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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

There is no "enemy's country" for Mr. Taft.

If it be true that silence is golden, Senator Dick of Ohio must be a very

ats business.

"What the democratics party needs is a fresh horse," says the Charleston News and Courier. A dark one?

Tom Watson is as stubborn as usual. He refuses to second the motion to abandon the populist party.

natural gas industry should be developed." It will be, about July 9.

other one-tenth must be the baddest of life. kind of bad.

marry Prince de Sagan, she should gardeners of the country is very wideprepare for the future by taking a spread. It appears to be the custom course in pugllism.

the original plagarist to quote scrip- life of the seed germs. In other intures for his purpose.

Colombia is not quite so anxious to invade Panama since the Panama police force has been increased from three to five members.

reason most folks have not been able to arrest many of them.

to answer in the affirmative.

The duke of Abruzzi is sending cipher dispatches to Miss Elkins, Naturally he hopes the senator will place a few figures before the ciphers.

The north pole is reported to slowly moving southward. It will be frozen into a permanent position if it gets as far south as Medicine Hat.

bidding gambling in the saloons of they will be pleased to learn that the Alasks. Still, a man takes a chance members of the house at least are not when he orders anything in an Alaska wasting their time. True, they may

The tobacco war has been "ended" in Kentucky, but the night riders have them have just succeeded, for inthe habit and are still burning tobacco stance, in having the mistletoe, the warehouses and terrorising planters, hope of the timid girl and the en-Kentucky is the Hayti of the nation.

Rallroads continue to report increased carnings for the last year. It is very difficult to harmonize the statements furnished by the auditors of the mistletoe in the government and the long faces pulled by the presi- forests. He declared that the mistle-

couple of really desperate battles with the story is from the esteemed Confiames lately and have proved their worth in each instance. Insurance men ought to count something for the 'bout which our tender mem'ries linger doing business at the same stand all efficiency of the city's firemen.

If the newly organized "Improvement league" at the High school has the result of making the pupils more careful and considerate of the property it will really be triumph for Burleson declared he wasn't going to be is too much of a good thing. moral sussion over the time-honored dectrine of physical compulsion. The experiment may be worth while,

PLATING AT HOME RULE.

The academic expression of opinion recently made by the House of Commons of the British Parliament in passing a resolution in favor of home ment was defeated-43 to 38. rule for Ireland will serve little purpose beyond giving Mr. Asquith, the leader of the liberal party opportunity to declare the policy of the government during the remainder of his tenure of office. The very pleasing words of Mr. Asthey were accompanied by the assurance that the vote of the liberals of attempting to further legislation on a special mandate from the electorate.

Commons and remembering the hishome rule, there may be more significance than a compliment in the fact speech that Mr. Redmond's resolution was adopted by a two to one vote-313 to 157. The Gladstone home rule measure was passed in 1886 by a majority of 30, and in 1893 by a majority of 40. In each case, the House of Lords held the death warrant of the bill and the country sustained 36,680 Lords have stood between the Irish 21...... 36,580 and home rule measures for years, but the spirit has been growing in 24..... 36,790 favor of the measure, and there is now grave question of what the result would be if the Commons were 36,570 to pass a home rule bill instead of a home rule resolution.

could pass the Parliament, the clause of the resolution which provides that the legislative and government acts Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this lat day of April, 1908.

(Seal) ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public. of the Irish legislature should be "subrule oppose. They ask for an Irish control of all things in Ireland, whether they are purely local or not, and object to having their acts reviewed or rejected by the Parliament at Westminster. Altogether, the resoest into the discussion of the home rule proposition, does not particu-And the weather man also knows else.

GRAFT IN GARDEN SEED. Congressman Mann of Chicago is making an effort to have the pure food law amended by the addition of a provision prescribing severe punishment for dealers who sell adulterated seed to the farmers and gardeners. The bill is the result of investigations made by experts of the Department of Agriculture, who last year examined 2,800 small packages of seeds, such as are sold to gardeners throughout there is no likelihood of there being one The Denver News asserts that "the the country, and discovered that more unless the morbid microbe that seems to than one-third of the seeds so pre- have laid hold of our Wall street gets pared for sale were worse than worth-Governor Hughes says men are ated, and in sixty-two of the packnine-tenths good. Perhaps, but the ages none of the seed showed signs

Investigations by the experts of the Agricultural department indicate that If Mme. Gould is determined to this imposition upon the farmers and of many wholesale dealers in seeds to place the old stock in new packages An Italian playwright is charged every year and keep it on the market with plagarizing the Bible. Satan was until sold, without reference to the stances, in order to meet active competition, cheap adulterants are used until the country has become a dumping ground for the poor seeds of the

Senator Knox. Perhaps that's the pure seeds, but the local application too much of a good thing. This is "Will our summer be dull?" asks cultural interests of the country that that we are to have a grand jury an exchange. Those supporting the there should be no hesitancy in pass- called regularly henceforth for each Foraker presidential boom will have ing the bill proposed by Congressman May and October term. If seriously Mann.

