticulturist, is in New York, having come from Sweden with the object of attempting to introduce into America the lingen berry, which is similar to the American cranberry. The berry is one of the popular fruits of Sweden, and Mr. Skarstedt believes that it will prove no less popular in America.

Once more the obituaries of "Coal-Off Johnny" are going the rounds. The oil city millionaire of forty years ago who blew a fortune as quick as he made it, and that had a finishing round with John Barleycorn at East Grand Fork, N. J., last week, and gave up the ghost. Johnny was a hanger-on at East Grand Forks for the past eighteen years, a statement which lishes the story that Ashland, Neb., was his habital and finishing a truck his forte, for some back years.

An eminently respectable and prominent citizen of Medicine Hat resents the sneers and contumely heaped on that famous weather factory by Chicago, intimating with some heat that Chicago hasn't any hasn't such cold weather as some people, who shoot off a lot of hot air and don't kindly lay down for awhite.

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ADVICE AND CONSENT.

Novel Situation Opens Senatorial Eyes.

Pittsburg Dispatch That is a remarkable situation created by e demand of the senate for the reasons Postmaster General Meyer for keeping the postoffice a postmaster whose nomination was rejected last session. The postmaster general replies very courteously that under the postal laws a postmaster is prohibited from surrendering his office until his successor has qualified. The postmåster as Pensacola cannot surrender his office because no successor has been

appointed. Of course, the senate has ordered a fur ther inquiry, and the postmaster general will be asked why no successor to the postmaster at Pensacola has been appointed. The reply to that query, not yet officially propounded, can only be conjectured. But suppose Mr. Meyer should answer that he had not been able to find a fit person for the office, what will the senate do about it? The senate cannot nominate a man for office. The appointing power is vested in the executive "by and with the consent of the senate." When the senate refuses to consent the executive has the power to make another appointment, but constitution and laws are silent upon the particular time when he shall do so. We know of no interpretation by the supreme court that will shed light upon the power of the president to neglect making an appointment for an indefinite period.

In Pennslyvania the question has been raised whether an official can draw salary after his appointment has been rejected by the senate. This issue was raised to congress during this session. At first during Governor Pattison's second term, when he re-appointed a man whose first might very well be laid over for the next appointment had been rejected. The issue, session, in view of the large number of however, was not tried out. We take it recommendations which have been made the "advice and consent of the senate" to congress by the War department for provision must have some force, and, in the refused consent to his initiative.

A MAKER OF EPIGRAMS.

Governor Frank Black's Latest Outflow of Thrills.

Washington Post. Former Governor Frank S, Black of New York is nothing if not epigrammatical. Consistency is no jewel to him, but base metal. If he can coin an epigram by mak ing his own course ridiculous, he does not hesitate to coin it. As a lawyer, he retains the right to take up either side of a case. His client of four years age is his no longer. The Chicago convention of 1904 was charmed with Governor Black's eulogy of Theodore Roosevelt. There were many persons who believed that Governor Black was in earnest. Perhaps he believed himself that he was speaking the truth. But it appears now that Governor Black was not really in carnest, for he declared recently in his speech before the Home Market club that the country has been getting worse during the last ten years, and is now on a great debauch, in which the big stick is running amuck among the institutions of the land.

Governor Hughes of New York, who is now lauded to the skies by former Gover nor Black, may not be especially flattered by such attention. At least, he may be a little dubious until he knows whether Mr. Black is serious now and was only joking when he placed Mr. Roosevelt in nomination. If Mr. Black is only joking with Governor Hughes, and lauding him merely officer, has been appointed commissioner for the sake of absorbing a little limelight at second hand, the governor of New York may decide that somebody else with a little more seriousness and a little less pungency of antithesis would be better as a

The country at large might be mildly curious to know just when it was that President Roosevelt lost the admiration of Frank S. Black, but it does not show it. It is so indifferent as to go ahead without stopping to ponder over the carefully turned thrills in Governor Black's speeches.

Penitentiary Bents Publicity. New York Journal of Commerce.

Publicity can never be an effective substitute for the penitentiary. Exposure is not enough. It is only when it is followed effectively deterrent. The disgrace of being shown up in a dishonorable light is not sufficiently poignant and lasting to prevent men with criminal instincts, whether engaged in burglary or promotion, from renewing their efforts to profit by appropriating the earnings of others.

Not only will such men continue to take chances if they cheape with nothing but exposure, but the reprobation in which they are held will become weakened by their impunity, and the general standard of judging their conduct will be demoralized. The public will think more lightly of the offenses if they are not punished and the effect of the exposure will be gradually weakened until hobody minds it

LAUGHING GAS.

"How'd your last cook turn out?"
"She turned out in my wife's scalskin sack and new hat on her first afternoon off."—Houston Post.

"Now, here's a piece of goods," said the "All right," interrupted the weary buyer, "suppose you keep quiet for five minutes and give it a chance."—Philadelphia Press.

Barker-What do you do when you have Buggjoos—Depends. If it is caused by a blast from Medicine Hat I treat it homeo-pathically. I take a sort of—er—medicinal nightcap for it.—Chicago Tribune.

"I seen a man has been using his automobile to cut wood."
"That's nothing. Anybody around here with a good machine cuts a let of ice."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"I've got to reduce," remarked the heavy-weight citizen. "I'll have to stop eating so much."
"Why don't you insist on reading the pure food labels on everything that's served you?"-Washington Star.

"But you didn't half examine the engagement ring Jack gave me."
"I didn't need to; it's the same one I returned to him."—Houston Post.

"My boy, marry a wife who can give you a home."
"I'd like to, but so few girls I know own their own houses."—Baltimore Ameri-The professor had been quizzing his psychology class, and was evidently somewheat disappointed with the result.

"Gentlemen," said he, as the beil rang for dismissal, "It has been said that fish is good brain food. If that statement is true, I advise some of the men in this class to try a whale."—Harper's Weekly.

"That sharp tongued Miss Redpepp has been saying some mighty mean things about you and your wife."

"What, for instance?"
"Says you picked her up at a bargain ounter."
"Great Scott, I did! She was the pretest girl that ever stood behind one."—Chi-

SOME DAYS AFTER.

Baltimore American. Young George had sent a pretty girl The prettiest box of all, And thought with rapture she would beam When next day he did call,

So he was taken all aback When darkly she did frown, And look as though prepared quite hard To call the young man down. "You sent," she said, a valentine Which I got yesterday; And what you meant by what you did, Will you sir, tell me pray?"

"I do not understand," quoth he; "I meant a compliment, But what was't like, this valentine Which unto you I sent?" "It was," said she, "all poetry, And little Cupid boys, And ribbons gay and violets And other flowery joys,

'And there was writ you loved but me, No eyes but mine could shine For you, and would I give consent To be your valentine."

"All this is right," the wondering youth Replied. "Was that so bad? What was in this, my little gift, To make you get so mad?"

"My name," she said, in freezing tones, "Is Annabel, but you, Began the writing of this verse Unto your dearest Sue." "Great Scot!" he cried, quite off his guard,
"I m queered, for sure, by fate.
"I bet I got them all mixed up,
And sent Sue's box to Kate!"

Now Annabel and Sue and Kate Have felt uprise their gorge, Each pitied each to be deceived, And all boycotted George,

