

There stood a rude and dingy hut | selves worthy. Let me know where aning against the eaves of a knoff, you go and what you do, and when the and ouilt of sticks and boards thrown time comes I'll tell her, and we'll op by the tide. A flaring light burned "bide by her decision." The younger within, and gleamed through the crev- man then turned and the other watchices and the jagged hole that served ed him walk away, and dis sterness the purpose of a window. A man dis- softened,

heveled, gray and decrepit, came out "Edward!" The tones had broken, and carefully drew to the rickety door and again, "Edward Grale!" The after him. He paused awhile in con- other turned and came, templation of the night, and listened "Let's not part in anger, lad; we to the mournful breathing of the surf. know not what may come," and he Then he climbed to the topmost point held out his hand. Their hands met of the knoll and gazed long over the and lingered a silent moment, then stretch of water to the distant harbor | Edward Grale was gone, where shone the myriad lights of the | Then in the days that followed the city, and in musing, said:

"Ye're there, somewhere--I know the extra mouths. He fished and dug yer must be-drinkin' and revelin' and clams and peddled them. He gathered spendin' yer bit of money in a fool's rags and old metals from the dumps paradise; while the neglected wife and wee one seek asylum of yer decrepit father."

Then he clenched his bony hands and multered, while the night breeze played about his fattered raiment. He looked away along the ribbon of winding white beach and descried an atom moving at the water's edge, growinglarger as it advanced; and he watched until taking the shape of a man, it bore around the foot of the knoll and disappeared beneath the overhanging crags. The watcher descended by the path he had come; passing the hut, he waited in the shadow until the man again appeared, then stepped out and blocked his way.

"What do you want here?" His tone was harsh and stern.

The other hesitated. "What have ye done with the wife

old man strove with new energy to fill



A PERVERTED XMAS PRESENT. Business Instinct Highly Developed in

It was Christmas Eve. Freddie was on his way home from the Sunday school, where he had been a regular attendant for several weeks. His an nunt conversion had been rewarded in a substantial way, for he had not only feasted upon the good things of this world, but he bore under his arm a beautiful blue and gold book that showed him how to get to the other world. He was well pleased, for ever and anon he would look at the book and fairly giont over it. As he passed the house of an old maid, whose life he had often made miserable, the old lady noticed how he regarded his Sunday school present and rejoiced ex-

"I always said he wasn't a bad boy at heart," she remarked to herself. "Oh, if his father and mother could only see him this blessed moment as he thinks of the home above and resolves to live just as the little boys and girls in the book." But listen. Freddie is also remark

ing to himself. "This is a pretty good book, by gee! it must have stood the Sunday school people in about a dollar. Your nibs is In great luck. I must hurry around to the second-hand book store before b loses up. I ought to be able to trade a book like this for half a dozen dime novels at least."

FREY OF THE BIRDS.

All Forms of Insects Food of Feathered Songsters. There is hardly a single group of

innects which does not suffer from the appetite of one or more species of birds. The eggs and larvae are dug and pried out of their burrows in the wood by woodpeckers and creepers; those underground are scratched and clawed up to view by quail, partridges and many sparrows; warblers and vireos scan every leaf and twig. Flycatchers, like the cat family of mam-

mals, lie in wait and surprise the insects on the wing, more particularly those flying near the ground, while swifts, swallows and martins glean a harvest from the host of high-flying insects. When we think of humming birds are taking dainty sips of honey from the flowers, they are in reality more often snatching minute spiders

and flies from the drep cups of the calyxes. When night fails the insects, which have chosen that time as the safer to carry on the business of active life, are pounced on by crepaseular feathered beings; the cavernous mouths of whip-poor-wills engulf them as they rise from their hiding places, and the briades of nighthawks brush them into no less rapaclous maws if.

perchance, they have succeeded in reaching the upper air .- New York Post.

The Damon of the Pit.

A din of volces abouting hourse, A which of outstretched arms; A little trath, a mass of thes, A score of fulse alarms A not standing in the midst of it We use the Domon of the Pit! A hundred faces, white and strained, Are perring to behald



LOST IN THE WOODS.

