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NORTH PLATTE, . . NEBRASKA

HE DIED TOO SOON.

They were a short-sighted race those old masters of painting and other arts. They died too soon. Stradivarius sold violins for \$15 or \$20 that would have brought him thousands had he waited long enough. Pictures that yielded but small amounts to the old Italians who painted them can now be bought only by millionaires. Even the masters of the early English school, that of Reynolds and Gainsborough and Romney, showed the same lack of economy in not living long enough. In a great London auction room on Friday a portrait by Rowney sold for \$206,875. In his lifetime Romney charged from \$125 for a portrait 25 by 30 inches to \$400 for a full-length portrait 57 by 93 inches. Probably Friday's price was a record one for Romney, but in recent years the market value of a good wholelength has ranged from \$50,000 to \$125,000. But if they didn't get out of their work the prices that we moderns are willing to pay for it, at least they got the glory out of it. They put something into their pictures and violins and other wares that gave them life for ceneurles. How many product tions of the age of Romney have increased 5,000 times in value since they were made?

A young Louisvillian who was married in Indiana to a girl fifteen years old is charged with subordination of perjury and pleads insanity. Why not? Pope declares love "the sole disease thou canst not cure," and, of course, he did not mean to call it a physical ailment. Theocritus asserted that there was no remedy for it, "either salve or plaster," says the Louisville Courier-Journal. Scott spoke of it as a disorder when he said that even ambition was no cure for it. Rosalind told Orlando that a man in love might be readily picked out in a crowd because his hose would be ungartered, his bonnet unbanded, his sleeve unbuttoned, his shoe untied and everything about him awry, and carelessness in the arrangement of clothing is one of the well recognized symptoms of paresis. Literature bristles with expert opinion tending to establish the insanity of lovers. And great literature is great literature because it is luminous with truth,

The lady's maids of Chicago are about to form a union and strike against some grievances, which many sympathizers will regard as very real. They are rebelling against interminable hooking up of gowns, late hours and dog nursing. A domestic service union, with strikes on one side and indignant but helpless mistresses on the other, will add vastly to the gayety of nations, that is to the portion of the national contingents who will not be requisitioned to do the hooking up and wash the

From the feminine standpoint of Daniel come to judgment and an embodiment of chivalry rolled into one is a Missouri judge who decided that because woman is engaged the fact does not oblige her to refuse the attentions of other men, and that she may lawfully have as many other beaux as she pleases. From he masculine standpoint this marvel of gallantry is simply a foolish person who has never known the pangs of being engaged to a licensed flirt.

From a Washington department store comes the recital that the president's daughters were there looking at gowns recently, and were informed that a charge of two dollars was made for alterations; whereupon one of them responded, "Oh, we can make any necessary alterations at home; we know how to sew." The accomplishment is one that should be possessed by every woman in the land, and the fact that it is taught in the public schools at the present time shows that there is one respect at least in which public school authorities respond to the practical need of the public.

Suppression of opium production seems to be progressing very energetically in China. Soldiers are destroying poppy fields, and one report is that 67 farmers were burned by the soldiers, who set fire to the house in which they were, holding a meeting. If this is called to the attention of other opium farmers it seems calculated to induce them to plant some other crop.

High heels and hobble skirts are causes of many accidents to women. according to an official report of the Pennsylvania railroad. If accidents to males, due to same causes, were included the total would be appalling.

A New York woman modestly demanded \$78,000 alimony. The judge cut it down to \$15,900, saying he would not provide her with money for idleness, highballs and cigarettes. She will probably have to roll her own.

He Twists Letters Like



ASHINGTON .- Frank B. Willis. the rising young statesman from Wool Town, Ohio, who pulled down the spelling laurels in the recent Press Clubs ladies' night entertainment, had better study up that bluebacked spell- ical theorems herein deduced by the er, because there's another chap in town who can twist the letters round his tongue like a Mexican greaser juggling a lariat. This same fellow is Wrisley Brown, special assistant attorney general of the department of jus-

Some time ago a correspondent who purported to be a college professor ties. wrote a letter to President Taft complaining that the recurrence of crime waves was due to malign thought impulses hurtled about by detectives of the department of justice. Then the detectives would issue forth and arrest these law breakers, according to the writer, in this way working up a reputation for efficiency. The writer also said he had appeared before the into a state of volitional hypnosis, senate "third degree" committee, and that his views were greeted with loud tal doctrine of free agency."

OHN BURROUGHS, accompanied

Ernest Thompson-Seton and Glenn

Buck of Chicago, was a recent visitor

At the capitol Mr. Burroughs gazed

"Beautiful building, isn't it?" he

"Hugh! Yes," was the slow re-

"But," he added, "I would a whole

sight rather gaze at a scene I remem-

ber so distinctly. I had visited a

small hamlet in a state that was

"I looked about, but could find no

place to sleep. It took only a few

minutes to traverse the settlement.