SAVING THE MISTLETOE.

While a few million bankers, merchants, business men and plain people showing any burning desire to take based on investigations of general Congress has just passed a law for- which the public has a keen interest, be overlooking some matters of business, but they are on watch when a question of sentiment arises. Some of couragement of the mollyboddle, saved from destruction.

Representative Burleson of Texas asked for an appropriation in the agricultural bill to investigate the ravages toe is a parasite and that its growth is at the cost of life of trees that have a month. Inasmuch, however, as there Chief Salter's forces have had a shigh commercial value. The rest of gressional Record:

"What mistletoe? Do you mean the kind fondly? asked Gaines of Tennessee. "Yes," said Burleson, bluntly.

"Would you abolish mistletoe in lesp year?" asked Olmsted of Pennsylvania, horror stricken. "I want to say something on behalf of

bambooxled into any sentimental discus-"I am a practical man and I don't be-

of the forests of the country."

Mr. Gaines and Mr. Olmsted called on the unmarried men and those happily married to prove their worth, and the amend-

As a matter of fact, Mr. Burleson was right and experts of the forestry department offer testimony of the results from the sentimental protecto safeguard the sources of sentiment, conditions be more convincing?

Considering the composition of the even if other interests suffer. Senator "Jeff" Davis says he will

REBUKING THE PESSIMISTS.

Franklin K. Lane, the California member of the Interstate Commerce commission, has given the railroad men and the public something to think about in his reply to some of the pessimistic utterances of James J. the upper branch of Parliament. The Hill concerning the outlook for the transportation companies of the country. Mr. Lane expresses the conviction that the chief reason why railroad credits are not rated high at this time is in the fact that those who should be most interested in supporting those credits are lending their influence to breaking them down. He Even if the sentiment of the empire contends that this effort to paint the has changed so that a home rule bill industrial picture blacker than it is finds origin in the fact that congress is in session and that a presidential election is pending.

Mr. Hill declared less than a year meet the traffic necessities of the country and that it would be necessary to invest \$5,500,000,000 in railway facilities to meet the demands of their wedding of the duke of Abruzzi and patrons. Those conditions, according Miss Elkins is to be solemnized in to Mr. Lane, still practically exist. Rome. All that is necessary now is average monthly earnings of the rail- her father. lution, while it may infuse new inter- roads of the country for the first seven months of the fiscal year were \$180 per mile per month greater than they larly help the Irish nor hurt anyone were in the same period of the year of the last presidential election, which was certainly not regarded as a poor year in the railroad or industrial world. The revenue from traffic for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 1907, was \$37 per mile per month believe in fairy stories. greater than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905. The net monthly revenues of the roads for the fiscal year thus far are less than \$7 per mile below what they were last year, when the high-water mark in the history

was made. Mr. Lane further says: There has been no industrial panic and run, informs depositors that he has doubts | fidence. of the solvency of his own institution. As for myself, I stand upon the pre diction that there will be car shortage next October.

Mr. Lane has made a tour of the country recently, going through the great grain producing regions of the west, and feels that he has proper warrant for his criticism of the atti- nor tude taken by some of the railroad managers who persist in looking at the country through Wall street glasses. Those familiar with conditions in the country will be inclined strongly to support his prediction of a car shortage next fall.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

Laws have been passed in some of A good thing is always desirable, the states providing for the use of but it is quite possible, also, to have eral graft in the business. The mat- police board by the judges of the dister is of such importance to the agri- trict court, intimating incidentally meant, this would give us two grand juries each year and three this year, nomic showing of the United States for one grand jury having completed its 1907;

labors only last month. The recent grand jury was in sesthroughout the country may be a lit. sion only seventeen days and outside tle aggrieved that congress is not of two or three voluminous reports up the suggestions of the president subjects, apparently transacted very and get busy on amendments to the little business. The approximate cost anti-trust law and other matters in to the taxpayers of this grand jury is shown in the following table:

COST OF LAST GRAND JURY. Jurors\$ 651.60 51.00 Clerks' fees..... 114.00 Jury expense...... 135.00 Total

This bill is a little one, comparaively speaking, but multiplied by 3 in one year it would make quite a respectable item in the treasury disbursements. If frequent sessions of a grand jury were necessary and if they or crime sufficiently to justify the expense, we might stand for grand Production of petroleum, galjuries three times a year, or even once is little that a grand jury can do that cannot be done equally well by the county attorney, and inasmuch as the county attorney is supposed to be the year round, the multiplication of Railways grand juries without any general popular demand looks very much to us like money wasted.

A grand jury once in a while is a the unmarried men." shouted Gaines, but good thing. A grand jury all the time

The Pennsylvania congregation. lieve this is a sentimental ago," he said whose church debt is to be extin- tional investment

"I offer this amendment in the interests guished from the profits of a gushing oll well decovered on the church lot, will have stronger faith than ever in the beneficence of Providence. Even the pastor is expected to get his back pay out of the well.

Statistics gathered recently for a regreat damage to growing timber that port to the national conference on charities and corrections show that tion thrown around the mistletoe. Nebraska has the smallest number of Likewise, the mistletoe is something criminals and dependents in proporquith and others who took part in of a back number in the kiss-promot- tion to the population of any state in at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Gymnasiums and the debate butter no parsnips, as ing game. The young man who waits the union. Government statistics for a kiss until he catches the girl show that Nebraska has the fewest under the mistletoe is not worth kiss- illiterates in proportion to population would not be carried to the extent ing and the up-to-date girl knows it. of any state in the union, and polit-But congressmen are a little old-fash- ical statistics show that Nebraska is the question until they had received loned and are apparently determined for Taft. Could any combination of

The czar is said to be very angry toric votes on the question of Irish yet get even with all his enemies. He at the position taken by the United is evidently preparing to make another States in demanding that the integrity of China be preserved. It is too bad, of course, but just now it is difficult to see what the czar can do about it, except to get over his anger.

Omaha's associated banks for the month of March show an increase in business over the month of March last year, which is a very gratifying state of affairs. Omaha is also third in the cities in the great west, which is still more gratifying.

El Constitucional, a Venezuelan paper, announces that Secretary Taft is at Buffalo and General Grant at Cincinnati, enlisting 1,000,000 men to go to war with Japan. El Constitucional must be the New York Sun of South

Cheering news comes from the California health resort where Rear Admiral Evans is taking mud baths. The Associated Press is inserting dashes Bob's" comments on the situation.

Italian society has decided that the He calls attention to the fact that the to get the consent of Miss Elkins and

> The Wall Street Idea. Wall Street Journal. Taft on the first or second ballot or

The Meter's Test. Washington Herald. The Omaha Bee says the ability to read a gas meter is one of the tests of an education. Ability to believe one is a sign of

Tip for the Opposition.

Naturally the president won't heed the Cincinnati socialists' demand for the deportation of Prince Helie, but the idea suggests a valuable plank for the opposition platform.

Confidence Restored.

into the blood of the people at large. The dalena bay that there was no foundation | Monday railroad manager who resists all attempts for the supposition that Japan would ravless. Less than 10 per cent of the to restore confidence can be likened only age our western coast. This is another seed in 200 of the packages germin- to the officer of a bank who, during a cheering indication of a restoration of con-

In the Middle of the Road.

New York Tribune The populists are also getting the renom ination habit. They nominated Bryan for president in 1896 and 1900. In 1904 they shifted to Watson, Bryan's running mate on the 1906 ticket, and now they want to take Watson again. Yet neither Bryan has ever undiluted, middle-of-the-road populist,

Formal and Informal Eloquence. Boston Globe,

Speaker Cannon made a beauttiful moral speech to the college-boy delegates who called upon him at the capitol, saving in his formal address: "Be practical; be patriotic; have integfity; have courage. The world produces not many John the Baptists, to cry with a great voice in the wilderness. God is ever the same, but to each one he is ever according to our individual conception. All of our Christian views are supported, and we all operate together." Then, he said to them informof such laws has not checked the gen- suggested by the letter sent to the ally: "Boys, I am d-d glad to see you!

NATION'S ECONOMIC SHOWING.

Instructive Statistics from Various Official Sources.