Commoner Comment.

THE CRIMINAL CLAUSE. A Magdelena, New Mexico, reader of Johnson not only from the national A Grand Rapids, Mich. reader writes:

The Commoner directs attention to an councils of his party, but from the Please give me a list of the money circulation that is legal tender and article in which the Commoner urged leadership of his own state."

that which is not." A Pittsburg. Pa, reader writes: Will you inform me if national bank notes are legal tender in case of payment of a mortgage when 'good and la vful money' is called for. 'Good and lawful money" doubtless

neans legal tender money. National hank notes are not legal

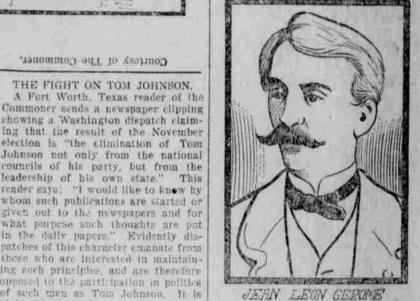
LEGAL TENDER.

onder. They are, however, redeem able in lawful money by the United States treaturer at Washington or at the lank offense. This reader will render. The Elkins law passed by the will be mither difficult to eliminate find legal tender monry described in last congress hears no relation whathe famous circular No. 125, insted by the United States treasury department. The Ellins bill sought to amend the

This the enforcement of the criminal clauze render says: "I would like to knew by of the Sherman anti-trust law. This whom such publications are started or writer says that the criminal clause given out to the newspapers and for of the Sherman and-trust law was re- what purpose such thoughts are put scaled by the Elkins law, I mention in the daily papers." Evidently disthis because the Commoner asks for patches of this character emanate from the enforcement of the criminal clause there who are interested in maintainwhen it is no longer in existence, ing such principles, and are therefore Doubtiens this Elkins law game has opposed to the participation in politics staped your notice." of such men as Tom Johnson. It is Many people arem to entertain the plain, however, that so long as there afe idea edvanced by our New Mexico are gigantic evils in government, it

over to the Sherman anti-trust law. Illie the gentleman from Obio.

the United States treasury department, existing law relating to the publica-In this circular the status of each kind tion of tariff rates by railroads and An Havana, Ark, render nonds are There are ten 'ifferent kinds of probibility railroad managers from dis- extract from a statement made by Se money in circulation in the United or imprisonment for those referring to the democratic position ver dollars, subsidiary silver, gold cer-tiffentes, treasury notes isnaed under act of July 14, 1890, United States notes (also called greenbacks and legal t.n-ders), national bank notes, and nickel and provides for the imposition of a fine from \$1,000 to \$2,000.



figures, especially of animals, he had few equals. Hamerton once said of him: "i would rather have a leash of greyhounds printed by Gerome then by any other painter living. I have such beautiful studies by him of various other animals. He has a true understanding of animal life in its erse grace and delightful innocence." His death will prove a serious loss to the art world of Paris.

IS PLEASED WITH WASHINGTON.

in the Capital.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale, the new

senate chuplain, expresses himself as

vasily pleased with the welcome he

has met everywhere in Washington.

The doctor tells with glee of an in-

cident in Boston at Christmas time.

He had preached in his church and

referred to three great anniversaries

in the month of December. After the

sermon a young reporter said: "Dec-

tor, I can think of but two anniver-

saries in December-the landing of

the pilgrims and the shortest day of

the year. What was the third? Dr.

Courtesy of The Commoner.

THE FIGHT ON TOM JOHNSON.