There was only one place where a

light could be seen. The nature of

the business being transacted there

was apparent to all who cared to un-

"Seeking rest there was out of the

derstand. It was a so-called "blind the blind tiger."

with thoughtful eyes directed toward

the imposing, glistening white, marble

to the capitol.

was asked.

tiger."

senate office building.

by two well known naturalists,

Mexican Juggling Lariat

guffaws. In conclusion he said: "They laughed, Mr. President," he wrote, "at the profundity of their own ineptitude."

The letter was referred to the department of justice, and Wrisley Brown was asked to prepare an indosement for it. There was a scream of laughter when Brown turned in a burlesque opinion, couched in words which outranked the professors' ten to one. They say President Taft chuckled all day over it. And as for big words-just watch:

'After careful reflection," wrote Wrisley Brown, "I concur in the physcomplainant. His conclusions regarding the auto-suggestion of crime are fully borne out by the history of human experience. Its insidious effect upon the mind has a pronounced tendency to bring on aboulomania or cretinism of the will power, combined with a choreic condition of the facul-

"In some cases it has even been known to induce katatonia or some more serious dissociation of the mental elements of a luctic character and furibund developments such as, for in-

stance, confusional encephalomalacia. "The application of the third degree annilhilates the inhibitory powers of the average victim and plunges him thereby breaking down the fundamen-

opposite showed, and in a few min-

utes the form of a man, partly dressed.

appeared in the doorway and began

an unsteady course for the blind tiger.

tered the place of liquor dispensing, I

entered the place he vacated, blew out

the light and cast myself into his bed

"It seemed hours later when I was

"'Ah bane thanking you've my

"'Man,' I replied. 'You've been to

awakened by a reeling Swede.

which was warm.

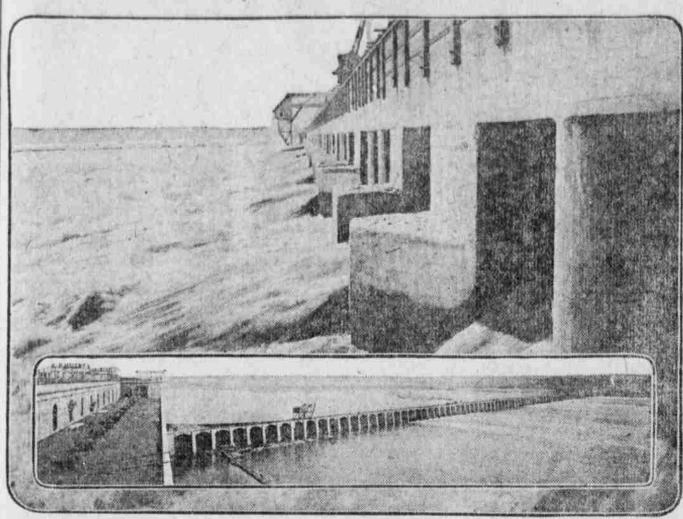
bade,' he began.

"I did not stop him, but as he en-

THAHKING

BADE

GREATEST OF WATERPOWER DEVELOPMENTS



Late in August the completion of the waterpower development at Keokuk, ia., the greatest in the world, will be celebrated, and President Wilson and many governors are expected to be present. In the illustration is seen, above, the immense dam across the Mississippi river, showing the water rushing through the doors in the concrete wall; and below, a general view of the dam from the south end of the power house. The plant will produce over 300,000 horse power by its 30 turbines.

How John Burroughs Found a Place to Sleep In

Expert Has Little Difficulty in put his hands on that. Or else they Stealing Fortune.

Writing, but Difficult With Calegraphy of Ignorant-"Manual" Used by Crooks.

Chicago.- A Chicago crook sat in a The crook's specialty was check raising. He was preparing to steal a fortune with the little piece of paper.

The president of a cement construction company had written the check. He had taken what he thought proper business precautions. He wrote "twenty-seven," drew a horizontal line through two short vertical lines, and added "and 00-100" before the word 'dollars' on the check.

The long horizontal line through the "That was enough. The man was too dazed to think. He turned about, a "hickey," is a frequent device sino en route to the tennis courts advanced and the patient in the way question, but I was tempted to enter by degrees, and walked out of the against the unscrupulous. The man in the back room just off La Salle street and ask for information. As I was place. I don't know where he went, made three movements with his pen and the "hickey" became "th." Then he wrote "cus," the word "and" completing "thousands." Three ciphers were added to the figures in the line above. The certified check was then deposited in a trust and savings bank, and a withdrawal of \$27,000 was immediately made against it.

A veteran thief catcher in Chicago recently, in recounting this incident, added that there exists among professional check raisers what amounts to a manual.

