

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

IRA L. BARE, Publisher
TERMS \$1.25 IN ADVANCE

NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA

Worthy Versus Worthless Citizens.

A professor in the Andover Theological seminary once met a man going to the town meeting. Said the professor: "What are they going to bring up at the meeting to-day, Brown?" Brown replied, with a snarl: "I dunno what they're goin' to bring up, but whatever it is, I'm goin' to oppose it." The zeal of this particular citizen was of questionable advantage to his town. Some so-called reformers have a spirit unfortunately similar, says a writer in Appleton's Magazine. An Irish teamster in a certain New England town hires a man to drive for him whenever the license question is put to vote. He takes the whole day off. He votes no license himself. He gets as many others as he can to vote the same way. A gentleman asked him one day why he took so much trouble. He answered: "Me boy died of rum an' I do what I can to keep other folks' boys from dying the same way." This ignorant teamster is a citizen of the highest type. A gentleman of high standing in the same community boasted that he never voted at local elections. He said: "Why should I go through the farce of casting my ballot? This town is run by a lot of low and corrupt politicians. My vote doesn't count. I've no time for sentimental shams." This scholarly gentleman is a citizen of the lowest type. He is stupidly selfish. Were he intelligently selfish, he would protect his interests as a citizen just as he protects his professional interests.

According to an English newspaper Aldershot has been much excited over the death of a cat, and there will probably be much conversation between the Scots Guards and the North Staffords. The colonel commanding the latter was riding down the lines of the Scots Guards with two fox terriers. There was a bit of a tiff between the dogs and the cat with three kittens, and the colonel threatened to kill the cat. The cat was caught, but escaped from the hands of three drummers of the Scots Guards, who were looking after their pets. The colonel dismounted, caught the cat in the fork of a tree and killed it with his riding whip. The case against the colonel was preferred by the S. P. C. A. The Aldershot magistrates who refused to convict the colonel said in effect: "Guilty, but don't do it again!" Now the question which agitates the royal long-named society is, what would have happened if a drummer had killed the colonel's fox terrier. Which was the aggressor?

One of the steam shovels engaged in work on the Panama canal, in the operation of which more than 300 employees were engaged, recently lifted out a quantity of dynamite which is described in an official report as being "more than a bushel." What would have happened if the shovel had struck the dynamite instead of the earth around it is easy to imagine. The explosive was in sticks three-quarters of an inch in diameter and five inches long, and the cartridges bore the trade-mark of a French manufacturer of dynamite and a date which appeared to be November 29, 1887. Unquestionably the dynamite was put in by the French and either failed to explode or was abandoned when the work ceased on that part of the French waterway. The dynamite appeared to be in perfect condition.

A Philadelphia doctor sent in a bill of \$21,000 to a Pittsburg captain of industry for services rendered, and the former patient rebels at the amount. The doctor, who is a specialist of some sort, says he considers \$500 a visit a reasonable charge. The case is now in court and the horror of the defendant's lawyers, who will each ask a thousand dollars an hour for their services without batting an eye, may be imagined.

Whatever the International Congress on Tuberculosis may do for the world, the extent of its problem was set forth on the opening day. Secretary Cortelyou, in an address of welcome, reminded the delegates that tuberculosis took more lives in this country during the past four years than the number of men killed in the civil war.

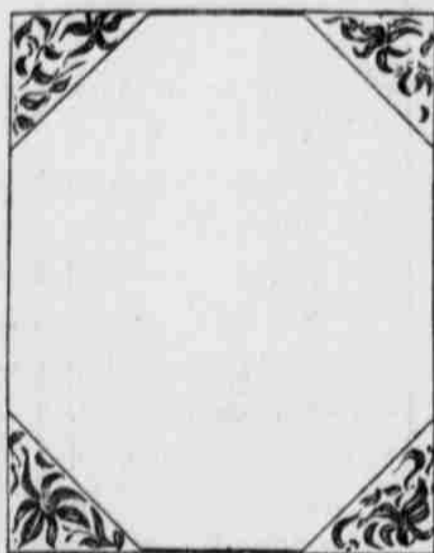
President Garfield's son has succeeded Mark Hopkins' son as president of Williams college. It was Garfield who said that "Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other is a college." Dr. Harry Garfield began at the right end of the log, and is now worthy to hold his seat on the wise end of it.

Turkey imported over 6,000,000 pounds of soap last year, says an exchange. Toilet, washing or soft for political purposes?