Commoner sends a newspaper clipping

showing a Washington dispatch claim-

ing that the result of the November

A Fort Worth, Texas reader of the

rator. The subjects of his mintings are mostly either classical or oriental, and are both original and characteristic in treatment, as well as curious in the types introduced. He was an excellent draftsman and modeler. and a master of tone. He was weak in landscape work and did not often employ it, but in interiors and with

officer of the Legion of Honor, chevaller of the Order of the Red Eagle, and recipient of many medals of honor, among them one from the salon. He had been a great teacher and a noted professor at the Ecole.

des Beaux Arts. He had given some

attention to sculpture, but he is best

known by his paintings, the list of

which is extremely long, He was

also famous as a designer and deco-

death was unexpected. The night be-

fore, ha dined with a large party of friends, members of the institute. In the morning his valut found him dead In his bed. He had died us he slept, without a struggle to disarrange the drapery of his couch. The first death of the new your in the world of art is that of Jean Leon Gerome. He passed away in old age, richly crowned with honors. He was a member of the Institute,



Keen Regret Felt at Death of Jean

Leon Gereme.

Joan Leon Gerome, the French

palater and sculptor, died at Paris

Jan. 10, at the age of \$0 years. His

Little Freddle.

and wee one?" he continued, harsh and storn as before. "She left my bed and board and took

the youngster with her.' "Because you neglected and ill-

treated her, and because you will not work. She came to me yesterday in her trouble, not knowing otherwhere."

"It's a lie-I can get no work to do!" and the younger man tried to pass.

"The lie's your own," rejoined the elder, ever hard and stern. "Not so low-born wits, fast!" and he gripped the other by the arm. "She wants not you, she's III, she gained strength and courage, and and wants rest and quiet, and she shell went about trying to do little things not he disturbed."

"I will see her-see what she man's comfort, while the child gathmeans," and he thrust the elder man ered flowers on the knoll, and romped roughly aside. "You cannot harbor a and splashed in the aurf, and laughed man's wife. There's a law. Besides, and grew; and the old man laughed, you quarreled with your own wife- too, in his somber way, don't forget that," and again he made The summer waned and there came to pass.

Stung by the taunt, the elder man away to work. He lingered about the struck out a blow, and yet again. Then hut, or climbed the knoll along the they grappled and struggled fiercely winding beach; then silently retraced in the moan of the surf beneath the his steps and sat within the hut, while stars, until at last by a mighty effort the elder man flung off the younger and stood alone.

"I'm yet your master!" he cried, breathing sharp and heavily. "Never her face and called the child, who anyet had son the right to judge his swered laughing, and returned with father, far less taunt him with what spoils gleaned from the heather. Then | find ut agin." he knows naught of. You speak of a law 'gainst harboring your wife. I of the many prants and witty sayings ' know another law, and blde by it, If of the child, while she studied the you cannot do for them I can, decrepit lights and shades that fled across his as I am-and will. Go away and come face. By and by the child turged the mother's hand:



"Ye're there, somewhere--- know ye must be-drinkin' an' revellin'." not nigh me, else perhaps no law may save you!" And he walted.

Then rose the groveller to his feet and turned to go.

calmer. "Here, ye may see them, but for insomnia is said to be the odor form," was the proud reply of the ad-"Stop!" The elder man's tone grew do not waken them," and he turned of raw onions. They should he miring parent, and led the way into the hut and soft. crushed to a pulp in order to free ly drew aside a rudely hung curtain all the juice. Smell this substance where the mother and the child lay for ten minutes after retiring. It is sweetly sleeping. Then they turned, said to quiet the most nervous per- Pa., discovered that his flock of eight passed out, and the younger man hung son and relax the most overwrought turkeys had been stolen one night last his head while the other spoke.

"Go away and make yourself right said to be efficacious. with God, and search, and when the chance comes, though small it be, take it and bide by it uncomplaining. The comes to those who first make them- eign bondholders.



A modding, fearful sway-to King of yesterday goes down, Another rules to-day. But momarch over all of it We hall the Demon of the Pit. "I'm yet your master!" he cried. breathing sharp and heavily. A grush of wasted, blighted hopes,

and sold them, and did any odd jobs other life is yielded up he could, and heeded not the libes of o join the aword stream; And granning in the midst of it We see the Demon of the Pit. The pure salt air revived the woman.

ruined mill, with crumbling walls, Ten thousand starting ment. How long, O Lord? How long?" they In her housewifely way for the old.

Then cotton lumos again. And elegiting over all of 11 The Ning in Demon of the Pit! —Mriandburgh Wilson.