A correspondent of the New York Sun compiles from official reports the following statistical information regarding the eco

nited States notes in circula 342,270,(6) 589,142,115 Total money circulation National banks capital. Bank clearings Deposits in national banks. Deposits in savings banks..... Value of farms and farm prop \$25,000,000,003 crity Value of farm animals Value of 1907 farm products... Value of principal factory pro-ducts, annual (1904) Government revenues for the year Government expenditure for the Excess of revenue over ex-penditure Exports of merchandise..... excess of exports over imports

Production of pig iron, tons.
Production of steel, tons.
Production of tin plates, ibs.
Production of copper, pounds.
Production of wool, pounds.
Production of wheat, bushels.
Production of corn, bushels.
Production of cotton, bales.
Cotton taken by home mils,
bales otton exported pounds...

871.143

Passengers carried
Freight carried one mile, tons.
Ship tonnage in domestic trade Ship tonnage in foreign trade Vessel tonnage (through "Soo" canal (1906) Postal receipts Telegrams sent (1906) school salaries paid \$1.86,483,464

This last item is realy a fire

(1904)

mpressed a Cleveland audience with his plea for preservation of the national timber supply, is engaged in a vigorous defense \$7,400,000,000 of the press agent as an instrument for government agitation. He says, and most people will agree with him that as a means of influencing public sentiment, the oldfashioned method of publishing learned scientific reports is sadly out of date and \$84,236,686 the press agent is the man of the hour. The newspapers of the country are ready to print matter concerning the work of the federal departments if it can be furnished them in usable shape and while it is 'news." The old scientific report was very complete, and very admirable probably, but it appealed to few people, and as meterial for newspaper use it was wholly unavailable. It usually appeared from two to six months late and was discounted at the start by the heavy manner in which it handled its subjects. The modern agent of publicity is the man trained in a newspaper office, who knows what papers want and when, and has the skill to get the matter in the form desired. The matter prepared and sent out by Mr. Pinchot's press agents appears in \$,000,000 newspapers each month; he estimates from the clippings he receives. To send this material to as many readers as that newspaper circulation represents would cost the government many times as much as the forester pays under his present plan. This is an age of publicity and the government is fortunate to have a man at the head of the importan forestry bureau who is thus willing to adrest means to circumstances.

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Current Events Glenned from the

Army and Navy Register. The secretary of war has approved of the project for extending post exchange onstruction to a number of places occu pled by troops where there are inade quate or no facilities of this character Contracts will shortly be awarded for the erection of post exchange buildings, in at Boise Barracks, Idaho; Fort Niagara, N. Y., and Fort Rosecraps, Cal. A pos exchange building only will be provided Fort Casey, Wash.; Fort Dade, Fla.; For Hancock, N. J.; Fort Lincoln, N. D.; Fort Morgan, Fia., and Port Williams, Me. A bowling alley only will be erected at For-Flagler, Wash. This work will be per formed by contract under army quarter masters. The quartermaster's department also has completed the plans and specifications, and contracts will soon be awarded for bakeries at Fort Andrews, Mass.; Fort Douglas, Utah; Omaha, Neb. and Fort Terry, N. Y.

The dark blue flannel shirt which has ong been a part of the regular allowance for clothing for enlisted men of the army has been removed from the list, and follows the chambray garment of that class as an obsolete item. The only shirt for service wear which will be retained on the clothing list is the olive drab flanne shirt, which is one of the best suited for field and war service in all climates and imparts to the wearer a "smarter" ap pearance when the blouse is not worn-This action is in the line of the prevalling view of most military authorities that there is entirely too much clothing issued, and hereafter the olive drab flannel and the white muslin shirt, the latter worn only with the dress coat, will be part of the apparel of the enlisted men.

The paymaster general of the army has raised the question whether a retired of ficer of the army detailed to inspect th organized militia is entitled to the full pay and allowances of his grade while so detailed. It is held by the comptroller that if the secretary of war decides that a retired officer detailed on militia inspectio is assigned "to staff duties not involving ervice with troops" and if any such ofago that the railroads had failed to to represent portions of "Fighting and allowances of his grade. The assignficer is especially assigned to the full pay ment of retired officers is, of course, subject to the restrictions of pay imposed by the acts of March 3, 1905, and June 12, 1906.

> It is expected the army horsemanship test order will be issued to the service during the coming week. Its provisions will be less stringent and exacting than was originally intended and is favored by the president. It has been pointed out by the War department that there is grave danger of an excess in the requirements, especially in exacting a sprinting match for the officers dismounted.