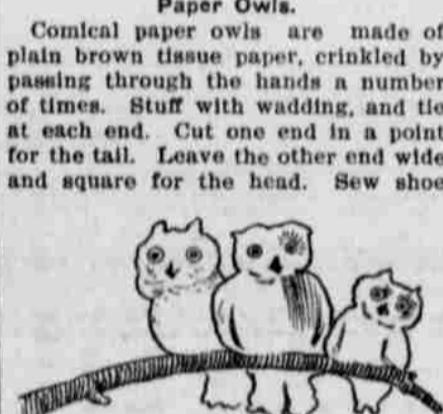
Novelties for Christmas Presents



Blotting Pad with Fancy Corners. Some sheets of white blotting paper laid on a piece of heavy cardboard cover.



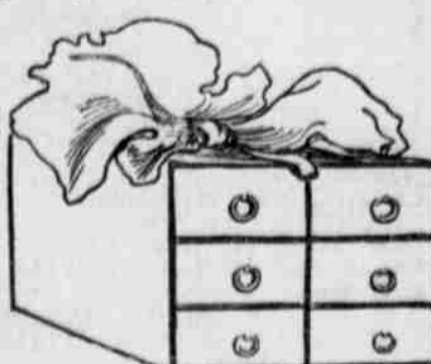
Covered with bright-colored wall paper or cretonne, make a pretty blotter. Corners of the double paper or cretonne keep the blotting paper in place.



Comical paper owls are made of plain brown tissue paper, crinkled by passing through the hands a number of times. Stuff with wadding, and tie at each end. Cut one end in a point for the tail. Leave the other end wide and square for the head. Sew shoe buttons on circles of yellow cloth outlined with black, for eyes. Attach the owls to a twig. Made in three sizes, the birds look like a little family.

ly. An effect of plumage is gained by using dark water colors, marking all over the body.

Jewel Cabinet.
An ingenious little article is a jewel basket, made of a square box, fitted with pill box drawers, each having a passe partout ring for a handle. It is



covered with pink or blue silk and is a dainty accessory for a dressing table.

Snap-Shot Album.
This is made of heavy gray paper, with covers of gray cardboard or of



soft leather. It may be ornamented with any suitable quotation.

Box for Ball of Twine.
Twine holders are circular boxes covered with leather or linen, in deep colors. Little match boxes that are very charming for men's tables are made of the ordinary match boxes that



come by the dozen, with a piece of stiffened velvet and a little gold paint along the edges, folded about it and glued in place to represent a little velvet book.

DRESSING THE CHRISTMAS TREE

An Occasion of Great Joy for Both Young and Old.

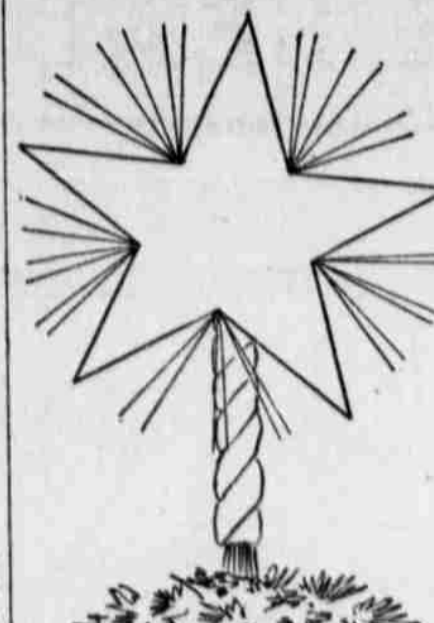
The happiest and most exciting time at Christmas for young and old is when the tree beams forth in all its glory and splendor. There is great pleasure for the elders in dressing it in its gayest raiment. If the full beauty is to be brought out it should be kept until night. It is said that 150,000 Christmas trees will be brought into the American market. Hemlock, cedar, pine and spruce are all good for the purpose. The base can be covered with cotton batting sprinkled with diamond dust, and every branch may be laden down with the same artificial snow. Incandescent electric lights are becoming more popular each year as they are safer. However, many prefer the twinkling of the candles. Colored balls and tinsel are draped from every branch, and gayly dressed dolls and toys of all sorts sway in the air. Then there must be cornucopias of red and gold, filled with candy. The largest presents and mysterious packages can be heaped around the foot of the tree. Every package should be wrapped in white paper and tied with brilliant red ribbon. Many dollars are spent each year for elaborate decorations, but many attractive and effective ornaments may be made at home, such as strings of popcorn, cranberries, gilded and silver nuts, paper flowers, etc., which all add to the splendor of the Christmas tree.

Doing Up the Gifts.
A new way of doing up gifts which will please all, and particularly delight the children, is to use white tissue paper for wrappers, and, instead of tying with ribbon, fasten the paper in place by using small seals over the edges where they are folded down. The seals come specially for the purpose and are decorated with tiny sprays of holly. If you are sending off a Christmas box put a layer of white tissue paper or white cotton on top of the packages and over this sprigs of holly or mistletoe.