Pat's Lesson in Golf.

Pat had been helping the greens coper construct several tocs at the a day when the old man went not new golf links, and during the noon hour had been given a few lessons in driving. A day or two later he was telling his friend Casey about it. "Faith, Casey," he said, "this game the wife and little one hung about the they call golluf do be a funny game. knoll, and often she, too, would pause Yez have a little white ball an' a long

and look along the stretch of sand. stick wid a knob on the ind av it, an' Anon he came, and she turned away yes put the white ball on a little hape an' knock the ball so far yez kin niver they laughed, and the woman told him. "An' did yez hit the ball whin yez

tried?" asked Casey. "Did OI?" said Pat, "Thot's the fur-

my thing about gollur. Shure, the first tolme Ol hit ut. Ol niver touched ut!"

Sympathy Misplaced.

circle of friends will go out to the

burned pants."-New York Times.

"Tum! tell dampa papa tum," and arged again, until at last they turned Edward L. Adams, representing the and descended to the but. United States as consul general at

They found him laid upon the rude Stockholm, Sweden, was for several affair that had served him years for years editor of the Rochester Demobed and couch, with his fingers clasped crat and Chronicle. While occupying upon his breast and a saintly look that position he wrote an obituary noupon his face; and "dampa" would tice of a neighbor's child, whose not waken when the wee one called. trousers had caught fire during a Sore pressed and weeping, they drew Fourth of July celebration, burning the child away. Physicians came and the little fellow so badly that he died looked, and said they knew not why n consequence. Mr. Adams ended death came not months before.

his article with the statement that Then a fair, gray woman, faire the sympathies of friends would go than many who were younger, came out to the beleaved parents. His and looked, and gazed far off, and shock the next day may possibly be wept. So passed Robert Grale, the imagined when the types made him say that "the sympathies of a large

Significant Name. Rev. Dr. William T. McElveen, on

the intelligent use of Scripture

hermit.

Judas Iscarlot." "

The Fond Parent's Pride. "When I was a younger man I met a A reporter was endeavoring to find colored woman in Tennessee, who named her son 'Judas Iscarlot.' and out the particulars of an accident that had befallen a boy, and was asking when I asked her why, she said: 'Dat's a Scripture name, massa. I reads in the questions necessary in such cases ma Bible dat it was good for dat man of the father of the injured boy, "Did the little fellow stand the ophe neber been bawn. Well, me an' ma old man had sixteen children 'fore | eration well?" asked the reporter.

"Like a major-came through it all dis one come, and we jes' called him right. "Did he have to take anything?" continued the reporter. Cure for Insomnia.

"Not a gol darn thing but chloro-One of the best and simplest cures Took Eight Turkeys, Left \$200.

John Krider, a farmer near Lebanon, nerves. It is hardly pleasant, but is woek. Farmer Krider, however, is not mourning, for the robber dropped a wallet containing ten twenty-dollar]

bills. It is supposed the third obtained | the good old days. Farmers Pay Bondholders. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson the money while ransacking some resichance will grow, and God's hounty says the farmers have paid the for- dence in the neighborhood .- Georgetown (Ky.) News.

in whose name throughout the land fled the leader hold; and bronze coins. These forms of fine from \$1,000 to \$2,000. And standing in the midst of it. moncy are all available as circulation. such attributes as to give it currency. The status of each kind is as follows:

"Go.d coin is legal tender at its nominal or face value for all debts, public anti-trust law, and does not in any way gle gold standard man as he would to and private, when not below the stand- affect it. The Sherman anti-trust law prove that Andrew Jackson was a monand weight and limit of tolerance pretiaterard and limit of tolerance, it is

legal tender in proportion to its weight. Standard wilver dollars are legal ivate, without regard to the amount, where otherwise stipulated in

the contract. "Sobuldiary silver is legal tended for

Treasury notes of the act of July 14, 1990, are legal tender for all debts, public and private, except where otherwhen I can say that I firmly believe wise expreasly stipulated in the conthat if a referendum were submitted tract

to the voters of this territory, whether ting itself in a position to be de-"United States notes are legal tenthey wish to continue under territorial nounced by the g. o. p. as a "traitor" Cor for all debts, public and private, conditions or return to an independent and a "disturbing element." The News except duties on imports and interest form of government with possibly a calls attention to the fact that when on the public debt.