TRIAL OF DES MOINES PLAN.

Beginning of Commission System in lowa Capital. Boston Transcript.

The new plan of municipal administration which has been adopted by Des Moines, Ia., has given that city a wide advertisement. It has been held up in various legislatures as a model for other cities to follow. In our own general court this year, cities have made bids for authority to adopt a his ancestors Robert Bruce, king of Scotsimilar system. Although Galveston was land; John Knox the founder of the Presfirst in the field with the exploitation of this new policy it does not appear to be other Scotch worthies. the preferred guide for such municipalities as have shown a leaning in that direction. the government has discovered a civil This being so there must be almost a na- war veteran who was entitled to a pen-French naval experts have decided since tional interest in the first election in Des sion for forty years back and did not ask the arrival of the American fleet at Mag- Moines on the new basis which was held for it. The result was somewhat paradoxical. There were two tickets and ten condidates in the field, two of them for mayor and eight of them for the council. The broad basis of division was the plan if the knocker will attend a D. A. R. itself. One ticket was committed to the election for instance, he will secure enough plan and its candidates had worked hard material to recast his theory. for its adoption. The other had opposed it. Of course, there were minor issues involved. It would naturally be supposed that the voters would desire to put such an important experiment in city government in the hands of its friends, but that was not their verdict at the polis. Judge A. J. an Mathis, who strongly opposed the adoption of the plan, was elected mayor by a ma- has arrived in San Juan, Porto Rico, and jority of more than 3,500 in a total vote of is consulting with the insular officers with about 14,000, and the four members of the a view to commencing the preliminary council chosen were also on his ticket, one of them securing even a larger majority than the mayor. The friends of the plan Rico desires to carry on the work. were on record against the "wide open" system and the other side held out inducements to the "liberal element." The former made a rather sluggish campaign, relying upon the logic of the situation to win. while the opposition state was as thoroughly

organized for the fight as though it were a partisan election. The Des Moines Register and Leader could be made from the ten offered could there are more than 2,500 salcons. them, and so much is expected of them, to \$700, and on May 1, 1910, to \$1,000,

appointment on the part of the friends of nected with public charities and sociological the new arrangement. We must wait a research. He studied tenements and slums little longer for the justification of the in Chicago and poverty in New York, wrote in Chicago and poverty in New York, wrote a business of the plan. If it succeeds in the hands of its unfriends, it must certainly be a good one.

GOVERNMENT PRESS AGENTS.

Great Work of the Modern Agents of Publicity.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

National Forester Pinchot, who recently impressed a Cleveland audience with his brocklaists of the city.

In summer the weeds grow shoulde on many a city lot.

And empty same are piled sky-high. To mar some beauty spot; The city park is all abloom with his brother-in-law, J. G. Phelps Stokes, who appears to have kept out of Saturday's Union square muss altogether. Messrs, Hunter and Stokes are regarded in New York as the leading "parior socialists" of the city.

Omaha.

In summer the weeds grow shoulde on many a city lot.

And empty same are piled sky-high. To mar some beauty spot; The city park is all abloom. With hoboes, sleep bewilderin. And penny-in-slop machines. Abound to tempt our children; These posts are all allowed to thrive muss altogether. Messrs, Hunter and Stokes are regarded in New York as the leading "parior socialists" of the city.

Omaha.

-B. N 203,487,845 plan. If it succeeds in the hands of its a book or two, married a daughter of the Stokes are regarded in New York as the leading "parier socialists" of the city.

The "Servant Problem" is Easy The "servant problem"has no terfor the home that knows **Shredded Wheat** Being ready-cooked and ready-to-serve it is a boon to the housekeeper who is called upon to quickly prepare an appetizing, nourishing meal. Something to "lean upon" when cooks fail and servants fail. For breakfast heat the Biscuit in oven. pour milk over it (hot milk in winter) and a little cream. If you like the Biscuit for breakfast you will like toasted TRISCUIT (the Shredded Wheat wafer) for luncheon or any meal with butter, cheese or marmalade. At your grocers.

PERSONAL NOTES.