'Write me a check," he urged a vis-A check for \$200 was written. It was passed over to the detective.

Within two minutes, without an eras-

ure being made, it called for \$500. "By the 'manual' the figure 'two' is always potential of 'five,' " he explained. "The aim is always to avoid the interlining or the extending of words. Check raisers know all the characters which lend themselves to changes that cannot be detected. The capital 'T,' as most of us write it, can, for instance, be changed to the capital 'F'

"Here are a few of the changes that can be made almost as fast as writ-

"'One' to 'eight."

without the slightest trouble.

" 'Two' to 'five.

"'Ten' to 'fifty. " 'Four' to 'forty.'

"Twenty' to 'seventy." "Now, the figure '1,' for instance, may be readily formed into any other

figure save '2' and '3.' "The word 'hundred' may be formed easily from the ripping scroll that many write after a sum. Almost any

larity may be formed into words. "The hardest check to raise or alter is the one written by a nearly Illiterate person," the expert continues 'The gracefully flowing hand is the

easiest changed. between raising checks with a genuine signature and forging the signa- he was struck by a train. ture itself-so far as the ease of exe-

cution is concerned. house, many of them, at least, probeen dead mo' than one hundred tect themselves nowadays with devices that brand a limitation of the check indelibly into the very texture of the paper. In this field, too, many devices at first thought absolute safeguards were soon outwitted by the

erooks. Filling Perforated Checks.

the paper with the exact amount for all that was needed was a common little punch and a bottle of invisible glue. Every crook knows where to tion.

use a bit of money mender and then peel it off.

"But what does the crook do? He has a check perforated \$300. He takes Operator Finds It Easy to Alter Fine his little punch and punches from the edge of the check a few tiny disks of the same size. With a needle tip he plugs up the holes in the last dollar sign. After the glue is dry he punches a cipher in its place and a dollar mark room just off La Salle street four after it. Where the machine perforyears ago studying a check. It was ated an entire letter, the crook bought made out for \$27, and was certified by a smaller machine and filled up the the state bank on which it was drawn. perforations before making new ones to suit himself."

SOCIETY FOLKS AT NEWPORT

Fashionables Gather at America's Famous Watering Resort for Their Summer Diversion.

summer colony at America's select watering place. This photograph, tak- of the trouble. The pain of indigesen in Newport, July 10, shows tion was not a primary sign, and when two short vertical lines, often termed some of the cottagers leaving the Ca- that happened the trouble was well



Two Fashion Leaders.

with luncheons. Bathing, yachting, dancing, motoring, and tennis, the young people are kept in a busy whirl,

In the picture are R. de Boardman of Boston and Mrs. Elsie French Vanderbilt of New York and Philadelphia, former wife of Alfred Gwyn Van-

TRAIN TAKES HIS HEART OUT movement of lines that have any regu- Unusual Fatality Between Swarth-

more and Morton Station in

Pennsylvania.

Morton, Pa.-Isaiah Harris, aged forty-five, of Media, was found dead along the Central division of the Penn-There is, in fact, no comparison sylvania railroad between this borough and Swarthmere. It is believed

Harris' heart was wrenched from his body and found some distance Miss Bessie Mann of London, England. "Of course, banks and business from the scene of the tragedy. His received word from her lover, Jas. R. watch and chain and \$7 were found intact. Deputy Coroner Griffith removed the body to the morgue

Family of Six Perishes in Fire. Columbia, S. C .- Six persons, mem- an, who died some time ago, bers of one family, lost their lives in a fire that destroyed a house in Lexington, S. C. The bodies were found "Take a machine that perforated in the ruins of the house. The victims were members of the family of John called upon the women of this city which the check was drawn. Really Jacobs. It was believed the house

CHECK RAISER'S WAY INDIGESTION AND SIN TWINS

Dr. Oldfield, Vegetarian, Says That Much of Drunkenness Is Due to Stomach Trouble.

London.-"A great deal of the drunkenness and sin of the world is due to indigestion, and, therefore, I have yet to meet a fruitarian who is a drunkard," said Dr. Josiah Oldfield, the famous vegetarian, in a lecture on "Diet and Dyspepsia," at the Hall of the Order of the Golden Age, Bromp-

In the olden days if the judge were in a bad temper owing to the state of his digestion the poor prisoner was hanged. Many battles had been lost owing to the bad digestion of the commander, he added, and the answer to the question whether life is worth living was "It depends on the liver."

A great many people took to drink continued the speaker, not because they wanted it, but owing to the condition of their stomach, which craved for something to drown its care. In-Newport.-Many diversions for the digestion was largely a nerve disease, and the nerves were often the cause for gastric trouble.

> Dr. Oldfield suggested a pint and a half as the inclusive amount of liquid to be taken during a day.