protectorate declared by Uncle Sam, the | Wall street was solidly in favor of Mr. Gold certificates, silver certificates latter proposition would win two to McKinley's election the republican orand national bank notes are not legal one. This is not because the Hawalians gans did not froth at the mouth beon or, but both classes of certificates are receivable for all public dues, while national bank notes are receivable for the progent time they have seen very "element of weakness." The News is a living in spite of his hundred years. all oublic dues, except duties on imrument for all salaries, and other delt- and demands owing by the Unit-For the convenience of those who The Sloux City Journal says that of States to individuals, corporations, are preserving files of The Commoner Iown has more commissions than she and accordations within the United an index of Volume 3 has been pre- needs at the present rate of taxation. carea, except interest on the public pared. It is too long to publish in a What has the esteemed Journal to say lobt, and in redemption of the national regular issue of the paper, but those of the modern republican plan of refer-

arrency. All national banks are re- who desire it may secure a copy by ving disputed questions to commissions quired by law to receive the notes of sending a 2-cent stamp. Address, The that make places for discredited poli-Commoner, Lincoln, Neb. "The minor coins of nickel and copper are logal tender to the extent of

The governor of New Hampshire Mr. Root hows and declares that so 25 cents. draws four salaries, but even that it long as people bark at Wood he will The Washington Post advocates ending the poor to the country." That's just what the protective tariff is quisites. doing for us. We get the poor cent to this country to compete with Amerlean workingmen, and the manufac-

Mr. Hanna was re-elected senator on

ture instead of afterwards. Mr. Hanna cuting the grafters and violators of the General Alger opines that he is able to caved himself considerable annoyance anti-irust law, and incidentally made it pozeible to ave a run home from Washington courdenally.

A Pennsylvanian carved a car out of | chunk of coal, surmounted it with manufacturing districts. he national colors and presented it to President Roosevelt. Owing to the fact

the gift was accepted with effusive sign that he realizes the need of mak-

Soit Lake is said to be drying up, and doubtless Mr. Hanna wishes that tirctiy understood that he will prompt- panics in theaters and other public a celebrated citizen of the metropolis in agree to anything that does not places, it might be well to invest some-

lowa's state house is in ruins, but the

fire was not set by any of the state interests of the south just seven lines efficials working themselves up to a in his message. But this is fully as sisting that the Roosevelt boom will fever heat in the effort to curb the nuch as he expects to get from the yet have to seek the services of the south pext November,

King Cotton recently stepped back. Sofileigh-"Do you-aw-weatly beon his throne and remained long lieve that a woman can make a fool enough to recall how he used to feel in of any man?" Miss Cutting-"Yes, if nature don't get the start of her."

the single gold standard." Perhaps Dr. Hale Satisfied With His Reception The Elkins bill became a aw and Mr. Shaw has forgetten that Andrew While they do not all possess the full as a result, in that portion of the fed- Jackson signed a blil providing for legal tender quality, each kind has eral statutes prohibiting discrimination the free and unlimited coinage of gold in railroad rates, there is no imprison- and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and ment penalty; but the Elkins bill did he would find it just as difficult to not in any way refer to the Sherman prove that Thomas Jefferson was a sin-

is intact, and its chief feature-the ometallist, seried by law; and when below such very first section of that law-provides WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE? for criminal presecution of those who An Oklahuma territory reader of Th conspire in restraint in trade, Commonse writes: "Is it possible to It is easy to see how one may have ascertain approximately the percentage nder at their nominal or face value been misled on this point because it is of native horn American vois that syment of all debis, public and very easy to confound the law dealt goes to the republican party in a with by the Elkins bill with what is presidential year? A good democrat known as the Sharman law. It might puts it at about one-third by counting he well for newspapers generally to the foreign and as gro vote that usually

Hale answered; "If you think it of inform their renders on this point be- goes to that purty. Ficase give us sufficient importance, young man, you amounts not exceeding \$10 in any one cause many people have been minied. what information you have upon the might add Christmas day to the landquestion." If any Commoner reader ing of the pilgrims and find a substi-

is able to supply this information, it tute for the other one you men-A Honolulu, Hawail, reader, writes: will be accepted with thanks. tioned." You may judge of the conditions here A LITTLE REMINDER.