Let Children Make Cards.
Have a large box at hand to drop in pictures, fancy papers, scraps of ribbon, and so on to give the children to make Christmas cards. You will be surprised at their ingenuity.

TOP STAR FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Cut out of a piece of cardboard the form of a five-pointed star five inches long. Cover with gold leaf or silver leaf. For the rays of light take about



15 broom straws, dip them in gold or silver paint and paste them back of the star in bunches of three. Take a piece of writing paper, roll it into a stiff roll, fasten one end to a twig and paste the other end at the back of the star. The star may then be arranged at the top of the tree.

Idea for the Christmas Table.
A new idea for a Christmas table is a Jack Horner bell. It may be hung from the chandelier by a splashing bow of scarlet ribbon. The bell is made of red tissue paper, the bottom of which is securely pasted over with stout paper. Scarlet ribbons are stretched from the bell to the plates, and at a signal from the hostess, given by the tinkling of a little invisible bell, the ribbons are pulled and on the end of each is a souvenir.

Gossip of Washington
What is Going On at the National Capital.

Mystery of a Missing Mink Overcoat



WASHINGTON—Unless St. Anthony speedily answers his prayers, or some other agency of the lost and found intervenes to help him, it may be necessary for Senator McCumber of North Dakota to insert an advertisement in the newspapers of his state for a mysteriously missing overcoat.

In the second week of his strenuous campaign for the presidency Judge Taft invaded North Dakota. He was accompanied by a cold wave that met him at Minneapolis. Great preparations had been made for his entertainment at Fargo, where the arrangements contemplated a visit by the Republican presidential candidate to a big barbecue near the edge of the city. All these plans were outlined to Mr. Taft by a local committee which boarded the train at Crookston, Minn. When Mr. Taft hinted that he had no garment to protect him from the cold, local committees said they would see to it that he was provided with proper habiliments. When the Taft special reached Grand Forks, Senator McCumber got Fargo on the long-distance telephone and said he wanted the chairman of

the county committee to be at the station with an overcoat that would fit Judge Taft. A hundred loyal sons of Fargo were willing to shiver in the raw prairie blizzard that the next president of the United States should be properly clad. The difficulty was to find a man of the Taft physical proportions who owned an overcoat.

The county chairman was in despair until he happened to think of Finn Leech, a "bonanza farmer," whose ranch is only a few miles from Fargo. Finn weighs 340 pounds. The county chairman lost no time in getting in touch with Finn Leech.

"Did Finn have an overcoat?" Sure thing, and it was lined with mink and cost \$175.

"Would he loan it to Judge Taft for use that evening?" Would he? Would a lifelong Republican miss a chance to have his finest garment adorn the shoulders of the leader of his party?

Ten minutes later the overcoat was in the hands of the county chairman and Judge Taft was tucked beneath its ample folds as soon as his train reached Fargo. He wore the coat to the barbecue and to the meetings following the feast. And for all that Finn knows he may be wearing it now as he follows the elusive golf ball over the links at Hot Springs.

The \$175 mink lined overcoat disappeared when Judge Taft left Fargo. Nobody seems to know where it is. Its owner has asked Senator McCumber to make an investigation.

Citizens Want a Change in Government



THE liveliest question in Washington just now is that of a change in the district's form of government. As everybody probably well knows affairs are administered now by a commission of three men appointed by the president, one of whom must be an army officer.

There is undoubtedly a growing opinion that a concentration of authority in the district government would simplify the municipal situation and produce better results. The commission plan has its good features. It has long been held up as a model, ideally suited to the needs of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, where suffrage is denied. But frequent and repeated contention and bickering among the members of the board have served to create more or less general criticism of the commission plan, and thus give the propaganda for a change some momentum. With the commissioners obviously working at cross purposes, and airing their differences, and subordinate district officials following this example by engaging in noisy controversies, it is a logical sequence that the present form of government should gradually be somewhat under-

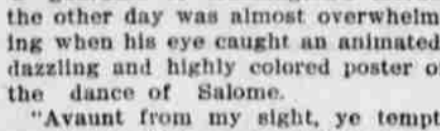
minated. Many substantial citizens and large tax-payers are convinced that a one-headed government would work more smoothly and satisfactorily. This is no new conviction on their part. It has been emphasized in recent exhibitions of division in the present triumvirate, it is true, but the advisability of concentrated authority has appealed to them for years.