An Indiana man found guilty of arson proceeded to shoot up the court, affording an opportunity to hang somebody for contempt

It is announced as an evidence of progress that Thibet is to have a newspaper. but China has had one for nearly 1,200 years and a daily at that. Seventeen thousand depositors in a de-

funct Japanese bank have petitioned its president to commit suicide. The Japa are a courteous lot, to say the least of it. The top-notch price for property in Kansas City was recorded last week. A lot having a frontage of thirty-eight and a half feet on Twelfth street and a depth of eighty feet on Walnut, sold for \$211,750.

or \$5,500 a front foot. Frank H. Gray the new United States senator from South Carolina, claims among byterian church; John Witherspoon and

In the land of steady habits and things He is a newspaper man and The male teacher, out of a job probably, objects to women teaching boys for the

reason that women are opposed to war. Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York, and Ambassador James Bryce of

England, have accepted invitations to speak at the Founders' Day exercises at Carnegie institute, in Pittsburg, April 30. It is not yet known whether Andrew Carnegie will be present. S. N. D. North, director of the census,

work for the next Porto Rican census. William E. Willoughby, secretary of Porto

John Mitchell retired president of the United Mine Workers of America, announced in Indianapolis that in future he will devote his attention to a labor paper which he will establish in Indianapolis. The object of the paper will be the promoting of industrial peace between the miners and operators

The Maryland legislature has passed adopts a graveyard whistle with respect to high ticense bill affecting the city of Balthe situation. It says it had believed it timore that will ultimately increase the most important to elect the right men. annual license tax per saloon to \$1,000 a But the most unfortunate selection that year. The present tax is but \$250, and hardly fall to improve the management of the new law the tax will be increased on the city. So much power is conferred upon May 1 to \$500 a year, one year thereafter that they will hesitate to do what they Robert Hunter, whose connection as a

know is wrong, and where they are in socialist agitator with the Union square doubt they are likely to take counsel of meeting of unemployed in New York has wise and well-meaning advisers." This is given him a new kind of fame, has for ten philosophical yet it sounds a note of dis- years been engaged in excellent work conLAUGHING LINES.

Tess-Mad at him? Why, he wrote & lovely poem to her.

Jess-Yes, but she never read it. When she saw the title of it she tore the whole thing up in a fit of anger. You see, he called it. Lines on Mabel's Face. -Baltimore American.

"They tell me you have a admirably planned basement in your new home," said the friend.

"Yes," replied the literary light, "It's one of the six best cellars on the street."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"What makes you think our candidate is not popular with the masses?" inquired one political promoter.

"Because," answered the other, "no one makes fun of his whiskers or calls sim by his first name."—Washington Star.

Miss Peachley—"Auntio, I find it hard to entertain Mr. Ketchley. He seems to have so little general information." Matchmaking Aunt—"Then specialize, my dear; specialize. If Browning is too deep for him, try him on base ball."—Chicago Tribune.

When they had showed him these cour-tesles, they borrowed \$10 of him, after which he went his way. But in the fullness of time he returned. "Show me something cheaper, if you please," quoth he, gently.--Puck.

"Do you think the fruit crop will be a failure this year?"

"'Course it will," answered Farmer Corntossel, "if prices are high there's no fruit and if prices are low there's plenty of it. The fruit crop's always a failure."

"Washington Ster." Washington Star.

"Is she popular?" "Oh, very!" "What's the secret?" "Can't afford to outdress anybody."-Nashville American.

"What makes the office boy so blue?"
"I understand that his grandmother has gone on a strike and refuses to die during the base ball season."—Harper's Weekly. "This is a new shaving scap I'm using," said the barber. "How do you like it?" "Applied externally," spluttered the victim, as the brush slipped into his mouth.—Catholic Standard and Times.

"Amanda," said the Rev. Dr. Fourthly, sinking heavily into a chair. "I have a piece of bad news to tell you."

"You're not going to have your European vacation this year, Flavius?" faltered Mrs. "Worse than that, Amanda." he groaned, "The congregation is going to give us an old fashioned donation party next month."

For, at a considerable sacrifice, they had just filled the house with new furniture,"—Chicago Tribune.

THE GNAP AND THE CAMEL.

n, where are the carts of yesterday— The carts of the peanut venders? In them is denied all right-of-way And sorrowful are the spenders:
he banana man, with his tempting wares,
has disappeared, and his jargon
No more we hear, and it costs us dear,
For in vain do we look for a bargain.

Oh, where is the cart of the popcorn man, with its fragrance all pervading.
That out-smelled the autos whizing by?
Its mem'ry is fading, fading;
The urchins miss the popcorn man,
The pigeons miss him, too;
What harm, pray, did this popcorn man
To them or me or you?

To them or me or you? What harm did the 'nano or peanut man, That they must all skiddeo? In summer the weeds grow shoulder high

Omaha.