The Milwaukee News persists in put-

unkind to its republican friends.

SERVED IN THREE WARS.

Missouri Man May Claim to Have Led Strenuous Life.

On the United States pension roll of the Topeka agency is the name of a man who has served in three wars and is 100 years old. He is Thomas can not be loys) to our American in- cause of "platocratic interference" nor E. Sauls of Webb City, Mo., where he stitutions, but largely because up to denounce Wall street support as an conducts a little, shoe shop and makes He was a soldler in the Seminole, the Mexican and the civil wars. In the civil war he was a sergeant of the Sixth Kansas cavalry. That was after he had passed 50. After the Mexican war he represented the county of his pativity in the Tennessee legislature. While he lived in Tennessee he was a lawyer. His pension is \$30 a month and was granted by a special act of congress.

Origin of Famous Phrase.

W. R. Givens, who wrote the interview in which Pierpont Morgan made use of the famous phrase "undigested its patness induced the Interviewer to ask Mr. Morgan as to its significance.

Taiked About Religion.

Senator Quay of Pennsylvania called at the white house the other morning. He was with the president half an hour. "What was it about, senator?" he was asked. "Neither appoint-Doubtiess John Ball could give Czar ments for politics." Quay replied. Nicholas some valuable pointers on "Probably religion?" "Now that you ple who fight for the preservation of said the senator, "how did you happen to guess it?"

Instructions on America.

What is tantamount to the establishment of a chair to teach American questions exists in the College of France. Last year Prof. Inoulet gave vells "fire," and squeich him, too, be- questions in America. This year the subject matter of his course will be religious questions in the United States.

> Rear Admiral Casey Popular. Rear Admiral Casey, who has just been placed on the retired list of the navy, has seen forty-seven years of active service. He has ever been noted for his bluff exterior and imperturbable good nature and was a universal favorite with his subordinates.

close by that lake would do the same require him to put up money or stop thing that will squelch the fool who a course of lectures upon economie President Roosevelt gave the varied

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not nearly so had as the habit some defend him. But what will Wood do postal department employes have con-, when Root leaves, and carries his tracted of seizing questionable per- trupk back to New York? This is campaign year, and demo-Secretary Cortelyon says the govern- crats who are loyal to democracic prin- securities," says the New York finan-

ticians?

ment should establish a great aquarium | ciples should be rousing themselves to | cier is not the author of that quotaturers hold up the purchasers in the at Washington. If the government a realizing sense of the duty they owe tion. It originally appeared in a finanhome market under the plea of pro- furnishes the tanks Wall street can to themselves, their party and their cial article in the London Times, and country,

give England a tip on how to secure a large number at much leas rate per

a sun over into the steel and tin plate Nicholas some valuable pointers on

Crime is crime, whether perpetrated under the guiss of "duty" or "destiny."

Among other precautions against

fore he has time to yell.

inculator that is caring for that six-

"Are they much to each other?" "Indeed, yes! One has ambition, the other money.

The New York millionaire who says head. he traveled 9,000 miles without finding any cvidence of hard times should take

HAWAHANS ARE WEARY.

that the man did not make the fing make a seven-column apology it is a ing an apology of some kind.

Sultan Abdul Hamid wants it dis-

"Vexatious indisposition" is a new Mr. Carnegie insists that England the 13th, By providing for all con- one but it seems to at the case of the would give vast sums of money for the fain, by providing the legisla- a immediation in the matter of prove about 7,000,000 of our negro citizens.

When a man feels called upon to their country.

onnie Colorado haby.

his thing of going to war with a pro-