There was Gertrude Hoffman, who had "a vision of Salome" to present to the capital at one of the leading theaters, banished from the stage of the casual passerby, the street urchin and the student of billboard art.

The offending posters now repose in the dark recesses of the stage of the theater, while actors and managers and attaches gather about and declare them martyrs to the cause of art.

"Ain't it awful, Mabel, that such swell pictures should be condemned, just like some phony canned goods or something like that," said one indignant chorus girl. Just to show that the management did not share the shame of the censor, the posters were pasted up in the theater lobby.

Police Ban on Dazzling Salome Posters

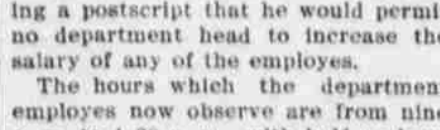


THE shock to the modesty of the guardian of Washington's morals the other day was almost overwhelming when his eye caught an animated, dazzling and highly colored poster of the dance of Salome.

"Avaunt from my sight, ye temptress," he cried as he slowly recovered his moral standard. Forthwith he determined that the capital could not gaze upon these pictures of the dancer in full career.

The edict of this "moral censor," who is H. L. Gessford, inspector of po-

Joy of Department Clerks Shortlived



ISSUED an order tacking on the additional half hour. Then it was rumored that he intended to complete the job by making it a full hour, and keeping the clerks at work until five o'clock every day.

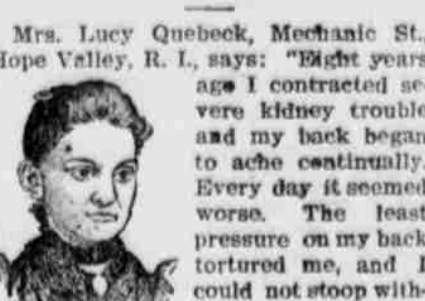
Then came the second half of the same executive order directing that no increase should be offered, suggested or proposed in any of the budgets for anybody. Economy was given as the cause.

This order affects not only the Washington employees of the government, but its employes throughout the country, many of whom are figuring on generous increases.

Secretary Loeb explained that the no-increase order did not apply to regular promotions under the civil service, but that it would forbid the increase of any clerk's or official's salary for the same work. It is understood that a number of department heads intended to recommend in their current estimates an increase for some of their subordinates. The president's order spoils all of this.

SEEMED WORSE EVERY DAY.

A Dangerous Case of Kidney Complaint and How It Was Checked.



Mrs. Lucy Quebeck, Mechanic St., Hope Valley, R. I., says: "Eight years ago I contracted severe kidney trouble and my back began to ache continually. Every day it seemed worse. The least pressure on my back tortured me, and I could not stoop without a bad twinge. The kidney secretions passed irregularly with pain, and I bloated badly. My head swam and spots flitted before my eyes. One doctor said I was incurable. However, I found prompt relief when I started using Doan's Kidney Pills, and the troubles I have related gradually disappeared."

Sold by all dealers. 50c a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Smile's Face Value.
Although most of us would hesitate to express what might be termed the face value of the "modern smile," we certainly realize at times that it is a form of currency which is depreciating. In the "modern smile" we recognize the crude, official thing which neither illumines, cheers nor bridges awful gaps of silence. It may save of suggesting a wave of imbecility to declare that we ought all to smile more, but it is certainly true that the charm of a woman's smile was once esteemed even above beauty.

Over 20,000 hounds are maintained in England for hunting purposes—staghounds, foxhounds, otterhounds, harriers and beagles.

Allen's Foot-Powder, a Powder for swollen, aching feet. Gives instant relief. The original powder for the feet. 50c at all Drugists.

A man may follow his natural bent and yet be perfectly straight.



This woman says that sick women should not fail to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as she did.

Mrs. A. Gregory, of 2955 Lawrence St., Denver, Col., writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I was practically an invalid for six years, on account of female troubles. I underwent an operation by the doctor's advice, but in a few months I was worse than before. A friend advised Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it restored me to perfect health, such as I have not enjoyed in many years. Any woman suffering as I did with backache, bearing-down pains, and periodic pains, should not fail to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.
For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.



If You Work Outdoors

Any cold you contract should be cured without delay, and driven entirely out of the system—unless you wish to invite an attack of Pleurisy or Pneumonia.

Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant

is known as the most successful preparation ever discovered for Colds, Coughs, Bronchitis, Inflammation of the Lungs or Chest, Pleurisy, Asthma and diseases of similar nature. This famous remedy has been dispensed for over 78 years, and is sold by all druggists, in three size bottles, \$1.00, 50c and 25c.

Dr. D. Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge is a splendid building-up tonic for systems weakened by Coughs or Colds.