ROBBER HIDES IN A SPRING

Cold Water, However, Forces Man Who Held Up Bank to Yield to Sheriff's Posse.

Portland, Ore .- A lone robber who entered the First State Bank of Milwaukee, a suburb of Portland, and with a revolver induced Cashier A. L. Bolstead to permit him to scoop up all the gold within reach of the latter's wicket, was captured in the woods some miles distant. He gave the name of Virgil Perrine, and said he was from St. Louis. He is twenty years old.

After fleeing from the bank, with citizens in pursuit, the robber on gaining the wood, hid himself by standing submerged to the neck in an incased spring. He remained there for two hours until the chill of the water drove him from the hiding place into the hands of a sheriff's posse.

The robber's loot, about \$400 in gold, was found in his pockets, with the exception of \$40 he dropped in his flight.

GULF STREAM TAKES SPURT

Waters Are So Fast That Ship, Slowed Down, Arrives One Day Too Scon.

Boston.-Carried along at great speed by an unusually swift current the gulf stream the United Fruit company's steamer Sosua, from Port Limon, Costa Rica, reached here a

day ahead of time. Captain Bjoness says that the waters of the stream were strangely active and the steamer began moving so rapidly that the engines were slowed down to half speed. Even after that the Sosua logged off the miles at an amazing rate.

Wedded After 22 Years.

Islip, N. Y .- After waiting 22 years, Ross of this town, that he is ready to wed her. The couple met in London in 1890 and became engaged. Mann came to America to make his fortune, but shortly afterward married a wom-

Attacks "Immoral Dress."

Jacksonville, Fia. - Mayor Van Swearing, newly elected executive, to stop wearing the split skirt and was struck by lightning in a storm thin, petticoatless attire. He asked that swept over the Lexington sec- the newspapers to begin a crusade against "immeral dress."

hesitating, a faint light in a building but probably back to the blind tiger."

Calamitous Cessation for Bobby's Little Lamb



T is an admitted fact that Mary had a little lamb, but it may be news to the general public that Bobby Blank, who lives out Georgetown way, had another. Leastwise, he had, until the other day, when his ownership came to what one might briefly call a

calamitous cessation. Bobby had been week-ending with a little cousin who lives out in the counthe pike. Little cousin owned a pet lamb, and when the wagon was waiting for Bobby he, somehow, managed to sneak pet off and get away with the goods.

must be so, for, by the time the wagon | yet.

had wheeled up to the home curb the small white thing that had been as docile as those other dear lambkins that skip on the forever-green grass in the way-back spelling book, took on a kiddish butting velocity.

Bobby's mamma was waiting to welcome little son as he hopped out of the wagon, dragging the lamb at the end of a string. The first thing the two knew the lamb had butted in and sprawled them, mother and manchild, on the pavement.

A crowd developed with a suddenness that suggested it must have swarmed up from the crevices in the bricks.

The little lamb got busy and butted around at the human fringe with skillful impartiality, until a particularly big man gave it what was intended to be a down-and-out kick. But it wasn't, try two hours by wagon, on a hill, off Not for the little lamb. As for the man-but maybe he wouldn't like it mentioned; some people are so delicately sensitive-and, anyhow, maybe he would have done better if the little lamb had given him a second try, but The wise men who make the world it wasn't that sort of a little lamb. go round for us assert that character It preferred to streak off like white changes with environment, and it lightning-and maybe it is streaking

Some Mighty Beautiful Things in the Constitution

SENATOR TOM MARTIN of Virginia is radically different from most statesemen from the sunny south. He is not an orator. On the contrary, he is usually so silent that he makes the Sphinx seem like the star book agent for an installment publishing house. As some of his constituents like to say: "Tom takes

his'n out in thinkin' and actin'." But while Martin says little, he listens much. And when he does finally break into speach his words are to

the point. Some time ago there came up, in the senate, a bill on which there was a bitter fight. Straightway several of those senators who have come to be known as "constitutional sharks" leaped to their feet one after another, in high sounding and resounding protest.

"Shall we, unweithy as we are, dare to violate either the letter or the spirit of our beloved constitution?" they demanded. "Never-never-not one iota-NEVER!"

Martin listened calmly until all had done. Then he rose slowly and draped himself gracefully over one edge of his desk.



"Mistah President," said he in his soft drawl, "I yield to no man, suh, in my respect foh the Constitution and its framers. They did well. They did nobly, suh-foh their time. But, Mistah President, those gentlemen have years, suh, and times, suh, have changed. We've got to remember that, suh.

'An' remembering that, Mistah President, what I started to say was this: There are some mighty beautiful things in our Constitution. It's a beautiful work, suh. But, President, of all the beautiful things in all that beautiful work, to my mind the mos' beautiful of all are those glorious words, suh, givin' us the right to amend."